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Personhood of the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 4:30



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THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

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***λυπέω *lupeō* 2 plur pres
act impera to grieve,
sorrow, pain, mental or
emotional distress,
sadness***

Isa. 55:8, “ ‘For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,’ says the LORD.

Isa. 55:9, “ ‘For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.’ ”

***Yhwh* is the Infinite, Personal Creator-God.**

As such He is beyond our finite, creaturely ability to comprehend in many ways. We can know true things about God, but cannot comprehend all things.

To understand Him, Scripture uses analogies and idioms.

Idioms

Idioms are common expressions which are not to be understood literally, but they do have a set meaning. An idiom is an expression whose meaning is not related to the literal meaning of the words.

Don't burn your bridges.

Doesn't have anything to do with fire or literal bridges. A bridge allows someone to return across a river or obstacles. If the bridge is literal, then it refers to not being able to literally return across a river. The idiom means to not make it impossible to go back to a previous situation.

**On thin ice. Has nothing to do with ice or walking on ice.
But it describes a dangerous or precarious situation.**

An early bird gets the worm. Has nothing to do with birds or worms, but conveys the idea that a person who is up early or gets somewhere early has more opportunities. Of course, the early worm gets eaten.

Anthropomorphisms and Anthropopathisms

In anthropomorphisms, human physical characteristics which God does not actually possess are applied to God to reveal His plans, policies, and attributes in a way that humans can understand and relate to.

Deut. 33:27, “The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms; He will thrust out the enemy from before you, and will say, ‘Destroy!’ ”

2 Chron. 16:9, “For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars.”

Ex. 33:23, “Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen.”

Num. 6:25, “The LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you;”

Psa. 13:1, “How long, O LORD? Will You forget me forever? How long will You hide Your face from me?”

Anthropopathisms

In anthropopathisms human emotions which God does not actually possess are ascribed to Him to help us understand His plans, policies, and purposes.

Joel 2:18, “Then the LORD will be zealous for His land, and pity His people.”

Ex. 15:7, “And in the greatness of Your excellence You have overthrown those who rose against You; You sent forth Your wrath; It consumed them like stubble.”

**Isa. 63:10, “But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit;
So He turned Himself against them as an enemy, and He
fought against them.”**

**Ezek. 6:9, “Then those of you who escape will remember
Me among the nations where they are carried captive,
because I was crushed by their adulterous heart which has
departed from Me, and by their eyes which play the harlot
after their idols; they will loathe themselves for the evils
which they committed in all their abominations.”**

Psa. 78:39, “For He remembered that they were but flesh, a breath that passes away and does not come again.

Psa. 78:40, “How often they provoked Him in the wilderness, and grieved Him in the desert!

Psa. 78:41, “Yes, again and again they tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.”

“Grieving the Spirit”

Conclusions: Grieving God or the Holy Spirit describes with human references to grief, sadness, disappointment, sorrow, the impact on God’s righteousness when the believer rebels or acts contrary to God’s character.

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**What the Bible Teaches
About**

**The Personality of
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Rom. 8:26, “Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”

**τὸ πνεῦμα *to pneuma*
Noun neut sing acc
wind; breath; spirit,
air, Spirit**

**αὐτός *autos* Pronoun
(pers) intens neut sing
nom
he, she, it; self, same;
they (when pl)**

John 14:26, “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”

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Noun neut sing
nominative
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**ἐκεῖνος *ekeinos*
Pronoun (demonst) masc
sing nom that, that one,
he**

1. The Spirit has knowledge and is omniscient.

1 Cor. 2:10, “But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.”

1 Cor. 2:11, “For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.”

1 Cor. 2:9, “But as it is written: ‘*Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.*’ ”

Rom. 8:27, “Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.”

Even though the phrase to “grieve the Holy Spirit” is an idiom, it only has significance if God the Holy Spirit is a person.

1 Cor. 12:11, “But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.”

“As He wills” indicates that He has volition and makes decisions. The distribution of the spiritual gifts is an act of the will of the Holy Spirit.

2. The Holy Spirit operates as a Person, guiding and directing the disciples.

John 16:13, “However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.”

3. The Holy Spirit performs miracles.

Acts 8:39, “Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing.”

4. The Spirit intercedes for us.

Rom. 8:26, “Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”

5. The Holy Spirit can be lied to, resisted, and blasphemed.

Acts 5:3, “But Peter said, ‘Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?’ ”

Acts 7:51, “You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you.”

Matt. 12:31, “Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men.”

6. In this passage He is described with the fullest expression of His titles: The Holy Spirit of God.

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