

The Holy Spirit: Let Him Come In

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I. Introduction. (Genesis 6)

II. Why the Holy Spirit has not filled His church.

A. God searched the hearts of man and saw the iniquity that filled them.

B. What God saw grieved His heart.

C. One cannot grieve who does not love. God's love caused Him to grieve and it filled Him with anxious care.

D. The kindest thing a surgeon can sometimes do is amputate. God knew the patient would die if He did not send down destruction to preserve the race of man.

E. When man went his own way, God's displeasure fell upon Him.

1. Yet man does not seem to be bothered.

2. His heart has an affinity for the darkness.

3. He has substituted what is good for what is evil and calls evil "good."

F. God sends out the dove on the ark and not the raven, for the raven becomes pleased with what it sees and never comes back. The dove, however, could not stand what the raven loved.

1. It was no accident that the Holy Spirit came in the form of a dove upon Jesus.

2. The dove's purity and love is a type of the Holy Spirit - it will never rest its feet upon filth or dirt.

III. Why Jesus said the world cannot receive the Holy Spirit.

A. The world knows nothing about the Holy Spirit.

1. It appreciates a good man, but it has no affinity for the Holy Spirit because even good men are under the judgment of God.

2. The best the world has apart from the new birth, does not compare to the goodness of the Holy Spirit.

B. One of the most terrible things that the world can hear is the "wings of God."

1. God wants to be in all aspects of men's lives.

2. Men do not want Him to be a part of it though.

IV. Every man has a measure of the Holy Spirit.

A. When a man is converted, he is deposited with the Holy Spirit.

B. In some measure the Holy Spirit is resident in the breast of every believer.

V. It is another thing for the Holy Spirit to come down free and pleased to fill lives, churches, and denominations.

A. The Spirit seeks a resting place for His feet.

B. The coming downs of the Holy Spirit are called revivals.

1. Unless there is a lighting down of the Holy Spirit upon evangelicalism, it will move to liberalism and then on to Unitarianism.

2. We will have to ultimately face judgment.

VI. The marks of God's displeasure upon His people.

A. Plain sins.

B. Sins of act and of habit.

C. Sins of selfishness.

D. Sins of the heart.

1. Lust, resentment, coldness of heart.

2. Nobody loves the world quite enough like Jesus or Paul did.

a. Our church today is a social body with spiritual overtones instead of a spiritual body with social overtones.

VII. The Holy Spirit loves people that are consumed with Jesus.

A. God is looking for a people who want to be right where the Holy Spirit can come down in power.

B. The example of a revived preacher.

1. Through the coming down of the Spirit, his heart became tender for all things of the Lord.

2. We can experience a sense of the Spirit so tender even now that it would change us.

3. Unless the impurities and the things that God hates are cleansed from our life, the Holy Spirit will not make His home among us.

Application questions.

1. What does it mean that God grieves over us? How does this demonstrate His love?

2. What is the difference between the Holy Spirit's dwelling in every believer and His "coming down" on believers, churches, and denominations. How can we encourage His coming down?

3. Reflect on things in your life that might bring displeasure to God. What steps will you take to make a home for the Holy Spirit in your heart, even today?
