

The Deity of the Holy Spirit: Continued
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Throughout this series we have seen that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the godhead.

One of the ways we also see the deity of the Holy Spirit is when the works of God that are done refer to the work of the Holy Spirit. For example, the Lord God spoke in the Old Testament to Isaiah the prophet saying *“Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed”* (Isaiah 6:8-10).

Notice once again that Scripture states that it was God who spoke such words through the prophet Isaiah. There is no doubt in that. But now see how the New Testament says that the God who spoke through Isaiah was the Holy Spirit. Acts 28:25-27 says *“And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Isaiah the prophet unto our fathers, Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive: For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.”*

Another example of this is found in the book of Psalms. Psa 95:8-11 *“Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness: When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work. Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways: Unto whom I swore in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.”*

The Lord is speaking here through the Psalmist on how the Israelites tempted the Lord in the wilderness. Due to that they did not enter into His rest. Seeing this same passage in the New Testament, we see once again how the Scripture states that the God who said such things was the Holy Spirit Himself. Heb 3:7-12 says, *“Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, Today if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. So I swore in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest. Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.”*

Once again, the Lord God was speaking through the Psalmist in the Old Testament. But we come to see that it was the person of the Holy Spirit the one that said such things. Apart from that, the author of Hebrews actually calls the Holy Spirit God when he warns the readers to “...take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.”

Another prime example is found in Acts. Act 5:3-4 “*But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? While it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.*”

In this example Peter asked Ananias why did he lie to the Holy Spirit. He then said that he lied not unto men, but unto God. By that Peter acknowledged that the Holy Spirit is God, the third person of the godhead. If the Holy Spirit was not God, then Peter’s theology was way off.