

THE SPIRIT

[Old Testament]

1. Spirit of God was hovering over the waters

Day 1

Genesis 1:2

Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

This is the first reference of the Spirit of God in the Bible. The Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. Then we know what happened. The earth was filled with so many things.

Imagine the time before we could accept Jesus as Lord. Most of us were deep but darkness was over the surface of the deep. Most of us felt insignificant, insecure and empty.

The Spirit of God saw us and filled us with so many things. The Spirit felt good, we felt good.

Application

Remember the events when we first started to put God number one in our life and started following. Praise God through it.

2. The Spirit will not contend with humans forever

Day 2

Genesis 6:3,5-6

3 Then the Lord said, "My Spirit will not contend with humans forever, for they are mortal; their days will be a hundred and twenty years."

5 The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.

6 The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled

This is the second reference of the word "Spirit". But the context is totally different. Now the earth is filled with so many things but the heart of the Lord was deeply troubled. God wanted to remove everything from the earth but leave one pair of everything and one family.

Wickedness of the human race was great. Every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.

How are we today after following Jesus. May be you are following for 6 years or 10 years or 25 years or more, how is our heart today. Would God feel good or deeply troubled? Would God want to remove what he has filled us with? He will leave a pair so that from that we can build our relationship with God.

Application

Let us think about all the things God has filled us up with when we followed him. How are we making use of them today? Have a dialogue with God.

3. Can we find anyone like this man?

Day 3

Genesis 41:38-40

38 So Pharaoh asked them, “Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God?”

39 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one so discerning and wise as you.

40 You shall be in charge of my palace, and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you.”

Someone who doesn't know much about our God is attesting Joseph that he has the spirit of God. What was special in Joseph? So discerning and wise. Joseph credited it to God. Let us think about Joseph's following words to Pharaoh in the early scriptures

- God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do. (v25)
- God has shown Pharaoh what he is about to do. (v28)
- The matter has been firmly decided by God, and God will do it soon. (v32)

God also has enabled us to be discerning and wise. Are we giving the credit to God? How much we use the word “God” in our conversations.

Application

Let us think about few situations God used us powerfully like Joseph and someone recognized us as a man/woman of God.

Exodus 31:1-3

1 Then the Lord said to Moses,

*2 “See, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah,
3 and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding,
with knowledge and with all kinds of skills*

The first person mentioned in the Bible as, “filled with the Spirit of God”.

- Who mentioned it? God himself.
- What else was mentioned? Filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding and with all kinds of skills.

Is that true with us too? God not only filled us with His Spirit but with wisdom, with understanding and specific skills which are needed to build His Kingdom.

We can be sure Bezalel did a wonderful job with those skills. What if he didn't? God might have chosen another person and transferred those to another person to execute His plan.

How are we utilizing the skills God has filled us with to build His Kingdom? Are we busy using them to bring glory to God or are we too busy in the worldly kingdom that we don't have time for God's Kingdom?

Application

Are we using our spiritual gifts for the common good? Decide to do it more and more and commit yourself to build God's kingdom.

Numbers 11:16-17

16 The Lord said to Moses: “Bring me seventy of Israel's elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the tent of meeting, that they may stand there with you.

17 I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take some of the power of the Spirit that is on you and put it on them. They will share the burden of the people with you so that you will not have to carry it alone.

The earlier verses talk about Moses' mind. "I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me. If this is how you are going to treat me, please go ahead and kill me—if I have found favor in your eyes—and do not let me face my own ruin" (v14-15).

Depression is real. But so is God. Anxiety is real. But so is hope. God strengthens us when we are in desperate need.

Once they are filled with God's Spirit what they will do. They will share the burden of the people. How much are we sharing the burden of the people.

Application

Get some time with people who are burdened and encourage them.

6. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied

Day 6

Numbers 11:25-26

25 Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied—but did not do so again.

26 However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp.

When God decides to do something, He will do it whether we attend the meeting or not. When we are listed as some leaders or mentors or caretakers... God will enable us to preach His word (prophecy).

Interestingly we can read that God took some of the power of the Spirit that was on Moses and put it on the seventy elders. How great to be around men and women of God who are led by the Spirit. There are great chances that God can enable us with those powers of the Spirit.

Application

Who is like Moses in your life? Spend time with him and listen to his/her life.

Numbers 11:27-29

27 A young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.”

28 Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses’ aide since youth, spoke up and said, “Moses, my lord, stop them!”

29 But Moses replied, “Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the Lord’s people were prophets and that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!”

Sometimes in our zeal (like Joshua), we might not like God using people who don’t follow some system. We even wanted God to stop them doing something good. But Moses handled this differently.

Moses wanted everyone to be prophets and God uses everyone. How about us today? What is our wish as a disciple, what is our wish as a leader or a care taker? Do we believe that God has filled all chosen ones with the same Spirit?

Application

Let us think about the times, when we in our zeal, made some wrong moves. Thank God for his kindness and compassion.

Numbers 14:20-24

20 The Lord replied, “I have forgiven them, as you asked.

21 Nevertheless, as surely as I live and as surely as the glory of the Lord fills the whole earth,

22 not one of those who saw my glory and the signs I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness but who disobeyed me and tested me ten times—

23 not one of them will ever see the land I promised on oath to their ancestors. No one who has treated me with contempt will ever see it.

24 But because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it.

Not one of them but you can! How strong this statement is? Is that one out of 6,00,000 men? God himself said that Caleb had a different spirit and followed Him wholeheartedly.

What hardship it would have taken for Caleb to be the one where the world around him was always complaining and grumbling?

How quick are we to say the world is bad? Are we living differently, following God whole heartedly? Are we conforming to the pattern of the world or transforming by the renewing of our mind (Romans 12:2).

Application

Let us recite the marriage vow to God. I, _____, take thee to be my Lord and Saviour, to have and to hold, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love, cherish, and to obey till death.

9. The Spirit turned the curse into a blessing

Day 9

Numbers 24:1-2,10

1 Now when Balaam saw that it pleased the Lord to bless Israel, he did not resort to divination as at other times, but turned his face toward the wilderness.

2 When Balaam looked out and saw Israel encamped tribe by tribe, the Spirit of God came on him.

10 Then Balak's anger burned against Balaam. He struck his hands together and said to him, "I summoned you to curse my enemies, but you have blessed them these three times."

Sometimes we never know or can understand what God does behind the screen. When God decides to bless, He can use anyone, any place, any situation to bless. Nothing can stop God from doing what He want to do.

Imagine here Balak made all arrangements for the people of God to be cursed. The Spirit turned the curse into a blessing.

The question we need to ask is whether God is pleased to bless us. Imagine the scene, "Balak struck his hands together".

Application

Have we faced any situation like this.. someone thought of cursing or trapping us and God rescued / blessed us. Thank God for His love, power and timing.

Numbers 27:18-20

18 So the Lord said to Moses, "Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit of leadership, and lay your hand on him.

19 Have him stand before Eleazar the priest and the entire assembly and commission him in their presence.

20 Give him some of your authority so the whole Israelite community will obey him.

If we think about leadership. Moses was an amazing leader. Leading more than 6,00,000 plus people. We can't imagine how he was able to. Obviously, God led them powerfully.

Now someone need to fill this place after Moses. Here we see God handing it over to Joshua. God says, "a man in whom is the spirit of leadership". Prior to this, people saw Joshua always with Moses and helping him. So mostly, the next leader is the one who follows the previous leader.

Leadership is not only there in office, church... it is there at home too. Every father / mother / elder... is a leader. The children or younger people look the older one has leaders and want to help and imitate.

Application

How good are we as a leader at home, ministry, office...? Do we have people who can look up to us because of our commitment to God?

Judges 3:9-11

9 But when they cried out to the Lord, he raised up for them a deliverer, Othniel son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, who saved them.

10 The Spirit of the Lord came on him, so that he became Israel's judge and went to war. The Lord gave Cushan-Rishathaim king of Aram into the hands of Othniel, who overpowered him.

11 So the land had peace for forty years, until Othniel son of Kenaz died.

The book of judges displays the power of the Spirit in a great way starting from Othniel. The Spirit of the Lord came on Gideon (6:34), Jephthah (11:29), Samson (14:6).

What was common in most of them?

- Fought battles and delivered Israel.
- The land had peace.

God can use us to change a desperate situation to a peaceful one. The Spirit can enable us to tear the lion apart.

Application

Remember the times when God delivered you/family or helped you to deliver others and praise God for all that He did.

12. The Spirit changes you into a different person

Day 12

I Samuel 10:6-7

6 The Spirit of the Lord will come powerfully upon you, and you will prophesy with them; and you will be changed into a different person.

7 Once these signs are fulfilled, do whatever your hand finds to do, for God is with you.

Imagine some powerful man says this to us, “do whatever your hand finds to do, for God is with you”. That’s exactly Samuel told Saul. But conditions apply.

Once these signs are fulfilled, then do whatever.... Those signs include, you will prophesy and you will be changed into a different person.

The same promise is given to us in Psalm 1:3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.

Application

Meditate on Psalm 1.

13. Spirit of the Lord had departed

Day 13

I Samuel 16:14-16

14 Now the Spirit of the Lord had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord tormented him.

15 Saul's attendants said to him, "See, an evil spirit from God is tormenting you.

16 Let our lord command his servants here to search for someone who can play the lyre. He will play when the evil spirit from God comes on you, and you will feel better."

Not an encouraging statement to hear, "Spirit of the Lord departed". And adding to that an evil spirit from the Lord tormented him.

Let us think about this statement said by the attendants to Saul, "See, an evil spirit from God is tormenting you". Looks like it was obvious to Saul's servants, but it does not seem to be obvious to Saul. Often our spiritual condition is far more apparent to others than it is to ourselves.

They suggested for lyre to be played so that Saul can feel better. When we are tormented, it is good to sing or listen to some songs. As songs powerfully communicate to our inner being.

Application

Sing few of your favorite songs.

14. The Spirit turned warriors into worshippers

Day 14

I Samuel 19:19-21,23

19 Word came to Saul: "David is in Naioth at Ramah";

20 so Saul sent men to capture him. But when they saw a group of prophets prophesying, with Samuel standing there as their leader, the Spirit of God came on Saul's men, and they also prophesied.

21 Saul was told about it, and he sent more men, and they prophesied too. Saul sent men a third time, and they also prophesied.

23 So Saul went to Naioth at Ramah. But the Spirit of God came even on him, and he walked along prophesying until he came to Naioth.

This was an unusual work of the Holy Spirit – to come upon men who did not seek after God, who did not long to be filled with the Spirit. God did this to protect David, and this was His way of "disarming" those who came to capture David. The Hebrew word translated "prophesy" can mean "to sing songs and praise God" as well as "to foretell events."

God protected David and Samuel, not by sending an army but by sending the Holy Spirit to turn warriors into worshippers. “The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds” (2 Cor. 10:4)

Application

How is our worship today? What need to be improved in our worship or how can we take it higher?

15. The Spirit instructs and warns

Day 15

Nehemiah 9:20,30

20 You gave your good Spirit to instruct them. You did not withhold your manna from their mouths, and you gave them water for their thirst.

30 For many years you were patient with them. By your Spirit you warned them through your prophets. Yet they paid no attention, so you gave them into the hands of the neighboring peoples.

- v22 - The cycle began with God showing His goodness to His people and with God’s people being blessed.
- v26 - Then, in the time of comfort and abundance, God’s people turn from Him.
- v27 - Then, God brings correction – a “wake-up call” to His people.
- v27 - As a result, God’s people then turn back to Him.
- v28 - Then, blessed and satisfied, God’s people again turn from Him, and the cycle continues.
- V31 - As the cycle continues, the motions of each cycle get deeper and deeper – but God doesn’t change.

Application

Meditate on Nehemiah chapter 9 and understand how the Spirit instructs and warns and how God keeps His covenant of love.

16. The Spirit of God has made us

Day 16

Job 33:3-6

3 My words come from an upright heart; my lips sincerely speak what I know.

4 The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

5 Answer me then, if you can; stand up and argue your case before me.

6 I am the same as you in God's sight; I too am a piece of clay.

These are the words of Elihu to Job. May be he believed that he could be an effective spokesman for Job before God. This is a remarkable speech because it introduces into the debate a new insight into the purpose of suffering.

Job's friends had argued that his suffering was evidence that God was punishing him for his sins, but Elihu now argues that sometimes God permits us to suffer to keep us from sin. In other words, suffering may be preventive and not punitive. Ultimately, the Spirit of God has made us.

V28 - God has delivered me from going down to the pit, and I shall live to enjoy the light of life.

Application

Let us make all efforts so that we can live to enjoy the light of life.

17. The Spirit renews the face of the ground

Day 17

Psalm 104:27-30

27 All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.

28 When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.

29 When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust.

30 When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

On the first day of creation, the Holy Spirit brooded over the waters and that same Spirit gives new life to creation when the winter season ends. The Spirit also provides life and power to the church, God's "new creation."

Mankind has learned to control a great deal of nature, but the issues of life and death are still in the hands of God. How generous He is to a world that ignores Him, rebels against Him, and rarely gives thanks for His generous gifts!

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. (2 Corinthians 4:16)

Application

Thank God for renewing us day by day. Remember the scriptures which has transformed us in this spiritual journey.

18. The Spirit is there wherever you go

Day 18

Psalm 139:7-8

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.

The Spirit is present everywhere, and there is no corner or dimension of the universe hidden from Him. The presence of God's glory is in heaven; the presence of his power on earth; the presence of his justice in hell; and the presence of his grace with his people.

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. (Hebrews 4:13)

Application

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). Take time to confess.

19. The Spirit of the LORD is upon the Messiah

Day 19

Isaiah 11:2-4

2 The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him - the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord -

3 and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears;

4 but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.

When we are led by the Spirit, we will delight in the fear of the Lord. We will not judge by what we see with our eyes or decide what we hear with our ears.

Righteousness should be evident in our life. Matthew 5:20 - For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Can people see the Spirit of the Lord upon us? Are we led by the Spirit?

Application

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled (Matthew 5:6). How are we in our righteousness?

20. Carry out plans led by the Spirit

Day 20

Isaiah 30:1-3

1 "Woe to the obstinate children," declares the Lord, "to those who carry out plans that are not mine, forming an alliance, but not by my Spirit, heaping sin upon sin;

2 who go down to Egypt without consulting me; who look for help to Pharaoh's protection, to Egypt's shade for refuge.

3 But Pharaoh's protection will be to your shame, Egypt's shade will bring you disgrace.

How does God see us today with all our plans? Are we obstinate children? Obstinate means refusing to change our opinions, way of behaving, etc. when other people try to persuade us.

Sins do not usually stand alone. When one is committed, it is often necessary to commit others in order to carry out and complete the plan which that contemplated.

Wherever we find protection without God in it, it will be to our shame and disgrace. It is one sin to reject the LORD, and another sin altogether to trust in something else.

Application

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans (Proverbs 16:3).

Isaiah 34:16-17

16 Search from the book of the LORD, and read: Not one of these shall fail; Not one shall lack her mate. For My mouth has commanded it, and His Spirit has gathered them.

17 He has cast the lot for them, And His hand has divided it among them with a measuring line. They shall possess it forever; From generation to generation they shall dwell in it.

How do we respect the word of God? Search from the book of the Lord and read. What a powerful statement it is?

When and how we can find the knowledge of God? Proverbs 2:2-5 My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding - indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.

Application

Search the word of God for something you are looking for.

Isaiah 40:13-14

13 Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, Or as His counselor has taught Him?

14 With whom did He take counsel, and who instructed Him, And taught Him in the path of justice? Who taught Him knowledge, And showed Him the way of understanding?

Another aspect of God to behold is His great wisdom. He has the raw intelligence to know how much dust there is in the earth, and how heavy the mountains and the hills are.

But more than that, God has the wisdom to use that knowledge. God is so wise, that no one has directed the Spirit of the LORD; no one as His counselor has taught Him.

God needs no counsel, no instruction, no teacher, and no one to show Him the way of understanding.

Application

Thank the Spirit, the best Counselor one could ever have.

23. Do not grieve the Holy Spirit

Day 23

Isaiah 63:8-10

8 He said, "Surely they are my people, children who will be true to me"; and so he became their Savior.

9 In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

10 Yet they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit. So he turned and became their enemy and he himself fought against them.

Why we should not grieve the Holy Spirit of God?

- God is our Savior.
- He too feels distressed when we are distressed.
- Angel of his presence saved us.
- In his love and mercy he redeemed us.
- He lifted us up and carrying us everyday.

Application

What are somethings that can grieve the Holy Spirit in our life? Let us examine our hearts.

24. Can people around see the spirit of the holy gods in us?

Day 24

Daniel 4:8-9

8 Finally, Daniel came into my presence and I told him the dream. (He is called Belteshazzar, after the name of my god, and the spirit of the holy gods is in him.)

9 I said, “Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in you, and no mystery is too difficult for you. Here is my dream; interpret it for me.

These are few statements who don't know much about God told about Daniel

- The spirit of the holy gods is in him (4:8-9, 4:18, 5:11,14)
- No mystery is too difficult for you (4:9)
- Found to have insight and intelligence and wisdom like that of the gods (5:11,14)

What do people around us, see in us? Let us think about this passage I Corinthians 9:22-23. ... I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

Application

Why we do what we do? What are we doing for the sake of the gospel?

25. Spirit of God or spirit of prostituion?

Day 25

Hosiah 4:12, 5:4

4:12 My people consult a wooden idol, and a diviner's rod speaks to them. A spirit of prostitution leads them astray; they are unfaithful to their God.

5:4 “Their deeds do not permit them to return to their God. A spirit of prostitution is in their heart; they do not acknowledge the Lord.

Signs of few who has the spirit of prostitution...

- They consult some created beings than the creator
- They are led astray
- They are unfaithful to their God
- Their deeds to not permit them to return to their God
- They do not acknowledge the Lord

Application

What are some signs we have that we are led by the Holy Spirit?

Joel 2:28-29

28 “And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.

29 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

The questions we need to ask are :

- Do our children prophesy?
- If we are old, do we dream dreams?
- If we are young, do we see visions?

Proverbs 29:18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

That gospel is an open vision, which holds forth Christ, which humbles the sinner and exalts the Saviour, which promotes holiness in the life and conversation: and these are precious truths to keep the soul alive, and prevent it from perishing.

Application

What are your visions/dreams – then, now and future. Thank and seek God.

Micah 3:8

But as for me, I am filled with power, with the Spirit of the Lord, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression, to Israel his sin.

Like most prophets in the Old Testament, Micah’s job was to expose the sin of God’s people. Micah rebuked the false prophets, whose lies made it easy for the corrupt officials to carry on their evil deeds.

An astonishing and horrible thing has been committed in the land: the prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule by their own power; and My people love to have it so” (Jer. 5:30–31).

Are we confused about what is truth and what are lies?

Application

What are some lies people are deceived by? Ask God for guidance.

28. The Spirit remains among us. Let us not fear

Day 28

Haggai 2:5-9

5 'This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.'

6 "This is what the Lord Almighty says: 'In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land.

7 I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the Lord Almighty.

8 'The silver is mine and the gold is mine,' declares the Lord Almighty.

9 'The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,' says the Lord Almighty. 'And in this place I will grant peace,' declares the Lord Almighty.'"

God not only promised the coming of Messiah and the glory of God in the future temples, but He also promised peace. "In this place" refers to the city of Jerusalem where the Messiah will reign as "Prince of peace".

Those who believe on Jesus today have peace with God (Rom. 5:1) because of His atoning death and victorious resurrection. They may also enjoy the "peace of God" as they yield to Christ and trust wholly in Him.

Application

What are our fears and insecurities? Pray through it.

29. Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit

Day 29

Zechariah 4:6

6 So he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty.

The word might refers to military might, what people can do together, but the remnant had no army. “Power” refers to the strength of the individual, but Zerubbabel’s strength was no doubt waning. “Don’t be discouraged!” was the prophet’s message. “The Spirit of God will enable us to do what an army could never do!”

There are three ways we can attempt to do the work of God:

- we can trust our own strength and wisdom;
- we can borrow the resources of the world; or
- we can depend on the power of the Spirit of God.

The first two approaches may appear to succeed, but they’ll fail in the end. Only work done through the power of the Spirit will glorify God and endure the fires of His judgment.

Application

Where do we put our trust? Let us examine.

30. Spirit spoke through the prophets

Day 30

Zechariah 7:12

They made their hearts as hard as flint and would not listen to the law or to the words that the Lord Almighty had sent by his Spirit through the earlier prophets. So the Lord Almighty was very angry.

The Lord was angry. People would not listen to the words of the Lord. They refused to pay attention; stubbornly they turn their backs and covered their ears (v.11). What did the Spirit speak through the prophets...?

- Administer true justice (v9)
- Show mercy and compassion to one another (v9)
- Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the foreigner or the poor(v9)
- Do not plot evil against each other (v9)

Application

Is there anything from v9 we have to repent of? Let us not make the Lord angry. Let us be led by the Spirit and live in peace.