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The Holy Spirit and Christian Origins: Essays in Honor of James D. G. Dunn


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James D. G. Dunn has been a major figure in New Testament scholarship from the time of the publication of his Baptism in the Holy Spirit (SBT 2/15; London: SCM; Philadelphia: Westminster, 1970), a revision of his 1968 Cambridge Ph.D. dissertation. A prolific writer since that time, Dunn has contributed widely and creatively to New Testament studies not only on the subject of the Holy Spirit, a principal theme of the present Festschrift, but also on the historical Jesus, Paul and the law, Christian origins, as well as several commentaries on various portions of the New Testament.

As for the Festschrift itself, a longtime friend from Dunn’s student days at Cambridge (Graham Stanton), a former colleague at Durham (Stephen Barton), and a former doctoral student (Bruce Longenecker) have gathered together and edited a wide range of essays in honor of his sixty-fifth birthday. The volume consists of a selection of twenty-seven original articles written by a wide-ranging group of international contributors whose respective vitae are detailed on pages viii–xiii. As is conventional of Festschriften, the present work also contains an introductory essay about the honoree in an editors’ preface (xviii–xxii) and an appended list of honoree’s publications (360–75). The volume has one index of names (376–82).
While the title of the Dunn Festschrift is *The Holy Spirit and Christian Origins*, the overall thrust of its articles focus more on the subject of the Spirit than on Christian origins. The articles cover not only various aspects of the Spirit in the New Testament documents but also selections of nonbiblical (e.g., the Dead Sea Scrolls and the *Ascension of Isaiah*) and patristic writings (e.g., apostolic fathers, Justin Martyr, and later patristic disputes). The articles and their contributors are as follows: (1) “Unity and Diversity in New Testament Talk of the Spirit” (Robert Morgan); (2) “Spirits and Demons in the Dead Sea Scrolls” (Hermann Lichtenberger); (3) “John’s Baptism: A Prophetic Sign” (Morna D. Hooker); (4) “Covenant and Spirit: The Origins of the New Covenant Hermeneutic” (Scot McKnight); (5) “Spiritual Remembering: John 14.26” (Peter Stuhlmacher); (6) “The Breath of Life: John 20:22–23 Once More” (Marianne Meye Thompson); (7) “Initiatives Divine and Human in the Lukan Story World” (Beverly Roberts Gaventa); (8) “Rome’s Victory and God’s Honour: The Jerusalem Temple and the Spirit of God in Lukan Theodicy” (Bruce W. Longenecker); (9) “The Spirit and Salvation in Luke-Acts” (Max Turner); (10) “The Role of Charismatic and Noncharismatic Factors in Determining Paul’s Movements in Acts” (Robert Banks); (11) “Paul as Mystic” (Ulrich Luz); (12) “Pauline Pneumatology and Pauline Theology” (Alexander J. M. Wedderburn); (13) “Πνευματικός in the Social Dialect of Pauline Christianity” (John M. G. Barclay); (14) “Who and Where Is the ‘Wretched Man’ of Romans 7, and Why Is ‘She’ Wretched?” (David Catchpole); (15) “The Contrite Wrongdoer—Condemned or Set Free by the Spirit? Romans 7:7–8:4” (Peder Borgen); (16) “The Question of the ‘Apportioned Spirit’ in Paul’s Letters: Romans as a Case Study” (Robert Jewett); (17) “The Holy Spirit in 1 Corinthians: Exegesis and Reception History in the Patristic Era” (Anthony C. Thiselton); (18) “The Spirit in 2 Thessalonians” (Victor Paul Furnish); (19) “The Significance and Relevance of the Spirit in the Pastoral Epistles” (Paul Trebilco); (20) “The Holy Spirit in the Pastoral Epistles and the Apostolic Fathers” (I. Howard Marshall); (21) “The Spirit of God in Us Loathes Envy: James 4:5” (Richard Bauckham); (22) “Faithful Witness in the Diaspora: The Holy Spirit and the Exiled People of God according to 1 Peter” (Joel B. Green); (23) “‘Test the Spirits’: God, Love, and Critical Discernment in I John 4” (R. W. L. Moberly); (24) “The Holy Spirit in the *Ascension of Isaiah*” (Loren T. Stuckenbruck); (25) “The Spirit in the Writings of Justin Martyr” (Graham N. Stanton); (26) “The Transformation of Some New Testament Texts in Fourth- and Fifth-Century Disputes about Πνεῦμα” (J. Lionel North); and (27) “Translational Tendenz: English Versions and Πνεῦμα in Paul” (Gordon D. Fee).

Given the wide number of contributors and the editors’ evident desire to keep the volume to half the size of some of their honoree’s prodigious works of recent years, the respective lengths of articles are relatively short. Only Thiselton’s essay (ch. 17) exceeds
twenty pages, and all but two (Hooker, ch. 3; Trebilco, ch. 19) are less than fifteen pages. The majority of essays are eleven to fourteen pages in length. While these essays cannot be justly considered groundbreaking contributions to scholarship, they do collectively represent a fitting acknowledgement and well-deserved tribute to a scholar who has contributed in substantive ways to New Testament scholarship for more than three decades.