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## Lesson 11a

### The books of the Old Testament 1

In the last lesson we gave an introduction to the country and the people of Israel in the time of the Old Testament. In this lesson we will start an overview of the books of the Old Testament. Of the 39 books in the Old Testament we will briefly summarise the first 22.

The books we will be looking at in this lesson can be classified as:

- The law: Genesis to Deuteronomy
- The historical books: Joshua to Esther
- The poetical books: Job to Song of Songs

Because Lamentations belongs to the last category, we have also included it in this lesson.

#### The law

When the New Testament speaks of the law, it usually means the first five books of the bible. These books, largely written by Moses, are sometimes the Pentateuch, which literally means the book in five parts. In this first part of the Old Testament we find the story of creation and the history of the first people and the rise of the first nations. The law ends where the people of Israel arrive in the country of Canaan.

- Genesis

The word genesis means origin or beginning. The book of Genesis tells us that God is the maker of heaven and earth and that He has created man. We read how sin enters the world and how God promises salvation. The book gives us a description of the beginning of the history of mankind and specifically follows the lives of the forefathers of the people of Israel: Abram, Isaac and Jacob.

- Exodus

The word exodus means exit or departure. In the book of Exodus we read how God liberates Jacob's descendants who have been enslaved by the Egyptians. Under the leadership of Moses the people travel to Canaan. At mount Sinai God makes a covenant with his people. He gives the Israelites the Ten Commandments and instructs them to bring sacrifices.

- Leviticus

Leviticus means the book of the Levites. The Levites are the descendants of Jacob's son Levi. A number of them work as priests in the tabernacle. The book of Leviticus contains their job description. It has instructions for the sacrificial worship and also for daily life. The Levites are to explain these rules to the people because it should be clear in every aspect of life that the Israelites are God's people.

- Numbers

This book is called Numbers because in it the people of Israel are counted twice. Numbers describes the journey of the Israelites to Canaan. In the forty years they spend in the desert they rebel against God on several occasions. Nevertheless, God takes care of them and makes sure that they survive in the desert and reach the country He has promised them.

- Deuteronomy

The word deuteronomy means second law. This book contains Moses' farewell speeches. In these speeches he reminds the people of Israel of what happened during their journey through the desert and of God's laws.

#### The historical books

The historical books describe the history of Israel after they have taken the land of Canaan into their possession. In the coming lessons, 11b through 14b we will give an overview of this history.

- Joshua

Joshua is Moses' successor. Under his leadership the Israelites enter the land of Canaan. The book gives us the account of three great battles that are fought to conquer the land and it tells us how the land is subsequently divided. Before Joshua dies he encourages the people of Israel to make a positive choice between serving God or serving the idols they used to worship. The Israelites choose to serve God.

- Judges

The book of Judges covers the time after Joshua's death. In this time God appoints judges in Israel. They are military leaders who drive out enemies and try to make the Israelites return to God.

- Ruth

Although the book of Ruth is set in the time of the judges, it is not about war and violence. This little book tells us of faith and love in a time of chaos. Elimelech and Naomi and their two sons move to Moab because of a famine in Israel. The boys marry Moabite women. After a period of time Naomi's husband and her two sons die and she decides to move back to Israel. Ruth, one of her daughters-in-law, decides to go with her. She also wants to serve the God of Israel. In Israel she marries a relative of Naomi's and they have a son. From this family David is born, who later becomes one of Israel's best-known kings and centuries later Jesus is born from the same family. Ruth therefore becomes one of the ancestors of Jesus. From the book of Ruth we see how God takes care of his children in a difficult time. The book also shows how God was already preparing a royal family for Israel.

- 1 and 2 Samuel

Samuel was Israel's last judge. When he is an old man, Israel receives its first king, Saul. 1 Samuel covers king Saul's reign over Israel. 2 Samuel covers the reign of his successor David.

- 1 and 2 Kings

1 Kings covers the reign of king Solomon, David's son. After Solomon's death Israel falls apart into two separate kingdoms. The northern kingdom keeps the name Israel and the southern kingdom is called Judah. 1 and 2 Kings record the history of Israel and Judah. Because the Israelites and the Judeans turn away from God and refuse to listen to the warnings of prophets and repent, both kingdoms eventually fall. Israel is conquered by the Assyrians and the people are taken into exile. Soon after, Judah is conquered by the Babylonians and the Judeans are also taken into exile.

- 1 and 2 Chronicles

The books of 1 and 2 Chronicles are additions to 1 and 2 Kings. They tell the same history that is already described in 1 and 2 Kings but mainly from a religious point of view. Most attention is paid to Judah. It contains a minute description of Solomon's building of the temple in Jerusalem and about the worship of God and the work of the priests and Levites. 2 Chronicles again ends on a sad note when the temple and the palaces in Jerusalem are destroyed and the Judeans taken captive by the Babylonians.

- Ezra

The Babylonian empire is conquered by the Persians. God causes the Persian king to allow the Israelites to go back to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple. Thus, a first group of Israelites returns. During the restoration of the temple they encounter a lot of adversity and the work is interrupted. A second group of Israelites comes to Jerusalem under the leadership of Ezra and they finish the restoration of the temple.

- Nehemiah

Nehemiah is an Israelite who returns to Jerusalem much later. Under his leadership the city walls are restored.

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- Esther

Not all the Israelites return to their homeland. Many stay behind in the Persian Empire. The king of Persia takes one of them, Esther, as his wife. When the Israelites face a threat of extinction, Esther manages to interfere with this plan and in this way saves the Israelites.

### The poetical books

The poetic books are written in the form of Hebrew poetry.

- Job

The book of Job deals with one of most difficult questions of life: why do people suffer if God has the power to interfere? In a very short span of time, Job loses everything he possesses. His friends come to visit him and try to explain his suffering. Not one of them comes with a fitting explanation. Then God interrupts them and gives his answer. What man needs in time of suffering is not an explanation, but he needs God. Man is too limited in his understanding to be able to explain suffering. The only thing man can do is to trust God and leave the answering to Him. Everything that happens to a man has significance even when it is impossible to understand. In the end, God gives Job more in return than he ever owned before.

- Psalms

The word 'psalm' means a song with the accompaniment of strings. The book of Psalms is a collection of songs and prayers in poetry. They have been written by several different poets. The general theme of the psalms is the life of the man who knows that he is dependent on God and that he can rely on Him.

- Proverbs

The book of Proverbs is largely written by Solomon and contains useful teachings about how to live a life that pleases God. The proverbs teach us respect for God and wisdom for everyday life. The subject matter covers everything from the

relationship between children and parents to the danger of gossip and of riches.

- Ecclesiastes

The writer of Ecclesiastes shows that life is meaningless if God has no place in it. Riches, knowledge, hard work and fun are all meaningless without God. The writer concludes that the only correct view of life is therefore to respect God and his commandments. Only when a man lives with God, there is a true place for happiness in his life.

- Song of Songs

The book Song of Songs contains love poetry. It describes the love of a boy and a girl who admire each other and long for one another.

- Lamentations

In the book of Lamentations, the Israelites in exile mourn for the city of Jerusalem and the temple, which have been destroyed by the enemies. Full of regret they ask God to bring them back, so that they might serve God as they did in the past.

So far for the law, the historical books and the books of poetry. Amongst these books, the Psalms have a special place. We will look more closely at the book of Psalms in the next lesson. After that we will continue with the rest of the books of the Old Testament.

### Questions

1. Explain the meanings of the titles Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

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For years the Israelites remain in the Sinai region. During this time they build the tabernacle and with God's instructions they learn how to serve Him and one another.

#### The Israelites want to return

After a year the Israelites move on. After a long journey through the desert they eventually arrive in Kadesh, not far from Canaan. Twelve spies are sent out to inspect the country. When they return they tell the Israelites that the land is beautiful and fertile. To prove their point they bring back a grapevine so big that two men need to carry it together. Unfortunately, the bad news is that the Canaanite people are very strong and live in big, walled cities that seem impossible to seize. Besides, there are giants in the country. Ten out of the twelve spies advise the Israelites against entering the country. It would be impossible for them to ever beat the Canaanites.

The Israelites are angry and disappointed when they hear this. They say: 'If only we had died in Egypt or in the desert! Why did Jahweh have to bring us here? Does He want our wives and children to be taken from us? Let's choose a different leader and go back to Egypt!'

Two of the spies, Joshua and Caleb, come with a very different story. They try and convince the Israelites that they do not need to be afraid. They have also seen that the Canaanites are strong but they want to rely on God. They tell the Israelites: 'We have Jahweh on our side, why should we be afraid?' However, the Israelites do not want to listen to them. They even want to kill Joshua and Caleb by stoning them, which was a punishment for someone who had insulted God. Then God comes onto the scene to sort the situation out. He keeps the Israelites to their words, if they do not want to enter Canaan, they will not enter Canaan. They will have to stay in

the desert for another forty years until everyone who refuses to rely on God has died.

#### Forty years later

During forty years the Israelites wander through the desert. Only after all those years they return to the border of Canaan. The adults who did not trust in God forty years earlier have died in the mean-time. Their children are now middle-aged. Before the Israelites enter Canaan Moses speaks to them. He reminds the people of everything God has asked from them. He reminds them of God's law and urges them to love God and not to forget about Him once they will be a prosperous nation:

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 *'Hear, O Israel: the LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength'*

In his speech Moses tells the Israelites not to be afraid of the mighty tribes who live in Canaan. God will give them over into the hands of the Israelites. The Israelites will be able to beat them without the least of efforts. However, they do need to completely extinguish the Canaanite tribes. They are not to make pacts or agreements with them or allow them to remain in the country. They are not to allow their children to marry with the children of the Canaanites. That way the Israelites would be influenced and start to worship idols instead of God. The Israelites are to destroy everything that reminds of the Canaanite tribes and their idols. Their altars and shrines need to be pulled down. The Israelites are a people consecrated to Jahweh and need to remain so once they have entered the land of Canaan.

Moses reminds the Israelites that God made a covenant with them and that He loves them. He has shown his love for the Israelites when He liberated them from Egypt. If the Israelites love God and keep his commands, He will be faithful to them. He will bless them and make them into a great nation. He will give the Canaanite tribes over to their power. The Israelites

have to extinguish all the Canaanite tribes and never worship their gods. If they disobey this command it could be their end.

### **Joshua sends out spies to Jericho**

Not long after Moses' speech the Israelites can enter Canaan under the leadership of Joshua. Moses had died soon after he finished his speech. Joshua is one of the spies who went out forty years earlier.

Read: Joshua 2

Joshua sends out two men to spy on Canaan and especially on Jericho. Jericho is a strategically located city on the crossing of several important roads. It forms a gateway to the country. The Israelites will have to take Jericho before anything else.

The two men cross the river Jordan and enter Jericho. They move into the house of Rahab, a prostitute. In her house, which was probably an inn, they go unnoticed. There must have been more travellers going through. When the king of Jericho hears that there are two spies in town, he orders Rahab to hand them over to him. However, Rahab does not want to comply. She hides the Israelite men on the roof of her house. She tells the king's men that the spies have already left the city and so saves their lives.

Later that night Rahab tells the spies that the people of Jericho are terrified of the Israelites. They have heard about the God of the Israel and they realise there is nothing they can do against Him. Even Rahab is convinced that the Israelites will capture Jericho. She asks the spies to save her and her family. The spies make a vow that they will not kill Rahab and her family. They tell her to hang a red rope from her window when the Israelite army comes to the city. This will help the Israelites to recognise the house so that they will not destroy it. Everyone who will be in the house at that time will be saved.

When the spies return to Joshua, they have good news for him: 'The LORD has surely given the whole land into our hands; all the people are melting in fear because of us'. God has made sure that the Israelites can enter Canaan without fear.

### **The Israelites cross the river Jordan**

To enter the land of Canaan the Israelites need to cross the river Jordan. There is no bridge and they do not need a bridge either because God prepares the way for his people. The Israelites are witnesses to this when they see four priests walk into the river with the ark, the symbol of God's presence. The moment the priests' feet touch the water, a dry path forms ahead of them, just like forty years ago in the Red Sea. All the Israelites can follow God across the river Jordan to enter the land of Canaan.

### **The fall of Jericho**

The next obstacle for the Israelites is Jericho. It is not just a little village; it is a big and powerful walled city. However, the Israelites do not need to fight to conquer the city. The only thing God asks them to do is to walk around Jericho every day for seven days. They have been instructed to cheer when they hear a trumpet. When they do so, the city walls collapse. God gives Jericho to his people; they do not even need to fight a battle.

The Israelites kill all the people in Jericho following God's instructions. Only the people in Rahab's house are saved. They become part of Israel.

### **The division of the land**

In the course of the next years the Israelites conquer more and more of Canaan under the leadership of Joshua. When the largest part of the country is in the hands of the Israelites, it is divided between the twelve tribes that Israel consists of. Every tribe stems from one of the sons or grandsons of Jacob and carries that son's name, for example Judah or Benjamin. The

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tribe of Levi does not receive a territory; they spread out over the country.

The Israelites have a lot of wars to fight in the course of the years. God does not give them the whole land without effort as He did with Jericho. However, it is only because of God that they eventually have the whole country as their territory. God makes sure the Israelites are always stronger than their enemies so that they can win the battles.

### Israel breaks God's covenant

When Joshua has grown old, he calls together all the Israelites. He reminds them of everything God has done for them. He encourages them to continue to fight the Canaanites that are still in the land and not to marry their sons or daughters.

The Israelites are full of good intentions. However, soon after Joshua dies they forget about them. Instead of fighting the Canaanites who are still in the land, they mix with them. They marry Canaanite women and give their daughters away in marriage to Canaanite men. They start to worship the Baals, the gods the Canaanites rely on for fertility and wealth. This way the Israelites break the covenant God had made with them.

### Punishment and salvation

Even when the Israelites replace God with powerless, non-existing gods, God does not turn away from them. God wants the people of his covenant to return to Him. To make the Israelites return to Him, God allows other nations to attack Israel and to plunder their land.

When the Israelites are in distress they remember God. They beg Him to save them from their misery and God listens. He gives them judges. A judge was a man appointed by God to free the Israelites from their enemies and to make them return to the worship of God. Besides, he would be a judge in internal conflicts.

The book of Judges tells us about the judges that worked in Israel. Whenever there is a judge in Israel the nation prospers. They return to God and are freed from their enemies.

However, every time a judge dies the Israelites forget about God and turn back to the Canaanite gods. God then sends another enemy and when they are in distress they remember that God is the only one who can save them.

### Gideon

One of the judges that God appoints is Gideon. In his time the country is under attack from the Midianites and the Amalekites, nomad tribes who live to the east of Canaan. Every year they come to destroy the harvest and steal the livestock. When the Israelites call out to God for help, He saves them. He appoints Gideon, a young farmer from the town of Ofra, to defeat the enemies.

Read: Judges 7

7:19 at the beginning of the middle watch: roundabout midnight

Gideon calls an enormous army together, 32,000 men. However, God does not want such a big army. He does not want to free the Israelites with a big army because they might think they have done it in their own power. Gideon is to work with 300 men only. He is to choose the men who drink water straight from the stream rather than the ones that use their hands as a cup. The way the men drink is a sign of their readiness in battle.

When the Midianites hear the sound of trumpets and of the breaking of jars and when they see the fire around them, they think a large army has surrounded them. They become so confused that they start fighting one another. The huge Midianite army defeats itself and flees. Gideon and his men have not even moved. It cannot be clearer that this victory is from God. He is the one who liberates his people.

For forty years, while Gideon lives, the Israelites have a period of peace. As soon as he dies, they turn away from God. Again they turn to the Baals. The Israelites 'did not remember the LORD their God, who has rescued them from the hands of all their enemies on every side'. This verse becomes a chorus throughout the book of Judges.

### Questions

1. Why does it take the Israelites more than forty years to finally enter the land of Canaan?
2. At the end of his life Joshua speaks to all the Israelites who are assembled in Shechem (as was mentioned in the section Israel breaks God's covenant). He reminds the Israelites that their forefathers have worshipped idols. They have not chosen God of their own free will (Joshua 24:2), but Joshua reminds them of what God has done for them despite of that (Joshua 24:3-13).
  - a. What choice does Joshua give the Israelites?
  - b. What choice do the Israelites make? Read Joshua 24:16-25
  - c. From which verses can you tell?
  - d. How is this choice confirmed?
3. What is the cause of the attacks that the Israelites suffer after they have entered the land of Canaan?  
Read Joshua 24:14-15  
24:14 your forefathers: Abraham's family  
24:15 the river: the river Euphrates  
24:15 the Amorites: one of the Canaanite tribes

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The Apostolic Creed consists of three main parts. The first part is about God the Father, the second part about his Son and the third part is about the Holy Spirit. In this lesson we will make a start with the discussion of the third part.

#### The one God

In lesson 4c we said that God made everything and still sustains it. In the lesson 5c through 10c we saw that God is concerned about man and wants to save him from the power of Satan and sin. In the coming lessons we will see how God still works on earth and how He gives man faith.

It is one and the same God who is working. The creation, the salvation of mankind and the giving of faith all are the work of the one and only God. God the Father played a major part in the creation and his son Jesus in the salvation of mankind. In the work on earth today and the changes in people's lives we mainly see the Holy Spirit working. We will focus on the work of the Holy Spirit now.

#### Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Apostolic Creed says 'I believe in the Holy Spirit'. Who is the Holy Spirit? It is not easy to get a good understanding of who He is. We already saw this in lesson 3c when we discussed the trinity. We can imagine who the Father and the Son are and what they do, but it is not as easy with the Holy Spirit.

The bible speaks of the Holy Spirit in many places. He is not always called the Holy Spirit. Sometimes He is called the Spirit of God or the Spirit of the Lord, the Spirit of Christ, or simply the Spirit. What exactly does the word spirit mean? Who is the Holy Spirit?

#### Breath

The word the bible uses for the Holy Spirit literally means breath. You could say that the Father and the Son breathe the Holy Spirit. In the same way that our breath goes out from us, the Holy Spirit goes out from the Father and the Son. Jesus Christ once made this very clear. Soon after he rose from the death, He appeared to his followers and commissioned them to go out into the world to tell people about Him. Jesus promised his followers that they would not have to do it alone. The Holy Spirit would be with them.

*'And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit"'*

Just as Jesus could physically breathe on his followers, He could breathe the Holy Spirit on them.

#### Power

Comparing the Holy Spirit with breath does not cover every aspect of who He is. Our breath is lifeless air. Our breath leaves our mouth and mingles with the air around us. It cannot do anything of itself. The Holy Spirit is very different in this respect. He is a living, mighty power. One place the bible tells us this, is in the words of the angel Gabriel. When Gabriel comes to Mary to tell her that she will be the mother of Jesus Christ, he tells her:

*'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you'*

The angel calls the Holy Spirit here the power of 'the Most High', the power of God. He is the one who causes Mary to fall pregnant.

John 20:22

Luke 1:35

### A person

Even the word power does not cover everything there is to be said about the Holy Spirit. A power can also be impersonal. When a man is very strong, that power is a part of him. However, the Holy Spirit is not an impersonal force. People often think He is. They regard Him as an extension of God, as the power of the Father.

The bible shows us that this is not a correct understanding. It shows us that the Holy Spirit, the power of God is not something, but someone. The Holy Spirit is a person, just like the Father and the Son. You can tell this is true from the way the bible talks about Him. For example, people are warned not to lie or sin against the Holy Spirit or they are warned not to grieve the Holy Spirit.

That the Holy Spirit is a person is moreover clear from what Jesus says about Him:

John 14:16-17

*'And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever – the Spirit of truth'.*

Jesus speaks of the Holy Spirit as a counsellor who will come to the earth in his place to be with his followers. The Holy Spirit replaces Jesus on earth.

### God

There is another important thing to say about the Holy Spirit. Just like the Father and the Son, He is God. We can pray to Him and we should worship Him for He truly is God. The bible calls Him God and we can know that He is God from the work He does.

When we experience the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives, we can know that it is God Himself who is working.

### The work of the Holy Spirit

We have now described who the Holy Spirit is. To get an even better understanding of who He is, we should look at the work He does. We truly get to know the Spirit from his work. We will

now look at the work of the Spirit in the Old Testament. In the next lesson we will look at the work of the Spirit in the New Testament.

### The Holy Spirit makes springtime happen

God the Father created everything and still sustains it. However, from the very beginning the Holy Spirit has been involved in this work. When the earth was still uninhabitable, dark and covered in water, the Holy Spirit was there. He gave life.

He stills works on creation. We can know this for example from Psalm 104, where the poet says to God:

Psalm 104:24,30

*'How many are your works, O LORD!  
In wisdom you made them all;  
The earth is full of your creatures.  
(...)  
When you send your Spirit,  
They are created,  
And you renew the face of the earth.'*

The Holy Spirit is at work on earth. Together with God the Father He gives life to young animals. He causes the trees to bud every springtime; He makes the grass grow and the flowers bloom. Every year He gives a new face to the earth. The continuing of the seasons does not happen automatically. We can see the work of the Holy Spirit in it.

### The Spirit equips people for their tasks

When the tabernacle was built God gave two men, Bezalel and Oholiab a special task. They had to make a number of objects to go in the tabernacle, woven fabrics with images of angels, an arc with golden angels on it and a golden lampstand decorated with flower motifs. From themselves Bezalel and Oholiab would not have been able to do this.

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### The Holy Spirit enabled them to make these pieces of artwork.

Exodus 35:30-32

'Then Moses said to the Israelites, "See, the LORD has chosen Bezalel (...) and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts – to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze ...'

The Holy Spirit equipped Bezalel and Oholiab for their task, and not only them. Many other people who received a commission from God were enabled to do it by the Holy Spirit. For example, the moment he became king 'the Spirit of the LORD came upon David in power'. The Holy Spirit enabled the ordinary shepherd David, to become a king.

### The Spirit gave power to the Judges

In the b-lesson we discussed how God gave judges to his people to save them from their enemies. One of these judges was Gideon. He worked in a time that the Midianites and the Amalekites attacked Israel.

Another judge was Samson. He was a judge in the time when the Israelites were oppressed by the Philistines. Samson was a man of noticeable strength. He once killed a lion with his bare hands; he tore it apart as if it were a little lamb. He once killed a thousand Philistines with a donkey's jaw.

Samson had enormous power. However, it was not his own strength. He was not actually stronger than other people. The Holy Spirit gave him the power when he needed it. Every time he went into a battle 'the Spirit of the LORD came upon him in power'. The Holy Spirit did not give this power to Samson to show off with it. He received this power because God had appointed him as judge to liberate his people from the Philistines.

### The Spirit speaks through the prophets

God would often send prophets to the people of Israel. They would not use their own words to speak to the people but rather the Holy Spirit gave them God's words to say. For

example, the bible tells us so about the prophet Azariah. The Holy Spirit told him what to say to king Asa.

2 Chronicles 15:1-2

'The Spirit of God came upon Azariah son of Oded. He went out to meet Asa and said to him, "Listen to me, Asa and all Judah and Benjamin. The LORD is with you when you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you...'

The words of the prophets were God's words. The Holy Spirit used people as instruments to pass on God's message.

The same is true for the writers of the bible. They were also instruments used by the Holy Spirit. They wrote exactly what the Holy Spirit wanted them to write. This is why we can call the bible God's word, because the actual writer of the bible is the Holy Spirit.

### The Spirit gives faith

If it were up to man no one would believe in God. The fact that there always have been people who believed in God is because of the Holy Spirit. Abraham did not trust God all those years because of his strong personality. The Holy Spirit gave him the power to keep his faith. The faith of the Israelites had nothing to do with a natural religious inclination. It was the Holy Spirit who gave them faith.

The work of the Holy Spirit is comprehensive. We still have not given a complete overview of what the Holy Spirit does. When we read the Old Testament, we see that it teaches us about even more aspects of the work of the Holy Spirit. Even though we cannot discuss them all, it should be clear that the work of the Holy Spirit is very extensive. He works in nature and He works in people. He enables artists, judges and kings to do the work God gives them to do. He gives God's words to prophets and He gives people faith. In the next lesson we will discuss what the New Testament teaches us about the Holy Spirit.

**Questions**

1. The Holy Spirit can be compared to breath. Explain.
2. How do we know that the Holy Spirit is God?
3. What can we see from the work of the Holy Spirit?