

HANDOUT – THE SEVEN SPIRITS THAT ARE BEFORE THE THRONE

Prophecy of the Messiah, Jesus, that describes the Spirit that rests on him.

Isa 11:1 - Isa 11:2 (NASB)

¹ Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse,
And a branch from his roots will bear fruit.
² The **Spirit of the LORD** will rest on Him,
The spirit of **wisdom** and **understanding**,
The spirit of **counsel** and **strength**,
The spirit of **knowledge** and the **fear of the LORD**.
³ And He will delight in the fear of the LORD,

The spirit resting on Jesus would obviously be the Holy Spirit and it is described in seven parts. According to many other Scriptures, each of these aspects of the Spirit are closely interrelated.

(This is not an exhaustive list)

Job 28:28 (NASB)

²⁸ “And to man He said, ‘Behold, the **fear of the Lord**, that is **wisdom**;
And to depart from evil is **understanding**.’”

Psa 111:10 (NASB)

¹⁰ The **fear of the LORD** is the beginning of **wisdom**;
A good **understanding** have all those who do His commandments;
His praise endures forever.

Prov 1:7 (NASB)

⁷ The **fear of the LORD** is the beginning of **knowledge**;
Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Prov 2:1 - Prov 2:6 (NASB)

¹ My son, if you will receive my words
And treasure my commandments within you,
² Make your ear attentive to **wisdom**,
Incline your heart to **understanding**;
³ For if you cry for **discernment**,
Lift your voice for **understanding**;
⁴ If you seek her as silver
And search for her as for hidden treasures;
⁵ Then you will **discern** the **fear of the LORD**
And discover the **knowledge of God**.
⁶ For the LORD gives **wisdom**;
From His mouth *come* **knowledge** and **understanding**.

Prov 8:12 - Prov 8:14 (NASB)

¹² “I, **wisdom**, dwell with **prudence**, (Note: “counsel” can also be translated “prudence”)
And I find **knowledge and discretion**.
¹³ “The **fear of the LORD** is to hate evil;
Pride and arrogance and the evil way
And the perverted mouth, I hate.
¹⁴ “**Counsel** is mine and sound **wisdom**;
I am **understanding**, **power** is mine.

Prov 14:27 (NASB)

²⁷ The **fear of the LORD** is a fountain of life,

Prov 19:23 (NASB)

²³ The **fear of the LORD** *leads* to life,

So that one may sleep satisfied, untouched by evil.

Isa 33:5 - Isa 33:6 (NASB)

⁵ The LORD is exalted, for He dwells on high;
He has filled Zion with justice and righteousness.

⁶ And He will be the stability of your times,
A wealth of salvation, wisdom and knowledge;
The fear of the LORD is his treasure.

There is another prophecy in Scripture that gives us further confirmation. The stone is Jesus.

Zech 3:8 - Zech 3:9 (NASB) ⁸“Now listen, Joshua the high priest, you and your friends who are sitting in front of you—indeed they are men who are a symbol, for behold, I am going to bring in My servant the Branch. ⁹“For behold, the stone that I have set before Joshua; on one stone are seven eyes. Behold, I will engrave an inscription on it,” declares the LORD of hosts, “and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.”

The interpretation of the sevens

Zech 4:4 - Zech 4:6, 10 (NASB) ⁴Then I said to the angel who was speaking with me saying, “What are these, my lord?” ⁵So the angel who was speaking with me answered and said to me, “Do you not know what these are?” And I said, “No, my lord.” ⁶Then he said to me, “This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel saying, ‘Not by might nor by power, but by **My Spirit**,’ says the LORD of hosts. ... ¹⁰“But these seven will be glad when they see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel—*these are the eyes of the LORD which range to and fro throughout the earth.*”

The eyes on the stone are the Spirit in Christ and are the eyes of the Lord which “run” (the literal Hebrew meaning) to and fro throughout the earth.

Knowing that the “eyes of the Lord” represent the Holy Spirit – it is very interesting to look at how this phrase is used in Scripture and substitute “the Holy Spirit”. Look at the similarities to the attributes of the Spirit – as we would expect if our interpretation is right. (This is not an exhaustive list)

Deut 11:11 - Deut 11:12 (NASB) ¹¹“But the land into which you are about to cross to possess it, a land of hills and valleys, drinks water from the rain of heaven, ¹²a land for which the LORD your God cares; the eyes of the LORD your God are always on it, from the beginning even to the end of the year.

Deut 21:9 (NASB) ⁹“So you shall remove the guilt of innocent blood from your midst, when you do what is right in the eyes of the LORD.

2 Chr 16:9 (NASB) ⁹“For the **eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth** that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.

Psa 33:18 (NASB)

¹⁸ Behold, the **eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him**,
On those who hope for His lovingkindness,

Prov 5:21 (NASB)

²¹ For the ways of a man are before the eyes of the LORD,
And He watches all his paths.

Prov 15:3 (NASB)

³ The eyes of the LORD are in every place,
Watching the evil and the good.

Prov 22:11 - Prov 22:12 (NASB)

¹² The **eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge**,