1. **We will look at the ministry of the Spirit in the Old Covenant**. It is part of His biography and we trace it. **The Spirit is the person in the Godhead who comes to make us conscious of God’s presence.** **Psalm 139**: the writer states that he can go nowhere in creation where he is apart from God. **Psalm 104:29-30** is an echo of Gen 1 and 2 where there is a parallel of opposites: when God hides his face, there is death; but in his presence there is renewal of life and joy. **The Spirit is the expression of God’s presence, and is the one who unveils not only God’s *attributes*, but also his *face*—who he is.** See **Ezekiel 29:39** God says he will no longer hide his face from His people when he pours out his Spirit on therm. God unveils his face by the Spirit. Also see **Psalm 51:9:** the hiding of God’s face is akin to the removal of the Spirit and vice versa. The Spirit unveils the face of God— something that is way beyond the attributes of God. The Spirit makes the attributes of God *personal*. (Think of playing peek-a-boo with a child) **The Spirit reveals the face of God in the face of Christ so we might love him and find security a fellowship in him.**
2. **The Spirit does for the old covenant people the same thing an earthly father does for his children.**
   1. **The Father gave the gift of *wisdom* to certain of His people by the Spirit, and unbelievers noticed**. The lives of Joseph (Genesis 41:38) and Daniel are marvelous examples. The Father reveals himself through his word by the Spirit. In 2 Sam 23:2, David speaks God’s words as a prophet. God instructs his children by his words just as an earthly father. Peter 1 Peter 1:23 and 2 Peter 1:21. Men moved by the Spirit revealed God by the word.
   2. **God also gives *gifts* through the Spirit**. In Exodus31:1-11; 35:30-35 creative gifts are given to men for the building of the worship center.
   3. **The Exodus took place by the ministry of the Spirit.** In Isaiah 63 we see how God brought the people out of Egypt, but they rebelled and grieved the Holy Spirit. **The Holy Spirit is a *person*!** The pillar of cloud and fire was the person of the Holy Spirit. This all indicates how the Spirit is the intimate companion with the Father, and is the one who is privileged to unveil the face and knowledge of God. The Holy Spirit leads us into relationship with the Trinity.
3. **This shows the intimacy God desires with us, and it becomes progressively more clear as we go through the scriptures.**
   1. God is **personal**.
   2. **The Spirit gives God’s people desire for a fuller and deeper relationship**. And it comes in a progressive way. For some, the revelation is not as direct or clear as it is for others. In Numbers 11 there were 70 men on the mountain with Moses who received some of the Spirit that was upon him. There were even two others in the camp who received some of the same Spirit. Some of the rest of the people were jealous for Moses’s sake. **But Moses wished that it could happen to *ALL* God’s people**. Prophets are brought into special encounter and revelation of God, And they are to pass on their revelations to the rest of the people through their own words. What a privilege. **But only in the New Testament do *ALL* God’s people become prophets by having access directly to the face of God through Christ**. We are learning that the Spirit is *personal*. And we are learning there is a *progression* in our gaining knowledge of him.
   3. **The ultimate goal of the Spirit is to bring *rest* to God’s people.** People are restless as a result of the fall of Adam and Eve.
      1. The Spirit was trying to bring the ***Israelites*** through the wilderness and into the Promised Land to give them a sense of rest.
      2. ***Noah’s parents*** thought he would give them rest---perhaps as the promised son of Genesis 3:15. They were hoping that he might restore order to the fallen world.
      3. ***Jesus*** is the one who talks of bringing rest; and it happens when we see the face of God in his face. **Ultimately, throughout the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit is pointing to Jesus and the rest *he* *brings*.**