

LESSON 13

HOLY SPIRIT

II. HIS DEITY

Reading : *Psa. 139, John 16:7-15.*

Memory verses : *2 Cor. 3:17-18.*

Theme : *To know that Holy Spirit is God and submit to His work in us.*

Introduction: Who paid the price for the redemption of mankind? The glorious ministry of Holy Spirit is to transform the redeemed people into the image of God. The scriptures clearly speak about the deity of the Holy Spirit who is equal to Father and Son in the Holy Trinity.

1. THE DIVINE NAMES GIVEN TO HOLY SPIRIT SHOWS HIS DEITY:

- a) God (Acts 5:3-4): Verse 3 says that Ananias lied to the Holy Spirit and verse 4 says that he lied to God.
- b) Spirit of God (1 Cor. 3:16, Rom. 8:9).
- c) Spirit of Jehovah (Isa. 11:2).
- d) Spirit of the Lord (Isa. 61:1).
- e) Spirit of the living God (2 Cor. 3:3).
- f) Spirit of Christ (Rom. 8:9): He is described in the same verse as the Spirit of God and the Spirit of Christ showing that He is equal in status to both Father and Son.
- g) Spirit of the Son (Gal. 4:6): This name shows His unity with Christ and the sonship given to believers.
- h) Spirit of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:32-33).
- i) Spirit of Jesus (Acts 16:7)

- j) Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13, Acts. 4:2): 'Holy' is a quality which can be attributed to God alone. Seraphims utter 'Holy, Holy, Holy' three times in Isa. 6:3 because they are referring to Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Hence the Holy Spirit is God.
- k) Eternal Spirit (Heb. 9:14): Eternity is an attribute of God.
 - i) Spirit of holiness (Rom. 1:5), Spirit of truth (John 14:7), Spirit of life (Rom. 8:2), Spirit of grace (Heb. 10:19), Spirit of glory (1 Pet. 4:14). the Counsellor who comes from the Father (John 15:26) and such other names reveal the deity and the divine attributes of the Holy Spirit.

2. HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD AS HE HAS THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD:

- a) Eternity (Heb. 9:14).
- b) Omnipresence (Psa. 139:7-10)
- c) Omnipotence (Luke 1:35)
- d) Omniscience (1 Cor. 2:10-11, John 16:12-13, 14:26).

3. HOLY SPIRIT DOES THE WORKS WHICH CAN BE DONE ONLY BY GOD:

- a) Creation: He is involved in the creation and sustenance of the Universe (Gen. 1:2, Job 33:4, Psa. 104:30).
 - b) He gives life (Job 33:4, Rom. 5:4, Gen. 2:7).
 - c) He gives the Scriptures (2 Pet. 1:20-21, 2 Sam. 23:1-3).
 - d) He reveals the mysteries of God to men (1 Cor. 2:9-10)
4. Verses from the Old Testament prophecies where God is given the name 'Jehovah' have been quoted in the New Testament with the name 'Holy Spirit':

[See Isa. 6:8-10 and Acts 28:25-27: Words of Jehovah are quoted as words of Holy Spirit. See Psa. 95:8-11 and Heb. 3:7-9 also].

- 5. The name of Holy Spirit and the name of God are spoken together in many places (Matt. 28:19, 2 Cor. 13:14, 1 Cor. 12:4-6, 1 John 5:7-9).

The thought that the person who is sent to be with us to lead us to

glory is not just a power, but one of the Persons of the Holy Trinity should remain clear in our minds. Then we will be able to realize the glory of His ministry in the world now. Is it not wonderful that we are chosen as temples of the Holy Spirit? Is the filling of the Holy Spirit your daily experience? Are you able to carry out your responsibility of keeping the temple of God holy? Let us surrender ourselves completely to the work of the Holy Spirit to transform us into the image of God.

Questions

1. Explain how the divine names given to the Holy Spirit point to His deity.
2. Quote references to prove the divine attributes of the Holy Spirit.
3. Give references where Old testament verses with the name 'Jehovah' are quoted with the name 'Holy Spirit' in the New Testament.
4. Give four references where the names of God and the Holy spirit are given together.
5. 'Understanding Holy Spirit as God is essential for Christian life': Give your considered opinion on the statement.

