THE BOOKFOLIO

When Heaven Speaks, Heaven Agrees

SAGA 6 OF 7 — THE SPIRIT GLORIFIES THE SON

JOHN 16:13-15

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This excerpt: the Saga Book (student) pages for Saga 6, followed by the Teacher's Master notes for Saga 6.

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The Scene, Told Plainly

In Saga 5, Jesus promised the Comforter was coming. Now Jesus stays with His disciples a little longer, and He tells them more — what the Spirit of truth will do when He comes.

Jesus says: when He comes, He will guide you. Not leave you guessing. Not leave you lost. He will guide you into all truth. Step by step, He leads God's people into the truth.

And listen to how the Spirit speaks. Jesus says He shall not speak of Himself. That means the Spirit does not make up His own message, apart from Heaven. What He hears, that is what He speaks. *Whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak.* And He will show you things to come — He will make known what is ahead, as Heaven gives it to Him.

Then Jesus gives the Spirit's great work in plain words: *He shall glorify me.* To glorify means to honor, to lift up, to make known how great someone is. The Spirit glorifies Jesus — the Son. He does not glorify Himself in Jesus' place. He lifts up the Son.

And Jesus tells us how He does it. The Spirit shall receive of what is Jesus' — He shall take of mine — and He shall show it unto you. What belongs to Jesus, the Spirit takes and makes it plain to His people. Nothing new that fights against Jesus. Nothing apart from Jesus. What is the Son's, shown to us by the Spirit.

Then Jesus says why this can be so: *All things that the*

Father hath are mine. Everything the Father has is also the Son's. That is why the Spirit can take what is the Son's and show it to us — because the Father and the Son are in full agreement, and what is the Father's is the Son's.

Stop and see all three, all in these words. The Son speaks and explains. The Father — all things that the Father has are the Son's. And the Spirit comes, speaks what He hears, and glorifies the Son. Three Persons. One truth. One work.

When Heaven speaks, Heaven agrees.

The Scripture — Word for Word

> "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come." — JOHN 16:13
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> "He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you." — JOHN 16:14
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> "All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you." — JOHN 16:15

These are the words of Jesus in this saga, printed in red. In these verses the Father does not speak out loud — Jesus speaks about the Father and about the Spirit. Read them slowly, out loud if you can. This is Jesus telling us, ahead of time, what the Spirit will do.

Who Is Speaking

The Father — He does not speak in these verses; Jesus tells us that all things the Father has are the Son's, and the Spirit takes of the Son's and shows it to us.

The Son — He is Jesus, speaking to His disciples; He tells us the Spirit will guide into all truth, speak what He hears, and glorify the Son.

The Holy Spirit — He is the Spirit of truth in this saga; He does not speak in these verses — Jesus speaks about Him, and says He shall glorify Jesus and show His things to us.

One Thing to Think About

ONE THING TO THINK ABOUT — Jesus said the Spirit shall not speak of Himself, but shall glorify the Son — He shall take what is Jesus' and show it to us. Why do you think the Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus instead of Himself, and what does that show you about how the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit agree together?

Journal

Write it in your own words. Jesus said the Spirit will guide you into all truth and show you what is His. What part of this stays with you most — that He guides, that He speaks what He hears, or that He glorifies Jesus? Write it down plain.

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The Spirit Glorifies the Son — Teacher's Notes

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Church, I want you to notice the pattern holding all the way through this book. In Saga 5, Jesus said the Spirit shall testify of Me. Now in John 16, He says it stronger and plainer: the Spirit shall glorify Me. I want to show you something — the Holy Spirit does not come to take the Son's place, and He does not come to draw attention away from the Son. He comes to guide us into truth, to speak what He hears, and to show us what belongs to Jesus. That is Heaven agreeing, in the work of the Spirit Himself.

> "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you." — JOHN 16:13-15

The Answer to the Student Question

The students were asked: the Spirit shall not speak of Himself, but shall glorify the Son — He shall take what is Jesus' and show it to us. Why does the Holy Spirit glorify Jesus instead of Himself, and what does that show about how the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit agree?

Here is the answer I want you to teach, plain and straight:

because glorifying the Son is the work the Spirit was sent to do, and Heaven never works against itself. Jesus said it in Saga 5 — "he shall testify of me" — and He says it here — "He shall glorify me." The Spirit is not lesser for doing this, and He is not hiding. He is doing exactly what Jesus said He would do: He guides into the truth of Christ, He speaks what He hears from Heaven, and He shows us what is Christ's. So teach your students this test, the same test as the last saga, only deeper: where Jesus is glorified — lifted up, honored, made plain — there the Spirit is at work as Jesus promised. Where a spirit pulls people away from Jesus, that is not the Spirit of truth. The Father has all things, the Son says they are His, and the Spirit takes of the Son's and shows it to us — one God, three Persons, one agreed work.

Verse by Verse — John 16:13-15

"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13) — Again Jesus says *when*, not *if* — the same name as Saga 5, the Spirit of truth, and now His leading work: He will *guide*. A guide does not shove you and does not leave you — he leads you, step by step, into a place. And look at the place: *into all truth.* Not part truth, not a new truth apart from Jesus. All truth, and it is the truth Jesus has already spoken. Teach that: the Spirit's guidance never leads away from the Son's words — it leads deeper into them.

"for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak" (John 16:13) — I want you to hold this next to John 12:49 from Saga 4. There, the Son said He had not spoken of Himself — the Father gave Him what to say. Here, the same is said of the Spirit: He shall not speak of Himself; what He hears, He speaks. Do you see the pattern, church? The Son speaks the

Father's word. The Spirit speaks what He hears. Nobody in Heaven is freelancing. Nobody is making up a separate message. That is why Heaven agrees — every Person speaks in perfect agreement with the others.

"and he will shew you things to come" (John 16:13) — The Spirit also shows what is ahead — things to come — as Heaven gives them. Teach it plain and keep it in its place: this showing is part of His guiding into truth, and it will always agree with what Jesus has said, because He speaks what He hears. He does not show things to glorify Himself or to frighten God's people — He shows them as part of glorifying the Son.

"He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you" (John 16:14) — This is the heart of the whole saga, and the verse Saga 4 pointed us to. *He shall glorify me* — those are Jesus' own words about the Spirit. And Jesus tells us how: the Spirit shall receive of Mine — take of what belongs to Me — and shall show it unto you. The Spirit makes Jesus plain to us. He takes the Son's truth, the Son's work, the Son's glory, and puts it in front of us where we can see it. When you teach and the people see Jesus more clearly than they did before, church, that is the Spirit doing John 16:14.

"All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you" (John 16:15) — Now Jesus gives the reason, and it is a big one, so say it slow: *All things that the Father hath are mine.* The Son lacks nothing the Father has. That is why the Spirit taking of the Son's is not taking from a small store — He is showing us the fullness of the Father, in the Son. And notice Jesus ties it right back: *therefore said I* — because this is true, I said the Spirit shall take of Mine and show it to you. The verses hold together, one reason under it all: the Father and the Son are one in what

they have, and the Spirit shows the Son to us. That is the agreement of Heaven, standing on Jesus' own words.

A Short Preachable Outline

I. **The Spirit guides into all truth** — when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you (John 16:13).
II. **The Spirit speaks what He hears** — He shall not speak of Himself; whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak, and He will show things to come (John 16:13).
III. **The Spirit glorifies the Son** — He shall glorify Me, receiving of Mine and showing it unto you (John 16:14).
IV. **The reason stands underneath it** — all things that the Father hath are the Son's, therefore the Spirit takes of the Son's and shows it to us (John 16:15).

Preaching Lines

> "When Heaven speaks, Heaven agrees — the Son speaks the Father's word, the Spirit speaks what He hears, and both point the glory to the same place."

> "The Spirit does not come to take Christ's place — He comes to glorify Christ, taking what is His and showing it to us."