

Sunday August 13, 2017  
Summer Session Sunday School

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Christian Maturity

#### I. Exemplars:

Abraham, Isaac, Jacob/Israel, David, Job, Elijah, Elisha, Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, et al.  
The moderns: Smith Wigglesworth, Praying Hyde, AG Missionaries, my pastor Jerry Hardison

#### II. Spirit in the Old Testament

Isaiah 44:

**1** “But now hear, O Jacob my servant, Israel whom I have chosen!

**2** Thus says the LORD who made you, who formed you from the womb and will help you: Fear not, O Jacob my servant, Jeshurun whom I have chosen.

**3** For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.

**4** They shall spring up among the grass like willows by flowing streams.

**5** This one will say, ‘I am the LORD’s,’ another will call on the name of Jacob, and another will write on his hand, ‘The LORD’s,’ and name himself by the name of Israel.”

#### III. Jesus

#### IV. Maturity Passages

John 16:26-27

**25** “I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. **26** In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; **27** for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.” **28** I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

Hebrews 6:1-8

**1** Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, **2** and of instruction about washings, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. **3** And this we will do if God permits. **4** For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, **5** and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, **6** and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt. **7** For land that has drunk the rain that often falls on it, and produces a crop useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God. **8** But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and near to being cursed, and its end is to be burned.

#### V. How shall we then live?

Young believers should give themselves to Bible reading, prayer, and exploration, searching for the knowledge of God.

Proverbs 2:1-5