

## The Holy Spirit - A sign of God's Provision

**Romans 8:14-15** *For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a **spirit of adoption** as sons by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!” NASV*

Provision – The act of providing or supplying. Especially necessities. Provisions are arranged or prepared beforehand.

- ✓ Provisions are essential
- ✓ Provisions are necessary
- ✓ Provisions serve you; sustain you; fill you

### I – The Spirit of Adoption

We have received the Spirit of adoption.

Adoption is a beautiful reality.

- That child was **freely chosen** by the parents and **desired** by the parents.
- That child would be a **permanent** part of the family; parents couldn't disown a child they adopted.
- Adopted sons were **guaranteed** an inheritance.

There is a vast difference between the way sons serve their fathers and the way slaves serve their masters.

- Slaves may perform **duties**; sons carry out labors of love
- Slaves dutifully obey; sons **gladly** adhere and **follow**
- Slaves are motivated by fear of **punishment**; sons are impassioned by the love of **relationship**

It is through Jesus himself, *the Son of God* then, that we are brought into sonship.

### II – God's Provision will Humble and Heal Us

**Exodus 16:3** *The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the LORD’s hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.” NIV*

- ✓ The manna was provision for their **craving**
- ✓ The manna was provided to **humble** them
- ✓ The manna was to **test** them to see if they would follow God's instructions

Manna was bread from heaven – Jesus is The Bread of Life

**John 6:30-32** *So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ <sup>32</sup>Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” NLT*

- God has a **permanent** fix for our cravings!
- The Holy Spirit **is a sign** of God's provision!

**Matthew, Mark, and Luke** all tell the story of the paralyzed man.

Jesus provides much more for whatever ails us. He heals us from sin!

### **III - Go Directly to God**

We have the authority to go to God for ourselves.

Abba Father – An Aramaic word. Slaves were forbidden to address the head of the family by this word.

- ✓ Abba Father is used as a term for **DIRECT ACCESS**
- ✓ Abba Father denotes total **submission** to Father God
- ✓ Abba Father indicates **trust** beyond what seems reasonable to our flesh

We are children and heirs of God

- Through the Blood of Jesus, we have received the Spirit of Adoption

- We are no longer slaves – we are sons
- We are no longer wandering in the wilderness – the Desert of Sin
- Jesus heals us and forgives us our sins
- Discover and let go of whatever has you paralyzed or immobilized
- We have direct access to the Father through Christ our Lord!

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