

THEME: THE HOLY SPIRIT

TOPIC: PRAYING, RETURNING THANKS, AND WORSHIPING IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

TEXT: JUDE 1:20; EPHESIANS 6:18; JOHN 3:3-5; 1 CORINTHIANS 14:15

INTRODUCTION

Singing and praying with our spirit implies using the gift of tongues. This can help release the mysteries of God and ignite our hearts with passion for Him. Praying in the spirit is powerful and enjoyable. Today we will be exploring the act of praying, returning thanks and worshiping in the Holy Spirit as part of our study of understanding His personality and the impact it has in our Christian walk.

1. The Holy Spirit guides the believer in prayer.

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express – **Romans 8:26**. The prayer that God, the Holy Spirit, inspires is the prayer that God, the Father, answers.

Q: How does the Holy Spirit guide the believers in prayer?

2. The Holy Spirit inspires the believer and guides him in thanksgiving.

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. – **Ephesians 5:18-20**.

Q: In what way does the Holy Spirit inspire us in the act of thanksgiving?

3. The Holy Spirit inspires worship on the part of the believer.

Worship is a definite act of the creature in relation to God. Worship is bowing before God in adoring acknowledgment and contemplation of Himself and the perfection of His being

For it is we who are the circumcision, we who worship by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh. – **Philippians 3:3**

“Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.” – **John 4:23-24**

Q: What difference does the Holy Spirit make in our personal worship life?

Conclusion

True prayer is prayer "in the Spirit," that is, the prayer which the Spirit inspires and directs. The prayer that God, the Holy Spirit, inspires is the prayer that God, the Father, answers.

Not only does the Holy Spirit teach us to pray, He also teaches us to render thanks. One of the most prominent characteristics of the Spirit-filled life is thanksgiving.

The Holy Spirit inspires worship on the part of the believer. "In our prayers, we are taken up with our needs; in our thanksgiving we are taken up with our blessings; in our worship, we are taken up with Himself." There is no true and acceptable worship except that which the Holy Spirit prompts and directs" – John 4.23-24).