



Forgotten God  
a study of the holy spirit

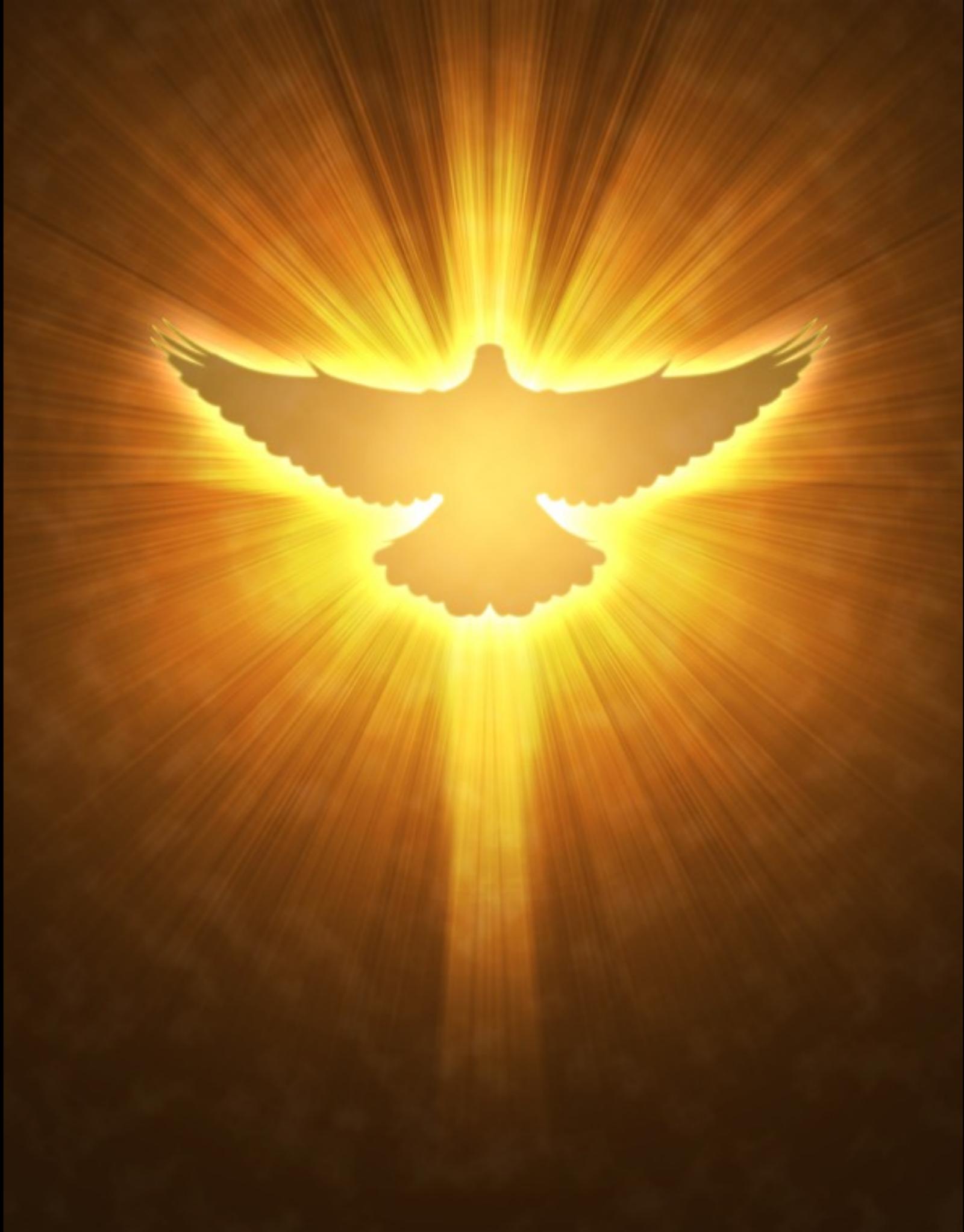
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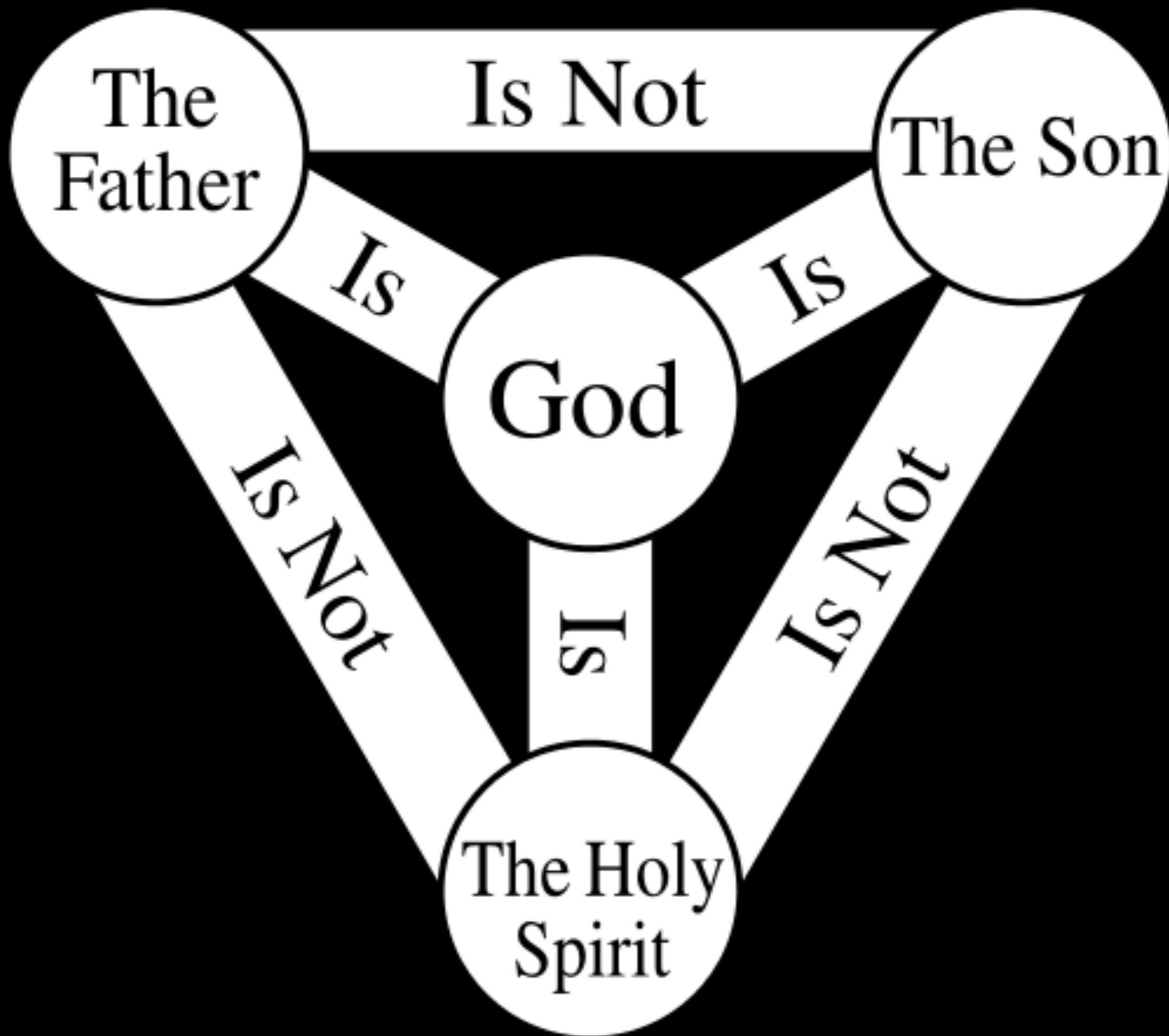
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How would Jesus & the  
apostles answer this question?



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# Holy Spirit in the Old Testament



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darkness was over the surface of the  
deep, and the **Spirit of God** was  
hovering over the waters.

(Genesis 1:2)

# Names...

- Holy Spirit
- the Spirit of the Lord
- my Spirit
- the Spirit
- your Spirit
- His Spirit
- the Spirit of God
- the Spirit of ...  
(wisdom, judgment,  
fire, justice, etc.)

# Source of life...

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# Source of life...

The spirit of God has made me; the  
breath of the Almighty gives me life

(Job 33:4)

# Teacher and guide...

You gave your good Spirit to instruct them. You did not withhold your manna from their mouths, and you gave them water for their thirst.

(Nehemiah 9:20)

# Teacher and guide...

Teach me to do your will, for you are my  
God; may your good Spirit lead me on  
level ground.

(Psalm 143:10)

God's Presence...

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# God's Presence...

Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence  
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

(Psalm 51)

# God's Presence...

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where  
can I flee from your presence?

(Psalm 139:7)

# Relationship with Israel...

For many years you were patient with them. By your Spirit you admonished them through your prophets. Yet they paid no attention, so you handed them over to the neighboring peoples

(Nehemiah 9:30)

# Relationship with Israel...

Yet they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit. So he turned and became their enemy and he himself fought against them.

(Isaiah 63:10)

# Empowering craftsmen...

"See, the LORD has chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts

(Exodus 35:30)

# Empowering designers...

David gave him the plans of all that the Spirit had put in his mind for the courts of the temple of the Lord and all the surrounding rooms, for the treasuries of the temple of God and for the treasuries for the dedicated things

(1 Chronicles 28:12)

# Empowering leaders...

"I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take of the Spirit that is on you and put the Spirit on them. They will help you carry the burden of the people so that you will not have to carry it alone."

(Numbers 11:17)

# Empowering leaders...

So the Lord said to Moses, "Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay your hand on him

(Numbers 27:18)

# Empowering Judges...

“The Spirit of the Lord came upon...”

- Othniel - Judges 3:10
- Gideon - Judges 6:34
- Jephthah - Judges 11:29
- Samson - Judges 13:25; 14:6; 15:14

# Empowering prophets...

The Sovereign LORD has sent me, with his Spirit. This is what the LORD says—your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: “I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go”

(Isaiah 48:16-17)

# Empowering prophets...

But as for me, I am filled with power,  
with the Spirit of the Lord, and with  
justice and might, to declare to Jacob  
his transgression, to Israel his sin

(Micah 3:8)

# Empowering the Messiah...

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord — and he will delight in the fear of the Lord

(Isaiah 11:1-3)

# Empowering the Messiah...

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my  
chosen one in whom I delight; I will put  
my Spirit on him and he will bring  
justice to the nations

(Isaiah 42:1)

# Pouring out blessings...

For I will pour water on the thirsty land,  
and streams on the dry ground; I will  
pour out my Spirit on your offspring,  
and my blessing on your descendants.

(Isaiah 44:3)

# Pouring out blessings...

I will no longer hide my face from them,  
for I will pour out my Spirit on the  
house of Israel, declares the Sovereign  
Lord

(Ezekiel 39:29)

Who is the Holy Spirit?



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# The holy spirit is...

- ...not a "thing"
- ...active in this world
- ...empowering
- ...creative
- ...the source of life
- ...a guide
- ...**God**
- ...the same in the OT & NT

What did Jesus and the  
apostles know?



the Holy Spirit

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.”

(John 14:17)

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You will receive power when the Holy  
Spirit has come upon you.

(Acts 1:8)

