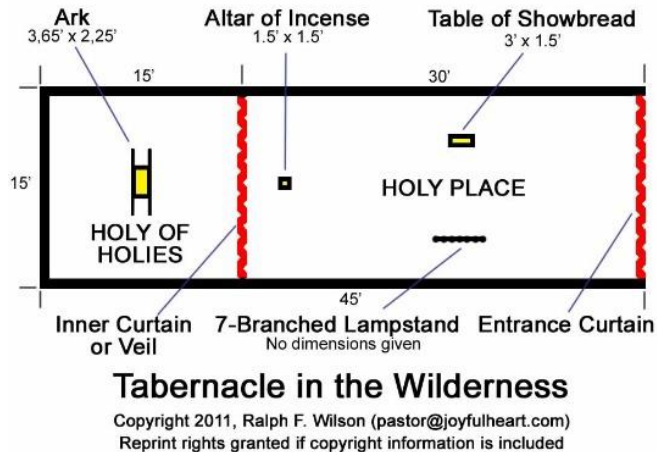


Holy Spirit – Lesson 4 NOTES

Understanding the Holy Spirit via Analogy

THE TEMPLE ANALOGY

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 ¹⁹ Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.



Look at the illustration. What can we learn about how God dwelt in the temple and how God dwells in us?

THE HOUSE ANALOGY

Romans 8:9-11 ⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

THE SPIRIT'S PRESENCE IS THE KEY IDENTIFIER OF THE CHRISTIAN

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THE ADOPTION ANALOGY

Romans 8:15 ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

THE INTERNAL TESTIMONY OF THE SPIRIT

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1 John 3:24 ²⁴ The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE HUMAN SPIRIT

Romans 8:10 ¹⁰ *But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.* Romans 8:16 ¹⁶ *The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.*

THE SPIRIT'S CONNECTION TO THE MIND OF CHRIST

- Paul talks about how God's long-hidden wisdom is being revealed in this new era of the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:10-12 ¹⁰ *these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.* ¹¹ *For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.* ¹² *What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.*

1 Corinthians 2:16 *for, "Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.*

John 16:13-15 ¹³ *But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.* ¹⁴ *He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you.* ¹⁵ *All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."*

- You can think of it like a personal computer that can only know its own files, until it is connected to the internet. Then it can search trillions of files anywhere in the world.

Ephesians 2:17-18 ¹⁷ *He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near.* ¹⁸ *For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.*

Peace through access and connection to the Father via the Holy Spirit.

THE SPIRIT AS A SEAL

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 ²¹ *Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, ²² set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.*

- The Holy Spirit is the seal that we are the authentic property of God. Romans 8:9b *And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.*
- Check out Revelation 7:3-4 ³ *"Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God."* ⁴ *Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.*

THE SPIRIT AS A DEPOSIT (DOWN PAYMENT)

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THE SPIRIT AS AN ANOINTING

- In the New Testament the term "anointing" or putting oil on a person, is sometimes nearly synonymous with the Holy Spirit's presence in a Christian's life.

1 John 2:27 ²⁷ *As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in him.*

- The Holy Spirit sets us apart for service.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN US IS EXTREMELY POWERFUL

1 John 4:4 ⁴ *You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.*