Lesson #

Pneumatology-The Work of the Holy Ghost

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\* This lesson will focus on the *work* of the Holy Ghost. We have already learned that the Holy Ghost is a divine personality who has a definite function in the world. As the third person of the Godhead, the Holy Ghost has been very, very active. His activity has been shown in regard to the universe and the people on earth. ***Romans 1:20***

\* Since ***Acts 2***, the Holy Ghost’ ministry has change somewhat in regard to believers. In the Old Testament, the Holy Ghost had a “come and go” ministry. This is very clear by His different dealings with individuals. For example. The Holy Ghost left Samson and returned. ***Judges 16:20, 28-30*** He left Saul and did not return.***1 Samuel 16:14; 28:6-19*** He could have left David but did not. ***Psalms 51:11*** He came upon Gideon. ***Judges 6:34***

\* At Pentecost, the Holy Ghost came to indwell believers and abide in the living church of Jesus Christ. Such a prayer as David’ where he said, “and take not thy Holy Spirit from me” would never be prayed after the Holy Ghost came to indwell the body of Christ, because the Holy Ghost has taken up residence permanently in the body of the believer.

“And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby y \_ a \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ d \_ \_ of

r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Ephesians 4:30***

“And I will pray the Father, and he shall g \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_ another C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, that he may

 a \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_ f \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_; Even t \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and s \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ i \_ y \_ \_.” ***John 14:16, 17***

\* This is the permanent indwelling of the Holy Ghost until the “Rapture”; the Holy Ghost indwelling the body of the believer and making him “bone of Christ’ bones and flesh of Christ’ flesh.” ***Ephesians 5:30***

\* Now, as we continue, we will look at five different categories concerning the work of the Holy Ghost. The work of the Holy Ghost is very intensive and is Bible doctrine that needs to be studied in much detail. After all, if we are not going to find out what the Bible “**says**” concerning these matters, then we should just close up shop and go fishing or something. We can find lies and false doctrine anywhere, but that’s not what we want. We want “***what sayeth the Lord***!” Right? Right!

The Work of the Holy Ghost in relation to…

1. **In Relation *to Creation***

“I \_ t \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ God c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And t \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ upon the face of the waters.” ***Genesis 1:1, 2***

“By the w \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ were the h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_; and a \_ \_ the h \_ \_ \_ of

t \_ \_ \_ by t \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ h \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Psalms 33:6***

From our previous studies we learned that the Holy Ghost is likened to “wind.” That is why we call this study “Pneumatology.” Remember the *pneuma*tic drill and *pneum*onia? The breath of God’s mouth is His Spirit. In creating this universe in ***Genesis 1:1***, the Holy Ghost was the Medium, or the Agent, through which this was done.

“By h \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ hath g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.” ***Job 26:13***

“The s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_ hath made me, and t \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ A \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ hath given me life.” ***Job 33:4***

It is obvious by God’s word that the Holy Ghost worked in Creation.

1. **In Relation *to the Preservation of the Universe***

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“The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because t \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_

b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ i \_: surely the people is grass.” ***Isaiah 40:7***

God the Holy Ghost creates and preserves, and He destroys at will.

“Thou sendest forth t \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, they are c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: and thou r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the

f \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Psalms 104:30***

By the word of God, the world is renewed. If you want to know why you can plant a little old thing in the ground the size of your fingernail and have it come up into two stalks as big as your forearm, it is because of God the Holy Ghost. Don’t ever make the mistake of giving the glory to “mother nature.” The reason this earth does not dry up in the heat of the sun or freeze in the black outer darkness of midnight is that the Holy Ghost who made this universe sustains it. We should be very careful to thank Him for his grace in preserving things. It is not nature behind power, but God the Holy Ghosts power behind nature.

1. **In Relation *to the Unbeliever***

The great thing that marks this age, apart from any other age, is the tremendous and mighty work done twenty-four hours a day by the Holy Ghost in convincing the unsaved world of sin, righteousness, and judgment.

“And when h \_ is come, h \_ w \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ of s \_ \_, and of

 r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and of j \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_:” ***John 16:8-11***

The Holy Ghost in the world today is convicting the world of sin, because they do not believe in Jesus Christ. He is convicting the world of righteousness, because Jesus Christ was completely righteous. Jesus Christ would not have risen from the dead and gone back to His Father if He had not been righteous.

“Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will j \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_

 r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ by t \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ whom h \_ hath o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that h \_ h \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_.” ***Acts 17:31***

The thing that proved Christ’s righteousness was the fact that He came up from the dead and went back to the Father. If He was not righteous the Father would not have allowed Him into heaven. The Holy Ghost also is convicting the world of judgment, for Satan has already been judged at Calvary, and every sinner has a reckoning coming. Despite all the so-called “feel good” ideas of the Holy Ghost going on today, God the Holy Ghost is not encouraging any sinner on planet earth to feel good about themselves or their condition. To the contrary, He is warning sinners to “**fear**.”

1. **In Relation *to the Scriptures***

The Holy Ghost, of course, as the Author of Scripture, has a very definite and continuous work in relation to the Scripture.

“For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but h \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_

s \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ t \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ t \_ \_ H \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***2 Peter 1:20, 21***

“A \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.” ***2 Timothy 3:16, 17***

God the Holy Ghosts work was not only to inspire the original autographs but to preserve the infallibility and authority of that text so that a believer, in any age, would have access to the ***words*** of God. He then inspires the Scriptures, not the original autographs. The term “scripture” in your Bible is ***never a reference to the original manuscripts***.

The Holy Ghost is the Author, Preserver and the Interpreter of Scripture. He not only tells us what God “***says***,” but tells us what God “***means***” by what He says.

“He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, a \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ i \_ u \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_.” ***John 16:14***

“And he said unto them, These are t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ which \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Then o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_

t \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, t \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_

 s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_,” ***Luke 24:44, 45***

Apart from the Divine Interpreter, no one can show you anything of the mysteries of God's word. Part of the work of the Holy Ghost in relation to the Scriptures is to guide and teach the believer.

“But the C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, which is t \_ \_ H \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ \_ \_, whom the Father will send in my name, h \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_ a \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and bring all things t \_ y \_ \_ \_

r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, whatsoever I have said unto you.” ***John 14:26***

Aren’t you glad that God is in control of His word? He wants everyone to have a copy of His word. If man were controlling God’s word, what would he do? He would find a way to make a profit off it. God only gives His secrets to the sincere, not to fakirs. He lets them become fools.

“P \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to be wise, t \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_,”

***Romans 1:22; Psalms 12:6, 7***

1. **In Relation *to the Lord Jesus Christ***

The Lord Jesus Christ was literally born of the Holy Ghost *physically*.

“And the angel answered and said unto her, The H \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_

 u \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_, and the p \_ \_ \_ \_ of the H \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ shall o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.” ***Luke 1:35***

Although you were born of the Holy Ghost spiritually (and we will learn of that in a future lesson), the Lord Jesus Christ was born physically by the Holy Ghost. He was the Author of the conception.

The Lord Jesus Christ was led of the Holy Ghost into the wilderness after His baptism for His testing.

“Then w \_ \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ u \_ o \_ t \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ into the wilderness t \_ b \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of the devil.” ***Matthew 4:1***

Jesus was anointed for service by the Holy Ghost.

“How God a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ N \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ H \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ \_ \_ and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.” ***Acts 10:38***

Jesus undertook the crucifixion through the power of the Holy Ghost.

“How much more shall the blood of Christ, who t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?” ***Hebrews 9:14***

Jesus was resurrected from the grave by the power of the Holy Ghost

“And d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ b \_ the Son of God w \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_, a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ t \_ \_

s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, by the r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_:”

***Romans 1:4***

Jesus Christ instructed His disciples and His church through the Holy Ghost.

“Until the day in which he was taken up, after that h \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ H \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ unto t \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ whom he had chosen:” ***Acts 1:2***

Jesus gave the Holy Ghost to the believers.

“Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ F \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ H \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ \_ \_, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.” ***Acts 2:33***

So, we can plainly see that the Holy Ghost worked in the life of the Lord Jesus Christ without a doubt. There are many other works of the Holy Ghost not mentioned such as striving with men, enduing men with skill and wisdom, helping men with ordinary tasks, and anointing men for special jobs that require special abilities.

\* This concludes this study, and in our next lesson we will learn the main work of the Holy Ghost in the life of the believer. Thank you for being faithful! Amen.