

Text: 2 Corinthians 3:4-6

Title: **THE GLORIOUS MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**(I) THE SAME SPIRIT OF FAITH IN MINISTRY**

**1. Moses as a minister of God**

- a) Deliverer
- b) Law-giver

**2. Jeremiah as a minister of God**

- a) Faith needed
- b) Calling people to return to God in repentance

**(II) THE MINISTRY IN THE OLD COVENANT CONTEXT**

**1. Paul's description of the ministry of Moses (2 Corinthians 3:7)**

“Written and engraved in stone”

**2. It was a ministry of “the letter of the law” (2 Corinthians 3:6)**

**3. It was a ministry that may be described as glorious (2 Corinthians 3:7)**

- a) The glory was of the Lord
- b) The law came from the Lord

**4. It was also a ministry that may be described as “ministry of death” (2 Corinthians 3:7)**

**5. It was a ministry of condemnation**

Because it included many curses (**Deuteronomy 27**)

### **(III) THE MINISTRY OF THE NEW COVENANT CONTEXT**

- 1. The ministry of the Spirit (2 Corinthians 3:8)**
- 2. It is a more glorious ministry (2 Corinthians 3:8)**
- 3. It is a ministry of righteousness (2 Corinthians 3:9)**
- 4. It is a ministry that far excels the Old Covenant (2 Corinthians 3:10-11)**

### **(IV) REASONS FOR THIS CONTRAST**

- 1. Not to put down the Old Covenant ministry**
  - a) It had its place
  - b) It had its function
  - c) It had its glory
  
- 2. To help people understand and appreciate the greatness of the New Covenant ministry**
  - a) Some did not understand the New Covenant
  - b) Others did not appreciate the significance of the New Covenant ministry
  - c) To help people have a deeper sense of appreciation of the significance of the New Covenant ministry