

# THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM

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O how we need the Spirit of Wisdom to live our lives upon this earth. And He is available to every born again believer. Every month as I read through Proverbs I am struck with the personification of Wisdom found in Proverbs 8&9. Even if you don't read through Proverbs every month you should read and meditate on these two chapters for a few hours because you need the Spirit of Wisdom. The Spirit of Wisdom is one of the Seven-fold Spirits of God found throughout the Scriptures but most notably in the Book of Revelation. We will discuss some of these scriptures in this teaching article on the Spirit of Wisdom.

We've found that many ministries incorrectly teach that the spiritual gift known as The Word of Wisdom found in 1 Corinthians 12 is God's wisdom but this is not the case. We give the correct description of this gift in our new book, The Gifts and Operations of the Holy Spirit. No, the Spirit of Wisdom is God's Wisdom and as His children this Wisdom is available to us just like it was for Jesus. Isaiah 11:1-5 describes a prophecy of the coming Messiah known as The Branch. These verses describe the Seven-fold Spirit of God that would rest upon Him and one of these (v. 2) is "the Spirit of Wisdom."

The Seven Spirits of God are referred to in Rev. 4:5 as being "seven lamps of burning fire" and sometimes we can see this fire with our spiritual eyes because this fire is the anointing of God. Seven is God's number of completion and so the Seven Spirits would be the complete Spirit of God. And in Revelation 3:1 given to John we see that this is Jesus—the Alpha and Omega—who is said to have "the seven spirits of God." These "seven spirits" are also referred to as the seven eyes of the Lamb (Rev. 5:6) because it's only by the Spirit that we are able to see and understand spiritual things and make what Jesus referred to in the Gospels as "righteous judgment." This

too was prophesied of Him in Isaiah 11:3—“He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes (meaning, of course, his physical eyes), or decide by what he hears with his ears (also physical); but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.” At CCI, we refer to this ability to see into the spirit realm as being The Eye of the Eagle.

Now it’s interesting and germane to our study to understand the meaning of Luke 2:52, “And Jesus increased in wisdom ...” Most Christians do not know that this scripture is in the Bible and when they discover it they are reticent to believe it because they know that Jesus was (is) God and so how can God increase in wisdom? But we need to understand this concept if we are to follow Jesus and “increase in wisdom” via the Spirit of Wisdom.

We discuss this concept called The Kenosis in detail in The Gifts and Operations of the Holy Spirit and it is discussed by Paul in Philippians so we won’t discuss it here except to say that although Jesus was fully God and fully man He laid aside all His glory, power, etc., that He possessed when He changed forms and became a man. That is why He had to be baptized and the Spirit descended upon Him in the River Jordan.

In the two chapters of Proverbs I mentioned earlier Wisdom is personified as a woman. Ancient Egyptian culture personified wisdom and understanding as Maat—an abstract principle of truth and justice—and they believed that if their Pharaohs obtained Maat and ruled with wisdom that society would prosper and be in harmony.

From the Bible perspective it’s interesting to note that both Wisdom and Logos (the Word) are persons and members of the Trinity. And the Epistle of James tells us that there is a difference between God’s wisdom and the wisdom of the world. He writes that if we “lack wisdom,” meaning of course godly wisdom, we can ask God to give us wisdom and He will. I find this particularly important when you are about to make a very important decision. James vividly describes God’s wisdom as being “pure, peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and

hypocrisy.” These are also concepts found in the Fruit of the Holy Spirit discussed in Galatians 5 so we recognize once again the association here of the Spirit of Wisdom with the Seven Spirits of God.

True wisdom—God’s kind of wisdom—is not given to every person. In fact, only those born into the Kingdom of God can possess God’s wisdom because only His children possess the Spirit of God which includes the Spirit of Wisdom. In 1997, the Holy Spirit asked me to write my second book after *Mysterious Secrets*—a spiritual commentary on Hebrews. He first gave me an equation for God’s Wisdom that we have published in that book and also included in some of our other writings because it proves that only a Christian can have the Spirit of Wisdom. The equation is:

**True Wisdom = True Knowledge + True Understanding**

True knowledge comes from Jesus, the Logos, primarily through His written Word contained in the Holy Scriptures whereas True Understanding represents the Holy Spirit whose job is to interpret the Scriptures so that we have “true understanding” of what they mean. Remember, Jesus said that He would “guide you into all truth” (John 16:13). So we need both the Word and the Spirit to know truth.

Now you might say, “Well, brother Timmons I understand what you’re saying but my life proves by the decisions I’ve made that I need more wisdom.” This is true for all of us. That’s why I tell people all the time, especially young ministers in Africa who ask me how they can have more anointing and power in their ministry, that the most important thing you can do is to learn to follow the Holy Spirit because He never makes any mistakes and the closer you can follow Him the less mistakes you will make.

Now I want to get to the heart of this teaching and why the Lord impressed it upon my heart as I read Proverbs 9 this morning because this will really help you. Let’s go back to Luke 2:52 and, if you’ve not read it, I would recommend that you order and read through several times *The Gifts and Operations of the Holy Spirit*. It

will help you understand the Holy Spirit better and show you how to live the life you were created to live and fulfill God's purposes and plans in your life—especially ministry plans. But in Luke 2:52, once again, we read: “And Jesus grew [increased] in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.” NIV Now, how did He do that?

What factors and environment in His life caused this to happen? One of the biggest mistakes Christians make is in not understanding that most of the promises of God—whether they are given to you in the Logos or by the Spirit—are conditional. That's because we have to do something. Most of the time in a personal prophecy when you hear God say, “I will” it rarely means that He will do it sovereignly apart from you and some action He wants you to take.

In 2005 through a message for our church in Montana titled Revelation on the Resurrection the Lord showed me that He had to study the Scriptures, pray and spend quiet time before the Father in order to find the Scriptures and promises in the Word that pertained to Him. That is why He was able at the start of His ministry to stand up in the synagogue at Nazareth and read Isaiah 61:1-2 and say, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” Jesus increased in wisdom the same way you have to—through studying and meditating in the Word and understanding it by the Holy Spirit. In addition, He is our perfect example as a Man because He is the only Man who was able to follow the Holy Spirit's guidance completely without error. Remember, He Himself said that He “did nothing” and “said nothing” on His own. He only did and spoke what He saw and heard from the Father by the Spirit.

Several months ago the Spirit said to me: “Go back and spend a lot of time studying everything Jesus said in the Gospels.” I've been doing this and I'd recommend that you do the same because the only way you and I can defeat the flesh and live totally by the Spirit is to emulate Jesus' lifestyle. Praise the Lord.