

In connection with these instances, the terms employed to express the actions upon, or relationships to the persons concerned were seen to be quite varied, from "coming upon" and "being poured upon" to "being put within" and "remaining among." In addition, the effects of these actions and relationships were seen to be quite varied, including an efficient enablement to receive and speak God's Word; a selection and enablement for oversight, leadership, or rulership; the impartation of physical strength; the communication of special manual artistic abilities and skills; the future salvation of all Israel; spiritual sustenance; and the production of a godly seed, a remnant of the Spirit.

In a closer examination of the teachings of eight scriptures which predicted a future outpouring of the Spirit of God, we noted that the spiritual effects of this outpouring would include Spiritual regeneration, the putting of God's Word into the heart, repentance from sin, cleansing from sin, the indwelling of God, godliness and obedience to the will of God, and confession of Jehovah as the only true God. We then asked the crucial question, "What meaning, what significance did these predictions of the future have for the people living in the time in which they were made?" And we pointed to the encounter of Nicodemus with our Lord to show that the Old Testament revealed the doctrine of regeneration sufficiently as to place upon this ruler of the Jews an obligation to know about it.

Third, we attempted a systematic correlation of the theological components of the question. We noted the vital relationship of the Holy Spirit to the act of regeneration, and the vital presence of the Spirit in the world during the Old Testament period. In ascertaining the relationship of the fact of human depravity to the necessity of regeneration, we first established this relationship during the New Testament period. Having