

CF506 THE NAMES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Introduction

In this study, you will learn more than the Spirit's names. You will also learn about His personality, and what He does for you today. This book is, therefore, more than a doctrinal study of the names of the Holy Spirit. I want you to learn about Him, to know Him and to experience Him in your life.

I have been fascinated with names all my life, perhaps because my name, Elmer, is not a common one. I have both liked and disliked my name since I was a small boy. I remember some friends making fun of my name in the first grade. It seems there was a comedy character on radio named Elmer at whom people laughed, he was considered dumb. When I asked my mother why I had that name, she told me it was because "I loved your father." I was named after him. So I liked the name after that, no matter what others said.

Because the Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Trinity, I naturally wanted to write a book on His name. This book finishes the trilogy. I have listed more than 100 names, descriptive phrases and titles for the Holy Spirit in appendix 1.

People usually do not think of the term "Holy Spirit" as a name. Instead, they think of the phrase as a description. Maybe this is because they do not think of the Spirit as a person. People think of Him as an influence and give Him a title just as they give a title to boats, cars or hurricanes. They think of Him as an influence, as "the spirit of democracy," or "the spirit of the Yankees."

Because people pray to "Our Father in heaven," or they pray, "Dear Jesus," they know of the Father and the Son as persons. But most people never pray to the Holy Spirit, perhaps because they do not think of Him as a person. Some do think the command, "Pray the Lord of the harvest" (Matt. 9:38) is directed to the Holy Spirit; also, "the Lord is the Spirit" (2 Cor. 3:17).

I can't write about the names of the Holy Spirit and not write about the Trinity. When describing the Trinity, I like to use the statement written by the Early Church fathers in the Athanasian Creed: "We worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in unity, neither confounding the persons, nor dividing the substance."

To explain how the doctrine of the Trinity works, I have used the following statement: "The members of the Trinity are equal in nature, separate in person but submissive in duty."

Second, this book separates the personality of the Holy Spirit from the personality of the Father and the personality of the Son the Godhead consists of three separate persons.

Third, this book emphasizes the duties of the Holy Spirit, who was sent by the Father and the Son to carry out the work of God in the world.

This course is aimed beyond the study of Bible facts. I want you to feel the Holy Spirit living through you. I wrote this book to do more than fill academic curiosity. It should help you live successfully for God. Each chapter, therefore, concludes by offering principles to be applied to life.

One name or title is missing in this study: the term "ghost," as in Holy Ghost. The original King James Version (1611) translated the word pneuma "Ghost" as in, "Ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost" (Acts 1:5), and, "after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you" (Acts 1:8). This has resulted in confusion in some minds.

May God make you more holy and more spiritual as you study these terms for His Holy Spirit.

Learn more by purchasing the entire course that covers the following topics:

- Chapter 1 - The Helper: Jesus Favorite Name For The Holy Spirit
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