

JOHN 14:16

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STUDIES ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

“Desperate for Him”

Or

“Would You Settle for an Angel?”

Desperate to Live!



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127 Hours: Aron Ralston's story of survival

What started as a 'walk in the park' became a 127-hour ordeal that forced an American mountaineer to amputate his arm.



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Forty-eight hours into his ordeal, a trapped Aron Ralston took a photograph of his situation Photo:



Desperate for God's Presence?

- Regenerate – Doug Loveday
- Jesus promised to never leave us
- His presence by the Holy Spirit – the Paraclete – comes alongside us
- Holy Spirit indwells every born again believer
- We can grieve the Holy Spirit, we can quench Him! = holding back or impeding His Holy presence and power



Desperate for God's Presence?

Am I as hungry for the power and presence of God through the Holy Spirit as Aron Ralston was to hang on to life?



Israel Chooses Second Best

God's presence in Exodus – Isaiah tell us – Was God's Holy Spirit

“But they rebelled And grieved His Holy Spirit; ... Then His people remembered the days of old, of Moses. Where is He who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of His flock? Where is He who put His Holy Spirit in the midst of them, Who caused His glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, Who divided the waters before them to make for Himself an everlasting name, Who led them through the depths? Like the horse in the wilderness, they did not stumble; As the cattle which go down into the valley, The Spirit of the LORD gave them rest. So You led Your people, To make for Yourself a glorious name.” (Isaiah 63:10–14, NASB95)



Israel Chooses Second Best

- **Israel ‘made’ their own deliverer – God in Their Image**

“Now when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people assembled about Aaron and said to him, “Come, make us a god who will go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.”” (Exodus 32:1, NASB95)



Israel Chooses Second Best

- Israel ‘made’ their own deliverer

“Then all the people tore off the gold rings which were in their ears and brought them to Aaron. He took this from their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool and made it into a molten calf; and they said, “This is your god, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt.”” (Exodus 32:3–4, NASB95)



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- **God's holy and merciful response**

“But go now, lead the people where I told you. Behold, My angel shall go before you; nevertheless in the day when I punish, I will punish them for their sin.” (Exodus 32:34, NASB95)

“Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; for I will not go up in your midst, because you are an obstinate people, and I might destroy you on the way.” (Exodus 33:3, NASB95)





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Exodus 33:1-6, 12-23 pew bible pg. 64

Moses – Desperate for Him!

“For the LORD had said to Moses, “Say to the sons of Israel, ‘You are an obstinate people; should I go up in your midst for one moment, I would destroy you. Now therefore, put off your ornaments from you, that I may know what I shall do with you.’ ”” (Exodus 33:5, NASB95)



Moses – Desperate for Him!

Moses - An angel is not enough – I need you!

“Then Moses said to the LORD, “See, You say to me, ‘Bring up this people!’ But You Yourself have not let me know whom You will send with me. Moreover, You have said, ‘I have known you by name, and you have also found favor in My sight.’” (Exodus 33:12, NASB95)



Moses – Desperate for Him!

God says – I will go with **YOU** – Moses (singular)

“And He said, “My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest.”” (Exodus 33:14, NASB95)



Moses – Desperate for Him!

Moses says no way – You must go with Us! – plural

“Then he said to Him, “If Your presence does not go with us, do not lead us up from here.” (Exodus 33:15, NASB95)



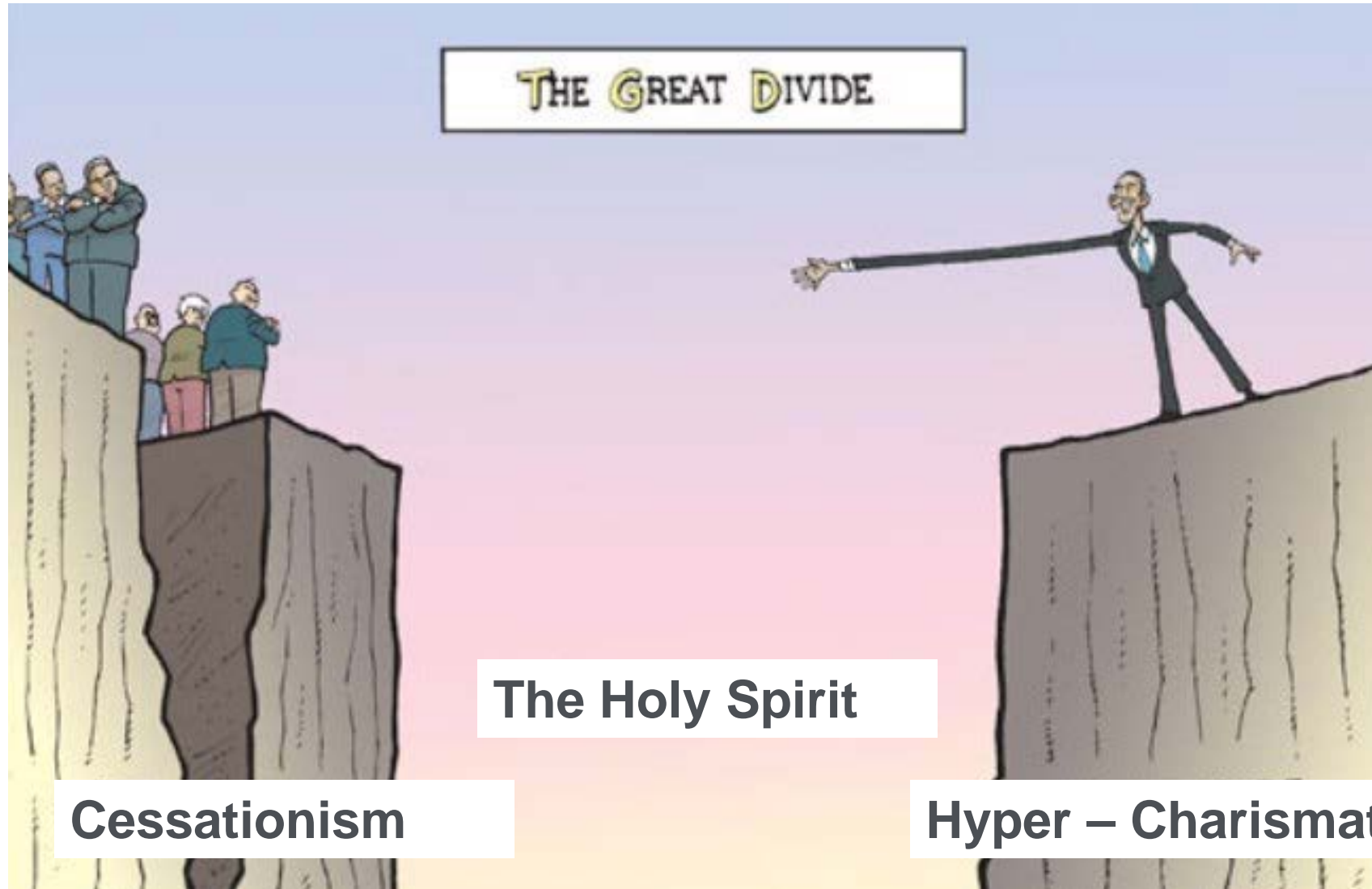
Moses – Desperate for Him!

Moses basically says – without Your presence – we are lost!

““For how then can it be known that I have found favor in Your sight, I and Your people? Is it not by Your going with us, so that we, I and Your people, may be distinguished from all the other people who are upon the face of the earth?”” (Exodus 33:16, NASB95)



Have We Settled for Second Best?



Cessationism

The Holy Spirit

Hyper – Charismatic



Have We Settled for Second Best?

- **Why did Francis Chan call the Holy Spirit ‘The Forgotten God’?**
- **What about Wallenstein Bible Chapel?**
- **What about me personally?**
- **Are we like the Israelites? Have we made God the Holy Spirit into our own image?**
- **Have we grieved Him by sin and settled for second best?**
- **Have we quenched Him and settled for second best?**



How Desperate Are We?

- How can I live out what I learned in Romans?
- How can we handle all the growth at WBC?
- So many need to come to faith!
- How do we deal with the hatred and prejudice?
- Lord – we cannot meet all the mental health needs!
- What about the scourge of pornography/ sexual addictions that plagues our men? Who will set them free?
- Do we believe we cannot go forward without His presence in us as individuals and as a people?



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Am I like the people of Israel or like Moses?

**Moses is a wonderful picture of Christ!
Israel is a sad picture of us!**





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