

=THE HOLY SPIRIT=

Lesson 10

The Gifts of the Spirit

INTRODUCTION: This Sunday's lesson will be based on a good understanding of Genesis 24, so each teacher should do the following:

1. Review the story details of Genesis 24. (You'll surely have some pupils who didn't get in on the basic teaching of Genesis 24. Also, we had no study of this chapter last week, so good review is needed!)
2. Review who is symbolized by each of the main characters of Genesis 24.
3. Read I Corinthians 12:1-11, 27-31, and then plan to build on the previous lessons these additional truths.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

1. God does not give the same gift to all Christians. No one gift is given to all.
2. God gives us these gifts as He wills. You don't work it up or even pray for it.
3. The gifts are still available today. (See I Corinthians 13:1-3, 8-13.) There are those who say that I Corinthians 13:13 means no gift is available except faith, hope and love, but that's not so! The gifts won't be done away with until Jesus comes again. They are available now!

II. THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

1. Apostles. Notice I Corinthians 12:28. The word "apostles" does not necessarily mean the 12 Apostles. It means "one sent forth" or a "full-time" worker for God.
2. Prophets. A prophet is one to whom God speaks (not fortune teller, etc.).
3. Teachers. This means counseling, teaching precepts.
4. Miracles. The root word meaning of miracles is dynamite—something supernatural.
5. Healing. This means to make sick folks well.
6. Helps. This means to prop something up, to give support, to be leaned on.
7. Governments. This means to steer, to guide.
8. Diversities of tongues. This means languages, not vague jabberings!

III. PRACTICAL LESSONS

1. Every member of the body has a particular gift and job to do. See I Corinthians 12:12-17. (Make a hinged body and fasten the parts to a bulletin board or tape it to the chalkboard. Take off the foot and have it gripe or be full of jealousy. Apply this to Christians not griping and being jealous. Have a happy foot or a sad foot.)
2. Every member of the body should build up the other members. Anyone can criticize. We should not tear down. Let's build up the body. When one suffers, everyone suffers. When one rejoices, everyone rejoices. It is more fun to speak good than bad. Let's build up one another.