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# Oaks Early Risers Bible Class

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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**  
When the Word of God is within us, it flows out from our life

**POEM FOR THE WEEK:**  
Heavenly Father, we bow in Your presence. Let Your Word be our rule and guide, Your Spirit our teacher, and Your greater glory be our supreme concern, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. — John R. W. Stott

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK:**  
Your testimonies also are my delight And my counselors.  
(Ps 119:24 NKJV)

*(From "Our Daily Bread", Sept 8, 2009)*

**Series: THE SPIRIT COMES**

UNIT: The Pledge of God's Presence

NEXT WEEK

**The Spirit of Peace**  
(John 20:19-23)

## The Spirit of Truth John 16:4-15

### Aim and Application of the Lesson

The lesson explains how we should wait and rely on **The Spirit of Truth**. The **study's aim** is to understand Jesus' fourfold prophecy concerning the Holy Spirit's ministry and see how Jesus' words directly affect our daily lives as we serve Him. The **study's application** is to serve our Lord Jesus faithfully so that we glorify Him.

*(Adapted from the Bible Expositor and Illuminator Commentary)*

### Lesson Introduction and Background

We all wrestle with speaking the truth every day. We all know that lying is unethical. Even little children know that they have done wrong when they tell us lies in an effort to get out of immediate trouble. God wants Christian believers to speak the truth at all times. When we lie, it hurts Him deeply. It is as if we did not trust Him to take care of us. It is a slap in the face of Almighty God. The Bible tells us that His Word is truth, and we are called to follow His Word (cf. John 17:17). What would you want to tell the world if you were leaving the earth in a little while? That is something to think about seriously. Jesus stressed to His disciples that He had something important to tell them before He left the earth and that they were to listen intently. Because Jesus was leaving His disciples in a very short time, there was a sense of urgency about His message. It was good news about the Comforter. Jesus had a message for the disciples that was good news for them. It was about the Person who would remain with them after Christ had left. The Holy Spirit would be with them always, for all time. Jesus' leaving would open the door for the power of the Holy Spirit to work in their lives. It was a dawning of a new age of following the Master. When we understand the power of the Christian message about the gift of the Spirit for us, it will transform our lives for the better.

It is important to see that the Holy Spirit was sent to us from the Father. He was sent with us in mind. When the Spirit came, it was to be the beginning of an age of righteousness for those who put their faith in Him and receive His ministry of help and healing. The Spirit would show the world how to put their trust in Jesus, for it is the Spirit's work to help the world look to Jesus. He points us to Him. When we look to Jesus, we must realize that it is because the Holy Spirit works in our hearts that this trust in Him becomes possible. When we recognize the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives, we must heed His gentle nudging in our hearts. It is His way of pointing us to the Saviour. His presence in us is the holy presence of divine truth that plants itself in our hearts. One of the most important tasks of the Holy Spirit in the lives of those who believe in Jesus is to guide them into all truth. Jesus was essentially telling His disciples to listen to the voice of the Spirit, for He would always speak the words of God's truth to them. The Spirit is the Advocate of truth, for He speaks for God the Father Himself. He reflects for us who God is. We can never go wrong if we listen to the inner nudging of the Holy Spirit. The work of the Holy Spirit can be exciting. For believers, this means that we ought to wait in eager excitement daily to see what the Spirit will reveal to us next about what He is going to do in our lives, He shows us the nature of God. He takes what belongs to God and opens up His treasures for His children. Too often the work of God's Spirit is either forgotten or misunderstood, He reveals the truth of God for us, for He is the very presence of the truth of God.

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## NOTES AND CROSS-REFERENCES

### **PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (JOHN 16:4-7)**

*Promise because Jesus was going away (4-6)*

Going away to prepare a place for us (John 14:2-3)

Going away to a place that we will follow Him later  
(John 13:36)

Going away in His glory (John 17:24)

Going away to a sanctuary (Heb 6:19-20)

Going away in a cloud (Acts 1:9-11)

Going away into heaven (Heb 9:24-25)

*Promise with an advantage (7)*

An advantage because one man's death took the place of many (John 11:50)

An advantage because just as Jesus went away, He is coming back for us (John 14:28)

An advantage because all things work for the good of those who have been called (Rom 8:28)

An advantage because an eternal glory awaits us (2 Cor 4:17)

An advantage because the Holy Spirit replaced Him (Titus 3:4-7)

### **WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (JOHN 16:8-11)**

*Conviction of sin (9)*

Conviction of sin because of not believing in Jesus  
(John 3:18)

Conviction of sin because of not believing Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24)

Conviction of sin because of not being one of Jesus' sheep (John 10:26)

*Conviction of righteousness (10)*

Conviction of righteousness because everyone's acts are like filthy rags (Isa 64:6)

Conviction of righteousness because trying to establish their own righteousness (Rom 10:3)

Conviction of righteousness because of not having the righteousness that comes from God (Rom 3:22-25)

*Conviction of judgment (11)*

Conviction of judgment because there will be a time when Satan will be driven out (John 12:31-32)

Conviction of judgment because there will be a great white throne judgment (Rev 20:11-15)

Conviction of judgment because Satan's destiny is to be thrown into the lake of fire (Rev 20:10)

### **TESTIMONY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (JOHN 16:12-15)**

*Testimony about truth (12-13)*

The truth will be with us forever (2 John 1:2)

The truth God has hidden His Word in our hearts (Ps 119:11)

The truth the Holy Spirit expresses in spiritual words  
(1 Cor 2:10-13)

The truth through the anointing of the Holy Spirit (1 John 2:20)

The truth provided to those who are from God (1 John 4:6)

*Testimony about and from Jesus (14-15)*

Testimony that comes from God through the Holy Spirit (John 15:26)

Testimony that allow us to proclaim Jesus is Lord (1 Cor 12:3)

Testimony that reveals the deep things of God (1 Cor 2:10)

Testimony that provides the light of the knowledge of God (2 Cor 4:6)