

## Christian Privilege, Part 4

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**Text:** 1 John 2:20, 27

### Opening Summary

Another amazing privilege Christians have is the privilege of having the Spirit of God rest upon us. This privilege helps us to avoid Satan's pitfalls. As a result, we have the ability to complete the work Jesus began on the earth as we activate this special endowment.

- I. Isaiah prophesies about the coming Messiah (Isa. 11:1).
  - A. Acts 10:38: Jesus paid the penalty for sin (Acts 2:27; Col. 2:15).
  - B. Eph. 1:20-23: God raised us up with Jesus (Ps 9:17).
  - C. With the anointing, Christians will complete the work Jesus started (Eph. 2:5).
  - D. The anointing is available for the church.
  - E. Jesus has the full measure of the anointing.
  - F. Collectively, the church has all the anointing Jesus has.
  - G. Isaiah prophesies about the Child in the womb (Isa. 11:1-3).
  - H. The fear of the Lord is what makes the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, the Spirit of Counsel and Might, and the Spirit of Knowledge work.
  - I. He doesn't judge by the flesh.
  
- II. What is the fear of the Lord (Pro. 8:13)?
  - A. The fear of the Lord hates evil.
  - B. *Hate* means *hate*. You don't want to be around things you hate.
  - C. God hates evil: pride, arrogance, the evil way and the perverse mouth.
  
- III. The Spirit of Wisdom: *Wisdom* means to be *skillful*. The anointing will make you skillful beyond your natural ability (Isa. 11:2).
  - A. The fear of the Lord protects you from being trapped (2 Tim. 3:15; Mat. 10:19).
    1. This anointing/*wisdom* is given to Christians (in Christ Jesus/2 Tim. 3:15).
    2. Wisdom instructs you in daily living (Isa. 11:16-17).
    3. The anointing fully equips you.
    4. Live according to the Scripture.
    5. Christians are not to live according to the beggarly elements of this world.
    6. If you're with God you would hate abortion (Luke 1:41-44).
  - B. The fear of the Lord will teach you how to be debt free (Psa. 34:9-16).
  - C. Evil consists of everything opposite to the Scripture (Psa. 34:14).
  - D. The fear of the Lord is the starting point (beginning) of knowledge (Prov. 1:7).

- IV. The fear of the Lord is about choices you make *for* God or *against* God
- A. *Understanding* means a good success (Psa. 111:10).
  - B. You have to pursue after God's Word (Pro. 2:1-11).
    1. You don't understand righteousness after the flesh. Wisdom teaches you when you submit to God's way (Job 38:4-41).
    2. Discretion is "a plan." When you submit to wisdom, God will give you "a plan."
    3. Your deliverance depends on the choices you make.
    4. I need to stay under the fear of the Lord. Therefore, there are certain things I cannot support.
- V. With the fear of the Lord your life will be long and of a high quality (Pro. 10:27).
- A. It's better to have little with the fear of the Lord (Pro. 15:16). When my wife and I graduated from Bible school, *the Lord* didn't let me pursue a secular job to make more money. My job was to preach the Word. I followed His direction and we never lacked. God always provided and we remained debt free (Psa. 37:25).
  - B. Before the anointing, comes humility (Pro. 15:32, 33).
  - C. The fear of the Lord causes you to be satisfied (Pro. 19:23).
  - D. Riches, honor and life come after humility (Pro. 22:4-6).
- VI. The Spirit of Understanding: *Understand* means to *understand the true meaning* (Isa. 11:1).
- A. The true reason we are experiencing the issues of the day is that satan is trying to stop the gospel from being preached.
  - B. Jesus understood the real reason certain Pharisees questioned Him.
  - C. With the Spirit of Understanding active, you will understand the true meaning of things.
- VII. The Spirit of Counsel: *Counsel* means *purpose*.
- A. Jesus understood the purpose of His life.
  - B. I understand my purpose in life.
  - C. Christians must understand their purpose in life.
  - D. Faith starts when you know God's will.
- VIII. The Spirit of Might: *Might* means *power and strength*.
- IX. These privileges work in you when you hate what God's hate (Pro. 8:13).
- A. Paul prophesied about Christians the last days (1 Tim. 4:1).
  - B. Jesus said Christians will be *deceived by satan* in the last days (Mat. 24:1).
  - C. *Satan will be defeated* (Rev. 20:2, 10, 14).

### Closing Summary

What a privilege we have, as Christians! Let's remember to activate the privilege of having the Spirit of God to rest upon us. We activate this anointing when we live and move in the fear of the Lord.