

Morning Sermon February 3, 2019
"Our Extraordinary Helper" John 14:26

I. *The Helper, an amazing Jack-of-All-Trades and Master of All –*

²⁶ **But the Helper... John 14:26**

παράκλητος^a, ου m: (a title for the Holy Spirit) one who helps, by consoling, encouraging, or mediating on behalf of—'Helper, Encourager, Mediator.' ὁ δὲ παράκλητος, τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ ἅγιον ὃ πέμψει ὁ πατήρ ἐν τῷ ὀνόματί μου 'the Helper, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name' John 14:26.

Louw & Nida Greek English Lexicon

Consider the Holy Spirit's qualifications / resume as a Helper:

1. *He helped in the creation of the world – Genesis 1:2*

2. *He helped Bezalel with wisdom and artistry as He led in building the tabernacle - Exodus 321:1-5*

3. *He enabled Moses to write the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Bible) and enabled seventy men who would be helpers to Moses as he / they governed the people – Numbers 11:25*

4. *Prophets, Priests and Kings were all anointed with oil in the OT times and the oil symbolized God's Spirit as their might –*

⁶ **So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts. Zechariah 4:6**

5. *He is the ultimate Author of Scripture –*

²⁰ **knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, ²¹ for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1:20-21**

The point of these verses is, in fact, not the interpretation of Scripture but the origin of Scripture; not what Scripture means but what Scripture is." G. Thomas

What is Scripture? It is the work of God's Holy Spirit! He wrote it, He can teach us its meaning, lead us in its truth!

6. *In Christ's life He (the Spirit) –*

- A. *Brought about Christ's conception in Mary's womb, overshadowed her – Luke 1:35*
- B. *Enabled Jesus' ministry – Isaiah 11:2; Matthew 12:17-21*
- C. *Led Jesus – Matthew 4:1*
- D. *Enabled Jesus to cast out demons – Matthew 12:28*
- E. *Enabled Jesus to take the cross – Hebrews 9:14*
- F. *Had a role in Christ's resurrection – Romans 8:11*

7. *He has our Lord Jesus' full recommendation -John 14:26;*

- A. *Note Jesus talks about Him repeatedly...*
- B. *The Father (God the Father) sends the Holy Spirit, in Jesus' Name - whom the Father will send in My name, (Jesus' Name) ... John 14:26*

C. *Jesus recommends Him, even to the point Jesus will say to the Apostles –*

⁷ **Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. John 16:7**

II. *The Holy Spirit –*

the Holy Spirit – John 14:26

1. *Who He is as the Holy Spirit –*

A separate transcendent Spirit, absolutely pure, absolutely Divine, absolutely superior in morality to all other Spirits, including angels. Opposite of demonic beings in all He is and does! The Holy Spirit is the third member of the Godhead equal to the Father and Son.

2. *What He does as the Holy Spirit –*

He makes us holy, as God calls us to be –

¹⁵ **but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy." 1 Peter 1:15-16**

1. *To be holy is to be separate, different from a sin-filled world, definitely better than in a righteousness sense –*

²⁰ For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:20

What was wrong with the Pharisees' righteousness?

A. *It was external not internal, for the eyes of men not God's eyes*

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²⁵ “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence. ²⁶ Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also.

²⁷ “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead *men's* bones and all uncleanness. ²⁸ Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness. Matthew 23:25-28

B. *It was human, not divine –*

- *Note in the Matthew 23:26, Jesus calls the Pharisee “Blind” He calls him blind because he was blind to his internal sin, He was blind to this because He was NOT born again by the power of God's Spirit – John 3:3; 3:6-7*
- *As believers, even as born again we must walk in the Spirit. Walking in the Spirit gives us the fruit of the Spirit, which would make us better than the Pharisees, and definitely better than an ungodly world – Psalm 1*

¹⁶ I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. ²⁴ And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Galatians 5:16-25

2. *This holiness is REQUIRED –*

¹⁴ Pursue peace with all, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: Hebrews 12:14

This is the why of the ask, seek, knock PRAYING Jesus says we should be praying for God's Spirit, we want to be filled with the Spirit, walking in the Spirit and not in the flesh, we want the Holy Spirit to make us holy –

“Where the Holy Spirit is, there will always be a holy life.”

J.C. Ryle

III. He is our Teacher –

He will teach you all things ... John 14:26

1. *He taught the apostles and their companions to the point they were able to write the New Testament.*
2. *He teaches us as we read the completed Scriptures –*

¹⁶ All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

The word inspiration has Spirit in its root, the same is true of the Greek word used by Paul in 2 Timothy 3:16

IV. He reminds God's people –

and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. John 14:26

1. *To help them write Scripture.*
2. *To help us remember, even memorize Scripture –*
 - A. *As we get older, we need more help to memorize ...*
 - B. *Yet, in Christ and with the Spirit's help, He is our Helper, our weaknesses can be strengths –*

¹⁰ Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Corinthians 12:10

C. *The more we depend upon God's strength, the more “glory” God receives –*

²⁷ But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; ²⁸ and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, ²⁹ that no flesh should glory in His presence. 1 Corinthians 1:27-29