

With respect to the last 3 references, Psalm 51:12 speaks of David praying that God's Spirit will uphold or sustain him, Joel 2:28 speaks of God's future outpouring of His Spirit upon all flesh, and Malachi 2:15 appears to speak of a remnant of the Spirit among Israel in Malachi's own day.

By way of synopsis, it may now be noted that of the 68 Old Testament Scriptures which speak of the Holy Spirit's ministries to or in persons, we have uncovered the following:

- (a) 30 references deal with an efficient enablement to receive and to speak God's Word.
- (b) 16 references deal with selection of, and enablement for oversight, leadership, or rulership.
- (c) 8 references deal with the future ultimate salvation of Israel by means of the pouring out of the Holy Spirit.
- (d) 4 references deal with physical strength given to an individual.
- (e) 3 references deal with special abilities or skills conferred upon an individual.
- (f) 4 references deal with miscellaneous matters which appear to be unrelated to our basic thesis.
- (g) 3 references deal with spiritual effects upon David, upon all flesh in the future, and upon the remnant in Israel in the time of Malachi.

From this synopsis it would appear that only the last three references, and possibly some Old Testament relevance of the eight references predicting the future salvation of Israel by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, would hold any promise of value for our study. This is admittedly a very slender exegetical basis upon which to ground an Old Testament doctrine of regeneration by the Holy Spirit. Of course, if there are other Scriptures which,