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Title: Offenses to the Holy Spirit

Theme: Abraham, Isaac, and the Servant ... 2

Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:19; Ephesians 4:30

Matthew 12:31 - 32

Purpose: I want to PERSUADE my congregation that, as a PERSON, the Holy Spirit can be OFFENDED; I am not convinced that a force can be.

Introduction:

We have considered nine ministries performed by the Holy Spirit:

- ~ 1) Birthed by the Holy Spirit; ~ 2) Sealed by the Holy Spirit; ~ 3) Comforted by the Holy Spirit ~ 4) Holy Spirit Teaches Truth; ~ 5) Holy Spirit Gives Guidance; ~ 6) Holy Spirit Gives Peace ~ 7) Holy Spirit Convicts; ~ 8) Holy Spirit Anoints; ~ 9) Holy Spirit Restrain

Two weeks ago we considered Abraham, Isaac, and the Servant: ~ 1) Abraham as a TYPE of Father God; ~ 2) Isaac as a TYPE of the Son; ~ 3) The Servant (Eliezer – H461 God is Help) a TYPE of the Holy Spirit

~ “Science reaches its conclusions on the basis of the attending facts. If this procedure be followed relative to the existing evidence bearing on the Spirit’s personality, it will be seen that He, as being the divine Administrator who is ever in action displaying every element of personality, is even more entitled to be recognized as a person than any other.”

Lewis Sperry Chafer, D.D., LITT. D., Th. D.; Systematic Theology, Volume 1, page 399; Dallas Theological Seminary Press

~ “Corporality adds but a little to the three elements of personality—intellect, sensibility, and will.”

Volume 1, Page 398

~ God the Father provides for REDEMPTION through His LOVE; the Son, Christ Jesus, is the REDEEMER through HIS obedience, suffering, death, burial and resurrection; the Holy Spirit is the ADMINISTRATOR of REDEMPTION giving new birth, sealing the believer, being the Comforter—Helper, etc. (et cetera)

~ The study of the Holy Spirit: His Character, His Attributes, His Ministries, His Fruit (singular), His Gifts, etc, is called Pneumatology.

1. The Holy Spirit can be Quenched:

~ 1 Thessalonians 5:19, “Do not quench the Spirit.”

~ Nehemiah 9:30, “Many years you bore with them and warned them by your Spirit through your prophets. Yet they would not give ear. Therefore you gave them into the hand of the peoples of the lands.”

~ Acts 7:51, “You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you.”

~ 2 Timothy 1:6, “For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands,”

I know that this is Paul speaking to Timothy on a very personal level; but there is an application to every believer – we have ALL received the Holy Spirit: the Comforter, the Helper, the Equipper, the Anointer, the Teacher, the Convincer, the Empowerer, etc.

~ John 7:38 – 39, “Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” (39) Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.”

~ When believers quench the Holy Spirit there is an effect on them, the Church, and society; a condition of aridness – to dry to support spiritual life.

2. The Holy Spirit can be Grieved:

~ Ephesians 4:30, “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”

Read context

~ Grieve: to feel or express great sadness; to make you feel sad and angry; to hurt someone emotionally

~ Psalm 78:40, “How often they rebelled against him in the wilderness and grieved him in the desert!”

~ Isaiah 63:10, “But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them.”

~ Hebrews 3:10, “Therefore I was provoked with that generation, and said, ‘They always go astray in their heart; they have not known my ways.’”

~ Hebrews 3:17, “And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness?”

~ 1 Corinthians 11:27 - 34

3. The Holy Spirit can be Blasphemed:

~ Matthew 12:31 – 32, “Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. (32) and whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.”

~ G988 blasphemia (used 19 times) 2X railing, 1X evil speaking, 16X blasphemy, slander, detraction, speech injurious, to another’s good name, impious and reproachful speech injurious to divine majesty, vilification against God, slander

~ Revelation 13:5 – 6, “And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. (6) It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is those who dwell in heaven.”

Conclusion: Holy Spirit Living Breath of God (video)