

Sunday, July 30, 2023

**Doing Life with The Spirit
Old Testament**

ONE Sacred Text: The Bible

3 Lessons in the Old Testament

- 1) God's Character**
- 2) The character He expects from us.**
- 3) There's something wrong with us.**

Exodus 13: 8 – 10 (NLT)

Feast of Unleavened Bread

"On the seventh day you must explain to your children, 'I am celebrating what the LORD did for me when I left Egypt.' ⁹ This annual festival will be a visible sign to you, like a mark branded on your hand or your forehead. Let it remind you always to recite this teaching of the LORD: 'With a strong hand, the LORD rescued you from Egypt.' ¹⁰ So observe the decree of this festival at the appointed time each year.

- **Led by a Pillar of Cloud & Fire**
- **Parting of the Red Sea**
- **Manna & Quail**
- **Water from a Rock**
- **Defeat of Amalekites**

(Aaron & Hur)

1. Mount Sinai Experience

Exodus 19: 3 - 6 (NLT)

Then Moses climbed the mountain to appear before God. The LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "Give these instructions to the family of Jacob; announce it to the descendants of Israel: ⁴ 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians. You know how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now if you will obey me and keep my covenant, you will be my own special treasure from among all the peoples on earth; for all the earth belongs to

me. ⁶ And you will be my kingdom of priests, my holy nation.' This is the message you must give to the people of Israel."

Exodus 19: 8 (NLT)

... all the people responded together, "We will do everything the LORD has commanded." So Moses brought the people's answer back to the LORD.

- **Moses = Up & Down**
- **Moses = 40 Days**
- **Aaron = Golden Calf**

Exodus 32: 8 (NLT)

... "O Israel, these are the gods who brought you out of the land of Egypt!"

Genesis 6: 5 (NASB)

Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of mankind was great on the earth, and that **every** intent of the thoughts of their **hearts** was only **evil** continually.

Jeremiah 17: 6 (ESV)

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

Hosea 4: 12 (NLT)

They ask a piece of wood for advice! They think a stick can tell them the future! Longing after idols has made them foolish. They have played the **prostitute**, serving other gods and deserting their God.

Genesis 41: 38 (NLT)

Joseph interprets Pharaoh's Dream

... **Pharaoh** asked his officials, "Can we find anyone else like this man so obviously filled with the **spirit** of God?"

Exodus 31: 1 – 5 (NLT)

Then the LORD said to Moses, ² "Look, I have specifically chosen Bezalel son of Uri, grandson of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. ³ I have filled him with the **Spirit of God**, giving him great wisdom, ability, and expertise in all kinds of crafts. ⁴ He is a master craftsman, expert in working with gold, silver, and bronze. ⁵ He is skilled in engraving and mounting gemstones and in carving wood. He is a master at every craft!

Gideon

Transformed from a Coward to a Courageous Commander who leads 300 men to defeat 100,000...

Saul

A reluctant man became 1st King of Israel...

Tragically, altered when abandoned by the Holy Spirit falls into depression & despair...

There was a hunger in Israel for God's Spirit to be on all people...

Numbers 11: 29 (NLT)

..." Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit upon them all!"

Isaiah 44: 3 – 5 (NLT)

... I will pour out my Spirit on your descendants, and my blessing on your children.⁴ They will thrive like watered grass, like willows on a riverbank. ⁵ Some will proudly claim, 'I belong to the LORD.'

Joel 2: 28 (NLT)

"Then, after doing all those things, I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions.

OT: the Holy Spirit came upon Particular People @ Appropriate Time for a Specific Purpose...

Acts 2: 14-16 (NLT)

Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, "Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o'clock in the morning is much too early for that. ¹⁶ No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel:

NOW: ALL People...Race, Ethnicity, Gender, Young, Old, Rich, Poor...