

DAY 42: GIFTS OF INSIGHT

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DAY 42 MORNING PRAYER

Psalm 139

You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

¹ You have searched me, LORD,
and you know me.

² You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

³ You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.

⁴ Before a word is on my tongue
you, LORD, know it completely.

You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

⁵ You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.

⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?

⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,

¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.

¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me
and the light become night around me,"

¹² even the darkness will not be dark to you;
the night will shine like the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

¹³ For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you

when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.
You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.
¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts,^[a] God!
How vast is the sum of them!
¹⁸ Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand—
when I awake, I am still with you.
¹⁹ If only you, God, would slay the wicked!
Away from me, you who are bloodthirsty!
²⁰ They speak of you with evil intent;
your adversaries misuse your name.
You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.
²¹ Do I not hate those who hate you, LORD,
and abhor those who are in rebellion against you?
²² I have nothing but hatred for them;
I count them my enemies.
²³ Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.**
You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

MEDITATION

I GIVE YOU WORD OF WISDOM, WORD OF KNOWLEDGE, DISCERNMENT, HEART OF MY LONGING. We are getting closer and closer to Me giving more of Myself to you and you giving more of yourself to Me. This journey, together, has filled Me with an overflowing abundance of joy. Thank you for allowing us to walk together over these past 42 days. In nine days, I am coming to you like I came to the apostles on the Day of Pentecost. As I come, I want to give you gifts that I can pour through you to reach My people in a tangible way with My love. The three charisms (*Greek for gifts*) that we will explore today are gifts where I give insight to My people: Word of Wisdom, Word of Knowledge, and Discernment. In these three I have hidden My voice in your heart for you to hear and then for you to speak.

Word of Knowledge is when I allow you to know something about someone or a situation that you do not know because of being told by others or through your

observation. I will put impressions in your spirit whereby, as you speak forth these insights, My people will know that I love them and see their lives. When I use you in Word of Wisdom I will give practical direction for the Church or for individuals which will instruct them as to what to do, when to do it, and with whom to do whatever My will is conveying to them. The gift of discernment gives the Church through you being surrendered to Me insight as to what spirit is moving in a person or situation. One of the following spirits is moving in any moment: the human spirit which is governed by intellect or emotion, bringing glory to itself; an evil spirit which seeks to steal, kill, and destroy; or Me, and I am always there to give you what is needed for life and holiness.

People cry out to Me for help and guidance, yet few of My people will allow me to use them so that the crying-out soul can receive the help and guidance they need. Surrendered One, do not let this be the case in our relationship. Let Me use you for the sake of others. Do not let concern for how you will appear be the determining factor as to if I can touch My people through you with My presence and power. When an impression comes to your heart, as long as the person would not be harmed by a possible mistake on your part, then step out, please, and share with them. I give you permission to use this disclaimer, *“I am practicing listening to God. I think He has put something on my heart for you. Do you mind if I give it a try? By the way, I am really nervous, but I think it is more important for me to take the risk, just in case I am hearing rightly from God. Can I give it a try?”*

JOURNAL EXERCISE:

What thoughts and feelings came to mind as you read this meditation?

Howe do you feel about being used by God in the gifts of Word of Knowledge, Word of Wisdom and Discernment? Do you find it exciting or scary?

Write a prayer to the Holy Spirit asking for help in opening your spirit to hear Holy Spirit for others:

Spiritual Exercise

Throughout the day make it your constant aim to pray the Declaration for the Day.

Try to memorize the scripture for today.

With whom can you share today's experience with the Holy Spirit?

DECLARATION FOR DAY 42:

Throughout the day come back to this prayer and pray it from your heart.

I am preparing and opening my heart
to receive the grace of the Baptism of the
Holy Spirit in 8 days.



DAY 42 EVENING PRAYER:

1 Cor 2:11

For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit

On my knees before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses -

the Glorious Theotokos, the God Bearer, the Mother of God;

with the Seraphim and Cherubim;

with Thrones, Dominions, Virtues and Powers;

with Archangels, Principalities, and Guardian Angels;

and all the Saints.

I offer myself, spirit, soul, and body to You,
Eternal Spirit, Lover of My Soul.

I adore the brightness of Your purity,
the unerring keenness of Your justice,
and the might of Your love.

You are the Strength and Light of my all I am.
In You I live, and move, and have my being.
I desire never to grieve You by unfaithfulness to Your grace
and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against You.
Merciful Spirit of Truth,
guard my every Thought and grant that I may always watch for Your light,
listening to Your voice,
following Your gracious inspirations.

I cling to Your covenant and give to You,
myself,
completely,
without reserve,
Love of my love,
Life within my life.

I ask You in Your infinite compassion to watch over me for I am weak and small.

I need Your help, Holy Spirit.

Gazing with love and gratitude upon the Cross,

holding the pierced feet of Jesus,
looking at his five wounds,
trusting in his precious blood,
and adoring his open side and pierced heart,
I implore You,
Spirit of Oblation,
You who are worthy of my adoration,
Helper of in my infirmity,
to keep me in Your Divine Life of sanctifying grace that I may never sin against
You ever again.

Holy Spirit, Triune God,
Spirit of the Father and the Son,
help me to pray to You in all situations,
“Speak Lord for your servant is listening,”
that I might always know and do the Father’s will in all things and at all times.
In Jesus name.
Amen.

REVIEW OF DAY:

What sticks out to you from today’s encounter with the Holy Spirit?

How do you think today’s encounter with the Holy Spirit will affect your life?

With whom did you share today’s encounter? How did they respond?

Come, Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of Your Love.
Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created,
and You shall renew the face of the earth.
Oh God, Who by the light of the Holy Spirit
instructed the hearts of the faithful,
grant, that by the same Spirit
we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

Further Thoughts: