

# HERMENEUTICS

## #4- HOLY SPIRIT AND PRAYER

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## REVIEW OF LESSON 3: LOOKING AT SCRIPTURE

The LOOK methods will guide the interpreter with basic steps in the interpretative process.

- **L**anguage
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- **O**utside
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## **HOLY SPIRIT AND PRAYER**

- There is a danger in the practice of Biblical hermeneutics.
- Too academic, too mechanical.
- Biblical hermeneutics is not equivalent to writing a research paper or speech.
- It is an inherently Spiritual exercise. It must be approached spiritually.

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## **HOLY SPIRIT**

**John 16:12-15 (LSB)**

<sup>12</sup> “I still have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak from Himself, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you. <sup>15</sup> All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you.

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## **HOLY SPIRIT**

**John 14:25-26 (NKJV)**

<sup>25</sup> “These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

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## **HOLY SPIRIT**

**1 Corinthians 2:10-16 (ESV)**

**<sup>10</sup> these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup> For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.**

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## **HOLY SPIRIT**

**1 Corinthians 2:10-16 (ESV)**

**<sup>13</sup> And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.**

**<sup>14</sup> The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.**

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## HOLY SPIRIT

**1 Corinthians 2:10-16 (ESV)**

**<sup>15</sup> The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. <sup>16</sup> “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.**

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## HOLY SPIRIT

**1 Corinthians 12:1-3**

**<sup>1</sup> Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: <sup>2</sup> You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. <sup>3</sup> Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.**

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## HOLY SPIRIT – JOHN CALVIN

*Hence without the illumination of the Spirit the word has no effect; and hence also it is obvious that faith is something higher than human understanding. Nor were it sufficient for the mind to be illumined by the Spirit of God unless the heart also were strengthened and supported by his power.*

- Institutes: Christian Religion (Kindle Locations 10480-10482). Packard Technologies. Kindle Edition.

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*And thus, indeed, it is only when the human intellect is irradiated by the light of the Holy Spirit that it begins to have a taste of those things which pertain to the kingdom of God; previously it was too stupid and senseless to have any relish for them.*

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*The word is, in regard to those to whom it is preached, like the sun which shines upon all, but is of no use to the blind. In this matter we are all naturally blind; and hence the word cannot penetrate our mind unless the Spirit, that internal teacher, by his enlightening power make an entrance for it.*

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## HOLY SPIRIT – JOHN OWEN

*But those by whom they or any of them are advanced into the place and unto the exclusion of the operation of the Holy Spirit, do destroy them, or render them unacceptable unto God, and useless unto the souls of men.*

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We shall, therefore, manifest that the *assignments* which we make in this matter unto the Holy Spirit do render all our use of proper means for the fight *interpretation of the Scripture* in a way of duty indispensably necessary;

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## HOLY SPIRIT – JOHN OWEN

and the principal reason, so far as I can understand, why some deny the necessity of the work of the Holy Spirit herein is, because they like not those means whose necessary use doth arise from an admission thereof.

- <https://ccel.org/ccel/owen/pneum.i.xii.viii.html>. 161.

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## **HOLY SPIRIT – JOHN OWEN**

**There is an efficacious work of the Spirit of God opening our eyes, enlightening our understandings or minds, to understand the things contained in the Scripture, distinct from the objective proposition of them in the Scripture itself; which the testimonies urged do fully confirm.**

• Owen. 163.

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## **PRAYER**

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## **PRAYER**

### **Ephesians 1:18-19a (BSB)**

**<sup>18</sup> I ask that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know the hope of His calling, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and the surpassing greatness of His power to us who believe. ...**

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## **PRAYER**

### **Psalms 119:17-18 (NKJV)**

**<sup>17</sup> Deal bountifully with Your servant,  
That I may live and keep Your word.  
<sup>18</sup> Open my eyes, that I may see  
Wondrous things from Your law.**

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## **PRAYER**

**Psalm 119:27 (NKJV)**

**<sup>27</sup> Make me understand the way of Your  
precepts;  
So shall I meditate on Your wonderful works.**

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## **PRAYER**

**Psalm 119:33-40 (NKJV)**

**<sup>33</sup> Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes,  
And I shall keep it to the end.  
<sup>34</sup> Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your  
law;  
Indeed, I shall observe it with my whole heart.**

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## PRAYER - OWEN

It is declared by *opening of our eyes*, [Ps. cxix. 18](#); *the enlightening of the eyes of our understanding*, [Eph. i. 18](#). This opening of our eyes consists in the communication of spiritual light unto our minds by the preaching of the word, as it is declared, [Acts xxvi. 17, 18](#).

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## PRAYER - OWEN

And the expression, though in part *metaphorical*, is eminently instructive in the nature of this work; for suppose the nearest and best-disposed proposition of any object unto our bodily eyes, with an external light properly suited unto the discovery of it, yet if our *eyes be blind*, or are closed beyond our own power to *open* them, we cannot discern it aright.

• Owen. Pneumatologia. IBID. 162-163

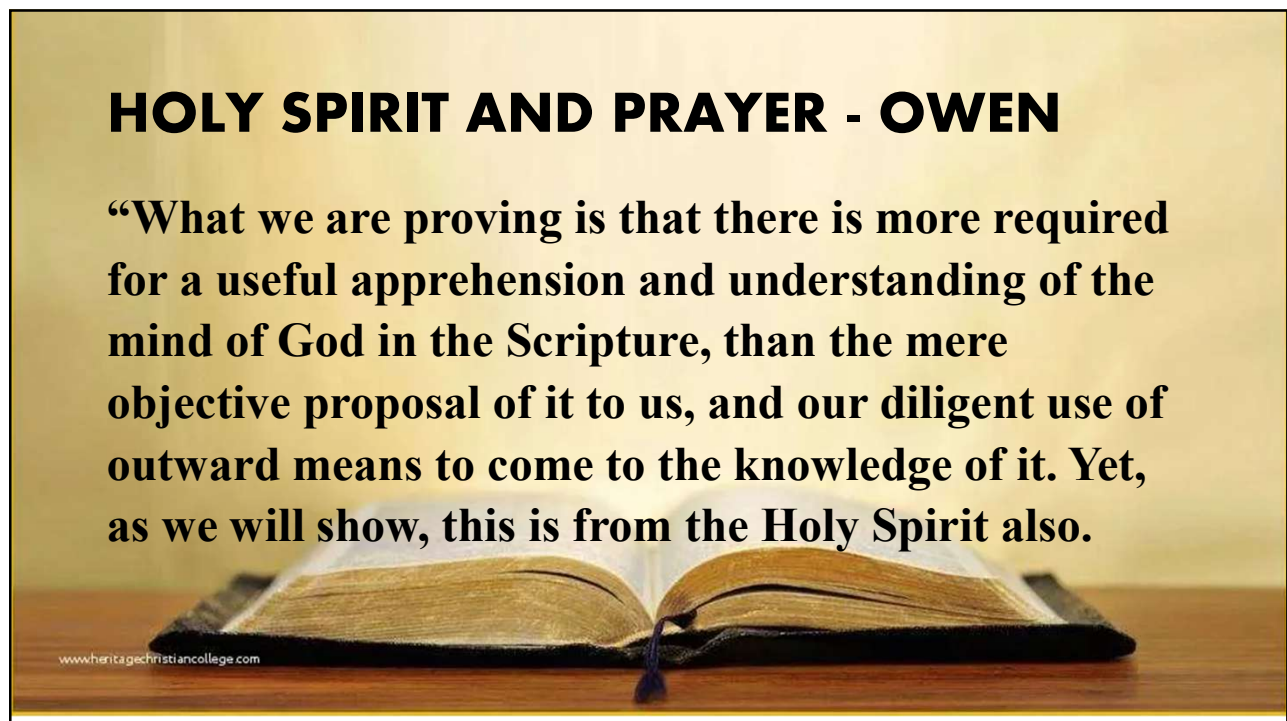
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The denial of this, by just consequence, voids the principal means by which we may come to such an understanding — namely, frequent and fervent prayers for the aid and assistance of the Holy Spirit. So too, no tolerable account can be given of the mind of God and the meaning of the Scripture in the passages insisted on.”

• Owen. 170.

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