

CHAPTER IV.

HOLY SPIRIT.

1. The Scriptures ascribe to the Holy Ghost the acts and attributes of an intelligent being. He is said to guide,¹ to know,² to move,³ to give information,⁴ to command,⁵ to forbid,⁶ to send forth,⁷ to reprove,⁸ and to be sinned against.⁹

2. The attributes of God are applied to the Holy Ghost: such as eternity,¹⁰ omnipresence,¹¹ omniscience,¹² goodness,¹³ and truth.¹⁴

1. John, xvi, 13: "Howbeit, when he, the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth."

2. 1 Cor., ii, 11: "Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God."

3. Gen., i, 2: "And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." Acts, viii, 39.

4. Acts, xxi, 11: "And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, so shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man," etc. Acts, x, 9. John, xiv, 26; xvi, 14, 15.

5. Acts, xiii, 2: "The Holy Ghost said, separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work wherunto I have called them."

6. Acts, xvi, 6: "Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia."

7. Acts, xiii, 4: "So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed into Selucia."

8. John, xvi, 8: "And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of Judgment." Gen., vi, 3.

9. Mat., xii, 32: "But whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come." Isa., lxiii, 10. Acts, vii, 51. Acts, v, 3, 4, 9. Eph., iv, 30. 1 Thess., v, 19. *Were the Holy Ghost only an attribute of God, this unpardonable sin could not be committed against him.*

10. Heb., ix, 14: "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your consciences from dead works."

11. Ps., cxxxix, 7: "Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?"

12. 1 Cor., ii, 10, 11: "But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit," etc.

13. Neh., ix, 20: "Thou gavest also thy good Spirit to instruct them." Ps., cxliii, 10.

14. John, xiv, 17: "Even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not."