

Ten Lessons From The Holy Spirit

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One evening during the preparation of a book the Lord told me to write, I felt a great hunger in my heart to know the person of the Holy Spirit. Through a brother in Christ, I heard in prophecy that the Holy Spirit wanted to teach me a great many things, and that I was to spend much more time in my holy place, a secret place in the spirit, to learn from Him. It was clear that I needed to spend much more time there than I had been doing lately.

After the phone call, I immediately asked the Holy Spirit where He physically wanted me to go to find this holy place, and He said right on the floor of my bedroom where I was at the time would work just fine.

I got on my knees, my face to the floor. I began praising God, and after a short while the Holy Spirit began to speak into my spirit. He proceeded to reprove me with words that would be remarkably pointed and sharp to hear with my ears, but in the spirit realm they were a joy to receive. He told me to stop disobeying in my heart and to start trusting Him fully. Areas of mistrust came to mind such as how I had been resisting His power over me because of my past prejudices and teachings regarding the power and manifestations of the Holy Spirit, particularly during these end times.

The next morning in my office I again got on my knees to worship as I customarily do to start the day. As I settled down, the Spirit told me to first anoint the office with oil. Returning to my knees after doing so, He told me in my spirit that He is the servant to the King, and that He is here to do the will of the King (Jesus Christ). He told me that the King had sent Him because I had publicly confessed the fact that I have yielded my will to the King. Therefore the Holy Spirit was there to help me learn and receive all the things the King has prepared for me. Here are His words to me that morning. He proceeded to give me ten lessons.

Lesson I

"In order for Me to work (in you), it must be via joining your (own) will to Mine. I work in the spirit realm, and in order for you to work there too, your will must be joined to Mine. Then all the promises of the King can be brought to pass."

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"Paul, we must spend much time together. The more you labor in the spirit with Me, the more you will accomplish for the King."

The Holy Spirit then told me to write these things down. They were much more beautifully told and received into my spirit than can be articulated on paper.

Lesson II

"I am Holy, and I am Spirit. I can be no other. I give life, and strength, and power to all who ask for it, who yield their will to the King. I am a servant. Those who desire to serve, will do so through me. Don't be flippant with Me, or take My working lightly. I am serious, and I am committed to carrying out the will of the King."

At this point I repented of having brushed aside the Holy Spirit at times, to which He responded that my repentance was the mark of a servant to the King. "The servant's heart is always and only to serve the King with determination and perseverance. Never quit carrying out the King's will."

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Lesson III

"True servants are warriors. They are willing to endure hardship. They are always cognizant of their mission. Don't be surprised when you are called to do what seems impossible. Remember, I am your fellow servant because the King has sent Me to you. What (revelation from the Lord) seems impossible in the physical realm is not only possible, it is the will of Him who rules the universe. Therefore, don't ever doubt His will once you know what it is. My job is to help servants of the King carry them out. So be a warrior who refuses to give up."

Lesson IV

"No warrior can fight if he doesn't trust his master. Trust me completely because I work on trust. Remember, where your will separates from Mine, I cannot work. So don't shut Me out by failing to trust Me. Nothing will happen to you that I do not know and allow beforehand."

Lesson V

Between each lesson, I realized I needed a fresh energizing from The Spirit, and to get it I was led to return to my knees and rest a while before sitting up again to write.

"There is no will of self in heaven. All eyes, all hearts, all wills are directed toward the King. This is great joy. All worship and serve the King with joy. There is no room for self will."

Lesson VI

"My meat is to do the will of Him who sent Me. In eating this meat, you will find your sustenance. By eating from Him, i.e. discerning and then doing the King's will, you will be feeding from His table. This will cause you to grow great in your spirit."

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At this point, my wife Rita entered the office with some homemade blueberry muffins and tea for breakfast. Still in the spirit, I said "God bless Rita", to which the Holy Spirit responded that she was also a servant of the King. "She has also been given to you so that you can better serve the King. The King selected her for you, and I am doing a mighty work in her that is separate from yours yet the two cannot be great without each other."

The Holy Spirit continued teaching about spiritual meat. "Some meat has to be chewed on for a while. Other meat is so tender it hardly needs chewing at all. But you must remember - the King provides the food. He selects it, and He directs its preparation."

Lesson VII

"You don't need to say anything when you are resting in the spirit realm. Let me minister to you. Warriors need a haven of rest, and they can only get it from Me in the spirit realm. Rest often in Me so I can minister to you. To carry the battle to victory, you must draw your strength from Me."

"You have learned to go to my holy place. But you must rest much more there so that I can teach you deep things of the Spirit. Rest in me. This is what Hebrews 3:7-4:16 is all about. There is a rest to God's people that few are using. I will lead them there if they will allow Me to."

Lesson VIII

"Look at your watch. How long have you been in school with Me today so far?" I looked at my watch and determined it had been fifty minutes.

"There is no time in the spirit realm. Consciousness of time when it comes to dining at the Master's table in the Holy Place does not exist. But when you are in the world, time becomes a stumbling block. So don't bring your watch into the spirit realm. You won't get the rest you need, you won't get the teaching you need, and you'll go out still carrying wounds from the battle. You can't afford that."

"Too many would-be warriors never learn that the rest in the Holy Spirit is for them. A yielded will can be taught things of the spirit, but an un-yielded will is too concerned with the world to be teachable for very long. Without staying for My ministering and teaching, they go too quickly back into battle. They become casualties. Sometimes they never recover. Don't carry a watch into My presence."

"I will tell you how to enter into My presence. I draw all men to the King. That's my job. But this is not only for salvation. It is my job to draw all men into fellowship at the table of the King. This job is much more demanding than simply getting the lost to become saved."

"Few there are who let me draw them into My rest because few there are who are willing to trust me enough to hear My voice in their spirit. Ask Me to show you how, and I will. I will show you how on everything that pertains to drawing closer to the King. This is My primary commission from Him."

Lesson IX

"So far I have called you a servant, and that is your calling. But you must remember that you are also a son of the Most High God. You are also a brother to His Son, the King, and the King has also called you His friend. Most of your activities will be in service to the King. This is the reason He sent Me to you – to help you serve. But don't forget, He longs to have friends like you. At His invitation, He has invited you to be His friend. This you have known for some time, but as you train for service, don't forget this friendship."

Lesson X

"Paul, I want you to include this visit with Me as the last chapter of your book. It's time to go, and you have service to do. You can return anytime, and there will be

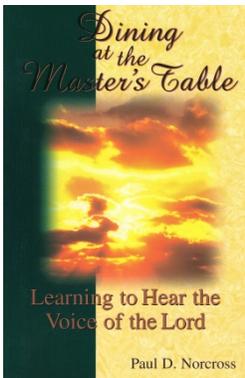
many times I will call you to your holy place so that I can teach and show you things of the spirit. But the door is always open to you at anytime. This is how I want to deal with servants of the King."

Remember:

1. To do anything for the Lord in the spirit realm, you must join your will to the will of the Holy Spirit.
2. Take the Holy Spirit very seriously. Never quit seeking and carrying out the will of the Lord, our King. The Holy Spirit will provide the strength and power to do the Lord's will if you ask for it.
3. Be a warrior who endures without giving up. Don't doubt the Lord's will for you once you discern it.
4. Trust the Holy Spirit completely.
5. There is no self will in heaven.
6. Eat (i.e. discern and do) what the Master gives you. Learn to eat from His table.
7. Enter His rest often. This is your refreshing for battle.
8. Don't carry your watch into the spirit realm. Dinner appointments should last as long as the Holy Spirit and the Lord direct.
9. Jesus is your Lord. Serve Him. He is also your friend. Be one to Him.
10. Enter your secret place to be with the Holy Spirit. Let Him guide you to it. You have free access to Him 24 hours a day.

Sincerely In His service,

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