

The Work of the Holy Spirit in Prayer

Wednesday Study in Theology
Oceanside United Reformed Church

Handout #1

Print Resources

“A Discourse of the Work of the Holy Spirit in Prayer,” *The Works of John Owen* 4 (1850–1853, repr., Edinburgh: The Banner of Truth Trust, 1995), 235–350.

*Available through Amazon for \$28 new: http://www.amazon.com/Work-Spirit-Works-John-Owen/dp/085151068X/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1251226768&sr=1-1

*Available for free online at GoogleBooks:
<http://books.google.com/books?id=FWEYAAAAAJ&dq=owen%20work%20holily%20spirit%20prayer&pg=PA235#v=onepage&q=owen%20work%20holily%20spirit%20prayer&f=false>

For an excellent book on Owen’s biography and theology see, *John Owen: The Man and His Theology*, ed. Robert W. Oliver (Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R, 2003).

*Available through P&R as a “Bargain Book” for \$10:
http://prpbooks.com/inventory.html?target=indiv_title&id=1965

Audio Resources

Sinclair Ferguson, “John Owen on the Holy Spirit” (2 lectures)

*Available at SermonAudio:
<http://www.sermonaudio.com/search.asp?seriesOnly=true&currSection=sermonstopic&SourceID=gpts&keyworddesc=John+Owen+on+the+Holy+Spirit&keyword=John+Owen+on+the+Holy+Spirit>

Carl Trueman, 5 lectures on John Owen, especially #5, “John Owen on the Holy Spirit”

*Available at SermonAudio:
<http://www.sermonaudio.com/search.asp?sourceonly=true&currSection=sermonsource&keyword=westminsterrpc&subsetcat=series&subsetitem=John+Owen>

Video Resources

Carl Trueman has a 10-minute video on John Owen

*Available on YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-PtdY3qDqSs>

Outline

September 2–Who Was John Owen and Why is He Important to Us?

September 16–Preface to the Reader

October 7–The Use of Prayer, and the Work of the Holy Spirit Therein (ch. 1)

- October 21–Zechariah 12:10 Opened and Vindicated (ch. 2)
- November 4–Galatians 4:6 Opened and Vindicated (ch. 3)
- November 18–The Nature of Prayer: Romans 8:26 Opened and Vindicated (ch. 4)
- December 2–The Work of the Holy Spirit as to the Matter of Prayer (ch. 5)
- December 16–The Due Manner of Prayer, Wherein it Doth Consist (ch. 6)
- January 6–The Nature of Prayer in General, with Respect Unto Forms of Prayer and Vocal Prayer: Ephesians 6:18 Opened and Vindicated (ch. 7)
- January 20–The Duty of External Prayer by Virtue of a Spiritual Gift Explained and Vindicated (ch. 8)
- February 3–Duties Inferred from the Preceding Discourse (ch. 9)
- February 14–Of Mental Prayer as Pretended unto by Some in the Church of Rome (ch. 10)
- March 3–Prescribed Forms of Prayer Examined (ch. 11)