



# *The* **God** *head*

Studies on the Father,  
Son and Holy Spirit

## Lesson 6

Holy Spirit—Part 1: God's Spirit/Man's Spirit

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### 1. In whose image was man made?

**Genesis 1:26** “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:”

### 2. Who was God talking to? Is there another divine Being in the image of God?

The Bible only describes Christ as being in God's image.

**2 Corinthians 4:4** “In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”

**Philippians 2:6** “Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:”

**Colossians 1:15** “Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:”

**Hebrews 1:3** “Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person,...”

Unless the Bible reveals to us another divine Being in the image and likeness of God, we must conclude that in Genesis 1:26 God, the Father was talking to His Son.

### 3. What does the term “image and likeness” entail?

**Genesis 5:3** “And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:”

We see here that Seth was in the likeness and image of Adam. That includes physical and spiritual.

### 4. What is man (living soul) made of?

**Genesis 2:7** “And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.”

human body + human spirit = living human being

### 5. If man was made in the image of God, and man has two aspects, a spirit and a body, does that mean that God and Christ have a spirit and a bodily form?

#### a. Does God have a bodily form?

- Prophets saw God:

- Micaiah

**1 Kings 22:19** “And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left.”

- Isaiah

**Isaiah 6:1** “In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.”

(Also Daniel [Daniel 7:9, 13] and John [Revelations 4:2, 3] saw God)

- Christ was in the form of God before the Incarnation:

**Philippians 2:6** “Who, being in the form of God, thought it

*not robbery to be equal with God:*"

- Jesus said that His Father has a form which no one other than He has seen:

**John 6:46** *"Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father."* (see also John 5:37)

- We will see God:

**Matthew 5:8** *"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."*

b. Does God have a spirit?

**Father:**

**John 4:24** *"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."* (see also Matthew 10:20)

**Jesus:**

**1 Corinthians 15:45** *"And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit."* (see also Philippians 1:19)

Divine Body/Form + Divine Spirit = Divine Being

## **6. Are there any parallels between man and his spirit with God and His spirit?**

**1 Corinthians 2:11** *"For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God."*

("even so" means "in like manner")

The above text tells us that 'what man's spirit is to man' is the same as 'what God's spirit is to God'. Yet the text marks out a very important difference. While the spirit of man is "in him", the spirit of God is not limited to the bodily form of God.



## 7. What does the spirit of man refer to?

- **Mind**—*Daniel 2:1* “And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him.”

( Obviously Nebuchadnezzar could not sleep because he was thinking of the dream he had. In other words, his mind was troubled.)

- **Heart**—*Psalms 34:18*

*“The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.”*

(see also Psalms 51:10, 17; 77:6; 78:8; Ezekiel 36:26)

- **Life/breath**—*Job 27:3*

*“All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils;”*

(Isaiah 38:16; see also Job 27:3 Revelation 11:11)



The spirit of man is the personality, character and life of the man. It is one's own person.

## 8. How does the Bible explain God's Spirit?

- **Mind**—compare Isaiah 40:13 with Paul's quote in Romans 11:34.

**Isaiah 40:13** “Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being his counsellor hath taught him?”

**Romans 11:34** “For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?” (see also 1 Corinthians 2:16)

- **Life**

**John 6:63** “It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.”

**Romans 8:10** “And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.” (see also Genesis 2:7; Job 27:3; 33:4; Revelation 11:11)

Just like the relation between man and his spirit, so is the relation between God and His spirit. The spirit of God is His own personality, character, life and thoughts.



**9.** If the spirit of man is none other than his own presence/person, then can we say that the spirit of God is His own presence?

*Psalm 139:7* “Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?”

*Psalm 51:11* “Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.”

Conclusion: God has a bodily form and has a spiritual form. His spirit is not limited to His body. In the same way that your spirit is your own person, mind, and presence so is God’s spirit His own person, mind, presence.



# Notes

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