

Lucan: Let us pray. Dear heavenly Father. We thank you for the blessing of the Sabbath hours. We ask that all assembled receive insights from your Word that reveal your character ever more clearly. In the name of Yahshua we pray, amen.

daphna dee: Amen

Naraiel: Amen

Pastor Chick: Amen.

Barb: Amen

Peter_Jr_18: Amen.

Elyna: Amen.

Adriel: Amen

Zahakiel: Amen.

Natty 😊: Amen

Lucan: Tonight I would like to speak about the Holy Spirit. This is a topic that comes up frequently, due to a frequent need to explain why we do not understand the Spirit to be a "person" in the way that most Trinitarians understand it to be. Some have accused us of being anti-Trinitarian because of this. "Anti-Trinitarian" implies that we are defined by our relation and opposition to a popular error; as a result, it is not an ideal label. An "anti"-belief is one that focuses on what the Scriptures do not teach; we prefer to focus on what they do teach. We know what the Spirit is not; this Sabbath I will be sharing some passages that describe aspects of what it is.

In recent studies, I have focused on principles related to prophecy in Daniel; last week, Bro. David blessed us with some prophetic insights regarding the "second day in Heaven." As with any prophetic or inspired teaching, the value is not merely knowing the future, but acting now in such a way that reflects and co-operates towards that future. Just as an understanding of our upcoming work in heaven equips us for our current work in the atmosphere of heaven, so an understanding of prophecy in the past equips us for our current work in the final moments of prophetic time. Yet knowledge and understanding alone are insufficient, as we have seen in the examples of those who came before us. In fact, Paul writes the following:

"And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." (1 Cor. 2:1-5)

For all of his education, the knowledge the Apostle saw necessary to use – in fact, he determined to use no other - was that of Christ and His Spirit. This was for evangelism; what about prophecy?

"And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Yahshua: worship God: for the testimony of Yahshua is the spirit of prophecy." (Rev. 19:10)

What is the "spirit of prophecy?"

Seventh-day Adventists have applied the name to a certain set of inspired writings, and not incorrectly; yet the spirit of prophecy is more than some of the writings it inspired.

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." (2 Peter 1:19-21)

The spirit of prophecy is the Holy Spirit, through which all prophecy is given. It is through this Spirit that the testimony of Yahshua is possessed; it is by this Spirit that the testimony of Yahshua is given. It is only with this Spirit that the prophecies or any other inspiration has value, causing them to both be understood and applied in the life.

"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God."

There is more to this passage, but I will pause here to summarize what we have read so far; there is a spirit of the world, a spirit of man, and a spirit of God. "The spirit which is of God" is so plainly worded as to what the Holy Spirit truly is that it leaves little room for doubt. It is God's spirit, by which we know the things of God as surely as those with the world's spirit know the things of the world, or through which a man may know his own heart.

Continuing: "Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Spirit teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ." (1 Cor. 2:9-16)

This is why no prophecy is of any private interpretation; it is given by the Spirit of God, which is also given freely to His children, equally and without measure. A private interpretation would require a private Spirit to inspire it.

If I write a story, I know the story and what I meant by it, because I wrote it; my spirit knows the things of myself. What the Spirit inspires, we who have the spirit and mind of Christ talk about naturally, for the things of Christ are ours, revealed and given to us freely.

"If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." (John 7:17)

"We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error." (1 John 4:6)

What a bold statement that is! And, it is the only conclusion possible. Those who have the Spirit speak by the Spirit; those that know God and hear the Spirit's words from us cannot help but know that they are from God. And why? Because the Spirit is the "spirit which is of God," revealing and making known the deep things of God. If they know God, they will know His Spirit.

If they do not know God, they will not know His Spirit, and cannot know His Spirit, because they have another spirit in them that does not know God – the spirit of error, the spirit of the world, the spirit of man.

"Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error." This is why Yahshua says, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one." (John 10:27-30)

And again, "And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers." (John 10:5)

A stranger does not speak from the spirit of truth, because he does not have it. This is why he is a stranger. Those who have the spirit of truth know the words of that spirit when they hear them, because they also speak them, and that Word dwells within them. This is why the sheep know the voice of the Spirit and the Shepherd, and cannot be plucked from the hand of the Savior.

Yahshua says, "I and my Father are one." It is through the Spirit that the Father and the Son are one, and the Spirit is the spirit of truth as well as the spirit of prophecy: "Yahshua saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake"... If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the

Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you... At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him... Yahshua answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." (John 14:9-11, 15-18, 20-21, 23)(LMK)

Barb: F

Adriel: F

Pastor Chick: F

Naraiel: F

Zahakiel: F

Elyna: F

daphna dee: F

Lucan: The Father is in the Son, and the Son is in the Father; the Father is in the Son through the spirit of God, just as the Son is in the Father through the spirit of God. This is the means by which they are one - their shared Spirit. The Father and the Son are in us through their spirit of truth, just as we are in the Father and the Son through the same spirit.

"Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit." (1 John 4:13)

It is in this way, and only in this way, that we are members of the Divine Family of the Father and Son. As they are united by having the same spirit, we also are united to them by having their same spirit; their spirit of truth, their spirit of prophecy, their spirit which is holy.

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together." (Romans 8:14-17)

This shared spirit, and resulting family relation, does not extend only towards heaven; it is not only me in the Father and Son, and the Father and Son in me.

"Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they ALL may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which

thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me." (John 17:20-23)

This is why those who have the spirit know and recognize the spirit in the words of others. They are one with them in spirit, because they know the Father and the Son whose spirit it is. Those who have the spirit of God are one with God and one with each other.

Those who refuse to be one with each other, while saying they have the spirit of God, are liars, and do not act the truth. They have another spirit, which we know is not of God, because it does not hear those who are of God, or lead to unity with the Father, the Son, and with those who have Their Spirit. They have another spirit within them, and they claim it to be Christ's, putting it in the place of Christ's. This is the spirit of anti-Christ.

"But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Yahshua from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you." (Romans 8:9-11)

We know we have the Spirit when we love those who have the Spirit; when that love causes us to keep the commandments of God, and to love our brethren as we love ourselves. We cannot help but love our brother as our self, because he who has the same spirit as our self is one with our self.

Those who do not have the Spirit of Christ are none of his. There is no middle ground in this; it is a "binary" option, a yes/no, a right/wrong, an on/off. A man is either in the flesh and none of Christ's, or he has the Spirit of God and Christ, and is one with both them and their children.

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:" (Acts 2:17)

"All flesh" is the recipient of the outpouring of the Spirit in the last days. The latter rain is upon us; sinners and saints alike need merely claim the blessing: "And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts

unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke 11:9-13)

Adriel: Amen

In conclusion, "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." (2 Cor. 7:1)

Are there any comments on the message tonight?

Zahakiel: C

Lucan: Go ahead

Zahakiel: After reading tonight's study, I think that we, as Yah's people, ought to pray for divine wisdom moving forward with our plans and I am not merely speaking of the upcoming Feasts. For the past few weeks, Bro. Luke and I, independently, have been writing about the guidance of the Holy Spirit, which is certainly not new...but which seems to be pointing directly at the use and interpretation of prophecy. Next week, again, I will be speaking about the proper use of Scripture, particularly those that have prophetic content, and how the Church may know that its understanding of Yah's words are accurate, and how they guide our way forward.

We know that in the last days Yah's Spirit will be poured out on His people, as the study mentioned earlier...and I begin to wonder if He is not preparing us for something that will fulfill this and other, similar, passages in a very clear way. It is not for only one or two within the Church to say, "I speak with Yah. I have His Spirit." Perhaps not all have an "office" of prophecy, but all of Yah's people, as Moses desired, will be His direct servants, will be - are - prophets in a sense, and so I encourage all of us to treasure the last few weeks' Friday night meetings because, in the days to come, we may well look back on these nights and realize, "Ah, that is what He was getting us ready to do." End.

Adriel: Amen

Adriel: C

Lucan: Thank you for sharing that. I think it is worth noting that not all "prophecy" is about visions or symbols. It can mean this, and in English almost exclusively does. The word in Greek is used for any teaching or discourse that comes from inspiration, and reveals Yahweh's plans. Whether it is something new, or, reproving the wicked for something they know. When our people tell the Pharisees that the axe is laid to the root of the trees, they "prophecy."

Go ahead, Sis. Jody

Adriel: I have appreciated this study as well. Very straight-forward. End

Lucan: Are there any other comments?

Elyna: C

Lucan: Go ahead

Elyna: I also appreciated this study. And I was able to follow almost step by step in translating for Danielle. She also expressed thanks for the study. End

Zahakiel: (Glad to know she was here again. 😊)

Adriel: (yes. 😊)

Lucan: Great, thanks for sharing.

Elyna: 😊

Lucan: If there are no other comments, I'll ask Pastor to close with prayer.

Pastor Chick: Dear Father in Heaven. Thank You for inspiring us and comforting us with Your Holy Spirit of promise. Keep us in Your rest as we contemplate the deep things of YAHWEH. In Yahshua's holy name, Amen.

Natty 😊: Amen.

Barb: Amen

Zahakiel: Amen.

daphna dee: Amen

Adriel: Amen

Elyna: Amen.

Naraiel: Amen

Lucan: Amen

Peter_Jr_18: Amen.

Elyna: Danielle: Amen.

daphna dee: Goodnight