

April 25, 2021

"Ears that hear and Eyes that see"

LESSON 2

WE GET OUR BASIC EQUIPMENT FROM GOD! (Proverbs 20:12)

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS @ 9:30AM

Today theme is: *"Holy Spirit's favorite subject"* (part 1)

By Michael Koulianos, an author of the book "Holy Spirit the One who makes Jesus real" in Chapter 5.

There is not enough room in the universe to list all that the Holy Spirit does. He is the 'POWER' that keeps what we know as life intact. He is the 'AIR' we breath and the literal 'ENERGY' of the Godhead. I believe that we will have a glimpse into His amazing role and power when we are in Heaven. The appreciation for the Holy Spirit will continue to unfold in hearts for thousands upon thousands of years. On top of this, He is a REAL PERSON with feelings and desires.

However, God's will is that we see His greatness while we are here on earth. As great and awesome as the Holy Spirit is, He does have a passion that is above any other. He may communicate on many levels and in different ways. He whispers to some and shakes others. To some He speaks through an ocean and to others through the beauty of a desert sunrise. Some enjoy a prayer closet while others see Him on every tree and in every breeze. One thing is certain, my friend: within the various methods, tones, and scenes through which the Holy Spirit speaks, He really only says one thing...JESUS.

The Holy Spirit is absolutely consumed with the beauty of Jesus. He thinks Jesus is just AMAZING. Now, this does not means that He is less in nature or deity than Jesus. Absolutely not! Rather, the Holy Spirit's focus on Jesus lets us into the very heartbeat of the Holy Spirit and, for that matter, the nature of the entire Trinity. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are always pointing us to another member of Godhead. This quality is so beautiful and highlights an aspect of the humility of God. When is the last time you heard a teaching on 'humility' in a Sunday morning church service, on television, or on social media? 'Humility' is not just something humans (should) have. It is perfect portrayed and seen in the character of God. It looks like this: the Holy Spirit points us to Jesus, Jesus points us to and perfectly represents the Father. The Father, in turn, says, *"This is My beloved Son"*. (see Matthew 3:17 & 17:5; Mark 9:7; Luke 9:35) The Holy Spirit is the One who makes it all possible to hear the Father and see the Son. And the beautiful cycle continues forever and forever. Yes, my friend, the Trinity is beautifully captured by one another. As I say around a board of directors in Heaven, trying their best to fix the world's problems. NO! They love one another deeply and are in covenant with themselves. It is their deepest joy to reveal each other member of the Trinity to us."

THIS WEEK: Your intimacy with the Holy Spirit. Two way journaling response: Holy Spirit, what do you want to say to me about this subject or this experience in my own life?

DAY 1: Meditate on the subject: "...He is the POWER that keeps what we know as life intact. He is the AIR we breath and the literal ENERGY of the Godhead". Look in several Scriptures: John 20:22, Genesis 2:7, Ephesians 3:20, Ephesians 3:16. Ask the Holy Spirit to open my eyes to see His amazing role and power. Ask Holy Spirit to show me You are a **REAL PERSON** with feelings and desires in my heart.

DAY 2: Meditate on the subject: "...God's will is that we see His greatness while we are here on earth. As great and awesome as the Holy Spirit is". Ask the Holy Spirit to open

my eyes to see God's Will and God's greatness. Where can I find God's Will and God's greatness? Ask the Holy Spirit to show me how to find God's Will and Greatness. Holy Spirit, help me to experience Your presence as great and amazing in my life.

DAY 3: Meditate on the subject: "He does have a passion that is above any other. He may communicate on many levels and in different ways... within the various methods, tones, and scenes through which the Holy Spirit speaks". Holy Spirit, I have been struggled to hear Your Voice. I do have deaf natural ears but I believe inside me I do have spiritual ears which I **CAN HEAR**. Just like Solomon in 1 Kings 3:9 VOICE BIBLE, requested and said, *"Please give Your servant 'a listening heart' for judging Your people..."* Holy Spirit, all I ask to give me 'a listening or hearing heart' to hear Your Voice. Help me to learn how to communicate with You in two ways: hearing and talking. Teach me and train me. Thank You.

DAY 4: Meditate on the subject: "He really only says one thing...JESUS. The Holy Spirit is absolutely consumed with the beauty of Jesus. He thinks Jesus is just **AMAZING**." WOW! Holy Spirit, do You want me to focus on JESUS—HIS BEAUTY. Holy Spirit, open my eyes to look deeply at **JESUS** that I am amazed at. John the Baptist said, *"Behold, the Lamb of God"*. (John 1:36) Help me to have experience in awe of Jesus in my life. Help me to fall love with Him over and over.

DAY 5: Meditate on the subject: "This quality is so beautiful and highlights an aspect of the humility of God. When is the last time you heard a teaching on 'humility' in a Sunday morning church service, on television, or on social media? 'Humility' is not just something humans (should) have. It is perfect portrayed and seen in the character of God." Holy Spirit, *make me intelligent and discerning in knowing God personally, my eyes focused and clear, so that I can see exactly what it is He is...*" (Ephesians 1:18 MSG) Help me understanding better about 'the humility of God's divine nature'. How do I apply God's divine nature of 'humility' in my Christian walk daily? Ponder on this.

DAY 6: Meditate on the subject: "They love one another deeply and are in covenant with themselves. It is their deepest joy to reveal each other member of the Trinity to us." Holy Spirit, help me to see myself among my church family? Wow! Help me not to point my finger to someone else? Or help me not to put someone else down? Help me to encourage one another and love them anyway as You—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—**ONE HARMONY**. Holy Spirit, help me just like in Matthew 5:23-24: *"Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar and there remember that your brother/sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go on your way. First be RECONCILED to your brother/sister, and then come and offer your gift."* Holy Spirit, if there any offense I have among my brothers and sisters in my church family, let me know then I will go to that person and ask for forgiveness and make peace with them. Holy Spirit, help me to see the beauty of Your love in my church family.