

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and **the Holy Spirit was upon him**. And it had been **revealed to him by the Holy Spirit** that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came **in the Spirit** into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God...**Luke 2:25-28**

The Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him. **Acts 5:32**

Now after these events Paul resolved **in the Spirit** to pass through Macedonia and Achaia and go to Jerusalem, saying, "After I have been there, I must also see Rome." **Acts 19:21**

Praying in the Spirit is the Holy Spirit moving in our heart(s) to desire and seek God's will

For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him. **Philippians 2:13 NLT**

Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. **Luke 18:1**

"If a sinner comes to God seated on the throne of judgement he will feel nothing but dread and terror and will foolishly try to avoid him and his displeasure...where men have 'a spirit of bondage to fear', they can never have any delight in approaching God. This is removed by the Spirit of grace and supplication which consists of two things: enlarged liberty in speaking to God in prayer, and

confidence of being heard and accepted” **John Owen**, *The Spirit and the Church*, p.III

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. **Romans 8:15-16**

The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love. **Psalms 147:11**

But your sinful acts have alienated you from your God; your sins have caused him to reject you and not listen to your prayers. **Isaiah 59:2 NET**

If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. **Psalms 66:18**

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: **John 16:7-8**

IMPLICATIONS

1. We need to walk in the Spirit before we pray in the Spirit!
2. We need to let the Spirit move us.