

Feb 18th 2007: The Holy Spirit and our Redemption: Isaiah 61:1-3

It is obvious when...studies the OT as a whole.....that it is all about God's plan to restore humankind unto Himself

How the original fellowship of God with man.....Destroyed by man's disobedience and sin....will be renewed through the coming into this world of a Saviour

From the very beginning we are told that this Saviour.....would be an offspring of a woman....and then as the story unfolds.....that He would come from the family of Abraham.....From the Nation of Israelborn of a virgin.....in a lowly town called

Consequently the Bible prior to the birth.....is all about God preserving this small nation ..**and** through them also revealing the great gulf that exists.....man's sinfulness ...God's perfection.....**A GULF** that only one Sacrifice could ever bridge:...

a sacrifice all others pointed to

A Sacrifice that only the Messiah could offer.....The sacrifice of Himself

Hebrews 10: 8 Presents....then explains the meaning of...a conversation between...

"Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them"(although the law required them to be made). Then He said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first to establish the second. And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

It is truly Amazing that the will of God was to make us holy again

so that once more we could have fellowship with Him

It was something God the Father wanted.....even before creation.....**And** we often focus

Something God the Son wanted.....**And** once again....we often emphasize that

But it was also.....something God the Spirit wanted so very much

- **So It is that Desire of the Spirit to redeem us.....**
- and the part the Spirit played in our Redemption.....
- That I want to share with you this morning

Turn with me back to Genesis

In chapter one(26) we are told.....that when God made man **He said
“Let us make man in our own image, in our likeness”**

Then in 2:7...find the more detailed account.....man’s creation

“-the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.”

- **Spirit means wind or breath.....and although a different Hebrew word.....
whenever God and breath are joined.....in order to create....
we think of the creative power of God the Holy Spirit**

**Indeed....in a glorious return to this pre sin creative act.....we read that after the resu
Jesus.....in **John 20:22** ... Breathed on His disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”**

**I believe that at the beginning....God the Holy Spirit.....was the source of fellowship
..between human kind....and the Triune God**

The Spirit enabled that fellowship to take place.....that occurred in the Garden of Eden

**Then....once sin destroyed that beautiful fellowship.....we find the Spirit of God
--striving to keep a connection.....between God and man....till redemption ..take place**

- **Just before the flood.....we read in Genesis 6:3 the Lord saying**
- **My Spirit will not contend with man forever**

**Yet the Spirit did not give up on man.....but worked through a man called Noah
Who walked with God....and did all that God commanded**

And from then on.....right through the OT.....we see the HS at work

Through the leaders of this Nation.....

Abraham...(Called a prophet).....Joseph** about whom Gen 41:38 says
“*Can we find anyone like this man, one in who is the spirit of God?*”**

Moses...to whom God said in Numbers 11:17

***I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take of the Spirit that is on you
and put the Spirit on them.***

Through the Judges.....then partic through King David...about whom we read in 1 Sam 16:13 *“So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed David in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came upon David in power>”*

- God the Spirit
- Constantly working.....to prepare for that Day of Redemption.....
- Of renewed fellowship between God and man

Then esp thro Prophets.....Spirit at work pointing to the Anointed.....redeem His **Inspired by God the Spirit.....** spoke with longing of the Redemption still to come

And as we read their words.....we see the powerful part that the Spirit will play

*Isaiah 11:2 The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him—
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of power,
the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord*

*Isaiah 42:1 Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit upon him and he will bring justice to the nations.*

- **The Spirit**.....like a great and mighty force.....energizing the Son.....
In order to restore the glorious fellowship.....that sin had interrupted

So when the Son is born into the world.....He is conceived by the Spirit
It is the Spirit who is active.....through Elizabeth....Zechariah...Simeon
.....proclaiming Him as the Messiah

At His baptism.....it is the Spirit who descends upon Him....setting Him apart
And afterwards Luke 4:1 says
*That Jesus full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit
in the desert, where for 40 days he was tempted by the devil.*

Then just a little later.....same chapter we read ...Luk4 :18...Direct Quote from Isa 61
*The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the
poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for
the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.*

The work of the Son.....empowered by the Spirit.....is to correct what sin has destroyed
And to bring mankind once more into God's favour.....**Into** that place of Fellowship

- **Now in stressing.....as I have....the Spirit's part in our Redemption**

I am not in any way suggesting...that either the Father...Son...or HS.....works apart from each other... God is One.....Father Son Holy Spirit

But I feel we need to see.....

- how passionately God the Spirit desires....
restoration of that fellowship.....of mankind with.....
- **How fervently** He was active.....in bringing it about
- **And how He constantly works**.....to deepen within God's people...
Relationship with God the Father

.....**We read in Romans 8:15-16**

For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

- **God the Spirit** ...enabling mankind to fellowship with God
Constantly strengthening the bonds between us and the Father.....
 Delighting in the relationship.....God the Father....Son....HS.....
 once more enjoys with...special creation
 ..and looking to the day.....Relationship will be complete

As Revelation 22:17 says

The Spirit and the bride say, Come! And let him who hears say, Come! Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

