

PNEUMATOLOGY

The Study (Doctrine) of the Holy Spirit Study Outline – Lesson 3

Symbols or Types of the Holy Spirit

The symbols of the Holy Spirit are necessary to our gaining an understanding of what He's like.

The Symbol of the Dove and the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is symbolized as a dove.

Genesis 1:1-2 - In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and void, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the water.

Moving (moved) – Rachaph – to brood (flutter, hover, move) - It describes an eagle hovering over her young.

Matthew 3:16 - And when Jesus was baptized, He came up immediately out of the water. And suddenly the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending on Him like a dove.

THE DOVE SIGNIFIES PEACE AND REST

Psalm 55:6 - I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! For then I would fly away and be at rest.

But the fruit of the Spirit is... peace (Galatians 5:22)

THE DOVE REPRESENTS LOVE

Song of Songs 5:2 - I slept, but my heart was awake. A sound! My beloved is knocking. "Open to me, my sister, and my love, my dove, my perfect one; for my head is wet with dew, my locks with the drops of the night."

But the fruit of the Spirit is... love (Galatians 5:22 KJV).

Love is one of the results of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

THE DOVE REPRESENTS PURITY AND PERFECTION

Song of Songs 6:9 - My dove, my perfect one, is the only one, the only one of her mother, choice to her who bore her. The maidens saw her and called her blessed; the queens and concubines also, and they praised her.

The Holy Spirit is called Holy.

Romans 1:4 - and declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

THE DOVE IS HARMLESS

Matthew 10:16 - "Look, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

The dove is perceived as an innocent bird. The Holy Spirit has been given to help believers; not to harm them.

Luke 11:13 - If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"

THE DOVE IS A CLEAN BIRD

Leviticus 12:6 - When the days of her purifying are fulfilled, whether for a son or for a daughter, she shall bring a year-old lamb for a burnt offering, and a young pigeon or a turtledove for a sin offering, to the priest at the entrance of the tent of meeting,

Since the dove a ceremonially "clean" animal. Again, an example of the purity of the Holy Spirit.

The Symbol of Air/Wind and the Holy Spirit

This also appears in the opening chapter of Genesis. **Genesis 1:7 - and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living being.**

The same symbol (idea) is used by the prophet Ezekiel in describing the resurrection of the dry bones. It was the Spirit that came and breathed upon the dead, and they lived.

Ezekiel 37:9-10 - Then He said to me, "Prophesy to the wind; prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain so that they live." So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

Looking into the New Testament

Salvation - **John 3:5-8 - Jesus answered, "Truly, truly I say to you, unless a man is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."**

Baptism of the Holy Spirit – Acts 2:1-4 - **When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like a mighty rushing wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 There appeared to them tongues as of fire, being distributed and resting on each of them, 4 and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.**

The Symbol of Water and the Holy Spirit

Exodus 17:6 - Indeed, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and there water shall come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Then Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

Cleansing of the Leper - Leviticus 14:9 - But it shall be on the seventh day that he shall shave all his hair off his head and his beard and his eyebrows, all his hair he shall shave off, and he shall wash his clothes. Also he shall wash his body in water, and he shall be clean.

THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES AS RAIN

Rain is a refreshing where there has been dryness and barrenness. To restore that which was lost. - Joel 2:23-29 - **And children of Zion, exult and rejoice in the Lord your God, because He has given to you the early rain for vindication. He showers down rains for you, the early rain and the latter rain, as before. 24 Then the threshing floors will be filled with grain, and the vats will overflow with new wine and oil. 25 And I will compensate you for the years the locusts have eaten— the larval locust, the hopper locust, and the fledging locust— My great army which I sent against you. 26 You will eat abundantly and be satisfied, and you will praise the name of the Lord your God, who has worked wonders for you; and My people will never again be shamed. 27 Then you will know that I am in the midst of Israel, that I am the Lord your God, and that there is no other. And My people will never again be shamed. 28 And it will be that, afterwards, I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; then your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions. 29 Even on the menservants and maidservants in those days I will pour out My Spirit.**

THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES AS RIVERS

Rivers are channels to places where water is needed. John teaches the work of the Spirit as “rivers of living water” was to become available after Jesus’ ascension.

John 7:37-39 – On the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.” 39 By this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believe in Him would receive. For the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

WHY WATER?

Water Cleanses – Ezekiel 36:25 - Then I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean. From all your filthiness and from all your idols, I will cleanse you.

Water Gives Life – Isaiah 12:3 - Therefore with joy you shall draw water out of the wells of salvation.

The Symbol of Oil and the Holy Spirit

Earliest - **Genesis 28:18-19** - So Jacob rose up early in the morning and took the stone that he had put under his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it. 19 He called the name of that place Bethel, but previously the name of the city was called Luz.

Grain Offering – **Leviticus 2:1** - When a person offers a grain offering to the Lord, his offering shall be of wheat flour. He shall pour olive oil on it and put frankincense on it.

Christ – (**Isaiah 61:1-2**) - **Luke 4:18-19** - “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.”

OIL A SYMBOL OF DEDICATION

Leviticus 8:12 - Then he poured some of the anointing oil on the head of Aaron and anointed him to sanctify him.

We see this in Aaron was set apart, the same with David, and so they were dedicated to God, and divinely qualified for serving by the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

OIL A SYMBOL OF LIGHT

Exodus 27:20 - You shall command the children of Israel that they bring you pure oil of olive pressed for the light, to cause the lamp to burn continually.

OIL A SYMBOL OF HEALING

Luke 10:33-34 - But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine. Then he set him on his own donkey and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

OIL A SYMBOL OF GLADNESS

Psalms 45:7 - You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God, your God, anointed you with the oil of gladness above your companions.

Isaiah 61:3 - to preserve those who mourn in Zion, to give to them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified.

Galatians 5:22 – fruit of the Spirit is Joy

The Holy Spirit anoints us with the spirit of joy.

The Symbol of Fire and the Holy Spirit

Hebrews 12:29 - For our God is a consuming fire.

Matthew 3:11 - I indeed baptize you with water to repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Acts 2:3 - There appeared to them tongues as of fire, being distributed and resting on each of them,

REFINING/PURIFYING

Zechariah 13:9 - And I will bring this one-third left into the fire, and will refine them as the refinement of silver, and will test them as the testing of gold. They will call on My name, and I will answer them. I will say, "They are My people"; and they will say, "The Lord is my God."

Isaiah 4:4 - When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion and has purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst by the spirit of justice and by the spirit of burning,

SETTING FREE

Daniel 3:26 - Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spoke, and said, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, you servants of the Most High God, come out and come here!" Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out of the midst of the fire.

The Holy Spirit, as fire, burns away any bondage that the Enemy has inflicted on us.

The Symbol of Wine and the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 5:18 - Do not be drunk with wine, for that is reckless living. But be filled with the Spirit.

In the Gospels, Jesus describes the new work of God, conveyed by the ministry of the Spirit, as new wine coming into a new vessels.

Matthew 9:17 - Neither do men put new wine into old wineskins. Or else the wineskins burst, the wine runs out, and the wineskins perish. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."

You can't fit His new life into the old ways/life.

WINE FOR GLADNESS

Ecclesiastes 7:7 - Go and eat your food with gladness, and drink your wine with a pleasant heart; for God is already pleased with your deeds.

WINE FOR HEALING

1 Timothy 5:23 - Go and eat your food with gladness, and drink your wine with a pleasant heart; for God is already pleased with your deeds.

CONTROLLING EFFECTS OF WINE

Galatians 5:16 - I say then, walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

The Symbol of the Seal and the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 1:20-22 - For all the promises of God in Him are “Yes,” and in Him “Amen,” to the glory of God through us. 21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, 22 who also has sealed us and established the guarantee with the Spirit in our hearts.

This symbol is used concerning the work of the Holy Spirit upon the heart of the believer.

Ephesians 4:30 - And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you are sealed for the day of redemption.