

SUBMITTED TO FOLLOW THE HOLY SPIRIT



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We are to walk in total submission to the Holy Spirit, just as Christ walked in absolute submission to the Father. Jesus testified, *“The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise”* (John 5:19).

“I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me” (5:30).

How can we possibly think we don't have to depend on the Father for all things, when Christ Himself said He did? As lovers and followers of Jesus, do we dare think we can do what our Savior and Lord couldn't do? Jesus waited on the Father, always seeking to have the mind of God.

If we are honest, we'll admit that heaven is often the last place we turn when we need direction. Most often, we run to counselors, or spend hours on the phone with friends, seeking advice: “What do you think? Is it a good idea for me to go in this direction? Do you think I should do that?” Sadly, we go to the Holy Spirit as our last option, if we go to Him at all.

In Numbers 9, we read of a cloud that came down and covered the tabernacle in the wilderness. This cloud represented God's constant presence with His people. And for us today, the cloud serves as a type of the Holy Spirit's work in our lives.

At night, the cloud over the tabernacle in the wilderness became a pillar of fire, a warm glow in a dark place: *“So it was alway: the cloud covered it by day, and the appearance of fire by night”* (Numbers 9:16).

The children of Israel always followed this supernatural cloud, however it directed them. When it rose above the tabernacle, the people pulled up stakes and followed it. And wherever the cloud stopped, the people also stopped and pitched their tents. They moved or stayed according to its clear direction.

The Israelites were careful to move only as the cloud moved, because they knew it was God's provision of guidance. It might move every day, or every week, and then not again for months at a time. Yet, day or night, the people always moved as it directed them (see Numbers 9:18-19).

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