

Cell Guide – The Divine Seed King, May 2, 2021
Part 1: Holy Spirit Series, Ps Ray D.

Leader's Notes

- Use this guide as a helpful tool to get your group talking about the message. Feel free to adapt and adjust for your group as needed. You probably will not have enough time to cover all the questions, so just pick what you think would benefit your group.
- Remind your cell members to watch the sermon before cell and to take notes, coming to cell ready to share.
- Feel free to use the church parking lot or a public park for your cell time. Just bring lawn chairs and sit socially distanced in groups of ten.
- We have included sermon notes on the following pages to help you review the message before your cell time. We do not recommend reading these notes during your cell time, they are there for your reference only.

Introduction (10 minutes)

God sure loves us a lot to go to such lengths to redeem us! What a profound God we serve!

- Start your cell time with catching up from your week and sharing where everyone is at personally.

Discussion (15 minutes)

NOTE: This is not a time for criticism of the preacher or sermon, keep things focused on the Bible message.

- What stands out to you from the message on Sunday? What things did you take away from it?
- What insights did you gain about Jesus from the sermon?
- What does it say to you about God knowing that the Bible is really just one big overarching story?
- What does the overarching narrative of the Bible tell you about how God relates to humanity?

Application (15 minutes)

- What is the Holy Spirit speaking to you personally as an application step from the message?
- Is there an area of your life where you need to make an adjustment?
- What are the obstacles you need to move or overcome to apply this to your life?

Prayer (15 minutes)

Real change in our lives does not happen because of a sermon, an insight, or a small group discussion. We need the Holy Spirit's powerful transforming work to help us glorify God. We tap into that through prayer.

- Share and pray – a step of personal growth based on something God spoke to you from the sermon.
- Share and pray – any other personal prayer requests you may have

Closing (5 minutes)

- Close in prayer and discuss the plan for cell next week.
- Remind people to watch the sermon on Sunday and to take note, coming to cell ready to share.

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Introduction

- Everything written to the believers in the Early Church was rooted in their Scriptures, the Old Testament. The foundation for the Holy Spirit is in the Old Testament.
- The storyline of the Bible is driven by a handful of OT promises (covenants).

Chapter 1: The Fall and Covenant with Eve

- **Genesis 3:15 (NASB)** *And I will put enmity between you [devil] and the woman, And, between your [devil's] SEED and her [Eve's] SEED; He [Eve's SEED] shall bruise you [devil] on the head, And you [devil] shall bruise him [Eve's SEED] on the heel.*
- Though there will be a battle between good and evil in the coming ages, God will raise up a single SEED of Eve (man) to defeat Satan!
- The problem of evil is deeper than we thought! Just before the Flood God said that every inclination of the thoughts of man's heart was evil (Gen. 6:5). The flood slowed down evil but didn't stamp it out.
- Problems to fix – devil and evil people, separation from God, heart problem, death.

Chapter 2: Covenant of Abraham

- To infect the nations of the world, God chose Abraham and made an unconditional covenant with him, promising him 3 things: land, great nation, all people blessed through him (Gen. 12:1-3).
- Out of the collective Seed (nation) will come a single Seed to bless the nations with salvation! We have narrowed it: The Seed comes out of Israel.

Chapter 3: Covenant with Israel (Mosaic Covenant)

- Though more than 400 years separates Exodus from Genesis, it is quickly apparent that the storyline has not been broken. Exodus to Joshua tell us how the 3 promises were partially fulfilled.
- After a difficult escape from Egypt, they were delivered through the waters of the Red Sea & brought to Mt. Sinai to establish a covenant or national constitution with the young nation of Israel.
- It was a wonderful covenant: offered forgiveness through sacrifice, Law taught about the nature of God, and condition of humanity, etc.
- Abrahamic Covenant promised that GOD would unilaterally fulfill the 3 promises of: a righteous nation, land, and blessing to nations.
- But the Mosaic Covenant was conditional and said that if they obeyed, they would receive blessing; if they disobeyed, curses (Deut. 28:15, 36). Israel agreed (Ex. 19:8) but failed, incurring the curse of the covenant.
- There were cycles of failure and deliverance (Moses, Joshua, Judges, 1&2 Samuel, 1&2 Kings, the kingdom of Israel split into two, the Northern kingdom is exiled by Assyria, the Southern kingdom is exiled to Babylon).
- 1000 years of the nationhood proved that neither the people nor the leaders could keep the covenant. So, they forfeited the 3 promises and were exiled. But God had the answer.

Chapter 4: Covenant with David

- 500 years before Israel was removed from the land due to the failures of the people and leaders, God made a BIG promise to David. David wanted to build a 'house' (temple) for God. Instead, GOD promised David he wanted to build David a 'house' (dynasty) instead!
- **2 Samuel 7:12-16 (NIV)** *... the LORD himself will establish a house for you ... I will raise up your offspring (SEED) ... HE is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever ...*
- Notice the SEED – same promise as to Eve AND to Abraham. But now we see that this SEED is a King because he has a kingdom (v. 13)!

- This King will be able to manage what no other leader or king of Israel could do – prevent the Mosaic curses and fulfill the Abrahamic promises. His kingdom endures forever – no longer exiled.
- But this king must be righteous (Jer. 23:5-6), because He is a divine King. And all the nations will be blessed through Him (Psalm 72:11, 17). This speaks of Jesus, the perfect God-King who can fulfill the promises of the Abrahamic Covenant and meet the conditions of the Mosaic Covenant.

Chapter 5: The New Covenant

- **First Problem** - the people needed to be forgiven to avert judgement.
- Israel had been cut down as a nation yet from this stump, would come a new shoot or branch, which would grow up into a kingdom again (Isaiah 11:1).
- Not only does this Seed-Davidic King bring blessing to the nations with an eternal, wise, just reign because He is righteous. He also blesses them by being their substitutionary Sacrifice so they can be forgiven and restored to fellowship with God! That is SALVATION! (Isaiah 49:6).
- **Second Problem** – the people needed the ability to obey
- Isaiah told us a divine King would be the Sacrifice to cleanse from sins.
- Ezekiel tells us that the One who sprinkles the nations with the blood of His own sacrifice, is the same One who gives us a new heart (nature) that gives us the ability to obey! (Ezekiel 36:26-27).
- **Third Problem** – the people needed the presence and power of the Holy Spirit
- **Ezekiel 36:27 (NIV)** *And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.*
- And now we know that this Holy Spirit also comes from this divine King!

Chapter 6: New Testament

- But WHO is this Jewish-Seed-God-King who will one day reign, who will sacrifice Himself, who will give us hearts so we are able to obey, who will give us the desire to obey by pouring out His Spirit on us?
- The OT gives us 300+ clues. A chief clue is that He would have a special anointing of the Spirit! (Isa. 42:1)
- The last OT prophet, Malachi said that the Lord would send a messenger ahead to identify Him. (Mal. 3:1). John the Baptist would be this forerunner-messenger. (Luke 1:16-17).
- John identified Jesus as the Sacrifice AND the Anointed One/Messiah (John 1:29, 32).
- John knew who the Messiah was b/c he was told that it would be the One on whom the Spirit descended. (John 1:33), which happened when John baptized Jesus in the Jordan (Luke 3:21-23).
- And John says that THIS is the One who will baptize us with the Spirit!

Summary:

- The Seed who would crush Satan's head is a divine Davidic King who can rule the Kingdom eternally because He is righteous. He is also the Sacrifice to bring us eternal forgiveness.
- He is One who gives us new hearts and pours out His Spirit upon us so that we have ability, desire, and empowerment to obey God and live with Him eternally!
- And we know His identity: It is Jesus, the Son of Abraham, the son of David, the son of Mary, and the Son of God.
- Jesus accomplished forgiveness, a new heart (His nature) presence & power of Holy Spirit at His FIRST coming! We receive these 3 at salvation.
- Last, Jesus will judge and rule the nations at His SECOND coming. Judge all evil, give us resurrection body, rule eternally in righteousness, and peace.
- REFLECTION – thank Jesus for who He is, Seed, Prophet, King, Son of God, Servant, Sacrifice, Ruler, Branch, Messiah/Anointed One