

Treasure Hunt

- Who receives the “baptism with ... fire”?
- What is the purpose of this baptism?
- Why did Jesus, a righteous man, undergo a “baptism of repentance”?
- How does the coming of the Spirit reinforce the similarity between the Lord Jesus and two people in the OT with whom we have often compared him?
- What two meanings does “God’s son” have in the Old Testament?
- Which one is in view in Matt 3:17? How can we know this?

Baptism with Spirit and Fire

The People: “He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire”

The Prophecy:

Mal 3:1 the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, ... 2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he *is* like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: 3 And he shall sit *as* a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

The Imagery: with “wheat and chaff,” contrast “wheat and tares”...

Mat 13:30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

The Promise:

1Co 3:12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.



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Fulfilling All Righteousness

What makes the “servant of the Lord” righteous?

Isa 53:11 by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

How John later characterizes Jesus:

Joh 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

Compare Nathanael’s characterization:

Joh 1:49 Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.

Three Men Named “Jesus”

	Joshua	Elisha	Our Lord
Name	Jehovah is Salvation	God is Salvation	Jehovah is Salvation
Forerunner and Teacher	Moses	Elijah	John
Marked by the Spirit	Num 27:8 Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit,	2Ki 2:15 they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha.	Matt 3:16 and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him

The Spirit and the Messiah

In Type:

Moses → Joshua:

Num 27:18 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, **a man in whom is the spirit**, and lay thine hand upon him;

Elijah → Elisha:

1Ki 19:16 Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint *to be* prophet in thy room.

2Ki 2:9 And Elisha said, ... let a double portion of thy **spirit** be upon me.

2Ki 2:15 they said, **The spirit of Elijah** doth rest on Elisha.

In Prophecy:

Isa 11:1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: 2 And **the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him**, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

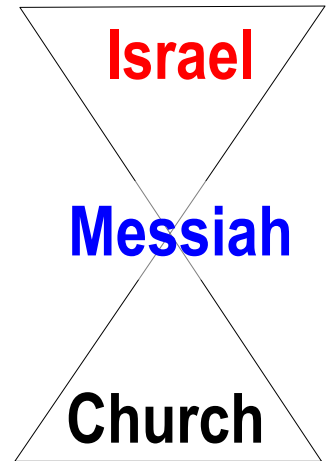
Isa 42:1 Behold [Jacob] my servant, whom I uphold; [Israel] mine elect, *in whom* my soul delighteth; **I have put my spirit upon him**: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. [additions from LXX; compare Isa 41:8 But thou, Israel, *art* my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend.]

Isa 61:1-2 **The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me**; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, ...

3:17 my Beloved Son

Two senses of divine sonship in the OT:

- The **nation**: Exo 4:22 And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn:
- The **Messiah**:
 - Psa 2:7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.
 - 2Sa 7:14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son.
- Unifying the two: the Servant hourglass



Which is in focus in Matt 1-3?

Mat 2:14-15 When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: 15 And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, **Out of Egypt have I called my son.**

With 3:17 “my beloved son” ο υιος μου ο αγαπητος compare Jer 31:20 **Is Ephraim my dear son** υιος αγαπητος εμοι? is he a pleasant child? for since I spake against him, I do earnestly remember him still: therefore my bowels are troubled for him; I will surely have mercy upon him, saith the LORD.

How does the focus shift later?

Mat 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art **the Christ, the Son of the living God.**