

# Holy Spirit in the Old Testament: The Pillar of Cloud and Fire

## Exodus 13:17-22

### I. Intro

Main Point of intro=

- The Holy Spirit has always been alive and working from OT to NT to today!
- The Holy Spirit, the 3<sup>rd</sup> person of the Trinity
  - He is God, but not the Father and not the Son
  - He is alive and moving today
  - He is eternal

### II. Exodus 13:17-22(ESV)

When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near. For God said, “Lest the people change their minds when they see war and return to Egypt.” 18 But God led the people around by the way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea. And the people of Israel went up out of the land of Egypt equipped for battle. 19 Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for Joseph had made the sons of Israel solemnly swear, saying, “God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones with you from here.” 20 And they moved on from Succoth and encamped at Etham, on the edge of the wilderness. 21 And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. 22 The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people.

Key Verses of this sermon

- Verses 21 and 22
  - How Do we the Holy Spirit in this?
  - Isaiah 63:9-14
    - In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.<sup>10</sup> But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them.<sup>11</sup> Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people. Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit,<sup>12</sup> who caused his glorious arm

to go at the right hand of Moses, who divided the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name,<sup>13</sup> who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble.<sup>14</sup> Like livestock that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest. So you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.

- Isaiah alludes to the HS being the presence dwelling with the Israelites in the wilderness and through the Red Sea in Exodus.

### 3 Person attributes and characteristics of the HS in the pillar of cloud and fire.

1. The pillar of cloud and fire was not given to the Israelites until after they were delivered from Egypt.
  - a. The Holy Spirit comes to indwell and be with the believer immediately after they are saved by the blood of Jesus Christ.
  - b. Romans 5:1 justified by faith
  - c. Romans 5:5 God's love poured into our hearts through HS who has been given to us
2. The pillar of cloud and fire was given to be their comfort and help so they were not left alone in the wilderness.
  - a. The Holy Spirit is our Comforter and helper (Greek for Holy Spirit is Comforter)
  - b. John 14:16-18 Jesus before his ascension tells his apostles that he will send the comforter/helper to be with them and dwell with them so they will not be alone.
  - c. WE ARE NOT ALONE IN THE WILDERNESS!!
3. The pillar of cloud and fire covered the Israelites and it did not depart from them
  - a. The Holy Spirit covers, seals, and does not depart from us after salvation.
  - b. Ephesians 4:30 we are sealed to the day of redemption
  - c. IF WE ARE TRULY SAVED WE CANNOT LOSE OUR SALVATION, BECAUSE THE HOLY SPIRIT SEALS US!!

#### IV. Conclusion

- We have been saved and delivered by the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, as the Israelites were saved and delivered out of Egypt by the blood of the perfect innocent lamb and after salvation we are not left alone. God has given us the Holy Spirit.

- The HS leads our lives and sheds light on the sins in our lives that ultimately leads us back to Christ and the cross for repentance.
- The HS always points you to Christ!!