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• The Greek *pneu'ma*, spirit, comes from *pne'o*, meaning, breathe or blow, and the Hebrew *ru'ach*, spirit, is believed to come from a root having the same meaning. *Ru'ach* and *pneu'ma*, then, basically mean breath, but have extended meanings beyond that basic sense.

• Woe to the one saying to the piece of wood; O do **awake!** To a dumb stone; O wake up! It itself will give instruction! Look! It is sheathed in gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it. (**Habakkuk 2:19**)

• And there was granted it to give **breath** to the image of the wild beast, so that the image of the wild beast should both speak and cause to be killed all those who would not in any way worship the image of the wild beast. (**Revelation 13:15**)

- They can also mean **wind**, the **vital force** in living creatures, ones **spirit, spirit persons**, including God and his angelic creatures, and **God's active force, or Holy Spirit**. [Koehler and Baumgartner's *Lexicon in Veteris Testamenti Libros*, Leiden, 1958, pp. 877-879][Brown, Driver, and Briggs *Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament*, 1980, pp. 924-926][*Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*, edited by G. Friedrich, translated by G. Bromiley, 1971, Vol. VI, pp. 332-451]

- All these meanings have something in common. They all refer to that which **is invisible to human sight and which gives evidence of force in motion**. Such invisible force is capable of producing visible effects.

- Another **Hebrew** word, *nesha-mah'*

- And Yehowah God proceeded to form the man out of dust from the ground and to blow into his nostrils the **breath of life**, and the man came to be a living soul. (**Genesis 2:7**)

- Also means, **breath**, but it is more limited in range of meaning than *ru'ach*. The **Greek** *pno-e'* seems to have a similar limited sense.

- Neither is he attended to by human hands as if he needed anything, because he himself gives to all persons life and **breath** and all things. (**Acts of Apostles 17:25**)

- And was used by the **Septuagint** translators to render *nesha-mah'*.

•• Wind

- Consider first the sense that is perhaps easiest to grasp. The context in many cases shows *ru'ach* to mean, **wind**, as the **east wind**.

- At once Moses stretched his rod out over the land of Egypt, and Yehowah caused an east wind to blow upon the land all that day and all night. The morning came and the east wind carried the locusts. (**Exodus 10:13**)

- The four winds.

- Hey there! Hey there! Flee, then, you people, from the land of the north, is the utterance of Yehowah. For in the direction of the **four winds** of the heavens I have spread you people abroad, is the utterance of Yehowah. (**Zechariah 2:6**)

- The mention of such things as clouds, storm, the blowing of chaff or things of similar nature appearing in the context often makes evident this sense.
- And a wind burst forth from Yehowah and began driving quails from the sea and letting them fall above the camp about a days journey this way and about a days journey that way, all around the camp, and about two cubits above the surface of the earth. (Numbers 11:31)
- And it came about in the meantime that the heavens themselves darkened up with clouds and **wind** and a great downpour began to occur. And Ahab kept riding and made his way to Jezreel. (1 Kings 18:45)
- But it said; Go out, and you must stand on the mountain before Yehowah. And, look! Yehowah was passing by, and a great and strong wind was rending mountains and breaking crags before Yehowah. Yehowah was not in the wind. And after the wind there was a quaking. Yehowah was not in the quaking. (1 Kings 19:11)
- Do they become like straw before a wind, and like chaff that a storm wind has stolen away? (Job 21:18)
- Because the four winds are used to mean the four directions east, west, north, and south *ru'ach* at times may be rendered as **direction** or **side**.
- It was to the four directions that the gatekeepers came to be, to the east, to the west, to the north and to the south. (1 Chronicles 9:24)
- And I will bring in upon Elam the four winds from the four extremities of the heavens. And I will scatter them to all these winds, and there will prove to be no nation to which the dispersed ones of Elam will not come. (Jeremiah 49:36)
- And the pomegranates came to be ninety-six, on the sides, all the pomegranates being one hundred upon the network round about. (Jeremiah 52:23)
- He measured the eastern side with the measuring reed. It was

- five hundred reeds, by the measuring reed, round about. (**Ezekiel 42:16**)
- He measured the northern side, five hundred reeds, by the measuring reed, round about. (**Ezekiel 42:17**)
 - The southern side he measured, five hundred reeds, by the measuring reed. (**Ezekiel 42:18**)
 - He went around to the western side. He measured five hundred reeds, by the measuring reed. (**Ezekiel 42:19**)
 - For the four sides he measured it. It had a wall all around, with a length of five hundred reeds and a width of five hundred reeds, to make a division between what is holy and what is profane. (**Ezekiel 42:20**)
 - Furrows of scales are its haughtiness, closed as with a tight seal. (**Job 41:15**)
 - One to the other they fit closely, and not even air can come in between them. (**Job 41:16**)
 - Says of Leviathans closely fitting scales that not even air *weru'ach* can come in between them. Here again *ru'ach* represents air **in motion**, not merely air in a quiescent or motionless state. Thus the thought of an **invisible force** is present, the basic characteristic of the Hebrew *ru'ach*.
 - Evidently the only case in the **Christian Greek Scriptures** in which *pneu'ma* is used in the sense of **wind** is at;
 - The **wind** blows where it wants to, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from and where it is going. So is everyone that has been born from the **spirit**. (**John 3:8**)
 - Man cannot exercise control over the **wind**, he cannot guide, direct, restrain, or possess it. Because of this, **wind, ru'ach**, frequently stands for that which is uncontrollable or unattainable by man elusive, transitory, in vain, of no genuine benefit.
 - Is it to reprove words that you men scheme, when the sayings of one in despair are for mere **wind**? (**Job 6:26**)

- Remember that my life is **wind**, that my eye will not see good again. (**Job 7:7**)
- How long will you keep uttering these things, when the sayings of your mouth are but a powerful **wind**? (**Job 8:2**)
- Is there an end to **windy** words? Or what galls you, that you answer? (**Job 16:3**)
- As for anyone bringing ostracism upon his own house, he will take possession of **wind**, and a foolish person will be a servant to the one wise in heart. (**Proverbs 11:29**)
- A leaking roof that drives one away in the day of a steady rain and a contentious wife are comparable. (**Proverbs 27:15**)
- Who has ascended to heaven that he may descend? Who has gathered the wind in the hollow of both hands? Who has wrapped up the waters in a mantle? Who has made all the ends of the earth to rise? What is his name and what the name of his son, in case you know? (**Proverbs 30:4**)
- I saw all the works that were done under the sun, and, look! Everything was vanity and a striving after **wind**. (**Ecclesiastes 1:14**)
- And I proceeded to give my heart to knowing wisdom and to knowing madness, and I have come to know folly, that this too is a striving after **wind**. (**Ecclesiastes 1:17**)
- And I, even I, turned toward all the works of mine that my hands had done and toward the hard work that I had worked hard to accomplish, and, look! Everything was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing of advantage under the sun. (**Ecclesiastes 2:11**)
- We have become pregnant, we have had labor pains, as it were, we have given birth to wind. No real salvation do we accomplish as regards the land, and no inhabitants for the productive land proceed to fall in birth. (**Isaiah 26:18**)
- Look! All of them are something nonexistent. Their works are nothing. Their molten images are wind and unreality. (**Isaiah 41:29**)

- For a full discussion of this aspect,

See Also WIND.

· Spirit Persons

- **God is invisible to human eyes.**
- **And he added; You are not able to see my face, because no man may see me and yet live. (Exodus 33:20)**
- **No man has seen God at any time, the only-begotten god who is in the bosom position with the Father is the one that has explained him. (John 1:18)**
- **Now to the King of eternity, incorruptible, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. (1 Timothy 1:17)**
- **And he is alive and exercises unsurpassed force throughout the universe.**
- **For you are shown to be a letter of Christ written by us as ministers, inscribed not with ink but with spirit of a living God, not on stone tablets, but on fleshly tablets, on hearts. (2 Corinthians 3:3)**
- **But to whom can you people liken me so that I should be made his equal? Says the Holy One. (Isaiah 40:25)**
- **Raise your eyes high up and see. Who has created these things? It is the One who is bringing forth the army of them even by number, all of whom he calls even by name. Due to the abundance of dynamic energy, he also being vigorous in power, not one of them is missing. (Isaiah 40:26)**
- **For what reason do you say; O Jacob, and do you speak out, O Israel, My way has been concealed from Yehowah, and justice to me eludes my God himself? (Isaiah 40:27)**
- **Have you not come to know or have you not heard? Yehowah, the Creator of the extremities of the earth, is a God to time indefinite. He does not tire out or grow weary. There is no searching out of his understanding. (Isaiah 40:28)**

- He is giving to the tired one power, and to the one without dynamic energy he makes full might abound. (**Isaiah 40:29**)
- Boys will both tire out and grow weary, and young men themselves will without fail stumble. (**Isaiah 40:30**)
- But those who are hoping in Yehowah will regain power. They will mount up with wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not tire out. (**Isaiah 40:31**)
- Christ Jesus states; God is a **Spirit**, *Pneu'ma*. The apostle writes: **Now Yehowah is the Spirit.**
- God is a **Spirit**, and those worshiping him must worship with spirit and truth. (**John 4:24**)
- Now Yehowah is the **Spirit**, and where the spirit of Yehowah is, there is freedom. (**2 Corinthians 3:17**)
- And all of us, while we with unveiled faces reflect like mirrors the glory of Yehowah, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, exactly as done by Yehowah the **Spirit**. (**2 Corinthians 3:18**)
- The temple built on Christ as foundation cornerstone is a place for God **to inhabit by spirit.**
- In union with him you, too, are being built up together into a place for God to inhabit by **spirit**. (**Ephesians 2:22**)
- This does not mean that God is an impersonal, bodiless force like the wind. The Scriptures unmistakably testify to his personality, he also has location so that Christ could speak of going to his Father, this in order, that he might appear before the person of God, literally, **face of God for us.**
- I came out from the Father and have come into the world. Further, I am leaving the world and am going my way to the Father. (**John 16:28**)
- For Christ entered, not into a holy place made with hands, which is a copy of the reality, but into heaven itself, now to appear before the person of God for us. (**Hebrews 9:24**)

- May you yourself listen from the heavens, your established place of dwelling, and you must do according to all that for which the foreigner calls to you, in order, that all the peoples of the earth may get to know your name so as to fear you the same as your people Israel do, and so as to know that your name itself has been called upon this house that I have built. (**1 Kings 8:43**)
- Yehowah is in his holy temple. Yehowah, in the heavens is his throne. His own eyes behold, his own beaming eyes examine the sons of men. (**Psalms 11:4**)
- Who is like Yehowah our God, him who is making his dwelling on high? (**Psalms 113:5**)
- He is condescending to look on heaven and earth. (**Psalms 113:6**)

See Also YEHOWAH (The Person Identified by the Name)

- The expression my **spirit**, *ru-chi'*, used by God at;
- After that Yehowah said; **My spirit** shall not act toward man indefinitely in that he is also flesh. Accordingly his days shall amount to a hundred and twenty years. (**Genesis 6:3**)
- May mean, **I the Spirit**, even as his use of **my soul**, *naph-shi'*, has the sense of, **I the person**, or **my person**.
- Your new moons and your festal seasons **my soul** has hated. To me they have become a burden, I have become tired of bearing them. (**Isaiah 1:14**)
- He thereby contrasts his heavenly spiritual position with that of earthly, fleshly man.

See Also SOUL (God as Having Soul)

•• God's Son

- God's only-begotten son, the Word, was a **spirit** person like his Father, hence existing in God's form.
- Keep this mental attitude in you that was also in Christ Jesus. (**Philippians 2:5**)

- **Who, although he was **existing in God's form**, gave no consideration to a seizure, namely, that he should be equal to God. (**Philippians 2:6**)**
- **No, but he emptied himself and took a slaves form and came to be in the likeness of men. (**Philippians 2:7**)**
- **More than that, when he found himself in fashion as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient as far as death, yes, death on a torture stake. (**Philippians 2:8**)**
- **But later became flesh, residing among mankind as the man Jesus.**
- **In the beginning the Word was, and the Word was with God, and the Word was a god. (**John 1:1**)**
- **So the Word became flesh and resided among us, and we had a view of his glory, a glory such as belongs to an only-begotten son from a father, and he was full of undeserved kindness and truth. (**John 1:14**)**
- **Completing his earthly course, he was put to death in the flesh, but was made alive in the **spirit**.**
- **Why, even Christ died once for all time concerning sins, a righteous person for unrighteous ones, that he might lead you to God, he being put to death in the flesh, but being made alive in the **spirit**. (**1 Peter 3:18**)**
- **His Father resurrected him, granted his Sons request to be glorified alongside the Father with the glory he had had in his prehuman state**
- **I have glorified you on the earth, having finished the work you have given me to do. (**John 17:4**)**
- **So now you, Father, glorify me alongside yourself with the glory that I had alongside you before the world was. (**John 17:5**)**
- **And God made him a life-giving **spirit**.**
- **It is even so written; The first man Adam became a living soul.**

- The last Adam became a life-giving **spirit**. (1 Corinthians 15:45)
- The Son thus became again invisible to human sight.
- That you observe the commandment in a spotless and irreprehensible way until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Timothy 6:14)
- This manifestation of **his Christ**, the happy and only Potentate **Yehowah**, will show in its own appointed times, he the King of those who rule as kings and Lord of those who rule as lords. (1 Timothy 6:15)
- The one alone **having** immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom not one of men has seen or can see. To him be honor and might everlasting. Amen. (1 Timothy 6:16)

•• Other Spirit Creatures

- Angels are designated by the terms *ru'ach* and *pneu'ma* in a number of texts.
- Finally a **spirit** came out and stood before Yehowah and said; I myself shall fool him. At that Yehowah said to him, By what means? (1 Kings 22:21)
- To this he said; I shall go forth, and I shall certainly become a deceptive **spirit** in the mouth of all his prophets. So he said; You will fool him, and, what is more, you will come off the winner. Go out and do that way. (1 Kings 22:22)
- And a **spirit** proceeded to bear me along and I began to hear behind me the sound of a great rushing; Blessed be the glory of Yehowah from his place. (Ezekiel 3:12)
- And the **spirit** bore me along and proceeded to take me, so that I went bitterly in the rage of my spirit, and the hand of Yehowah upon me was strong. (Ezekiel 3:14)
- Then he thrust out the representation of a hand and took me by a tuft of hair of my head, and a **spirit** carried me between the earth and the heavens and brought me to Jerusalem in the visions of God, to the entrance of the inner gate that is facing northward, where the dwelling place is of the symbol of jealousy that is

- inciting to jealousy. ([Ezekiel 8:3](#))
- And a **spirit** proceeded to lift me up and bring me to the eastern gate of the house of Yehowah that is facing eastward, and, look! In the entrance of the gate there were twenty-five men, and I got to see in the midst of them Jaazaniah the son of Azzur and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people. ([Ezekiel 11:1](#))
 - And a **spirit** itself lifted me up and finally brought me to Chaldea to the exiled people, in the vision by the spirit of God, and the vision that I had seen went ascending from upon me. ([Ezekiel 11:24](#))
 - And a **spirit** proceeded to raise me up and bring me into the inner courtyard, and, look! The House had become full of the glory of Yehowah. ([Ezekiel 43:5](#))
 - For Sadducees say there is neither resurrection nor angel nor **spirit**, but the Pharisees publicly declare them all. ([Acts of Apostles 23:8](#))
 - So there broke out a loud screaming, and some of the scribes of the party of the Pharisees rose and began contending fiercely, saying; We find nothing wrong in this man, but if a **spirit** or an angel spoke to him. ([Acts of Apostles 23:9](#))
 - In this state also he went his way and preached to the **spirits** in prison. ([1 Peter 3:19](#))
 - Who had once been disobedient when the patience of God was waiting in Noah's days, while the ark was being constructed, in which a few people, that is, eight souls, were carried safely through the water. ([1 Peter 3:20](#))
 - In the [Christian Greek Scriptures](#), the majority of such references are to wicked **spirit** creatures, demons.
 - But after it became evening, people brought him many demon-possessed persons, and he **expelled the spirits** with a word, and he cured all who were faring badly. ([Matthew 8:16](#))
 - So he summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over **unclean spirits**, in order to expel these and to cure every sort of disease and every sort of infirmity. ([Matthew 10:1](#))

- When an **unclean spirit** comes out of a man, it passes through parched places in search of a resting-place, and finds none. (**Matthew 12:43**)
- Then it says; I will go back to my house out of which I moved, and on arriving it finds it unoccupied but swept clean and adorned. (**Matthew 12:44**)
- Then it goes its way and takes along with it seven different **spirits more wicked than itself**, and, after getting inside, they dwell there, and the final circumstances of that man become worse than the first. That is how it will be also with this wicked generation. (**Matthew 12:45**)
- Also, at that immediate time there was in their synagogue a man under the power of an unclean **spirit**, and he shouted. (**Mark 1:23**)
- Saying; What have we to do with you, Jesus you Nazarene? Did you come to destroy us? I know exactly who you are, the Holy One of God. (**Mark 1:24**)
- But Jesus rebuked it, saying; Be silent, and come on out of him! (**Mark 1:25**)
- And the unclean **spirit**, after throwing him into a convulsion and yelling at the top of its voice, came on out of him. (**Mark 1:26**)
- Well, the people were all so astonished that they began a discussion among themselves, saying; What is this? A new teaching! He authoritatively orders even the unclean **spirits**, and they obey him. (**Mark 1:27**)
- Even the unclean **spirits**, whenever they would behold him, would prostrate themselves before him and cry out, saying; You are the Son of God. (**Mark 3:11**)
- But many times he sternly charged them not to make him known. (**Mark 3:12**)
- This, because they were saying; He has an unclean **spirit**. (**Mark 3:30**)

- Making his angels **spirits**, this ministers a devouring fire. (**Psalms 104:4**)
- States that God makes his angels **spirits**, his ministers a devouring fire. Some translations would render this. Who makest the **winds** thy messengers, fire and flame thy ministers, or similarly. **RS, JP, AT, JB** Such translation of the **Hebrew** text is not inadmissible.
- You fire and hail, snow and thick smoke, you tempestuous wind, accomplishing his word. (**Psalms 148:8**)
- However, the apostle Paul's quotation of the text;
- Also, with reference to the angels he says; And he makes his angels **spirits**, and his public servants **a flame of fire**. (**Hebrews 1:7**)
- Coincides with that of the **Greek Septuagint** and harmonizes with the rendering first given.
- Also, with reference to the angels he says; And he makes his angels **spirits**, and his public servants a flame of fire. (**Hebrews 1:7**)
- The **definite article, tous**, is used before **angels**, not before **spirits pneu'ma-ta**, making the angels the proper subject of the clause.
- **Barnes Notes on the New Testament [1974] says: It is to be presumed that Paul, who had been trained in the knowledge of the Hebrew language, would have had a better opportunity of knowing its referring to**
- Making his angels **spirits**, this ministers a devouring fire. (**Psalms 104:4**)
- Fair construction than we can, and it is morally certain, that he would employ the passage **in an argument** as it was commonly understood by those to whom he wrote that is, to those who were familiar with the Hebrew language and literature.
- Are they not all **spirits** for public service, sent forth to minister for those who are going to inherit salvation? (**Hebrews 1:14**)

- God's angels, though capable of materializing human form and appearing to men, are not by nature material or fleshly, hence are invisible. They are actively alive and able to exert great force, and the terms *ru'ach* and *pneu'ma* therefore aptly describe them.
- Because we have a wrestling, not against blood and flesh, but against the governments, against the authorities, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the wicked **spirit** forces in the heavenly places. (**Ephesians 6:12**)
- Speaks of Christians wrestling, not against blood and flesh, but against the governments, against the authorities, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the wicked **spirit** forces in the heavenly places.
- The latter part of the text in **Greek** literally reads. Toward the spiritual, things, **Greek**, *pneu-ma-ti-ka'*, of the wickedness in the heavenly places.
- Most modern translations recognize that the reference here is not simply to something abstract, spiritual wickedness, **KJ**, but refers to wickedness carried out by **spirit persons**.
- Thus, we have such renderings as: the **spirit-forces of evil** on high, **AT**, the **spiritual hosts of wickedness** in the heavenly places, **RS**, the **spiritual army of evil** in the heavens, **JB**, the **superhuman forces of evil** in the heavens. **NE**

•• God's Active Force, Holy Spirit

- By far the majority of occurrences of *ru'ach* and *pneu'ma* relate to God's **spirit**, his active force, his **Holy Spirit**.

•• Not A Person

- Not until the **Fourth Century C.E.** did the teaching that the Holy Spirit was a person and part of the Godhead become official church dogma. Early church **fathers** did not so teach. Justin Martyr of the **Second Century C.E.** taught that the **Holy Spirit** was an **influence or mode of operation of the Deity**. Hippolytus likewise **ascribed no personality to the Holy Spirit**.

- The Scriptures themselves unite to show that God's Holy Spirit is not a person but is God's **active force** by which he accomplishes his purpose and executes his will.
- It may first be noted that the words in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one, **KJ**, found in older translations at;
- For there are three witness bearers. (**1 John 5:7**)
- Are actually spurious additions to the original text. A footnote in **The Jerusalem Bible**, a Catholic translation, says that, **these words are not in any of the early Greek manuscripts, or any of the early translations, or in the best Manuscripts of the Vulgate itself.**
- **A Textual Commentary on the Greek New Testament, by Bruce Metzger [1975, pp. 716-718], traces in detail the history of the spurious passage. It states that the passage is first found in a treatise entitled Liber Apologeticus, of the Fourth Century, and that it appears in Old Latin and Vulgate manuscripts of the Scriptures, beginning in the Sixth Century. Modern translations as a whole, both Catholic and Protestant, do not include them in the main body of the text, because of recognizing their spurious nature. RS, NE, NAB**

•• **Personification Does Not Prove Personality**

- It is true that Jesus spoke of the **Holy Spirit** as a **helper** and spoke of such helper as, **teaching, bearing witness, giving evidence, guiding, speaking, hearing, and receiving**. In so doing, the original Greek shows Jesus at times applying the personal pronoun **he** to that **helper, paraclete**.
- And I will request the Father and he will give you another **helper** to be with you forever. (**John 14:16**)
- The **spirit** of the truth, which the world cannot receive, because it neither beholds it nor knows it. You know it, because it remains with you and is in you. (**John 14:17**)
- But the **helper**, the **Holy Spirit**, which the Father will send in my name, that one will teach you all things and bring back to your minds all the things I told you. (**John 14:26**)
- When the **helper** arrives that I will send you from the Father, the

- spirit of the truth**, which proceeds from the Father, that one will bear witness about me. (**John 15:26**)
- Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth. It is for your benefit I am going away. For if I do not go away, the **helper** will by no means come to you. But if I do go my way, I will send him to you. (**John 16:7**)
 - And when that one arrives **he** will give the world convincing evidence concerning sin and concerning righteousness and concerning judgment. (**John 16:8**)
 - In the first place, concerning sin, because they are not exercising faith in me. (**John 16:9**)
 - Then concerning righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will behold me no longer. (**John 16:10**)
 - Then concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged. (**John 16:11**)
 - I have many things yet to say to you, but you are not able to bear them at present. (**John 16:12**)
 - However, when that one arrives, the **spirit of the truth**, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak of his own impulse, but what things he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things coming. (**John 16:13**)
 - That one will glorify me, because he will receive from what is mine and will declare it to you. (**John 16:14**)
 - All the things that the Father has are mine. That is why I said he receives from what is mine and declares it to you. (**John 16:15**)
 - However, it is not unusual in the Scriptures for something that is not actually a person to be personalized or personified. **Wisdom is personified in the book of Proverbs.**
 - True wisdom itself **keeps crying aloud** in the very street. In the public squares it keeps giving forth its voice. (**Proverbs 1:20**)
 - At the upper end of the noisy streets **it calls out**. At the entrances of the gates into the city it says its own sayings:

(Proverbs 1:21)

- How long will you inexperienced ones keep loving inexperience, and how long must you ridiculers desire for yourselves outright ridicule, and how long will you stupid ones keep hating knowledge? **(Proverbs 1:22)**
- Turn back at my reproof. Then to you I will cause my **spirit** to bubble forth, I will make my words known to you. **(Proverbs 1:23)**
- Because I have called out but you keep refusing, I have stretched out my hand but there is no one paying attention. **(Proverbs 1:24)**
- And you keep neglecting all my counsel, and my reproof you have not accepted. **(Proverbs 1:25)**
- I also, for my part, shall laugh at your own disaster, I shall mock when what you dread comes. **(Proverbs 1:26)**
- When what you dread comes just like a storm, and your own disaster gets here just like a storm wind, when distress and hard times come upon you. **(Proverbs 1:27)**
- At that time they will keep calling me, but I shall not answer, they will keep looking for me, but they will not find me. **(Proverbs 1:28)**
- For the reason that they hated knowledge, and the fear of Yehowah they did not choose. **(Proverbs 1:29)**
- They did not consent to my counsel, they disrespected all my reproof. **(Proverbs 1:30)**
- So they will eat from the fruitage of their way, and they will be gluttoned with their own counsels. **(Proverbs 1:31)**
- For the renegading of the inexperienced ones is what will kill them, and the easygoingness of the stupid is what will destroy them. **(Proverbs 1:32)**
- As for the one listening to me, he will reside in security and be undisturbed from dread of calamity. **(Proverbs 1:33)**

- Does not wisdom keep calling out, and discernment keep giving forth its voice? (**Proverbs 8:1**)
- On top of the heights, by the way, at the crossing of the roadways it has stationed itself. (**Proverbs 8:2**)
- At the side of the gates, at the mouth of the town, at the going in of the entrances it keeps crying loudly. (**Proverbs 8:3**)
- To you, O men, I am calling, and my voice is to the sons of men. (**Proverbs 8:4**)
- O inexperienced ones, understand shrewdness, and you stupid ones, understand heart. (**Proverbs 8:5**)
- Listen, for it is about the foremost things that I speak, and the opening of my lips is about uprightness. (**Proverbs 8:6**)
- For my palate in low tones utters truth itself, and wickedness is something detestable to my lips. (**Proverbs 8:7**)
- All the sayings of my mouth are in righteousness. Among them there is nothing twisted or crooked. (**Proverbs 8:8**)
- All of them are straight to the discerning one, and upright to the ones finding knowledge. (**Proverbs 8:9**)
- Take my discipline and not silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold. (**Proverbs 8:10**)
- For wisdom is better than corals, and all other delights themselves cannot be made equal to it. (**Proverbs 8:11**)
- I, wisdom, I have resided with shrewdness and I find even the knowledge of thinking abilities. (**Proverbs 8:12**)
- The fear of Yehowah means the hating of bad. Self-exaltation and pride and the bad way and the perverse mouth I have hated. (**Proverbs 8:13**)
- I have counsel and practical wisdom. I, understanding, I have mightiness. (**Proverbs 8:14**)

- **By me kings themselves keep reigning, and high officials themselves keep decreeing righteousness. (Proverbs 8:15)**
- **By me princes themselves keep ruling as princes, and nobles are all judging in righteousness. (Proverbs 8:16)**
- **Those loving me I myself love, and those looking for me are the ones that find me. (Proverbs 8:17)**
- **Riches and glory are with me, hereditary values and righteousness. (Proverbs 8:18)**
- **My fruitage is better than gold, even than refined gold, and my produce than choice silver. (Proverbs 8:19)**
- **In the path of righteousness I walk, in the middle of the roadways of judgment. (Proverbs 8:20)**
- **To cause those loving me to take possession of substance, and their storehouses I keep filled. (Proverbs 8:21)**
- **Yehowah himself produced me as the beginning of his way, the earliest of his achievements of long ago. (Proverbs 8:22)**
- **From time indefinite I was installed, from the start, from times earlier than the earth. (Proverbs 8:23)**
- **When there were no watery deeps I was brought forth as with labor pains, when there were no springs heavily charged with water. (Proverbs 8:24)**
- **Before the mountains themselves had been settled down, ahead of the hills, I was brought forth as with labor pains. (Proverbs 8:25)**
- **When as yet he had not made the earth and the open spaces and the first part of the dust masses of the productive land. (Proverbs 8:26)**
- **When he prepared the heavens I was there, when he decreed a circle upon the face of the watery deep. (Proverbs 8:27)**
- **When he made firm the cloud masses above, when he caused the fountains of the watery deep to be strong. (Proverbs 8:28)**

- When he set for the sea his decree that the waters themselves should not pass beyond his order, when he decreed the foundations of the earth. (**Proverbs 8:29**)
- Then I came to be beside him as a master worker, and I came to be the one he was specially fond of day by day, I being glad before him all the time. (**Proverbs 8:30**)
- Being glad at the productive land of his earth, and the things I was fond of were with the sons of men. (**Proverbs 8:31**)
- And now, O sons, listen to me. Yes, happy are the ones that keep my very ways. (**Proverbs 8:32**)
- Listen to discipline and become wise, and do not show any neglect. (**Proverbs 8:33**)
- Happy is the man that is listening to me by keeping awake at my doors day by day, by watching at the posts of my entrances. (**Proverbs 8:34**)
- For the one finding me will certainly find life, and gets goodwill from Yehowah. (**Proverbs 8:35**)
- But the one missing me is doing violence to his soul, all those intensely hating me are the ones that do love death. (**Proverbs 8:36**)
- And feminine pronominal forms are used of it in the original **Hebrew**, as also in many English translations. **KJ, RS, JP, AT** Wisdom is also personified at;
- The Son of man did come eating and drinking, still people say; Look! A man gluttonous and given to drinking wine, a friend of tax collectors and sinners. All the same, **wisdom is proved righteous by its works**. (**Matthew 11:19**)
- All the same, wisdom is proved righteous by all its children. (**Luke 7:35**)
- Where it is depicted as having both **works** and **children**. The apostle Paul personalized sin and death and also undeserved kindness as kings.

- Nevertheless, **death ruled as king** from Adam down to Moses, even over those who had not sinned after the likeness of the transgression by Adam, who bears a resemblance to him that was to come. (**Romans 5:14**)
- For if by the trespass of the one man **death ruled as king** through that one, much more will those who receive the abundance of the undeserved kindness and of the free gift of righteousness rule as kings in life through the one person, Jesus Christ. (**Romans 5:17**)
- To what end? That, just as **sin ruled as king with death**, likewise also undeserved kindness might rule as king through righteousness with everlasting life in view through Jesus Christ our Lord. (**Romans 5:21**)
- Therefore do not let **sin continue to rule as king** in your mortal bodies that you should obey their desires. (**Romans 6:12**)
- **He speaks of sin as receiving an inducement, working out covetousness, seducing, and killing.**
- But sin, receiving an inducement through the commandment, worked out in me covetousness of every sort, for apart from Law sin was dead. (**Romans 7:8**)
- In fact, I was once alive apart from Law, but when the commandment arrived, sin came to life again, but I died. (**Romans 7:9**)
- And the commandment which was to life, this I found to be to death. (**Romans 7:10**)
- For sin, receiving an inducement through the commandment, seduced me and killed me through it. (**Romans 7:11**)
- Yet it is obvious that Paul did not mean that sin was actually a person.
- So, likewise with John's account of Jesus words regarding the Holy Spirit, his remarks must be taken in context. Jesus personalized the Holy Spirit when speaking of that spirit as a **helper**, which in Greek is the masculine substantive *pa-ra'kle-tos*.

- Properly, therefore, John presents Jesus words as referring to that **helper** aspect of the **spirit** with masculine personal pronouns. On the other hand, in the same context, when the Greek *pneu'ma* is used, John employs a neuter pronoun to refer to the **Holy Spirit**, *pneu'ma* itself being neuter.
- Hence, we have in John's use of the masculine personal pronoun in association with *pa-ra'kle-tos* an example of conformity to grammatical rules, not an expression of doctrine.
- And I will request the Father and he will give you another helper to be with you forever. (**John 14:16**)
- The **spirit** of the truth, which the world cannot receive, because it neither beholds it nor knows it. You know it, because it remains with you and is in you. (**John 14:17**)
- Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth, It is for your benefit I am going away. For if I do not go away, the helper will by no means come to you, but if I do go my way, I will send him to you. (**John 16:7**)
- And when that one arrives he will give the world convincing evidence concerning sin and concerning righteousness and concerning judgment. (**John 16:8**)

· Lacks Personal Identification

- Since God himself is a **Spirit** and is holy and since all his faithful angelic sons are spirits and are holy, it is evident that if the **Holy Spirit** were a person, there should reasonably be given some means in the Scriptures to distinguish and identify such **spirit person** from all these other **Holy Spirits**.
- It would be expected that, at the very least, the definite article would be used with it in all cases where it is not called **God's Holy Spirit** or is not modified by some similar expression.
- This would at least distinguish it as **The Holy Spirit**. But, on the contrary, in a large number of cases the expression, **Holy Spirit**, appears in the original Greek without the article, thus indicating its lack of personality.
- So, brothers, search out for yourselves seven certified men from

among you, full of **spirit** and wisdom, that we may appoint them over this necessary business. (**Acts of Apostles 6:3**)

- And the thing spoken was pleasing to the whole multitude, and they selected Stephen, a man full of faith and Holy Spirit, and Philip and Prochorus and Nicanor and Timon and Parmenas and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. (**Acts of Apostles 6:5**)
- But he, being full of **Holy Spirit**, gazed into heaven and caught sight of God's glory and of Jesus standing at God's right hand. (**Acts of Apostles 7:55**)
- And these went down and prayed for them to get **Holy Spirit**. (**Acts of Apostles 8:15**)
- Then they went laying their hands upon them, and they began to receive **Holy Spirit**. (**Acts of Apostles 8:17**)
- Saying; Give me also this authority, that anyone upon whom I lay my hands may receive **Holy Spirit**. (**Acts of Apostles 8:19**)
- So Ananias went off and entered into the house, and he laid his hands upon him and said; Saul, brother, the Lord, the Jesus that appeared to you on the road over which you were coming, has sent me forth, in order, that you may recover sight and be filled with Holy Spirit. (**Acts of Apostles 9:17**)
- For he was a good man and full of **Holy Spirit** and of faith. And a considerable crowd was added to the Lord. (**Acts of Apostles 11:24**)
- Saul, who is also Paul, becoming filled with **Holy Spirit**, looked at him intently (**Acts of Apostles 13:9**)
- And the disciples continued to be filled with joy and **Holy Spirit**. (**Acts of Apostles 13:52**)
- And he said to them; Did you receive **Holy Spirit** when you became believers? They said to him; Why, we have never heard whether there is a **Holy Spirit**. (**Acts of Apostles 19:2**)
- I am telling the truth in Christ. I am not lying, since my conscience bears witness with me in **Holy Spirit**. (**Romans 9:1**)

- For the kingdom of God does not mean eating and drinking, but means righteousness and peace and joy with **Holy Spirit**. (**Romans 14:17**)
- May the God who gives hope fill you with all joy and peace by your believing, that you may abound in hope with power of **Holy Spirit**. (**Romans 15:13**)
- For me to be a public servant of Christ Jesus to the nations, engaging in the holy work of the Good News of God, in order, that the offering, namely, these nations, might prove to be acceptable, it being sanctified with **Holy Spirit**. (**Romans 15:16**)
- With the power of signs and portents, with the power of Holy Spirit, so that from Jerusalem and in a circuit as far as Illyricum I have thoroughly preached the Good News about the Christ. (**Romans 15:19**)
- Therefore I would have you know that nobody when speaking by God's **spirit** says; Jesus is accursed! And nobody can say; Jesus is Lord! Except by **Holy Spirit**. (**1 Corinthians 12:3**)
- While God joined in bearing witness with signs as well as portents and various powerful works and with distributions of **Holy Spirit** according to his will? (**Hebrews 2:4**)
- For it is impossible as regards those who have once for all been enlightened, and who have tasted the heavenly free gift, and who have become partakers of **Holy Spirit**. (**Hebrews 6:4**)
- For prophecy was at no time brought by man's will, but men spoke from God as they were borne along by **Holy Spirit**. (**2 Peter 1:21**)
- But you, beloved ones, by building up yourselves on your most holy faith, and praying with **Holy Spirit**. (**Jude 1:20**)
- **Int** and other interlinear translations.

·· How Baptized In Its Name

- Go therefore and make disciples of people of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the **Holy Spirit**. (**Matthew 28:19**)

- Reference is made to the name of the Father and of the Son and of the **Holy Spirit**. A name can mean something other than a personal name.
- When, in English, we say, **in the name of the law**, or **in the name of common sense**, we have no reference to a person as such.
- By name in these expressions we mean, what the Law stands for or its authority, and what common sense represents or calls for. The Greek term for name, *o'no-ma*, also can have this sense. Thus, while some translations, **KJ, AS**, follow the Greek text at;
- He that receives a prophet because he is a prophet will get a prophets reward, and he that receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will get a righteous man's reward. (**Matthew 10:41**)
- Literally and say that the one that, receiveth a prophet **in the name of a prophet**, shall receive a prophets reward, and he that receiveth a righteous man **in the name of a righteous man**, shall receive a righteous man's reward, more modern translations say; **receives a prophet because he is a prophet** and receives a righteous man **because he is a righteous man**, or similar. **RS, AT, JB, NW** Thus, **Robertsons Word Pictures in the New Testament [1930, Vol. I, p. 245]** says on;
- Go therefore and make disciples of people of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (**Matthew 28:19**)
- The use of name, *onoma*, here is a common one in the **Septuagint and the papyri for power or authority**. Hence **baptism in the name of the Holy Spirit** implies recognition of that **spirit** as having its source in God and as exercising its function according to the divine will.

•• Other Evidence Of Its Impersonal Nature

- Further evidence against the idea of personality as regards the **Holy Spirit** is the way it is used in association with other impersonal things, such as water and fire.
- I, for my part, baptize you with water because of your repentance, but the one coming after me is stronger than I am, whose sandals I am not fit to take off. That one will baptize you

- people with **Holy Spirit** and with fire. (**Matthew 3:11**)
- I baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with **Holy Spirit**. (**Mark 1:8**)
 - And Christians are spoken of as being baptized in **Holy Spirit**.
 - Because John, indeed, baptized with water, but you will be baptized in Holy Spirit not many days after this. (**Acts of Apostles 1:5**)
 - At this I called to mind the saying of the Lord, how he used to say; John, for his part, baptized with water, but you will be baptized in Holy Spirit. (**Acts of Apostles 11:16**)
 - Persons are urged to become **filled with spirit** instead of with wine.
 - Also, do not be getting drunk with wine, in which there is debauchery, but keep **getting filled with spirit**. (**Ephesians 5:18**)
 - So, too, persons are spoken of as being filled with it along with such qualities as wisdom and faith.
 - So, brothers, search out for yourselves seven certified men from among you, full of **spirit and wisdom**, that we may appoint them over this necessary business. (**Acts of Apostles 6:3**)
 - And the thing spoken was pleasing to the whole multitude, and they selected Stephen, a man **full of faith** and **Holy Spirit**, and Philip and Prochorus and Nicanor and Timon and Parmenas and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. (**Acts of Apostles 6:5**)
 - For he was a good man and full of **Holy Spirit** and **of faith**. And a considerable crowd was added to the Lord. (**Acts of Apostles 11:24**)
 - Or joy,
 - And the disciples continued to be filled with **joy and Holy Spirit**. (**Acts of Apostles 13:52**)
 - And **Holy Spirit** is inserted, or sandwiched in, with a number of such qualities at;

- By purity, by knowledge, by long-suffering, by kindness, by Holy Spirit, by love free from hypocrisy. ([2 Corinthians 6:6](#))
- It is most unlikely that such expressions would be made if the **Holy Spirit** were a divine person. As to the **spirits** bearing witness.
- And we are witnesses of these matters, and so is the **Holy Spirit**, which God has given to those obeying him as ruler. ([Acts of Apostles 5:32](#))
- Except that from city to city the **Holy Spirit** repeatedly bears witness to me as it says that bonds and tribulations are waiting for me. ([Acts of Apostles 20:23](#))
- It may be noted that the same thing is said of the water and the blood at;
 - This is he that came by means of water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood. And the **spirit** is that which is bearing witness, because the spirit is the truth. ([1 John 5:6](#))
 - For there are three witness bearers. ([1 John 5:7](#))
 - The **spirit** and the water and the blood, and the three are in agreement. ([1 John 5:8](#))
 - While some texts refer to the **spirit** as, **witnessing**, **speaking**, or **saying** things, other texts make clear that it spoke through persons, having no personal voice of its own.
 - For this reason, just as the **Holy Spirit** says; Today if you people listen to his own voice. ([Hebrews 3:7](#))
 - Moreover, the **Holy Spirit** also bears witness to us, for after it has said. ([Hebrews 10:15](#))
 - This is the covenant that I shall covenant toward them after those days, says Yehowah. I will put my Laws in their hearts, and in their minds I shall write them. ([Hebrews 10:16](#))
 - It says afterwards; And I shall by no means call their sins and their lawless deeds to mind anymore. ([Hebrews 10:17](#))

- For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasturage and the sheep of his hand. Today if you people listen to his own voice. **(Psalms 95:7)**
- For this is the covenant that I shall conclude with the house of Israel after those days, is the utterance of Yehowah. I will put my Law within them, and in their heart I shall write it. And I will become their God, and they themselves will become my people. **(Jeremiah 31:33)**
- And they will no more teach each one his companion and each one his brother, saying; Know Yehowah! For they will all of them know me, from the least one of them even to the greatest one of them, is the utterance of Yehowah. For I shall forgive their error, and their sin I shall remember no more. **(Jeremiah 31:34)**
- And he said to them; Did you receive Holy Spirit when you became believers? They said to him; Why, we have never heard whether there is a Holy Spirit. **(Acts of Apostles 19:2)**
- And he said; In what, then, were you baptized? They said; In John's baptism. **(Acts of Apostles 19:3)**
- Paul said; John baptized with the baptism in symbol of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus. **(Acts of Apostles 19:4)**
- On hearing this, they got baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **(Acts of Apostles 19:5)**
- And when Paul laid his hands upon them, the **Holy Spirit** came upon them, and they began speaking with tongues and prophesying. **(Acts of Apostles 19:6)**
- By a search we found the disciples and remained here seven days. But through the **spirit** they repeatedly told Paul not to set foot in Jerusalem. **(Acts of Apostles 21:4)**
- So, because they were at disagreement with one another, they began to depart, while Paul made this one comment; The **Holy Spirit** aptly spoke through Isaiah the prophet to your forefathers. **(Acts of Apostles 28:25)**

- It may thus be compared to radio waves that can transmit a message from a person speaking into a microphone and cause his voice to be heard by persons a distance away, in effect, **speaking** the message by a radio loudspeaker.

- God, by his **spirit**, transmits his messages and communicates his will to the minds and hearts of his servants on earth, who, in turn, may convey that message to yet others.

•• Distinguished From Power

- *Ru'ach* and *pneu'ma*, therefore, when used with reference to God's Holy Spirit, refer to God's invisible active force by which he accomplishes his divine purpose and will. It is **holy** because it is from Him, not of an earthly source, and is free from all corruption as the **spirit of holiness**.

- But who with power was declared God's Son according to the **spirit of holiness** by means of resurrection from the dead, yes, Jesus Christ our Lord. (**Romans 1:4**)

- It is not Yehowah's power, for this English word more correctly translates other terms in the original languages **Hebrew, ko'ach, Greek, dy'na-mis**. *Ru'ach* and *pneu'ma* are used in close association or even in parallel with these terms signifying **power**, which shows that there is an inherent connection between them and yet a definite distinction.

- And, on the other hand, I myself have become full of power, with the **spirit** of Yehowah, and of justice and mightiness, in order to tell to Jacob his revolt and to Israel his sin. (**Micah 3:8**)

- Accordingly he answered and said to me; This is the word of Yehowah to Zerubbabel, saying; Not by a military force, nor by power, but by my **spirit**, Yehowah of armies has said. (**Zechariah 4:6**)

- Also, he will go before him with Elijah's **spirit** and power, to turn back the hearts of fathers to children and the disobedient ones to the practical wisdom of righteous ones, to get ready for Yehowah a prepared people. (**Luke 1:17**)

- In answer the angel said to her; **Holy Spirit** will come upon you, and power of the Most High will overshadow you. For that

reason also what is born will be called holy, God's Son. (Luke 1:35)

- Namely, Jesus who was from Nazareth, how God anointed him with **Holy Spirit** and power, and he went through the land doing good and healing all those oppressed by the Devil, because God was with him. (Acts of Apostles 10:38)
- Power is basically the ability or capacity to act or do things and it can be latent, dormant, or inactively resident in someone or something. Force, on the other hand, more specifically describes energy **projected** and **exerted** on persons or things, and may be defined as an influence that produces or tends to produce motion, or change of motion. **Power** might be likened to the energy stored in a battery, while **force** could be compared to the electric current flowing from such battery.
- **Force**, then, more accurately represents the sense of the Hebrew and Greek terms as relating to God's **spirit**, and this is borne out by a consideration of the Scriptures.

.. Its Use In Creation

- Yehowah God accomplished the creation of the material universe by means of his **spirit**, or active force. Regarding the planet Earth in its early formative stages, the record states that God's active force, or **spirit, ru'ach**, was moving to and fro over the surface of the waters.
- Now the earth proved to be formless and waste and there was darkness upon the surface of the watery deep, and God's active force was moving to and fro over the surface of the waters. (Genesis 1:2)
- By the word of Yehowah the heavens themselves were made, and by the **spirit** of his mouth all their army. (Psalms 33:6)
- Says; By the word of Yehowah the heavens themselves were made, and by the **spirit** of his mouth all their army. Like a powerful breath, God's spirit can be sent forth to exert power even though there is no bodily contact with that which is acted upon.
- And by a breath from your nostrils waters were heaped up, they stood still like a dam of floods, the surging waters were congealed in the heart of the sea. (Exodus 15:8)

- You blew with your breath, the sea covered them, they sank like lead in majestic waters. (**Exodus 15:10**)
- Where a human craftsman would use the force of his hands and fingers to produce things, God uses his **spirit**. Hence that spirit is also spoken of as God's **hand** or **fingers**.
- When I see your heavens, the works of your **fingers**, the moon and the stars that you have prepared. (**Psalms 8:3**)
- The heavens are declaring the glory of God, and of the work of his **hands** the expanse is telling. (**Psalms 19:1**)
- But if it is by means of God's **spirit** that I expel the demons, the kingdom of God has really overtaken you. (**Matthew 12:28**)
- But if it is by means of God's **finger** I expel the demons, the kingdom of God has really overtaken you. (**Luke 11:20**)
- Modern science speaks of matter as organized energy, like bundles of energy, and recognizes that **matter can be changed into energy and energy into matter**. [*The World Book Encyclopedia, 1987, Vol. 13, p. 246*]
- The immensity of the universe that man has thus far been able to discern with his telescopes gives some slight concept of the inexhaustible source of energy to be found in Yehowah God. As the prophet wrote;
 - Who has measured the waters in the mere hollow of his hand, and taken the proportions of the heavens themselves with a mere span and included in a measure the dust of the earth, or weighed with an indicator the mountains, and the hills in the scales? (**Isaiah 40:12**)
 - Who has taken the proportions of the **spirit** of Yehowah, and who as his man of counsel can make him know anything? (**Isaiah 40:13**)
 - But to whom can you people liken me so that I should be made his equal? Says the Holy One. (**Isaiah 40:25**)
 - Raise your eyes high up and see. Who has created these things? It is the One who is bringing forth the army of them even by number, all of whom he calls even by name. Due to the

abundance of dynamic energy, he also being vigorous in power, not one of them is missing. ([Isaiah 40:26](#))

•• **Source Of Animate Life, Reproductive Powers**

- Not only inanimate creation but also all animate creation owes its existence and life to the operation of Yehowah's **spirit** that produced the original living creatures through whom all living creatures today have come to exist.
- God's own **spirit** made me, and the Almighty's own breath proceeded to bring me to life. ([Job 33:4](#))
- See section of this article under **Spirit Breath, Breath of Life, Life-Force**. Yehowah used his **Holy Spirit** to revive the reproductive powers of Abraham and Sarah, and therefore Isaac could be spoken of as born in the manner of **spirit**.
- Now we, brothers, are children belonging to the promise the same as Isaac was. ([Galatians 4:28](#))
- But just as then the one born in the manner of flesh began persecuting the one born in the manner of **spirit**, so also now. ([Galatians 4:29](#))
- By his **spirit** God also transferred his Sons life from heaven to earth, causing conception in the womb of the virgin Jewess Mary.
- But the birth of Jesus Christ was in this way. During the time his mother Mary was promised in marriage to Joseph, she was found to be pregnant by **Holy Spirit** before they were united. ([Matthew 1:18](#))
- But after he had thought these things over, look! Yehowah's angel appeared to him in a dream, saying; Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife home, for that which has been begotten in her is by **Holy Spirit**. ([Matthew 1:20](#))
- In answer the angel said to her: **Holy spirit** will come upon you, and power of the Most High will overshadow you. For that reason also what is born will be called holy, God's Son. ([Luke 1:35](#))

See Also SPIRIT (Breath)(Breath of Life)(Life-Force)

· Spirit Used On Behalf Of God's Servants

- A principal operation of God's **spirit** involves its ability to inform, to illuminate, to reveal things. Therefore David could pray;
- Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Your **spirit** is good, may it lead me in the land of uprightness. (**Psalms 143:10**)
- Much earlier, Joseph had given the interpretation of Pharaoh's prophetic dreams, being enabled to do so by God's help. The Egyptian ruler recognized the operation of God's **spirit** in him.
- At this Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying; I need not be considered! God will announce welfare to Pharaoh. (**Genesis 41:16**)
- Then Joseph said to Pharaoh; The dream of Pharaoh is but one. What the true God is doing he has told to Pharaoh. (**Genesis 41:25**)
- The seven good cows are seven years. Likewise the seven good ears of grain are seven years. The dream is but one. (**Genesis 41:26**)
- And the seven skinny and bad cows that came up after them are seven years, and the seven empty ears of grain, scorched by the east wind, will prove to be seven years of famine. (**Genesis 41:27**)
- This is the thing that I have spoken to Pharaoh; What the true God is doing he has caused Pharaoh to see. (**Genesis 41:28**)
- Here there are seven years coming with great plenty in all the land of Egypt. (**Genesis 41:29**)
- But seven years of famine will certainly arise after them, and all the plenty in the land of Egypt will certainly be forgotten and the famine will simply consume the land. (**Genesis 41:30**)
- And the plenty once in the land will not be known as a result of that famine afterward, because it will certainly be very severe. (**Genesis 41:31**)

- **And the fact that the dream was repeated to Pharaoh twice means that the thing is firmly established on the part of the true God, and the true God is speeding to do it. (Genesis 41:32)**
- **So now let Pharaoh look for a man discreet and wise and set him over the land of Egypt. (Genesis 41:33)**
- **Let Pharaoh act and appoint overseers over the land, and he must take up one fifth of the land of Egypt during the seven years of plenty. (Genesis 41:34)**
- **And let them collect all the foodstuffs of these coming good years, and let them pile up grain under Pharaoh's hand as foodstuffs in the cities, and they must safeguard it. (Genesis 41:35)**
- **And the foodstuffs must serve as a supply for the land for the seven famine years, which will develop in the land of Egypt, in order, that the land may not be cut off by the famine. (Genesis 41:36)**
- **Well, the thing proved to be good in the eyes of Pharaoh and of all his servants. (Genesis 41:37)**
- **So Pharaoh said to his servants; Can another man be found like this one in whom the spirit of God is? (Genesis 41:38)**
- **After that Pharaoh said to Joseph; Since God has caused you to know all this, there is no one as discreet and wise as you are. (Genesis 41:39)**
- **This illuminating power of the spirit is particularly notable in prophecy. Prophecy, as the apostle shows, did not spring from human interpretation of circumstances and events, it was not the result of some innate ability of the prophets to explain the meaning and significance of these or to forecast the shape of coming events. Rather, such men were borne along by Holy Spirit, conveyed, moved, and guided by God's active force.**
- **For you know this first, that no prophecy of Scripture springs from any private interpretation. (2 Peter 1:20)**
- **For prophecy was at no time brought by man's will, but men spoke from God as they were borne along by Holy Spirit. (2 Peter**

1:21)

- The **spirit** of Yehowah it was that spoke by me, and his word was upon my tongue. (**2 Samuel 23:2**)
- And their heart they set as an emery stone to keep from obeying the Law and the words that Yehowah of armies sent by his **spirit**, by means of the former prophets, so that there occurred great indignation on the part of Yehowah of armies. (**Zechariah 7:12**)
- And Zechariah its father was filled with Holy Spirit, and he prophesied, saying; (**Luke 1:67**)
- And, look! There was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon, and this man was righteous and reverent, waiting for Israel's consolation, and Holy Spirit was upon him. (**Luke 2:25**)
- Furthermore, it had been divinely revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Christ of Yehowah. (**Luke 2:26**)
- Under the power of the **spirit** he now came into the temple, and as the parents brought the young child Jesus in to do for it according to the customary practice of the Law. (**Luke 2:27**)
- He himself received it into his arms and blessed God and said. (**Luke 2:28**)
- Now, Sovereign Lord, you are letting your slave go free in peace according to your declaration. (**Luke 2:29**)
- Because my eyes have seen your means of saving. (**Luke 2:30**)
- That you have made ready in the sight of all the peoples. (**Luke 2:31**)
- A light for removing the veil from the nations and a glory of your people Israel. (**Luke 2:32**)
- And its father and mother continued wondering at the things being spoken about it. (**Luke 2:33**)
- Also, Simeon blessed them, but said to Mary its mother; Look! This one is laid for the fall and the rising again of many in Israel

and for a sign to be talked against ([Luke 2:34](#))

- Yes, a long sword will be run through the soul of you yourself, in order, that the reasonings of many hearts may be uncovered. ([Luke 2:35](#))
- Men, brothers, it was necessary for the scripture to be fulfilled, which the **Holy Spirit** spoke beforehand by David's mouth about Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ([Acts of Apostles 1:16](#))
- So, because they were at disagreement with one another, they began to depart, while Paul made this one comment; The **Holy Spirit** aptly spoke through Isaiah the prophet to your forefathers. ([Acts of Apostles 28:25](#))
- So, too, all the inspired Scriptures were **inspired of God**, which translates the Greek *the-o'pneu-stos*, meaning, literally, **God-breathed**.
- All Scripture is **inspired of God** and beneficial for teaching, for reproving, for setting things straight, for disciplining in righteousness. ([2 Timothy 3:16](#))
- The **spirit** operated in various manners in communicating with such men and guiding them, in some cases causing them to see visions or dreams.
- The hand of Yehowah proved to be upon me, so that he brought me forth in the **spirit** of Yehowah and set me down in the midst of the valley plain, and it was full of bones. ([Ezekiel 37:1](#))
- And after that it must occur that I shall pour out my **spirit** on every sort of flesh, and your sons and your daughters will certainly prophesy. As for your old men, dreams they will dream. As for your young men, visions they will see. ([Joel 2:28](#))
- And even on the menservants and on the maidservants in those days I shall pour out my **spirit**. ([Joel 2:29](#))
- After these things I saw, and, look! An opened door in heaven, and the first voice that I heard was as of a trumpet, speaking with me, saying; Come on up here, and I shall show you the things that must take place. ([Revelation 4:1](#))

- After these things I immediately came to be in the power of the **spirit**, and, look! A throne was in its position in heaven, and there is one seated upon the throne. (**Revelation 4:2**)
- And he carried me away in the power of the **spirit** into a wilderness. And I caught sight of a woman sitting upon a scarlet-colored wild beast that was full of blasphemous names and that had seven heads and ten horns. (**Revelation 17:3**)
- So he carried me away in the power of the **spirit** to a great and lofty mountain, and he showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God (**Revelation 21:10**)
- But in all cases operating on their minds and hearts to motivate and guide them according to God's purpose.
- In the first year of Belshazzar the king of Babylon, Daniel himself beheld a dream and visions of his head upon his bed. At that time he wrote down the dream itself. The complete account of the matters he told. (**Daniel 7:1**)
- And during the night a vision appeared to Paul: a certain Macedonian man was standing and entreating him and saying, Step over into Macedonia and help us. (**Acts of Apostles 16:9**)
- Now as soon as he had seen the vision, we sought to go forth into Macedonia, drawing the conclusion that God had summoned us to declare the Good News to them. (**Acts of Apostles 16:10**)
- By inspiration I came to be in the Lords day, and I heard behind me a strong voice like that of a trumpet. (**Revelation 1:10**)
- Saying; What you see write in a scroll and send it to the seven congregations, in Ephesus and in Smyrna and in Pergamum and in Thyatira and in Sardis and in Philadelphia and in Laodicea. (**Revelation 1:11**)

See Also INSPIRATION

See Also PROPHECY

See Also PROPHET

- God's **spirit**, then, not only brings revelation and understanding of God's will but also energizes his servants to accomplish things in accord with that will.

- That **spirit** acts as a driving force that moves and impels them, even as Mark says the **spirit** impelled Jesus to go into the wilderness after his baptism.
- And immediately the **spirit** impelled him to go into the wilderness. (**Mark 1:12**)
- Now Jesus, full of **Holy Spirit**, turned away from the Jordan, and he was led about by the spirit in the wilderness. (**Luke 4:1**)
- It can be like a **fire** within them, causing them to be **aglow** with that force.
- Do not put out the **fire of the spirit**. (**1 Thessalonians 5:19**)
- This man had been orally instructed in the way of Yehowah and, as he was **aglow with the spirit**, he went speaking and teaching with correctness the things about Jesus, but being acquainted with only the baptism of John. (**Acts of Apostles 18:25**)
- Do not loiter at your business. Be aglow with the **spirit**. Slave for Yehowah. (**Romans 12:11**)
- In a sense **building up steam or pressure** in them to do certain work.
- Surely it is the **spirit** in mortal men and the breath of the Almighty that gives them understanding. (**Job 32:8**)
- For I have become full of words, **spirit** has brought pressure upon me in my belly. (**Job 32:18**)
- Look! My belly is like wine that has no vent, like new skin bottles it wants to burst open. (**Job 32:19**)
- Let me speak that it may be a relief to me. I shall open my lips that I may answer. (**Job 32:20**)
- For this very cause I remind you to stir up like a **fire** the gift of God which is in you through the laying of my hands upon you. (**2 Timothy 1:6**)
- For God gave us not a **spirit** of cowardice, but that of power and

of love and of soundness of mind. (2 Timothy 1:7)

- They receive the **power of the spirit**, or **power through his spirit**.
- Under the **power of the spirit** he now came into the temple, and as the parents brought the young child Jesus in to do for it according to the customary practice of the Law. (Luke 2:27)
- To the end that he may grant you according to the riches of his glory to be made mighty in the man you are inside with **power through his spirit**. (Ephesians 3:16)
- And, on the other hand, I myself have become full of power, **with the spirit of Yehowah**, and of justice and mightiness, in order to tell to Jacob his revolt and to Israel his sin. (Micah 3:8)
- Yet it is not merely some unconscious, blind impulse, for their minds and hearts are affected as well so that they can intelligently cooperate with the active force given them.
- Thus the apostle could say of those who had received the gift of prophecy in the Christian congregation that the **gifts of the spirit** of the prophets are to be controlled by the prophets, so that good order might be maintained.
- For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all be encouraged. (1 Corinthians 14:31)
- And **gifts of the spirit** of the prophets are to be controlled by the prophets. (1 Corinthians 14:32)
- For God is a God, not of disorder, but of peace. As in all the congregations of the holy ones. (1 Corinthians 14:33)

•• Variety Of Operations

- Even as an electric current can be used to accomplish a tremendous variety of things, so God's **spirit** is used to commission and enable persons to do a wide variety of things.
- Come near to me, you people. Hear this. From the start I have spoken in no place of concealment at all. From the time of its occurring I have been there. And now the Sovereign Lord Yehowah himself has sent me, even his **spirit**. (Isaiah 48:16)

- The **spirit** of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah is upon me, for the reason that Yehowah has anointed me to tell Good News to the meek ones. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to those taken captive and the wide opening of the eyes even to the prisoners. (**Isaiah 61:1**)
- To proclaim the year of goodwill on the part of Yehowah and the day of vengeance on the part of our God, to comfort all the mourning ones. (**Isaiah 61:2**)
- To assign to those mourning over Zion, to give them a headdress instead of ashes, the oil of exultation instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of the downhearted **spirit**, and they must be called big trees of righteousness, the planting of Yehowah, for him to be beautified. (**Isaiah 61:3**)
- As Paul wrote of the miraculous gifts of the **spirit** in his day.
- Now there are varieties of gifts, but there is the same **spirit**. (**1 Corinthians 12:4**)
- And there are varieties of ministries, and yet there is the same Lord. (**1 Corinthians 12:5**)
- And there are varieties of operations, and yet it is the same God who performs all the operations in all persons. (**1 Corinthians 12:6**)
- But the manifestation of the **spirit** is given to each one for a beneficial purpose. (**1 Corinthians 12:7**)
- The **spirit** has qualifying force or capacity, it can qualify persons for a work or for an office. Though Bezalel and Oholiab may have had knowledge of crafts before their appointment in connection with the making of the tabernacle equipment and priestly garments, God's **spirit** filled them with **wisdom, understanding, and knowledge** so that the work could be done in the way purposed.
- It heightened whatever natural abilities and acquired knowledge they already had, and it enabled them to teach others.
- And Yehowah continued to speak to Moses, saying; (**Exodus 31:1**)

- See, I do call by name Bezalel the son of Uri the son of Hur of the tribe of Judah. (Exodus 31:2)
- And I shall fill him with the **spirit** of God in **wisdom and in understanding and in knowledge** and in every kind of craftsmanship. (Exodus 31:3)
- For designing devices, for working in gold and silver and copper. (Exodus 31:4)
- And in working of stones to set them and in working of wood to make products of every kind. (Exodus 31:5)
- As for me, look! I do put with him Oholiab the son of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan, and in the heart of everyone wise of heart I do put wisdom, that they may indeed make everything I have commanded you. (Exodus 31:6)
- The tent of meeting and the Ark for the testimony and the cover that is upon it, and all the utensils of the tent. (Exodus 31:7)
- And the table and its utensils, and the lampstand of pure gold and all its utensils, and the altar of incense. (Exodus 31:8)
- And the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, and the basin and its stand. (Exodus 31:9)
- And the garments of knitted work and the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons for acting as priests. (Exodus 31:10)
- And the anointing oil and the perfumed incense for the sanctuary. According to everything I have commanded you they will do. (Exodus 31:11)
- Then Moses said to the sons of Israel; See, Yehowah has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri the son of Hur of the tribe of Judah. (Exodus 35:30)
- And he proceeded to fill him with the **spirit** of God in wisdom, in understanding and in knowledge and in every sort of craftsmanship. (Exodus 35:31)

- And for designing devices, for working in gold and silver and copper. (**Exodus 35:32**)
- And in working of stones to set them and in working of wood to make ingenious products of every sort. (**Exodus 35:33**)
- And he has put it into his heart that he should teach, he and Oholiab the son of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan. (**Exodus 35:34**)
- He has filled them with wisdom of heart to do all the work of a craftsman and an embroiderer and of a weaver in blue thread and wool dyed reddish purple, in coccus scarlet material and fine linen, and of a loom worker, men doing every sort of work and designing devices. (**Exodus 35:35**)
- The architectural plans for the later temple were given to David by inspiration, that is, through the operation of God's **spirit**, thus enabling David to undertake extensive preparatory work for the project.
- Even the architectural plan of everything that had come to be with him by inspiration for the courtyards of Yehowah's house and for all the dining rooms all around, for the treasures of the house of the true God and for the treasures of the things made holy. (**1 Chronicles 28:12**)
- God's **spirit** acted on and through Moses in prophesying and performing miraculous acts, as well as in leading the nation and acting as judge for it, thereby foreshadowing the future role of Christ Jesus.
- And one began to remember the days of long ago, Moses his servant; Where is the One that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is the One that put within him His own **Holy Spirit**? (**Isaiah 63:11**)
- The One making His beautiful arm go at the right hand of Moses, the One splitting the waters from before them in order to make an indefinitely lasting name for his own self. (**Isaiah 63:12**)
- The One making them walk through the surging waters so that, like a horse in the wilderness, they did not stumble? (**Isaiah 63:13**)
- And that he may send forth the Christ appointed for you, Jesus.

(Acts of Apostles 3:20)

- Whom heaven, indeed, must hold within itself until the times of restoration of all things of which God spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets of old time. **(Acts of Apostles 3:21)**
- In fact, Moses said; Yehowah God will raise up for you from among your brothers a prophet like me. You must listen to him according to all the things he speaks to you. **(Acts of Apostles 3:22)**
- Indeed, any soul that does not listen to that Prophet will be completely destroyed from among the people. **(Acts of Apostles 3:23)**
- However, Moses as an imperfect human found the load of responsibility heavy, and God took away some of the **spirit** that was on Moses and placed it upon 70 older men so that they might help in carrying the load.
- Then Moses said to Yehowah; Why have you caused evil to your servant, and why have I not found favor in your eyes, in placing the load of all this people upon me? **(Numbers 11:11)**
- Have I myself conceived all this people? Is it I who have given them birth, so that you should say to me, Carry them in your bosom, just as the male nurse carries the suckling, to the soil about which you swore to their forefathers? **(Numbers 11:12)**
- From where do I have meat to give to all this people? For they keep weeping toward me, saying; Do give us meat, and let us eat! **(Numbers 11:13)**
- I am not able, I by myself, to carry all this people, because they are too heavy for me. **(Numbers 11:14)**
- So if this is the way you are doing to me, please kill me off altogether, if I have found favor in your eyes, and let me not look upon my calamity. **(Numbers 11:15)**
- In turn Yehowah said to Moses; Gather for me seventy men of the older men of Israel, whom you do know that they are older men of the people and officers of theirs, and you must take them to the tent of meeting, and they must station themselves there

with you. (**Numbers 11:16**)

- And I shall have to come down and speak with you there, and I shall have to take away some of the **spirit** that is upon you and place it upon them, and they will have to help you in carrying the load of the people that you may not carry it, just you alone. (**Numbers 11:17**)
- After that Moses went out and spoke to the people the words of Yehowah. And he went gathering seventy men from the older men of the people and proceeded to have them stand round about the tent. (**Numbers 11:24**)
- Then Yehowah came down in a cloud and spoke to him and took away some of the **spirit** that was upon him and put it upon each of the seventy older men. And it came about that as soon as the spirit settled down upon them, then they proceeded to act as prophets, but they did not do it again. (**Numbers 11:25**)
- Now there were two of the men remaining in the camp. The name of the one was Eldad, and the name of the other was Medad. And the **spirit** began to settle down upon them, as they were among those written down, but they had not gone out to the tent. So they proceeded to act as prophets in the camp. (**Numbers 11:26**)
- And a young man went running and reporting to Moses and saying; Eldad and Medad are acting as prophets in the camp! (**Numbers 11:27**)
- Then Joshua the son of Nun, the minister of Moses from his young manhood on, responded and said; My lord Moses, restrain them! (**Numbers 11:28**)
- However, Moses said to him; Are you feeling jealous for me? No, I wish that all of Yehowah's people were prophets, because Yehowah would put his **spirit** upon them! (**Numbers 11:29**)
- Later Moses withdrew to the camp, he and the older men of Israel. (**Numbers 11:30**)
- The **spirit** also became operative on David from the time of his anointing by Samuel onward, guiding and preparing him for his future kingship.

- Later Moses withdrew to the camp, he and the older men of Israel. (**Numbers 11:30**)
- Joshua became full of the **spirit** of wisdom as Moses successor. But the spirit did not produce in him the ability to prophesy and perform miraculous works to the extent that it had in Moses.
- And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the **spirit** of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hand upon him, and the sons of Israel began to listen to him and they went doing just as Yehowah had commanded Moses. (**Deuteronomy 34:9**)
- But there has never yet risen up a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom Yehowah knew face to face. (**Deuteronomy 34:10**)
- As respects all the signs and the miracles that Yehowah sent him to do in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh and all his servants and all his land. (**Deuteronomy 34:11**)
- And as regards all the strong hand and all the great awesomeness that Moses exercised before the eyes of all Israel. (**Deuteronomy 34:12**)
- However, it enabled Joshua to lead Israel in the military campaign that brought about the conquest of Canaan. Similarly, Yehowah's **spirit enveloped** other men, **impelling** them as fighters on behalf of God's people, fighters such as Othniel, Gideon, Jephthah, and Samson.
- And the sons of Israel began to call to Yehowah for aid. Then Yehowah raised a savior up for the sons of Israel that he might save them, Othniel the son of Kenaz, the younger brother of Caleb. (**Judges 3:9**)
- The **spirit** of Yehowah now came upon him, and he became the judge of Israel. When he went out to battle, then Yehowah gave Cushan-rishathaim the king of Syria into his hand so that his hand overpowered Cushan-rishathaim. (**Judges 3:10**)
- And Yehowah's **spirit** enveloped Gideon so that he went blowing the horn, and the Abi-ezrites got to be called together after him. (**Judges 6:34**)

- Yehowah's **spirit** now came upon Jephthah, and he proceeded to pass through Gilead and Manasseh and to pass through Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead he passed along to the sons of Ammon. (**Judges 11:29**)
- Later the woman gave birth to a son and called his name Samson, and the boy kept getting bigger, and Yehowah continued to bless him. (**Judges 13:24**)
- In time Yehowah's **spirit** started to impel him in Mahaneh-dan between Zorah and Eshtaol. (**Judges 13:25**)
- Accordingly Samson went on down with his father and his mother to Timnah. When he got as far as the vineyards of Timnah, why, look! A maned young lion roaring upon meeting him. (**Judges 14:5**)
- Then Yehowah's **spirit** became operative upon him, so that he tore it in two, just as someone tears a male kid in two, and there was nothing at all in his hand. And he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done. (**Judges 14:6**)
- And Yehowah's **spirit** became operative upon him, so that he went down to Ashkelon and struck down thirty men of theirs and took what he stripped off them and gave the outfits to the tellers of the riddle. And his anger continued hot, and he went his way up to his father's house. (**Judges 14:19**)
- He, for his part, came as far as Lehi, and the Philistines, for their part, shouted exultantly at meeting him. And Yehowah's **spirit** became operative upon him, and the ropes that were upon his arms came to be like linen threads that have been scorched with fire, so that his fetters melted off his hands. (**Judges 15:14**)
- The **spirit** of God energized men to speak his message of truth boldly and courageously before opposers and at the risk of their lives.
- And, on the other hand, I myself have become full of power, with the **spirit** of Yehowah, and of justice and mightiness, in order to tell to Jacob his revolt and to Israel his sin. (**Micah 3:8**)
- Its being **poured out** on his people is evidence of his favor, and it results in blessings and makes them prosper.

- And I shall no longer conceal my face from them, because I will pour out my **spirit** upon the house of Israel, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. (**Ezekiel 39:29**)
- For I shall pour out water upon the thirsty one, and trickling streams upon the dry place. I shall pour out my **spirit** upon your seed, and my blessing upon your descendants. (**Isaiah 44:3**)
- And they will certainly spring up as among the green grass, like poplars by the water ditches. (**Isaiah 44:4**)

•• Judging And Executing Judgment

- By his **spirit** God exercises judgment on men and nations, he also carries out his judgment decrees punishing or destroying.
- Look! The name of Yehowah is coming from far away, burning with his anger and with heavy clouds. As for his lips, they have become full of denunciation, and his tongue is like a devouring fire. (**Isaiah 30:27**)
- And his **spirit** is like a flooding torrent that reaches clear to the neck, to swing the nations to and fro with a sieve of worthlessness, and a bridle that causes one to wander about will be in the jaws of the peoples. (**Isaiah 30:28**)
- In accordance with the dealings he will reward correspondingly, rage to his adversaries, due treatment to his enemies. To the islands he will recompense due treatment. (**Isaiah 59:18**)
- And from the sunset they will begin to fear the name of Yehowah, and from the rising of the sun the glory of him, for he will come in like a distressing river, which the very **spirit** of Yehowah has driven along. (**Isaiah 59:19**)
- In such cases, *ru'ach* may be fittingly rendered, **blast**, as when Yehowah speaks of causing a blast, *ru'ach*, of windstorms to burst forth in his rage.
- Say to those plastering with whitewash that it will fall. A flooding downpour will certainly occur, and you, O hailstones, will fall, and a blast of windstorms itself will cause a splitting. (**Ezekiel 13:11**)

- Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; I will also cause a blast of windstorms to burst forth in my rage, and in my anger there will occur a flooding downpour, and in rage there will be hailstones for an extermination. (**Ezekiel 13:13**)
- For you have become a stronghold to the lowly one, a stronghold to the poor one in the distress that he has, a refuge from the rainstorm, a shade from the heat, when the blast of the tyrannical ones is like a rainstorm against a wall. (**Isaiah 25:4**)
- With a scare cry you will contend with her when sending her forth. He must expel her with his blast, a hard one in the day of the east wind. (**Isaiah 27:8**)
- God's **spirit** can reach everywhere, acting for or against those who receive his attention.
- Where can I go from your **spirit**, and where can I run away from your face? (**Psalms 139:7**)
- If I should ascend to heaven, there you would be, and if I should spread out my couch in Sheol, look! You would be there. (**Psalms 139:8**)
- Were I to take the wings of the dawn, that I might reside in the most remote sea. (**Psalms 139:9**)
- There, also, your own hand would lead me and your right hand would lay hold of me. (**Psalms 139:10**)
- And were I to say; Surely darkness itself will hastily seize me! Then night would be light about me. (**Psalms 139:11**)
- Even the darkness itself would not prove too dark for you, but night itself would shine just as the day does, the darkness might just as well be the light. (**Psalms 139:12**)
- John to the seven congregations that are in the district of Asia; May you have undeserved kindness and peace from, The One who is and who was, and who is coming, and from the seven **spirits** that are before his throne. (**Revelation 1:4**)

- The **seven spirits** of God are mentioned as before his throne, and thereafter seven messages are given, each concluding with an admonition to hear what the **spirit** says to the congregations.
- Let the one who has an ear hear what the **spirit** says to the congregations; To him that conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God. (**Revelation 2:7**)
- Let the one who has an ear hear what the **spirit** says to the congregations; He that conquers will by no means be harmed by the second death. (**Revelation 2:11**)
- Let the one who has an ear hear what the **spirit** says to the congregations; To him that conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white pebble, and upon the pebble a new name written which no one knows except the one receiving it. (**Revelation 2:17**)
- Let the one who has an ear hear what the **spirit** says to the congregations. (**Revelation 2:29**)
- Let the one who has an ear hear what the **spirit** says to the congregations. (**Revelation 3:6**)
- Let the one who has an ear hear what the **spirit** says to the congregations. (**Revelation 3:13**)
- Let the one who has an ear hear what the **spirit** says to the congregations. (**Revelation 3:22**)
- These messages contain heart-searching pronouncements of judgment and promises of reward for faithfulness. God's Son is shown as having these **seven spirits of God**.
- And to the angel of the congregation in Sardis write. These are the things that he says who has the seven **spirits** of God and the seven stars, I know your deeds, that you have the name that you are alive, but you are dead. (**Revelation 3:1**)
- And they are spoken of as being, **seven lamps of fire**.
- And out of the throne there are proceeding lightnings and voices and thunders, and there are seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, and these mean the **seven spirits of God**. (**Revelation**

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- And also as seven eyes of the lamb that is slaughtered, which eyes mean the **seven spirits** of God that have been sent forth into the whole earth.
- And I saw standing in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures and in the midst of the elders a lamb as though it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which eyes mean the **seven spirits of God** that have been sent forth into the whole earth. (**Revelation 5:6**)
- Seven being used as representative of completeness in other prophetic texts, it appears that these seven **spirits** symbolize the full active capacity of observation, discernment, or detection of the glorified Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, enabling him to inspect all the earth.

See Also NUMBER, NUMERAL

· **God's Word Is The Sword Of The Spirit, Its Cutting Edge**

- Also, accept the helmet of salvation, and the **sword of the spirit**, that is, God's word. (**Ephesians 6:17**)
- Revealing what a person really is, exposing hidden qualities or heart attitudes and causing him either to soften his heart and conform to God's will expressed by that Word or to harden his heart in rebellion.
- Let us therefore do our utmost to enter into that rest, for fear anyone should fall in the same pattern of disobedience. (**Hebrews 4:11**)
- For the **word of God is alive** and exerts power and is sharper than any two-edged sword and pierces even to the dividing of soul and **spirit**, and of joints and their marrow, and is able to discern **thoughts and intentions of the heart**. (**Hebrews 4:12**)
- And there is not a creation that is not manifest to his sight, but all things are naked and openly exposed to the eyes of him with whom we have an accounting. (**Hebrews 4:13**)
- And he went on to say; Go, and you must say to this people, Hear again and again, O men, but do not understand, and see

- again and again, but do not get any knowledge. (**Isaiah 6:9**)
- **Make the heart of this people unreceptive, and make their very ears unresponsive, and paste their very eyes together, that they may not see with their eyes and with their ears they may not hear, and that their own heart may not understand and that they may not actually turn back and get healing for themselves. (**Isaiah 6:10**)**
 - **Now all these things my own hand has made, so that all these came to be, is the utterance of Yehowah. To this one, then, I shall look, to the one afflicted and contrite in **spirit** and trembling at my word. (**Isaiah 66:2**)**
 - **Hear the word of Yehowah, you men who are trembling at his word; Your brothers that are hating you, that are excluding you by reason of my name, said; May Yehowah be glorified! He must also appear with rejoicing on your part, and they are the ones that will be put to shame. (**Isaiah 66:5**)**
 - **God's Word therefore plays a forceful part in predicting adverse judgment, and since God's word or message must be carried out, the fulfillment of that word produces an action like that of fire on straw and like that of a forge hammer in smashing the crag.**
 - **The prophet with whom there is a dream, let him relate the dream, but the one with whom my own word is, let him speak forth my word truthfully. What does the straw have to do with the grain? Is the utterance of Yehowah. (**Jeremiah 23:28**)**
 - **Is not my word correspondingly like a **fire**, is the utterance of Yehowah, and like a forge hammer that smashes the crag? (**Jeremiah 23:29**)**
 - **Christ Jesus, as God's principal Spokesman, as, **The Word of God**, declares the divine judgment messages and is authorized to order the execution of such judgments upon those judged.**
 - **This is doubtless what is meant by references to his doing away with God's enemies, by the **spirit**, or activating force, of his mouth.**
 - **Then, indeed, the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will do away with by the **spirit of his mouth** and bring to nothing by the manifestation of his presence. (**2 Thessalonians****

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- **And there will be enjoyment by him in the fear of Yehowah. And he will not judge by any mere appearance to his eyes, nor reprove simply according to the thing heard by his ears. (Isaiah 11:3)**
- **And with righteousness he must judge the lowly ones, and with uprightness he must give reproof in behalf of the meek ones of the earth. And he must strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the **spirit of his lips** he will put the wicked one to death. (Isaiah 11:4)**
- **And he is arrayed with an outer garment sprinkled with blood, and the name he is called is **The Word of God**. (Revelation 19:13)**
- **Also, the armies that were in heaven were following him on white horses, and they were clothed in white, clean, fine linen. (Revelation 19:14)**
- **And out of his mouth there **protrudes a sharp long sword, the Bible**, that he may strike the nations with it, and he will shepherd them with a rod of iron. He treads too the winepress of the anger of the wrath of God the Almighty. (Revelation 19:15)**
- **And upon his outer garment, even upon his thigh, he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. (Revelation 19:16)**
- **But the rest were killed off with the long sword of the one seated on the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth. And all the birds were filled from the fleshy parts of them. (Revelation 19:21)**

.. God's Spirit Acts As Helper Toward The Congregation

- **As he promised, Jesus upon ascending to heaven requested of his Father the **Holy Spirit**, or active force of God, and was granted the authority to employ this **spirit**. He **poured it out** on his faithful disciples on the day of Pentecost, continuing to do so thereafter for those turning to God through his Son.**
- **And I will request the Father and he will give you another helper to be with you forever. (John 14:16)**

- The **spirit of the truth**, which the world cannot receive, because it neither beholds it nor knows it. You know it, because it remains with you and is in you. (**John 14:17**)
- But the helper, the **Holy Spirit**, which the Father will send in my name, that one will teach you all things and bring back to your minds all the things I told you. (**John 14:26**)
- When the helper arrives that I will send you from the Father, the **spirit of the truth**, which proceeds from the Father, that one will bear witness about me. (**John 15:26**)
- Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth, It is for your benefit I am going away. For if I do not go away, the **helper** will by no means come to you, but if I do go my way, I will send him to you. (**John 16:7**)
- And while he was meeting with them he gave them the orders; Do not withdraw from Jerusalem, but keep waiting for what the Father has promised, about which you heard from me. (**Acts of Apostles 1:4**)
- Because John, indeed, baptized with water, but you will be baptized in Holy Spirit not many days after this. (**Acts of Apostles 1:5**)
- Now while the day of the festival of Pentecost was in progress they were all together at the same place. (**Acts of Apostles 2:1**)
- And suddenly there occurred from heaven a noise just like that of a rushing stiff breeze, and it filled the whole house in which they were sitting. (**Acts of Apostles 2:2**)
- And tongues as if of fire became visible to them and were distributed about, and one sat upon each one of them. (**Acts of Apostles 2:3**)
- And they all became filled with **Holy Spirit** and started to speak with different tongues, just as the spirit was granting them to make utterance. (**Acts of Apostles 2:4**)
- But Peter stood up with the eleven and raised his voice and made this utterance to them; Men of Judea and all you inhabitants of Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give ear to my sayings.

(Acts of Apostles 2:14)

- **These people are, in fact, not drunk, as you suppose, for it is the third hour of the day. (Acts of Apostles 2:15)**
- **On the contrary, this is what was said through the prophet Joel. (Acts of Apostles 2:16)**
- **And in the last days, God says, I shall pour out some of my **spirit** upon every sort of flesh, and your sons and your daughters will prophesy and your young men will see visions and your old men will dream dreams. (Acts of Apostles 2:17)**
- **And even upon my men slaves and upon my women slaves I will pour out some of my **spirit** in those days, and they will prophesy. (Acts of Apostles 2:18)**
- **This Jesus God resurrected, of which fact we are all witnesses. (Acts of Apostles 2:32)**
- **Therefore because he was exalted to the right hand of God and received the promised **Holy Spirit** from the Father, he has poured out this which you see and hear. (Acts of Apostles 2:33)**
- **Peter said to them; Repent, and let each one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the free gift of the **Holy Spirit**. (Acts of Apostles 2:38)**
- **As they had been baptized in water, now they were all baptized into one body by that **one spirit**, immersed in it, as it were, somewhat like a piece of iron can be immersed in a magnetic field and thereby be imbued with magnetic force.**
- **For just as the body is one but has many members, and all the members of that body, although being many, are one body, so also is the Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:12)**
- **For truly by **one spirit** we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink one spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:13)**
- **I baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with **Holy Spirit**. (Mark 1:8)**

- Because John, indeed, baptized with water, but you will be baptized in **Holy Spirit** not many days after this. (**Acts of Apostles 1:5**)
- Though God's **spirit** had operated on the disciples before, as evidenced by their being able to cast out demons.
- But if it is by means of God's **spirit** that I expel the demons, the kingdom of God has really overtaken you. (**Matthew 12:28**)
- And he formed a group of twelve, whom he also named **apostles** that they might continue with him and that he might send them out to preach (**Mark 3:14**)
- And to have authority to expel the demons. (**Mark 3:15**)
- It now operated on them in a heightened and more extensive manner and in new ways not previously experienced.
- However, he said this concerning the **spirit** which those who put faith in him were about to receive, for as yet there was no spirit, because Jesus had not yet been glorified. (**John 7:39**)
- As the Messianic King, Christ Jesus has the **spirit** of wisdom and of understanding, the spirit of counsel and of mightiness, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Yehowah.
- And there must go forth a twig out of the stump of Jesse, and out of his roots a sprout will be fruitful. (**Isaiah 11:1**)
- And upon him the **spirit of Yehowah must settle down**, the spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the spirit of counsel and of mightiness, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Yehowah. (**Isaiah 11:2**)
- Look! My servant, on whom I keep fast hold! My chosen one, whom my soul has approved! I have put my **spirit** in him. Justice to the nations is what he will bring forth. (**Isaiah 42:1**)
- He will not cry out or raise his voice, and in the street he will not let his voice be heard. (**Isaiah 42:2**)
- No crushed reed will he break, and as for a dim flaxen wick, he will not extinguish it. In trueness he will bring forth justice.

(Isaiah 42:3)

- He will not grow dim nor be crushed until he sets justice in the earth itself, and for his Law the islands themselves will keep waiting. **(Isaiah 42:4)**
- Look! My servant whom I chose, my beloved, whom my soul approved! I will put my **spirit** upon him, and what justice is he will make clear to the nations. **(Matthew 12:18)**
- He will not wrangle, nor cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the broad ways. **(Matthew 12:19)**
- No bruised reed will he crush, and no smoldering flaxen wick will he extinguish, until he sends out justice with success. **(Matthew 12:20)**
- Indeed, in his name nations will hope. **(Matthew 12:21)**
- This force for righteousness is manifest in his use of God's active force, or **spirit**, in directing the Christian congregation on earth, Jesus being, by God's appointment, its Head, Owner, and Lord.
- And he is the head of the body, the congregation. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that he might become the one who is first in all things. **(Colossians 1:18)**
- My reason is that certain men have slipped in who have long ago been appointed by the Scriptures to this judgment, ungodly men, turning the undeserved kindness of our God into an excuse for loose conduct and proving false to our only Owner and Lord, Jesus Christ. **(Jude 1:4)**
- As a **helper**, that **spirit** now gave them increased understanding of God's will and purpose and opened up God's prophetic Word to them.
- For it is to us God has **revealed them through his spirit**, for the spirit searches into all things, even the deep things of God. **(1 Corinthians 2:10)**
- For who among men knows the things of a man except the **spirit** of man that is in him? So, too, no one has come to know the things of God, **except the spirit of God**. **(1 Corinthians 2:11)**

- Now we received, not the **spirit** of the world, but the **spirit which is from God**, that we might know the things that have been kindly given us by God. (**1 Corinthians 2:12**)
- These things we also speak, not with words taught by human wisdom, but with those taught by the **spirit**, as we combine spiritual matters with spiritual words. (**1 Corinthians 2:13**)
- But a physical man does not receive the things of the **spirit** of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot get to know them, because they are examined spiritually. (**1 Corinthians 2:14**)
- However, the **spiritual** man examines indeed all things, but he himself is not examined by any man. (**1 Corinthians 2:15**)
- For who has come to know the mind of Yehowah, that he may instruct him? But we do have the mind of Christ. (**1 Corinthians 2:16**)
- That is also why we, from the day we heard of it, have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the accurate knowledge of his will in all wisdom and **spiritual** comprehension. (**Colossians 1:9**)
- In order to walk worthily of Yehowah to the end of fully pleasing him as you go on bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the accurate knowledge of God. (**Colossians 1:10**)
- Thus the **Holy Spirit** makes it plain that the way into the holy place had not yet been made manifest while the first tent was standing. (**Hebrews 9:8**)
- This very tent is an illustration for the appointed time that is now here, and in keeping with it both gifts and sacrifices are offered. However, these are not able to make the man doing sacred service perfect as respects his conscience. (**Hebrews 9:9**)
- But have to do only with foods and drinks and various baptisms. They were legal requirements pertaining to the flesh and were imposed until the appointed time to set things straight. (**Hebrews 9:10**)

- **They were energized to serve as witnesses in all the earth.**
- **And, look! I am sending forth upon you that which is promised by my Father. You, though, abide in the city until you become clothed with power from on high. (Luke 24:49)**
- **But you will receive power when the **Holy Spirit** arrives upon you, and you will be witnesses of me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the most distant part of the earth. (Acts of Apostles 1:8)**
- **In other generations this secret was not made known to the sons of men as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by **spirit**. (Ephesians 3:5)**
- **Namely, that people of the nations should be joint heirs and fellow members of the body and partakers with us of the promise in union with Christ Jesus through the Good News. (Ephesians 3:6)**
- **They were granted miraculous gifts of the **spirit**, enabling them to **speak** in foreign languages, prophesy, heal, and perform other activities that would both facilitate their proclamation of the Good News and serve as evidence of their divine commission and backing.**
- **For I will not venture to tell one thing if it is not of those things which Christ worked through me for the nations to be obedient, by my word and deed. (Romans 15:18)**
- **With the power of signs and portents, with the power of **Holy Spirit**, so that from Jerusalem and in a circuit as far as Illyricum I have thoroughly preached the Good News about the Christ. (Romans 15:19)**
- **Now there are varieties of gifts, but there is the same **spirit**. (1 Corinthians 12:4)**
- **And there are varieties of ministries, and yet there is the same Lord. (1 Corinthians 12:5)**
- **And there are varieties of operations, and yet it is the same God who performs all the operations in all persons. (1 Corinthians 12:6)**

- But the **manifestation of the spirit** is given to each one for a beneficial purpose. (**1 Corinthians 12:7**)
- For example, to one there is given through the **spirit** speech of wisdom, to another speech of knowledge according to the same **spirit**. (**1 Corinthians 12:8**)
- To another faith by the same **spirit**, to another gifts of healings by that one spirit. (**1 Corinthians 12:9**)
- To yet another operations of powerful works, to another prophesying, to another discernment of inspired utterances, to another different tongues, and to another interpretation of tongues. (**1 Corinthians 12:10**)
- But all these operations the one and the same **spirit** performs, making a distribution to each one respectively just as it wills. (**1 Corinthians 12:11**)
- Pursue love, yet keep zealously seeking the **spiritual** gifts, but preferably that you may prophesy. (**1 Corinthians 14:1**)
- For he that speaks in a tongue speaks, not to men, but to God, for no one listens, but he speaks sacred secrets by the **spirit**. (**1 Corinthians 14:2**)
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- For he that speaks in a tongue speaks, not to men, but to God, for no one listens, but he speaks sacred secrets by the **spirit**. (**1 Corinthians 14:2**)
- And as for me, this is my covenant with them, Yehowah has said. My **spirit** that is upon you and my words that I have put in your mouth, they will not be removed from your mouth or from the mouth of your offspring or from the mouth of the offspring of your offspring, Yehowah has said; from now on even to time indefinite. (**Isaiah 59:21**)

See Also GIFTS FROM GOD (Gifts of the Spirit)

- As the congregations overseer, Jesus used the **spirit** in a governmental way, guiding in the selection of men for special missions and for serving in the oversight, teaching, and **readjustment** of the congregation.
- As they were publicly ministering to Yehowah and fasting, the **Holy Spirit** said; Of all persons set Barnabas and Saul apart for me for the work to which I have called them. (**Acts of Apostles 13:2**)
- Then they fasted and prayed and laid their hands upon them and let them go. (**Acts of Apostles 13:3**)
- Accordingly these men, sent out by the **Holy Spirit**, went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed away to Cyprus. (**Acts of Apostles 13:4**)
- Pay attention to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the **Holy Spirit** has appointed you overseers, to shepherd the congregation of God, which he purchased with the blood of his own Son. (**Acts of Apostles 20:28**)
- And he gave some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelizers, some as shepherds and teachers. (**Ephesians 4:11**)
- With a view to the readjustment of the holy ones, for ministerial work, for the building up of the body of the Christ. (**Ephesians 4:12**)
- He moved them, as well as restricted them, indicating where to concentrate their ministerial efforts.
- Moreover, they went through Phrygia and the country of Galatia, because they were forbidden by the **Holy Spirit** to speak the word in the district of Asia. (**Acts of Apostles 16:6**)
- Further, when getting down to Mysia they made efforts to go into Bithynia, but the **spirit** of Jesus did not permit them. (**Acts of Apostles 16:7**)
- So they passed Mysia by and came down to Troas. (**Acts of Apostles 16:8**)
- And during the night a vision appeared to Paul, a certain

Macedonian man was standing and entreating him and saying;
Step over into Macedonia and help us. ([Acts of Apostles 16:9](#))

- Now as soon as he had seen the **vision**, we sought to go forth into Macedonia, drawing the conclusion that God had summoned us to declare the Good News to them. ([Acts of Apostles 16:10](#))
- And now, look! Bound in the **spirit**, I am journeying to Jerusalem, although not knowing the things that will happen to me in it. ([Acts of Apostles 20:22](#))
- And made them effective as writers of letters of Christ, inscribed with the **spirit** of God on fleshly tablets, human hearts.
- You yourselves are our letter, inscribed on our hearts and known and being read by all mankind. ([2 Corinthians 3:2](#))
- For you are shown to be a letter of Christ written by us as ministers, inscribed not with ink but with **spirit** of a living God, not on stone tablets, **but on fleshly tablets, on hearts**. ([2 Corinthians 3:3](#))
- Because the Good News we preach did not turn up among you with speech alone but also with power and with Holy Spirit and strong conviction, just as you know what sort of men we became to you for your sakes. ([1 Thessalonians 1:5](#))
- As promised, the **spirit** refreshed their memories, stimulated their mental powers, and emboldened them in bearing witness even before rulers.
- Why, you will be haled before governor's and kings for my sake, for a witness to them and the nations. ([Matthew 10:18](#))
- However, when they deliver you up, do not become anxious about how or what you are to speak. For what you are to speak will be given you in that hour. ([Matthew 10:19](#))
- For the ones speaking are not just you, but it is the **spirit** of your Father that speaks by you. ([Matthew 10:20](#))
- But the helper, the **Holy Spirit**, which the Father will send in my name, that one will teach you all things and bring back to your minds all the things I told you. ([John 14:26](#))

- The next day there took place in Jerusalem the gathering together of their rulers and older men and scribes. (**Acts of Apostles 4:5**)
- Also Annas the chief priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander and as many as were of the chief priests kinsfolk. (**Acts of Apostles 4:6**)
- And they stood them in their midst and began to inquire. By what power or in whose name did you do this? (**Acts of Apostles 4:7**)
- Then Peter, filled with **Holy Spirit**, said to them; Rulers of the people and older men. (**Acts of Apostles 4:8**)
- Now when they beheld the outspokenness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were men unlettered and ordinary, they got to wondering. And they began to recognize about them that they used to be with Jesus. (**Acts of Apostles 4:13**)
- And when they had made supplication, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were one and all filled with the **Holy Spirit** and were speaking the word of God with boldness. (**Acts of Apostles 4:31**)
- Now Stephen, full of graciousness and power, was performing great portents and signs among the people. (**Acts of Apostles 6:8**)
- But certain men rose up of those from the so-called Synagogue of the Freedmen, and of the Cyrenians and Alexandrians and of those from Cilicia and Asia, to dispute with Stephen. (**Acts of Apostles 6:9**)
- And yet they could not hold their own against the wisdom and the **spirit** with which he was speaking. (**Acts of Apostles 6:10**)
- As living stones, they were being formed into a **spiritual** temple based on Christ, one through which **spiritual** sacrifices would be made
- Coming to him as to a living stone, rejected, it is true, by men, but chosen, precious, with God. (**1 Peter 2:4**)

- You yourselves also as living stones are being built up a **spiritual** house for the purpose of a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (**1 Peter 2:5**)
- For it is contained in Scripture: Look! I am laying in Zion a stone, chosen, a foundation cornerstone, precious, and no one exercising faith in it will by any means come to disappointment. (**1 Peter 2:6**)
- However, I am writing you the more outspokenly on some points, as if reminding you again, because of the undeserved kindness given to me from God (**Romans 15:15**)
- For me to be a public servant of Christ Jesus to the nations, engaging in the holy work of the Good News of God, in order, that the offering, namely, these nations, might prove to be acceptable, it being sanctified with Holy Spirit. (**Romans 15:16**)
- And **spiritual** songs sung,
- Also, do not be getting drunk with wine, in which there is debauchery, but keep getting filled with **spirit**. (**Ephesians 5:18**)
- Speaking to yourselves with psalms and praises to God and **spiritual** songs, singing and accompanying yourselves with music in your hearts to Yehowah. (**Ephesians 5:19**)
- And in which God would reside by **spirit**.
- Do you not know that you people are God's temple, and that the **spirit** of God dwells in you? (**1 Corinthians 3:16**)
- What! Do you not know that the body of you people is the temple of the **Holy Spirit** within you, which you have from God? Also, you do not belong to yourselves. (**1 Corinthians 6:19**)
- For you were bought with a price. By all means, glorify God in the body of you people. (**1 Corinthians 6:20**)
- And you have been built up upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, while Christ Jesus himself is the foundation cornerstone. (**Ephesians 2:20**)
- In union with him the whole building, being harmoniously joined

together, is growing into a holy temple for Yehowah. (**Ephesians 2:21**)

- In union with him you, too, are being built up together into a place for God to inhabit by **spirit**. (**Ephesians 2:22**)
- Remember the thing that I concluded with you people when you came forth from Egypt, and when my spirit was standing in among you. Do not be afraid. (**Haggai 2:5**)
- **God's spirit is a unifying force of enormous strength, and as long as such Christians allowed it free course among them, it joined them peacefully together in bonds of love and devotion to God, his Son, and one another.**
- Earnestly endeavoring to observe the oneness of the spirit in the uniting bond of peace. (**Ephesians 4:3**)
- One body there is, and one **spirit**, even as you were called in the one hope to which you were called. (**Ephesians 4:4**)
- One Lord, one faith, one baptism. (**Ephesians 4:5**)
- One God and Father of all persons, who is over all and through all and in all. (**Ephesians 4:6**)
- Indeed, this is his commandment, that we have faith in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and be loving one another, just as he gave us commandment. (**1 John 3:23**)
- Moreover, he who observes his commandments remains in union with him, and he in union with such one, and by this we gain the knowledge that he is remaining in union with us, owing to the **spirit** which he gave us. (**1 John 3:24**)
- At no time has anyone beheld God. If we continue loving one another, God remains in us and his love is made perfect in us. (**1 John 4:12**)
- By this we gain the knowledge that we are remaining in union with him and he in union with us, because he has imparted his **spirit** to us. (**1 John 4:13**)
- And spirit itself enveloped Amasai, the head of the thirty. Yours

we are, O David, and with you we are, O son of Jesse. Peace, peace be yours, and peace to the one helping you, for your God has helped you. So David received them and put them among the heads of the troops. ([1 Chronicles 12:18](#))

- The gift of the **spirit** did not equip them for mechanical types of activity, as it had Bezalel and others who manufactured and produced material structures and equipment, but it fitted them for spiritual works of teaching, guiding, shepherding, and counseling.
- The spiritual temple they formed was to be adorned with the beautiful fruits of God's spirit, and that fruitage of love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faith, and similar qualities was proof positive that God's **spirit** was operating in and among them.
- On the other hand, the fruitage of the **spirit** is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faith. ([Galatians 5:22](#))
- Mildness, self-control. Against such things there is no Law. ([Galatians 5:23](#))
- In that very hour he became overjoyed in the Holy Spirit and said; I publicly praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have carefully hidden these things from wise and intellectual ones, and have revealed them to babes. Yes, O Father, because to do thus came to be the way approved by you. ([Luke 10:21](#))
- For the kingdom of God does not mean eating and drinking, but means righteousness and peace and joy with **Holy Spirit**. ([Romans 14:17](#))
- This was the basic and primary factor producing good order and effective guidance among them.
- Moreover, those who belong to Christ Jesus impaled the flesh together with its passions and desires. ([Galatians 5:24](#))
- If we are living by **spirit**, let us go on walking orderly also by spirit. ([Galatians 5:25](#))
- Let us not become egotistical, stirring up competition with one another, envying one another. ([Galatians 5:26](#))

- Brothers, even though a man takes some false step before he is aware of it, you who have **spiritual** qualifications try to readjust such a man in a spirit of mildness, as you each keep an eye on yourself, for fear you also may be tempted. (**Galatians 6:1**)
- Now in these days, when the disciples were increasing, a murmuring arose on the part of the Greek-speaking Jews against the Hebrew-speaking Jews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution. (**Acts of Apostles 6:1**)
- So the twelve called the multitude of the disciples to them and said; It is not pleasing for us to leave the word of God to distribute food to tables. (**Acts of Apostles 6:2**)
- So, brothers, search out for yourselves seven certified men from among you, full of **spirit** and wisdom, that we may appoint them over this necessary business. (**Acts of Apostles 6:3**)
- But we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word. (**Acts of Apostles 6:4**)
- And the thing spoken was pleasing to the whole multitude, and they selected Stephen, a man full of faith and Holy Spirit, and Philip and Prochorus and Nicanor and Timon and Parmenas and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. (**Acts of Apostles 6:5**)
- And they placed them before the apostles, and, after having prayed, these laid their hands upon them. (**Acts of Apostles 6:6**)
- Consequently the word of God went on growing, and the number of the disciples kept multiplying in Jerusalem very much, and a great crowd of priests began to be obedient to the faith. (**Acts of Apostles 6:7**)
- And I will give you a new heart, and a new **spirit** I shall put inside you, and I will take away the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. (**Ezekiel 36:26**)
- And my **spirit** I shall put inside you, and I will act so that in my regulations you will walk, and my judicial decisions you will keep and actually carry out. (**Ezekiel 36:27**)

- They submitted themselves to the Law **of the spirit**, an effective force for righteousness working to keep out the practices of the innately sinful flesh.
- For the Law of that **spirit** which gives life in union with Christ Jesus has set you free from the Law of sin and of death. (**Romans 8:2**)
- But I say; Keep walking by **spirit** and you will carry out no fleshly desire at all. (**Galatians 5:16**)
- For the flesh is against the **spirit** in its desire, and the spirit against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, so that the very things that you would like to do you do not do. (**Galatians 5:17**)
- Furthermore, if you are being led by **spirit**, you are not under Law. (**Galatians 5:18**)
- Now the works of the flesh are manifest, and they are fornication, uncleanness, loose conduct. (**Galatians 5:19**)
- Idolatry, practice of **spiritism**, enmities, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, contentions, divisions, sects. (**Galatians 5:20**)
- Envy, drunken bouts, revelries, and things like these. As to these things I am forewarning you, the same way as I did forewarn you, that those who practice such things will not inherit God's kingdom. (**Galatians 5:21**)
- These are the ones that make separations, animalistic men, not having **spirituality**. (**Jude 1:19**)
- But you, beloved ones, by building up yourselves on your most holy faith, and praying with **Holy Spirit**. (**Jude 1:20**)
- Keep yourselves in God's love, while you are waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ with everlasting life in view. (**Jude 1:21**)
- Their confidence was in God's **spirit** operating on them, not in fleshly abilities or background.
- And so I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come with an

- extravagance of speech or of wisdom declaring the sacred secret of God to you. (1 Corinthians 2:1)
- For I decided not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ, and him impaled. (1 Corinthians 2:2)
 - And I came to you in weakness and in fear and with much trembling. (1 Corinthians 2:3)
 - And my speech and what I preached were not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of **spirit** and power. (1 Corinthians 2:4)
 - That your faith might be, not in mens wisdom, but in God's power. (1 Corinthians 2:5)
 - On account of this I bend my knees to the Father. (Ephesians 3:14)
 - To whom every family in heaven and on earth owes its name. (Ephesians 3:15)
 - To the end that he may grant you according to the riches of his glory to be made mighty in the man you are inside with power through his **spirit**. (Ephesians 3:16)
 - To have the Christ dwell through your faith in your hearts with love, that you may be rooted and established on the foundation. (Ephesians 3:17)
 - Finally, my brothers, continue rejoicing in the Lord. To be writing the same things to you is not troublesome for me, but it is of safety to you. (Philippians 3:1)
 - Look out for the dogs, look out for the workers of injury, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. (Philippians 3:2)
 - For we are those with the real circumcision, who are rendering sacred service by God's **spirit** and have our boasting in Christ Jesus and do not have our confidence in the flesh. (Philippians 3:3)
 - Though I, if anyone, do have grounds for confidence also in the flesh. If any other man thinks he has grounds for confidence in

- the flesh, I the more so. (**Philippians 3:4**)
- Circumcised the eighth day, out of the family stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born from Hebrews, as respects Law, a Pharisee. (**Philippians 3:5**)
 - As respects zeal, persecuting the congregation, as respects righteousness that is by means of Law, one who proved himself blameless. (**Philippians 3:6**)
 - Yet what things were gains to me, these I have considered loss on account of the Christ. (**Philippians 3:7**)
 - Why, for that matter, I do indeed also consider all things to be loss on account of the excelling value of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord. On account of him I have taken the loss of all things and I consider them as a lot of refuse, that I may gain Christ (**Philippians 3:8**)
 - When questions arose, the **Holy Spirit** was a helper in arriving at a decision, as in the question of circumcision, decided by the body, or council, of apostles and older men at Jerusalem.
 - Peter told of the **spirits** being granted to uncircumcised people of the nations, Paul and Barnabas related the **spirits** operations in their ministry among such persons, and James, his memory of the Scriptures doubtless aided by Holy Spirit, called attention to the inspired prophecy of Amos foretelling that God's name would be called on people of the nations.
 - Thus all the thrust or drive of God's Holy Spirit pointed in one direction, and hence, in recognition of this, when writing the letter conveying their decision, this body or council said; For the **Holy Spirit** and we ourselves have favored adding no further burden to you, except these necessary things.
 - And certain men came down from Judea and began to teach the brothers; Unless you get circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved. (**Acts of Apostles 15:1**)
 - But when there had occurred no little dissension and disputing by Paul and Barnabas with them, they arranged for Paul and Barnabas and some others of them to go up to the apostles and older men in Jerusalem regarding this dispute. (**Acts of Apostles**

15:2)

- **Accordingly, after being conducted partway by the congregation, these men continued on their way through both Phoenicia and Samaria, relating in detail the conversion of people of the nations, and they were causing great joy to all the brothers. (Acts of Apostles 15:3)**
- **On arriving in Jerusalem they were kindly received by the congregation and the apostles and the older men, and they recounted the many things God had done by means of them. (Acts of Apostles 15:4)**
- **Yet, some of those of the sect of the Pharisees that had believed rose up from their seats and said; It is necessary to circumcise them and charge them to observe the Law of Moses. (Acts of Apostles 15:5)**
- **And the apostles and the older men gathered together to see about this affair. (Acts of Apostles 15:6)**
- **Now when much disputing had taken place, Peter rose and said to them; Men, brothers, you well know that from early days God made the choice among you that through my mouth people of the nations should hear the word of the Good News and believe. (Acts of Apostles 15:7)**
- **And God, who knows the heart, bore witness by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us also. (Acts of Apostles 15:8)**
- **And he made no distinction at all between us and them, but purified their hearts by faith. (Acts of Apostles 15:9)**
- **Now, therefore, why are you making a test of God by imposing upon the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our forefathers nor we were capable of bearing? (Acts of Apostles 15:10)**
- **On the contrary, we trust to get saved through the undeserved kindness of the Lord Jesus in the same way as those people also. (Acts of Apostles 15:11)**
- **At that the entire multitude became silent, and they began to listen to Barnabas and Paul relate the many signs and portents that God did through them among the nations. (Acts of Apostles**

15:12)

- **After they quit speaking, James answered, saying; Men, brothers, hear me. (Acts of Apostles 15:13)**
- **Symeon has related thoroughly how God for the first time turned his attention to the nations to take out of them a people for his name. (Acts of Apostles 15:14)**
- **And with this the words of the Prophets agree, just as it is written. (Acts of Apostles 15:15)**
- **After these things I shall return and rebuild the booth of David that is fallen down, and I shall rebuild its ruins and erect it again. (Acts of Apostles 15:16)**
- **In order, that those who remain of the men may earnestly seek Yehowah, together with people of all the nations, people who are called by my name, says Yehowah, who is doing these things. (Acts of Apostles 15:17)**
- **Known from of old. (Acts of Apostles 15:18)**
- **Hence my decision is not to trouble those from the nations who are turning to God. (Acts of Apostles 15:19)**
- **But to write them to abstain from things polluted by idols and from fornication and from what is strangled and from blood. (Acts of Apostles 15:20)**
- **For from ancient times Moses has had in city after city those who preach him, because he is read aloud in the synagogues on every Sabbath. (Acts of Apostles 15:21)**
- **Then the apostles and the older men together with the whole congregation favored sending chosen men from among them to Antioch along with Paul and Barnabas, namely, Judas who was called Barsabbas and Silas, leading men among the brothers. (Acts of Apostles 15:22)**
- **And by their hand they wrote. The apostles and the older men, brothers, to those brothers in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia who are from the nations, Greetings! (Acts of Apostles 15:23)**

- Since we have heard that some from among us have caused you trouble with speeches, trying to subvert your souls, although we did not give them any instructions. (**Acts of Apostles 15:24**)
- We have come to a unanimous accord and have favored choosing men to send to you together with our loved ones, Barnabas and Paul. (**Acts of Apostles 15:25**)
- Men that have delivered up their souls for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (**Acts of Apostles 15:26**)
- We are therefore dispatching Judas and Silas, that they also may report the same things by word. (**Acts of Apostles 15:27**)
- For the Holy Spirit and we ourselves have favored adding no further burden to you, except these necessary things. (**Acts of Apostles 15:28**)
- To keep abstaining from things sacrificed to idols and from blood and from things strangled and from fornication. If you carefully keep yourselves from these things, you will prosper. Good health to you! (**Acts of Apostles 15:29**)

· Anoints, Begets, Gives Spiritual Life

- As God had anointed Jesus with his Holy Spirit at the time of Jesus baptism.
- And immediately on coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being parted, and, like a dove, the **spirit** coming down upon him. (**Mark 1:10**)
- And the Holy Spirit in bodily shape like a dove came down upon him, and a voice came out of heaven; You are my Son, the beloved. I have approved you. (**Luke 3:22**)
- Yehowah's **spirit** is upon me, because he anointed me to declare Good News to the poor, he sent me forth to preach a release to the captives and a recovery of sight to the blind, to send the crushed ones away with a release. (**Luke 4:18**)
- Namely, Jesus who was from Nazareth, how God anointed him with **Holy Spirit** and power, and he went through the land doing good and healing all those oppressed by the Devil, because God

was with him. (**Acts of Apostles 10:38**)

- So he now anointed Jesus disciples. This anointing with the **spirit** was a **token** to them of the heavenly inheritance to which they were now called.
- But he who guarantees that you and we belong to Christ and he who has anointed us is God. (**2 Corinthians 1:21**)
- He has also put his seal upon us and has given us the **token** of what is to come, that is, the **spirit**, in our hearts. (**2 Corinthians 1:22**)
- For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, should be dissolved, we are to have a building from God, a house not made with hands, everlasting in the heavens. (**2 Corinthians 5:1**)
- Now he that produced us for this very thing is God, who gave us the token of what is to come, that is, the **spirit**. (**2 Corinthians 5:5**)
- But you also hoped in him after you heard the word of truth, the Good News about your salvation. By means of him also, after you believed, you were sealed with the promised **Holy Spirit**. (**Ephesians 1:13**)
- Which is a **token** in advance of our inheritance, for the purpose of releasing by a ransom God's own possession, to his glorious praise. (**Ephesians 1:14**)
- And it bore witness to them that they had been **begotten**, or **brought forth to spiritual life**, by God to be his sons with the promise of **spirit life** in the heavens.
- Jesus answered; Most truly I say to you, unless anyone is born from water and **spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. (**John 3:5**)
- What has been born from the flesh is flesh, and what has been born from the **spirit** is **spirit**. (**John 3:6**)
- Do not marvel because I told you, you people must be born again. (**John 3:7**)

- The wind blows where it wants to, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from and where it is going. So is everyone that has been born from the **spirit**. (**John 3:8**)
- For all who are led by God's **spirit**, these are God's sons. (**Romans 8:14**)
- For you did not receive a **spirit** of slavery causing fear again, but you received a spirit of adoption as sons, by which spirit we cry out; Abba, Father! (**Romans 8:15**)
- The **spirit** itself bears witness with our spirit that we are God's children. (**Romans 8:16**)
- If, then, we are children, we are also heirs. Heirs indeed of God, but joint heirs with Christ, provided we suffer together that we may also be glorified together. (**Romans 8:17**)
- Not only that, but we ourselves also who have the firstfruits, namely, the **spirit**, yes, we ourselves groan within ourselves, while we are earnestly waiting for adoption as sons, the release from our bodies by ransom. (**Romans 8:23**)
- Owing to no works in righteousness that we had performed, but according to his mercy he saved us through the bath that brought us to life and through the making of us new by **Holy Spirit**. (**Titus 3:5**)
- For it is impossible as regards those who have once for all been enlightened, and who have tasted the heavenly free gift, and who have become partakers of **Holy Spirit**. (**Hebrews 6:4**)
- And who have tasted the fine word of God and powers of the coming system of things. (**Hebrews 6:5**)
- They were made clean, sanctified, and declared righteous in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and with the **spirit** of our God, by which spirit Jesus had been qualified to provide the ransom sacrifice and become God's High Priest.
- And yet that is what some of you were. But you have been washed clean, but you have been sanctified, but you have been declared righteous in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and with the **spirit** of our God. (**1 Corinthians 6:11**)

- However, we are obligated to thank God always for you, brothers loved by Yehowah, because God selected you from the beginning for salvation by sanctifying you with **spirit** and by your faith in the truth. (**2 Thessalonians 2:13**)
- How much more will the blood of the Christ, who through an everlasting **spirit** offered himself without blemish to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works that we may render sacred service to the living God? (**Hebrews 9:14**)
- Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the temporary residents scattered about in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, to the ones chosen. (**1 Peter 1:1**)
- According to the foreknowledge of God the Father, with sanctification by the **spirit**, for the purpose of their being obedient and sprinkled with the blood of Jesus Christ; May undeserved kindness and peace be increased to you. (**1 Peter 1:2**)
- Because of this heavenly calling and inheritance, Jesus **spirit-anointed** followers had a **spiritual** life, though yet living as imperfect, fleshly creatures. This is evidently what the apostle refers to when contrasting earthly fathers with Yehowah God, the Father of our **spiritual life**, literally, **Father of the spirits**.
- Furthermore, we used to have fathers who were of our flesh to discipline us, and we used to give them respect. Shall we not much more subject ourselves to the Father of our **spiritual** life and live? (**Hebrews 12:9**)
- In general assembly, and the congregation of the firstborn who have been enrolled in the heavens, and God the Judge of all, and the **spiritual** lives of righteous ones who have been made perfect. (**Hebrews 12:23**)
- As joint heirs with Christ, who are due to be raised up from death in a **spiritual** body bearing his heavenly image, they should live on earth as **one spirit** in union with him as their Head, not letting the desires or immoral tendencies of their flesh be the force controlling them, such a thing even resulting perhaps in their becoming, one flesh with a harlot.

- Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I, then, take the members of the Christ away and make them members of a harlot? Never may that happen! (**1 Corinthians 6:15**)
- What! Do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body? For, The two, says he, will be one flesh. (**1 Corinthians 6:16**)
- But he who is joined to the Lord is one **spirit**. (**1 Corinthians 6:17**)
- Flee from fornication. Every other sin that a man may commit is outside his body, but he that practices fornication is sinning against his own body. (**1 Corinthians 6:18**)
- It is sown a physical body, it is raised up a **spiritual** body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual one. (**1 Corinthians 15:44**)
- It is even so written; The first man Adam became a living soul. The last Adam became a life-giving **spirit**. (**1 Corinthians 15:45**)
- Nevertheless, the first is, not that which is **spiritual**, but that which is physical, afterward that which is **spiritual**. (**1 Corinthians 15:46**)
- The first man is out of the earth and made of dust, the second man is out of heaven. (**1 Corinthians 15:47**)
- As the one made of dust is, so those made of dust are also, and as the heavenly one is, so those who are heavenly are also. (**1 Corinthians 15:48**)
- And just as we have borne the image of the one made of dust, we shall bear also the image of the heavenly one. (**1 Corinthians 15:49**)
- For those who are in accord with the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those in accord with the **spirit** on the things of the spirit. (**Romans 8:5**)
- For the minding of the flesh means death, but the minding of the **spirit** means life and peace. (**Romans 8:6**)

- Because the minding of the flesh means enmity with God, for it is not under subjection to the Law of God, nor, in fact, can it be. **(Romans 8:7)**
- So those who are in harmony with the flesh cannot please God. **(Romans 8:8)**
- However, you are in harmony, not with the flesh, but with the **spirit**, if God's spirit truly dwells in you. But if anyone does not have Christ's spirit, this one does not belong to him. **(Romans 8:9)**
- But if Christ is in union with you, the body indeed is dead on account of sin, but the **spirit** is life on account of righteousness. **(Romans 8:10)**
- If, now, the **spirit** of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he that raised up Christ Jesus from the dead will also make your mortal bodies alive through his spirit that resides in you. **(Romans 8:11)**
- So, then, brothers, we are under obligation, not to the flesh to live in accord with the flesh. **(Romans 8:12)**
- For if you live in accord with the flesh you are sure to die, but if you put the practices of the body to death by the **spirit**, you will live. **(Romans 8:13)**
- For all who are led by God's **spirit**, these are God's sons. **(Romans 8:14)**
- For you did not receive a **spirit** of slavery causing fear again, but you received a spirit of adoption as sons, by which spirit we cry out; Abba, Father! **(Romans 8:15)**
- The **spirit** itself bears witness with our **spirit** that we are God's children. **(Romans 8:16)**
- If, then, we are children, we are also heirs. Heirs indeed of God, but joint heirs with Christ, provided we suffer together that we may also be glorified together. **(Romans 8:17)**

· Gaining And Retaining God's Spirit

- The **Holy Spirit** is God's free gift, which he gladly grants to those who sincerely seek and request it.
- Peter said to them; Repent, and let each one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the free gift of the **Holy Spirit**. (**Acts of Apostles 2:38**)
- Accordingly I say to you, Keep on asking, and it will be given you. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and it will be opened to you. (**Luke 11:9**)
- For everyone asking receives, and everyone seeking finds, and to everyone knocking it will be opened. (**Luke 11:10**)
- Indeed, which father is there among you who, if his son asks for a fish, will perhaps hand him a serpent instead of a fish? (**Luke 11:11**)
- Or if he also asks for an egg, will hand him a scorpion? (**Luke 11:12**)
- Therefore, if you, although being wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more so will the Father in heaven give Holy Spirit to those asking him! (**Luke 11:13**)
- A right heart is the key factor.
- And God, who knows the heart, bore witness by giving them the **Holy Spirit**, just as he did to us also. (**Acts of Apostles 15:8**)
- But knowledge and conformity to God's requirements are also essential factors.
- And we are witnesses of these matters, and so is the **Holy Spirit**, which God has given to those obeying him as ruler. (**Acts of Apostles 5:32**)
- And he said to them; Did you receive **Holy Spirit** when you became believers? They said to him; Why, we have never heard whether there is a **Holy Spirit**. (**Acts of Apostles 19:2**)
- And he said; In what, then, were you baptized? They said; In John's baptism. (**Acts of Apostles 19:3**)

- Paul said; John baptized with the baptism in symbol of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus. (**Acts of Apostles 19:4**)
- On hearing this, they got baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. (**Acts of Apostles 19:5**)
- And when Paul laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they began speaking with tongues and prophesying. (**Acts of Apostles 19:6**)
- Once received, the Christian should not grieve God's **spirit** by disregarding it.
- Also, do not be grieving God's **Holy Spirit**, with which you have been sealed for a day of releasing by ransom. (**Ephesians 4:30**)
- But they themselves rebelled and made his **Holy Spirit** feel hurt. He now was changed into an enemy of theirs, he himself warred against them. (**Isaiah 63:10**)
- Taking a course contrary to its leading, fixing the heart on goals other than that to which it points and impels, rejecting the inspired Word of God and its counsel and application to oneself.
- Obstinate men and uncircumcised in hearts and ears, you are always resisting the **Holy Spirit**, as your forefathers did, so you do. (**Acts of Apostles 7:51**)
- Which one of the prophets did your forefathers not persecute? Yes, they killed those who made announcement in advance concerning the coming of the righteous One, whose betrayers and murderers you have now become. (**Acts of Apostles 7:52**)
- You who received the Law as transmitted by angels but have not kept it. (**Acts of Apostles 7:53**)
- So, then, the man that shows disregard is disregarding, not man, but God, who puts his **Holy Spirit** in you. (**1 Thessalonians 4:8**)
- Woe to the stubborn sons, is the utterance of Yehowah, those disposed to carry out counsel, but not that from me, and to pour out a libation, but not with my **spirit**, in order to add sin to sin. (**Isaiah 30:1**)

- Those who are setting out to go down to Egypt and who have not inquired of my own mouth, to take shelter in the stronghold of Pharaoh and to take refuge in the shadow of Egypt! (**Isaiah 30:2**)
- By hypocrisy one can **play false** to that **Holy Spirit** by which Christ directs the congregation, and those who **make a test** of its power in this way follow a disastrous course.
- However, a certain man, Ananias by name, together with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. (**Acts of Apostles 5:1**)
- And secretly held back some of the price, his wife also knowing about it, and he brought just a part and deposited it at the feet of the apostles. (**Acts of Apostles 5:2**)
- But Peter said; Ananias, why has Satan emboldened you to play false to the **Holy Spirit** and to hold back secretly some of the price of the field? (**Acts of Apostles 5:3**)
- As long as it remained with you did it not remain yours, and after it was sold did it not continue in your control? Why was it that you purposed such a deed as this in your heart? You have played false, not to men, but to God. (**Acts of Apostles 5:4**)
- On hearing these words Ananias fell down and expired. And great fear came over all those hearing of it. (**Acts of Apostles 5:5**)
- But the younger men rose, wrapped him in cloths, and carried him out and buried him. (**Acts of Apostles 5:6**)
- Now after an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. (**Acts of Apostles 5:7**)
- Peter said to her; Tell me, did you two sell the field for so much? She said; Yes, for so much. (**Acts of Apostles 5:8**)
- So Peter said to her; Why was it agreed upon between you two to make a test of the **spirit** of Yehowah? Look! The feet of those who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out. (**Acts of Apostles 5:9**)
- Instantly she fell down at his feet and expired. When the young men came in they found her dead, and they carried her out and

buried her alongside her husband. (**Acts of Apostles 5:10**)

- Consequently great fear came over the whole congregation and over all those hearing about these things. (**Acts of Apostles 5:11**)
- I am telling the truth in Christ. I am not lying. Since my conscience bears witness with me in **Holy Spirit**. (**Romans 9:1**)
- **Deliberate opposition to and rebellion against the evident manifestation of God's spirit can mean blasphemy against that spirit, a sin that is unforgivable.**
- On this account I say to you, every sort of sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the **spirit** will not be forgiven. (**Matthew 12:31**)
- For example, whoever speaks a word against the Son of man, it will be forgiven him, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, no, not in this system of things nor in that to come. (**Matthew 12:32**)
- However, whoever blasphemes against the **Holy Spirit** has no forgiveness forever, but is guilty of everlasting sin. (**Mark 3:29**)
- This, because they were saying; He has an **unclean spirit**. (**Mark 3:30**)
- For if we practice sin willfully after having received the accurate knowledge of the truth, there is no longer any sacrifice for sins left. (**Hebrews 10:26**)
- But there is a certain fearful expectation of judgment and there is a fiery jealousy that is going to consume those in opposition. (**Hebrews 10:27**)
- Any man that has disregarded the Law of Moses dies without compassion, upon the testimony of two or three. (**Hebrews 10:28**)
- Of how much more severe a punishment, do you think, will the man be counted worthy who has trampled upon the Son of God and who has esteemed as of ordinary value the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and who has outraged the **spirit** of undeserved kindness with contempt? (**Hebrews 10:29**)

- For we know him that said; Vengeance is mine. I will recompense. And again; Yehowah will judge his people. (**Hebrews 10:30**)
- It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. (**Hebrews 10:31**)

•• **Breath, Breath Of Life, Life-Force**

- The account of the creation of man states that God formed man from the dust of the ground and proceeded to **blow**, a form of *na-phach'*, into his nostrils the **breath**, form of *nesha-mah'*, of life, and the man came to be a living **soul**, *ne'phesh*.
- And Yehowah God proceeded to form the man out of dust from the ground and to blow into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man came to be a living soul. (**Genesis 2:7**)
- **Ne'phesh** may be translated literally as, a **breather**, that is, a **breathing creature**, either human or animal. *Nesha-mah'* is, in fact, used to mean, **breathing thing, or creature** and as such is used as a virtual synonym of *ne'phesh*, **soul**.
- It is only of the cities of these peoples that Yehowah your God is giving you as an inheritance that you must not preserve any breathing thing alive. (**Deuteronomy 20:16**)
- And he got to capture it and its king and all its towns, and they went striking them with the edge of the sword and devoting every soul that was in it to destruction. He did not let a survivor remain. Just as he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir and its king, and just as he had done to Libnah and its king. (**Joshua 10:39**)
- And Joshua proceeded to strike all the land of the mountainous region and the Negeb and the Shephelah and the slopes and all their kings. He did not let a survivor remain, and everything that breathed he devoted to destruction, just as Yehowah the God of Israel had commanded. (**Joshua 10:40**)
- And they went striking every soul that was in it with the edge of the sword, devoting them to destruction. No breathing thing at all was left over, and he burned Hazor in the fire. (**Joshua 11:11**)

- And it came about that as soon as he became king, he struck down all the house of Jeroboam. He did not let anyone breathing remain of Jeroboam's until he had annihilated them, according to Yehowah's word that he had spoken by means of his servant Ahijah the Shilonite. (1 Kings 15:29)
- The record at;
- And Yehowah God proceeded to form the man out of dust from the ground and to blow into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man came to be a living soul. (Genesis 2:7)
- Uses *nesha-mah'* in describing God's causing Adam's body to have life so that the man became a living soul. Other texts, however, show that more was involved than simple breathing of air, that is, more than the mere introduction of air into the lungs and its expulsion therefrom.
- Everything in which the breath of the force of life was active in its nostrils, namely, all that were on the dry ground, died. (Genesis 7:22)
- In describing the destruction of human and animal life outside the ark at the time of the Flood, we read. Everything in which the breath, form of *nesha-mah'*, of the force or, spirit, *ru'ach*, of life was active in its nostrils, namely, all that were on the dry ground, died.
- *Nesha-mah'*, breath, is thus directly associated or linked with *ru'ach*, which here describes the spirit, or life-force, that is active in all living creatures human and animal souls.

See Also SOUL

- As the Theological Dictionary of the New Testament [Vol. VI, p. 336] states: Breath may be discerned only in movement as in the movement of the chest or the expanding of the nostrils, and it is also a sign, condition and agent of life, which seems to be especially tied up with breathing.
- Hence, the *nesha-mah'*, or breath, is both the product of the *ru'ach*, or life-force, and also a principal means of sustaining that life-force in living creatures.
- It is known from scientific studies, for example, that life is present in every single cell of the body's one hundred trillion cells and

that, while thousands of millions of cells die each minute, constant **reproduction of new living cells goes on.**

- The **life-force** active in all the living cells is dependent upon the oxygen that breathing brings into the body, which oxygen is transported to all the cells by the bloodstream.
- Without oxygen some cells begin to die after several minutes, others after a longer period. While a person can go without breathing for a few minutes and still survive, without the **life-force** in his cells he is dead beyond all human ability to revive him.
- The Hebrew Scriptures, inspired by man's Designer and Creator, evidently use *ru'ach* to denote this vital force that is the very principle of life, and *nesha-mah'* to represent the **breathing** that sustains it.
- Because **breathing** is so inseparably connected with life, *nesha-mah'* and *ru'ach* are used in clear parallel in various texts. Job voiced his determination to avoid unrighteousness **while my breath** form of *nesha-mah'*; is yet whole within me, and the **spirit**, *weru'ach*, of God is in my nostrils.
- While my breath is yet whole within me, and the **spirit** of God is in my nostrils. (Job 27:3)
- My lips will speak no unrighteousness and my own tongue will mutter no deceit! (Job 27:4)
- It is unthinkable on my part that I should declare you men righteous! Until I expire I shall not take away my integrity from myself! (Job 27:5)
- Elihu said; If that ones **spirit**, a form of *ru'ach*, and **breath**, a form of *nesha-mah'*, he, God, gathers to himself, all flesh will expire that is, **breathe out** together, and earthling man himself will return to the very dust.
- If he sets his heart upon anyone, if that ones **spirit** and breath he gathers to himself. (Job 34:14)
- All flesh will expire together, and earthling man himself will return to the very dust. (Job 34:15)
- If you conceal your face, they get disturbed. If you take away

their **spirit**, they expire, and back to their dust they go. (**Psalms 104:29**)

- Says of earth's creatures, human and animal; If you, God, take away their **spirit**, they expire, and back to their dust they go.
- This is what the true God, Yehowah, has said; the Creator of the heavens and the Grand One stretching them out, the One laying out the earth and its produce, the One giving breath to the people on it, and **spirit** to those walking in it. (**Isaiah 42:5**)
- Yehowah is spoken of as the One laying out the earth and its produce, the One giving **breath** to the people on it, and **spirit** to those walking in it.
- The **breath**, *nesha-mah'*, sustains their existence, the spirit, *ru'ach*, energizes and is the **life-force** that enables man to be an animated creature, to move, walk, be actively alive.
- For by him we have life and move and exist, even as certain ones of the poets among you have said; For we are also his progeny. (**Acts of Apostles 17:28**)
- He is not like the lifeless, breathless, inanimate idols of human fabrication.
- The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the work of the hands of earthling man. (**Psalms 135:15**)
- Ears they have, but they can give ear to nothing. Also there exists no **spirit** in their mouth. (**Psalms 135:17**)
- Every man has behaved so unreasoningly as not to know. Every metalworker will certainly feel shame because of the carved image, for his molten image is a falsehood, and there is no **spirit** in them. (**Jeremiah 10:14**)
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- Woe to the one saying to the piece of wood; O do awake! To a dumb stone; O wake up! It itself will give instruction! Look! It

is sheathed in gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it. (**Habakkuk 2:19**)

- While *nesha-mah'*, or breath, and *ru'ach*, or **spirit, active force, life-force**, are sometimes used in a parallel sense, they are not identical. True, the **spirit**, or *ru'ach*, is at times spoken of as though it were the respiration, *nesha-mah'*, itself, but this seems to be simply **because breathing is the prime visible evidence of the life-force in ones body.**
- He will not grant me my taking of a **fresh breath**, for he keeps glutting me with bitter things. (**Job 9:18**)
- My **breath** itself has become loathsome to my wife, and I have become foul-smelling to the sons of my mothers belly. (**Job 19:17**)
- While my **breath** is yet whole within me, and the **spirit** of God is in my nostrils. (**Job 27:3**)
- The hand of Yehowah proved to be upon me, so that he brought me forth in the **spirit** of Yehowah and set me down in the midst of the valley plain, and it was full of bones. (**Ezekiel 37:1**)
- And he had me pass along by them all round about, and, look! There were very many on the surface of the valley plain and, look! They were very dry. (**Ezekiel 37:2**)
- And he began to say to me; Son of man, can these bones come to life? To that I said; Sovereign Lord Yehowah, you yourself well know. (**Ezekiel 37:3**)
- And he went on to say to me; Prophecy over these bones, and you must say to them, O you dry bones, hear the word of Yehowah. (**Ezekiel 37:4**)
- This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said to these bones; Here I am bringing into you breath, and you must come to life. (**Ezekiel 37:5**)
- And I will put upon you sinews and cause to come upon you flesh, and I will overlay upon you skin and put in you breath, and you must come to life, and you will have to know that I am Yehowah. (**Ezekiel 37:6**)

- And I prophesied just as I had been commanded. And a sound began to occur as soon as I prophesied, and here there was a rattling, and bones began to approach, bone to its bone. (**Ezekiel 37:7**)
- And I saw, and, look! Upon them sinews themselves and flesh itself came up and skin began to be overlaid upon them above. But as regards breath, there was none in them. (**Ezekiel 37:8**)
- And he went on saying to me; Prophecy to the wind. Prophecy, O son of man, and you must say to the wind, This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; From the four **winds** come in, O wind, and blow upon these killed people, that they may come to life. (**Ezekiel 37:9**)
- And I prophesied just as he had commanded me, and the breath proceeded to come into them, and they began to live and stand upon their feet, a very, very great military force. (**Ezekiel 37:10**)
- The symbolic vision of the valley of dry bones is presented, the bones coming together, becoming covered with sinews, flesh, and skin, but, as regards **breath**, *weru'ach*, there was none in them.
- Ezekiel was told to prophesy to the wind, *ha-ru'ach*, saying; From the **four winds**, form of *ru'ach*, come in, O **wind**, and blow upon these killed people, that they may come to **life**.
- The reference to the **four winds** shows that **wind** is the appropriate rendering for *ru'ach* in this case. However, when such **wind**, which is simply air in motion, entered the nostrils of the dead persons of the vision, it became **breath**, which is also air in motion. Thus, the rendering of *ru'ach* as, **breath**, at this point of the account
- And I prophesied just as he had commanded me, and the breath proceeded to come into them, and they began to live and stand upon their feet, a very, very great military force. (**Ezekiel 37:10**)
- Is also more appropriate than **spirit** or life-force. Ezekiel also would be able to see the bodies begin to breathe, even though he could not see the life-force, or spirit, energizing their bodies.
- And he went on to say to me; Son of man, as regards these bones, they are the whole house of Israel. Here they are saying;

Our bones have become dry, and our hope has perished. We have been severed off to ourselves. ([Ezekiel 37:11](#))

- Therefore prophesy, and you must say to them, This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Here I am opening your burial places, and I will bring you up out of your burial places, O my people, and bring you in upon the soil of Israel. ([Ezekiel 37:12](#))
- And you will have to know that I am Yehowah when I open your burial places and when I bring you up out of your burial places, O my people. ([Ezekiel 37:13](#))
- And I will put my **spirit** in you, and you must come to life, and I will settle you upon your soil, and you will have to know that I myself, Yehowah, have spoken and I have done it, is the utterance of Yehowah. ([Ezekiel 37:14](#))
- Show, this vision was symbolic of a **spiritual**, not physical, revivification of the people of Israel who were for a time in a spiritually dead state due to their Babylonian exile. Since they were already physically alive and breathing, it is logical to render *ru'ach* as, **spirit** in;
- And I will put my **spirit** in you, and you must come to life, and I will settle you upon your soil, and you will have to know that I myself, Yehowah, have spoken and I have done it, is the utterance of Yehowah. ([Ezekiel 37:14](#))
- Where God states that he will put his **spirit** in his people so that they would become alive, spiritually speaking.
- A similar symbolic vision is given at ([Revelation Chapter 11](#)). The picture is presented of two witnesses who are killed and whose corpses are allowed to lie on the street for three and a half days.
- Then **spirit, or breath, pneu'ma, of life** from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet.
- And a reed like a rod was given me as he said; Get up and measure the temple sanctuary of God and the altar and those worshiping in it. ([Revelation 11:1](#))
- But as for the courtyard that is outside the temple sanctuary, cast it clear out and do not measure it, because it has been given to the nations, and they will trample the holy city underfoot for

- forty-two months. (**Revelation 11:2**)
- And I will cause my two witnesses to prophesy a thousand two hundred and sixty days dressed in sackcloth. (**Revelation 11:3**)
 - These are symbolized by the two olive trees and the two lampstands and are standing before the Lord of the earth. (**Revelation 11:4**)
 - And if anyone wants to harm them, fire issues forth from their mouths and devours their enemies, and if anyone should want to harm them, in this manner he must be killed. (**Revelation 11:5**)
 - These have the authority to shut up heaven that no rain should fall during the days of their prophesying, and they have authority over the waters to turn them into blood and to strike the earth with every sort of plague as often as they wish. (**Revelation 11:6**)
 - And when they have finished their witnessing, the wild beast that ascends out of the abyss will make war with them and conquer them and kill them. (**Revelation 11:7**)
 - And their corpses will be on the broad way of the great city which is in a **spiritual** sense called Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord was also impaled. (**Revelation 11:8**)
 - And those of the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations will look at their corpses for three and a half days, and they do not let their corpses be laid in a tomb. (**Revelation 11:9**)
 - And those dwelling on the earth rejoice over them and enjoy themselves, and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those dwelling on the earth. (**Revelation 11:10**)
 - And after the three and a half days **spirit of life from God entered into them**, and they stood upon their feet, and great fear fell upon those beholding them. (**Revelation 11:11**)
 - This vision again draws on a physical reality to illustrate a **spiritual** revivification. It also shows that the **Greek *pneu'ma***, like the **Hebrew *ru'ach***, may represent the **life-giving force** from God that animates the human soul or person.

- Indeed, as the body without **spirit** is dead, so also faith without works is dead. (**James 2:26**)
- States; The body without **spirit**, *pneu'ma-tos*, is dead.
- Therefore, when God created man in Eden and blew into his nostrils, the **breath**, a form of *nesha-mah'*, **of life**, it is evident that, in addition to filling the man's lungs with air, God caused the life-force, or **spirit**, *ru'ach*, to vitalize all the cells in Adam's body.
- And Yehowah God proceeded to form the man out of dust from the ground and to blow into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man came to be a living soul. (**Genesis 2:7**)
- If you send forth your **spirit**, they are created, and you make the face of the ground new. (**Psalms 104:30**)
- Neither is he attended to by human hands as if he needed anything, because he himself gives to all persons life and breath and all things. (**Acts of Apostles 17:25**)
- This **life-force** is passed on from parents to offspring through conception. Since Yehowah was the original Source of this **life-force** for man, and the Author of the procreation process, ones life can properly be attributed to Him, though received not directly but indirectly through ones parents.
- Remember, please, that out of clay you have made me and to dust you will make me return. (**Job 10:9**)
- Did you not proceed to pour me out as milk itself and like cheese to curdle me? (**Job 10:10**)
- With skin and flesh you proceeded to clothe me and with bones and sinews to weave me together. (**Job 10:11**)
- Life and loving-kindness you have worked with me, and your own care has guarded my **spirit**. (**Job 10:12**)
- For you yourself produced my kidneys. You kept me screened off in the belly of my mother. (**Psalms 139:13**)
- I shall laud you because in a fear-inspiring way I am wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful, as my soul is very well aware.

(Psalms 139:14)

- My bones were not hidden from you when I was made in secret, when I was woven in the lowest parts of the earth. (**Psalms 139:15**)
- Your eyes saw even the embryo of me, and in your book all its parts were down in writing, as regards the days when they were formed and there was not yet one among them. (**Psalms 139:16**)
- Just as you are not aware of what is the way of the **spirit** in the bones in the belly of her that is pregnant, in like manner you do not know the work of the true God, who does all things. (**Ecclesiastes 11:5**)

·· The Life-Force Or Spirit Is Impersonal

- As noted, the Scriptures refer to the **ru'ach**, or **life-force**, as being not only in human's but also in animals.
- And as for me, here I am bringing the deluge of waters upon the earth to bring to ruin all flesh in which the force of life is active from under the heavens. Everything that is in the earth will expire. (**Genesis 6:17**)
- And they kept going to Noah inside the ark, two by two, of every sort of flesh in which the force of life was active. (**Genesis 7:15**)
- Everything in which the breath of the force of life was active in its nostrils, namely, all that were on the dry ground, died. (**Genesis 7:22**)
- I, even I, have said in my heart with regard to the sons of mankind that the true God is going to select them, that they may see that they themselves are beasts. (**Ecclesiastes 3:18**)
- For there is an eventuality as respects the sons of mankind and an eventuality as respects the beast, and they have the same eventuality. As the one dies, so the other dies, and they all have but one **spirit**, so that there is no superiority of the man over the beast, for everything is vanity. (**Ecclesiastes 3:19**)
- All are going to one place. They have all come to be from the dust, and they are all returning to the dust. (**Ecclesiastes 3:20**)

- Who is there knowing the **spirit** of the sons of mankind, whether it is ascending upward, and the spirit of the beast, whether it is descending downward to the earth? (**Ecclesiastes 3:21**)
- And I have seen that there is nothing better than that the man should rejoice in his works, for that is his portion, because who will bring him in to look on what is going to be after him? (**Ecclesiastes 3:22**)
- Shows that man dies in the same manner as the beasts, for they all have but one **spirit**, *weru'ach*, so that there is no superiority of the man over the beast, that is, as to the **life-force common to both**. This being so, it is clear that the **spirit**, or **life-force**, *ru'ach*, as used in this sense is **impersonal**.
- As an illustration, one might compare it to another invisible force, electricity, which may be used to make various types of machines operate causing stoves to produce heat, fans to produce wind, computers to solve problems, television sets to produce figures, voices and other sounds yet which electric current never takes on any of the characteristics of the machines in which it functions or is active.
- Do not put your trust in nobles, nor in the son of earthling man, to whom no salvation belongs. (**Psalms 146:3**)
- His **spirit** goes out, he goes back to his ground, in that day his thoughts do perish. (**Psalms 146:4**)
- Says that when man's **spirit**, form of *ru'ach*, goes out, he goes back to his ground, in that day **his thoughts do perish**.
- The **spirit**, or **life-force**, that was active in man's body cells does not retain any of the characteristics of those cells, such as the brain cells and their part in the thinking process.
- If the **spirit**, or **life-force**, *ru'ach* or *pneu'ma*, were not impersonal, then it would mean that the children of certain Israelite women who were resurrected by the prophets Elijah and Elisha were actually in conscious existence somewhere in the period during which they were dead. So, too, with Lazarus, who was resurrected some four days after his death.
- And it came about after these things that the son of the woman,

- the mistress of the house, fell sick, and his sickness came to be so severe that there was no breath left in him. (1 Kings 17:17)
- At this she said to Elijah; What do I have to do with you, O man of the true God? You have come to me to bring my error to mind and to put my son to death. (1 Kings 17:18)
 - But he said to her; Give me your son. Then he took him from her bosom and carried him up to the roof chamber, where he was dwelling, and laid him upon his own couch. (1 Kings 17:19)
 - And he began calling to Yehowah and saying; O Yehowah my God, is it also upon the widow with whom I am residing as an alien that you must bring injury by putting her son to death? (1 Kings 17:20)
 - And he proceeded to stretch himself upon the child three times and call to Yehowah and say; O Yehowah my God, please, cause the soul of this child to come back within him. (1 Kings 17:21)
 - Finally Yehowah listened to Elijah's voice, so that the soul of the child came back within him and he came to life. (1 Kings 17:22)
 - Elijah now took the child and brought him down from the roof chamber into the house and gave him to his mother, and Elijah then said; See, your son is alive. (1 Kings 17:23)
 - At last Elisha came into the house, and there the boy was dead, being laid upon his couch. (2 Kings 4:32)
 - Then he came in and closed the door behind them both and began to pray to Yehowah. (2 Kings 4:33)
 - Finally he went up and lay down upon the child and put his own mouth upon his mouth and his own eyes upon his eyes and his own palms upon his palms and kept bent over him, and gradually the child's flesh grew warm. (2 Kings 4:34)
 - Then he began walking again in the house, once this way and once that way, after which he went up and bent over him. And the boy began to sneeze as many as seven times, after which the boy opened his eyes. (2 Kings 4:35)
 - He now called Gehazi and said; Call this Shunammite woman.

- So he called her and she came in to him. Then he said; Lift up your son. (2 Kings 4:36)
- And she proceeded to come in and fall at his feet and bow down to him to the earth, after which she lifted up her son and went out. (2 Kings 4:37)
 - Hence Jesus, after groaning again within himself, came to the memorial tomb. It was, in fact, a cave, and a stone was lying against it. (John 11:38)
 - Jesus said; Take the stone away. Martha, the sister of the deceased, said to him; Lord, by now he must smell, for it is four days. (John 11:39)
 - Jesus said to her; Did I not tell you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God? (John 11:40)
 - Therefore they took the stone away. Now Jesus raised his eyes heavenward and said; Father, I thank you that you have heard me. (John 11:41)
 - True, I knew that you always hear me, but on account of the crowd standing around I spoke, in order, that they might believe that you sent me forth. (John 11:42)
 - And when he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice; Lazarus, come on out! (John 11:43)
 - The man that had been dead came out with his feet and hands bound with wrappings, and his countenance was bound about with a cloth. Jesus said to them; Loose him and let him go. (John 11:44)
 - If such had been the case, it is reasonable that they would have remembered such conscious existence during that period and upon being resurrected would have described it, told about it.
 - There is nothing to indicate that any of them did so. Hence, the personality of the dead individual is not perpetuated in **the life-force**, or **spirit**, that stops functioning in the deceased persons body cells.
 - Then the dust returns to the earth just as it happened to be and the **spirit** itself **returns to the true God who gave it.** (Ecclesiastes

12:7)

- States that at death the persons body returns to the dust, and the **spirit itself returns to the true God who gave it**. The person himself was never in heaven with God, what **returns** to God is therefore the **vital force that enabled the person to live**.
- In view of the impersonal nature of the life-force, or **spirit**, found in man, as also in the animal creation, it is evident that David's statement at;
 - Into your hand I entrust my **spirit**. You have redeemed me, O Yehowah the God of truth. (**Psalms 31:5**)
 - Quoted by Jesus at the time of his death.
 - And Jesus called with a loud voice and said; Father, into your hands I entrust my **spirit**. When he had said this, he expired. (**Luke 23:46**)
 - Into your hand I entrust my **spirit**, meant that God was being called upon to guard, or care for, that ones **life-force**.
 - And they went on casting stones at Stephen as he made appeal and said; Lord Jesus, receive my **spirit**. (**Acts of Apostles 7:59**)
 - That there be an actual and literal transmission of some force from this planet to the heavenly presence of God is not necessarily required. Even as the fragrant scent of animal sacrifices was spoken of as being smelled by God.
 - And Noah began to build an altar to Yehowah and to take some of all the clean beasts and of all the clean flying creatures and to offer burnt offerings upon the altar. (**Genesis 8:20**)
 - And Yehowah began to smell a restful odor, and so Yehowah said in his heart; Never again shall I call down evil upon the ground on man's account, because the inclination of the heart of man is bad from his youth up, and never again shall I deal every living thing a blow just as I have done. (**Genesis 8:21**)
 - Whereas such scent undoubtedly remained within earth's atmosphere, so, too, God could gather in, or could accept as entrusted

to him, the **spirit** or **life-force** in a figurative sense, that is, without any literal transmission of vital force from earth.

- If he sets his heart upon anyone, if that ones **spirit** and breath he gathers to himself. (**Job 34:14**)
- And Jesus called with a loud voice and said; Father, into your hands I entrust my **spirit**. When he had said this, he expired. (**Luke 23:46**)
- A persons entrusting his **spirit** evidently means, then, that he places his hope in God for a future restoration of such **life-force** to himself through a resurrection.
- At this they fell upon their faces and said; O God, the God of the **spirits** of every sort of flesh, will just one man sin and you become indignant against the entire assembly? (**Numbers 16:22**)
- Let Yehowah the God of the **spirits** of all sorts of flesh appoint over the assembly a man. (**Numbers 27:16**)
- In whose hand is the soul of everyone alive and the **spirit** of all flesh of man? (**Job 12:10**)
- If you conceal your face, they get disturbed. If you take away their **spirit**, they expire, and back to their dust they go. (**Psalms 104:29**)
- If you send forth your **spirit**, they are created, and you make the face of the ground new. (**Psalms 104:30**)

·· Impelling Mental Inclination

- *Ru'ach* and *pneu'ma* are both used to designate the force that causes a person to display a certain attitude, disposition, or emotion or to take a certain action or course. While that force within the person is itself invisible, it produces visible effects.
- This use of the **Hebrew** and **Greek** terms rendered, **spirit** and basically related to breath or to air in motion is paralleled to a considerable degree by English expressions.

- Thus, we speak of a person as **putting on airs**, or of manifesting an **air of calmness** or of **having a bad spirit**. We speak of **breaking a persons spirit**, in the sense of **discouraging and disheartening him**.
- As applying to a group of persons and the dominant force activating them, we may talk of **getting into the spirit of an occasion**, or we may refer to the **mob spirit** that infects them.
- Metaphorically we may refer to an **atmosphere of discontent** or to **winds of change and revolution blowing through a nation**. By all of these we refer to this invisible activating force working in persons, moving them to speak and act as they do.
- Similarly, we read of Isaac and Rebekah's **bitterness of spirit** resulting from Esau's marriage to Hittite women.
- And Esau grew to be forty years old. Then he took as wife Judith the daughter of Beerli the Hittite and also Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite. (**Genesis 26:34**)
- And they were a source of bitterness of **spirit** to Isaac and Rebekah. (**Genesis 26:35**)
- And of the sadness of **spirit** that overwhelmed Ahab, robbing him of his appetite.
- Finally Jezebel his wife came in to him and spoke to him; Why is it that your **spirit** is sad and you are not eating bread? (**1 Kings 21:5**)
- A **spirit of jealousy** could move a man to view his wife with suspicion, even to bring charges against her of adultery.
- And the **spirit** of jealousy has passed upon him, and he has become suspicious of his wife's faithfulness, and she in fact has defiled herself, or the spirit of jealousy has passed upon him, and he has become suspicious of his wife's faithfulness, but she in fact has not defiled herself. (**Numbers 5:14**)
- Or in the case of a man where the **spirit** of jealousy may pass upon him, and he does suspect his wife of unfaithfulness, and he must make the wife stand before Yehowah, and the priest must carry out toward her all this Law. (**Numbers 5:30**)

- The basic sense of a force that moves and gives **drive** or **thrust** to one's actions and speech is also seen in the reference to Joshua as a man in whom there is **spirit**.
- So Yehowah said to Moses; Take for yourself Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom there is **spirit**, and you must lay your hand upon him. (**Numbers 27:18**)
- And to Caleb as demonstrating **a different spirit** from that of the majority of the Israelites who had become demoralized by the bad report of ten spies.
- As for my servant Caleb, because a different **spirit** has proved to be with him and he kept following wholly after me, I shall certainly bring him into the land where he has gone, and his offspring will take possession of it. (**Numbers 14:24**)
- Elijah was a man of much drive and force in his zealous service to God, and Elisha sought a two-part share in Elijah's **spirit** as his successor.
- And it came about that as soon as they had gone across Elijah himself said to Elisha; Ask what I should do for you before I am taken from you. To this Elisha said; Please, that two parts in your **spirit** may come to me. (**2 Kings 2:9**)
- When the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho saw him some way off, they began to say; The **spirit** of Elijah has settled down upon Elisha. Accordingly they came to meet him and bowed down to him to the earth. (**2 Kings 2:15**)
- John the Baptizer demonstrated the same vigorous drive and energetic zeal that Elijah had shown, and this resulted in John's having a powerful effect on his listeners, hence he could be said to have gone forth with Elijah's **spirit and power**.
- Also, he will go before him with Elijah's **spirit** and power, to turn back the hearts of fathers to children and the disobedient ones to the practical wisdom of righteous ones, to get ready for Yehowah a prepared people. (**Luke 1:17**)
- By contrast, Solomon's wealth and wisdom had such an overwhelming and breathtaking effect on the queen of Sheba that **there proved to be no more spirit in her**.

- When the queen of Sheba got to see all the wisdom of Solomon and the house that he had built. (1 Kings 10:4)
- And the food of his table and the sitting of his servants and the table service of his waiters and their attire and his drinks and his burnt sacrifices that he regularly offered up at the house of Yehowah, then there proved to be no more spirit in her. (1 Kings 10:5)
- In this same fundamental sense ones spirit may be, stirred up or roused.
- Consequently the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul the king of Assyria even the spirit of Tilgath-pilneser the king of Assyria, so that he took into exile those of the Reubenites and of the Gadites and of the half tribe of Manasseh and brought them to Halah and Habor and Hara and the river Gozan to continue until this day. (1 Chronicles 5:26)
- And in the first year of Cyrus the king of Persia, that Yehowah's word from the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, Yehowah roused the spirit of Cyrus the king of Persia so that he caused a cry to pass through all his realm, and also in writing, saying; (Ezra 1:1)
- Then the heads of the fathers of Judah and of Benjamin and the priests and the Levites rose up, even everyone whose spirit the true God had roused, to go up and rebuild the house of Yehowah, which was in Jerusalem. (Ezra 1:5)
- And Yehowah proceeded to rouse up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, the governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak the High Priest, and the spirit of all the remaining ones of the people, and they began to enter in and to do the work in the house of Yehowah of armies their God. (Haggai 1:14)
- If the spirit of a ruler should mount up against you, do not leave your own place, for calmness itself allays great sins. (Ecclesiastes 10:4)
- Become agitated or irritated.

- And it developed in the morning that his **spirit** became **agitated**. So he sent and called all the magic practicing priests of Egypt and all her wise men, and Pharaoh went on to relate his dreams to them. But there was no interpreter of them for Pharaoh. (**Genesis 41:8**)
- And in the second year of the kingship of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, and his **spirit** began to feel **agitated**, and his very sleep was made to be something beyond him. (**Daniel 2:1**)
- Then the king said to them; There is a dream that I have dreamed, and my **spirit** is agitated to know the dream. (**Daniel 2:3**)
- Now while Paul was waiting for them in Athens, his **spirit** within him came to be irritated at beholding that the city was full of idols. (**Acts of Apostles 17:16**)
- Be **calmed down**,
- It was into your hand that God gave Midian's princes Oreb and Zeeb, and what have I been able to do in comparison with you? It was then that their **spirit calmed down** toward him when he spoke this word. (**Judges 8:3**)
- Be **distressed**, be made to **faint**.
- I, also, I shall not hold back my mouth. I will speak in the **distress of my spirit**. I will be concerned with the bitterness of my soul! (**Job 7:11**)
- Before him I kept pouring out my concern, before him I continued to tell about my own distress. (**Psalms 142:2**)
- When my **spirit fainted away within me**. Then you yourself knew my roadway. In the path in which I walk they have hidden a trap for me. (**Psalms 142:3**)
- Jesus, therefore, when he saw her weeping and the Jews that came with her weeping, groaned in the **spirit and became troubled**. (**John 11:33**)
- After saying these things, Jesus became **troubled in spirit**, and he

bore witness and said; Most truly I say to you, one of you will betray me. (**John 13:21**)

- **Be revived or refreshed.**
- When they went on speaking to him all of Joseph's words that he had spoken to them and he got to see the wagons that Joseph had sent to carry him, the **spirit** of Jacob their father **began to revive**. (**Genesis 45:27**)
- Then Israel exclaimed; It is enough! Joseph my son is still alive! Ah, let me go and see him before I die! (**Genesis 45:28**)
- For this is what the High and Lofty One, who is residing forever and whose name is holy, has said; In the height and in the holy place is where I reside, also with the one crushed and lowly in **spirit**, to revive the spirit of the lowly ones and to revive the heart of the ones being crushed. (**Isaiah 57:15**)
- For it will not be to time indefinite that I shall contend, nor perpetually that I shall be indignant, for because of me the **spirit** itself would grow feeble, even the breathing creatures that I myself have made. (**Isaiah 57:16**)
- But I rejoice over the presence of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your not being here. (**1 Corinthians 16:17**)
- For they have refreshed my **spirit** and yours. Therefore recognize men of that sort. (**1 Corinthians 16:18**)
- That is why we have been comforted. However, in addition to our comfort we rejoiced still more abundantly due to the joy of Titus, because his **spirit** has been refreshed by all of you. (**2 Corinthians 7:13**)
- I got no relief in my **spirit** on account of not finding Titus my brother, but I said good-bye to them and departed for Macedonia. (**2 Corinthians 2:13**)

·· Heart And Spirit

- The heart is frequently tied in with the **spirit**, indicating a definite relationship. Since the figurative heart is shown to have the capacity

for thinking and motivation, and to be intimately related with emotions and affection, it undoubtedly has a major share in the development of the **spirit**, the **dominant mental inclination**, that one shows.

- Then they came, everyone whose heart impelled him, and they brought, everyone whose **spirit incited him**, Yehowah's contribution for the work of the tent of meeting and for all its service and for the holy garments. (**Exodus 35:21**)
- Places heart and **spirit** in parallel in saying that everyone whose **heart impelled him**, everyone whose **spirit incited him**, brought contributions for the tabernacle construction. Conversely, on learning of Yehowah's powerful works on behalf of Israel, the Canaanites hearts began to melt and no spirit arose among them, that is, there was no urge to initiate action against the Israelite forces.
- When we got to hear it, then our hearts began to melt, and no spirit has arisen yet in anybody because of you, for Yehowah your God is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath. (**Joshua 2:11**)
- And it came about that as soon as all the kings of the Amorites, who were on the side of the Jordan to the west, and all the kings of the Canaanites, who were by the sea, heard that Yehowah had dried up the waters of the Jordan from before the sons of Israel until they had passed over, then their hearts began to melt, and there proved to be no **spiritedness** in them anymore because of the sons of Israel.
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- And it must occur that, in case they say to you, On account of what are you sighing? You must say; At a report. For it will certainly come, and every heart must melt and all hands must drop down and every **spirit must become dejected** and all knees themselves will drip with water. Look! It will certainly come and be brought to occur, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. (**Ezekiel 21:7**)

- References are also made to pain of heart and breakdown of **spirit**.
- Look! My own servants will cry out joyfully because of the good condition of the heart, but you yourselves will make outcries because of the pain of heart and you will howl because of **sheer breakdown of spirit**. (Isaiah 65:14)
- Or similar expressions.
- Yehowah is near to those that are broken at heart, and those who are **crushed in spirit** he saves. (Psalms 34:18)
- And my **spirit faints away** within me, in the midst of me my heart shows itself numbed. (Psalms 143:4)
- O hurry, answer me, O Yehowah. My **spirit has come to an end**. Do not conceal your face from me, or else I must become comparable with those going down into the pit. (Psalms 143:7)
- A joyful heart has a good effect on the countenance, but because of the pain of the heart there is **a stricken spirit**. (Proverbs 15:13)
- Evidently because of the powerful effect of the activating force on the mind, Paul admonishes; You should be made new in the force actuating, form of *pneu'ma*, your mind, and should put on the new personality which was created according to God's will in true righteousness and loyalty.
- But that you should be made new in the force actuating your mind. (Ephesians 4:23)
- And should put on the new personality which was created according to God's will in true righteousness and loyalty. (Ephesians 4:24)

See Also HEART

- The vital necessity to control ones **spirit** is strongly emphasized. As a city broken through, without a wall, is the man that has no **restraint for his spirit**.
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- Under provocation a person may act as the stupid one who impatiently lets all his **spirit** out, whereas the wise one keeps it calm to the last.
- All his **spirit** is what a stupid one lets out, but he that is wise keeps it calm to the last. (**Proverbs 29:11**)
- Moses allowed himself to become unduly provoked when the Israelites **embittered his spirit** on one occasion, and he began to speak rashly with his lips, to his own loss.
- Further, they caused provocation at the waters of Meribah, so that it went badly with Moses by reason of them. (**Psalms 106:32**)
- For they embittered his **spirit** and he began to speak rashly with his lips. (**Psalms 106:33**)
- Thus, he that is slow to anger is better than a mighty man, and he that is **controlling his spirit** than the one capturing a city.
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- Humility is essential for this.
- Pride is before a crash, and a **haughty spirit** before stumbling. (**Proverbs 16:18**)
- Better is it to be **lowly in spirit** with the meek ones than to divide spoil with the self-exalted ones. (**Proverbs 16:19**)
- Better is the end afterward of a matter than its beginning. Better is one who is patient than one who **is haughty in spirit**. (**Ecclesiastes 7:8**)
- Do not hurry yourself in your **spirit to become offended**, for the taking of offense is what rests in the bosom of the stupid ones. (**Ecclesiastes 7:9**)
- And the one **humble in spirit** will take hold of glory.

- The very haughtiness of earthling man will humble him, but he that is humble in **spirit will take hold of glory.** (**Proverbs 29:23**)
- Knowledge and discernment keep a man **cool of spirit**, in control of his tongue.
- Anyone holding back his sayings is possessed of knowledge, and a man of discernment **is cool of spirit.** (**Proverbs 17:27**)
- The calmness of the tongue is a tree of life, but distortion in it means a **breaking down in the spirit.** (**Proverbs 15:4**)
- Yehowah makes an estimate of **spirits** and judges those who fail to guard themselves **respecting their spirit.**
- All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but Yehowah is making **an estimate of spirits.** (**Proverbs 16:2**)
- And you have said; On what account? On this account, that Yehowah himself has borne witness between you and the wife of your youth, with whom you yourself have dealt treacherously, although she is your partner and the wife of your covenant. (**Malachi 2:14**)
- And there was one who did not do it, as he had what was remaining of the **spirit.** And what was that one seeking? The seed of God. And you people must guard yourselves respecting your spirit, and with the wife of your youth may no one deal treacherously. (**Malachi 2:15**)
- For he has hated a divorcing, Yehowah the God of Israel has said, and the one who with violence has covered over his garment, Yehowah of armies has said. And you must guard yourselves respecting your **spirit**, and you must not deal treacherously. (**Malachi 2:16**)

•• Spirit Shown By A Body Of Persons

- As an individual may show a certain **spirit**, so too a group or body of people may manifest a certain spirit, a dominant mental inclination.
- The undeserved kindness of our Lord Jesus Christ be with the **spirit** you show, brothers. Amen. (**Galatians 6:18**)

- May the very God of peace sanctify you completely. And sound in every respect may the **spirit** and soul and body of you brothers be preserved in a blameless manner at the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ. (**1 Thessalonians 5:23**)
- The Christian congregation was to be united in **spirit**, reflecting the spirit of their Head, Christ Jesus.
- For, as it is, if someone comes and preaches a Jesus other than the one we preached, or you receive a **spirit** other than what you received, or Good News other than what you accepted, you easily put up with him. (**2 Corinthians 11:4**)
- Only behave in a manner worthy of the Good News about the Christ, in order, that, whether I come and see you or be absent, I may hear about the things which concern you, that you are standing firm in one **spirit**, with one soul striving side by side for the faith of the Good News. (**Philippians 1:27**)
- I urged Titus and I dispatched the brother with him. Titus did not take advantage of you at all, did he? We walked in the same **spirit**, did we not? In the same footsteps, did we not? (**2 Corinthians 12:18**)
- For my part I am hoping in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I may be a cheerful soul when I get to know about the things pertaining to you. (**Philippians 2:19**)
- For I have no one else of a disposition like his who will genuinely care for the things pertaining to you. (**Philippians 2:20**)
- For all the others are seeking their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus. (**Philippians 2:21**)
- Paul refers to the **spirit of the world** in contrast with God's **spirit**.
- Now we received, not the **spirit of the world**, but the **spirit which is from God**, that we might know the things that have been kindly given us by God. (**1 Corinthians 2:12**)
- Under the control of God's Adversary.
- We know we originate with God, but the whole world is lying in the power of the wicked one. (**1 John 5:19**)

- The world shows a **spirit** of catering to the desires of the fallen flesh, of selfishness, bringing enmity toward God.
- Furthermore, it is you God made alive though you were dead in your trespasses and sins. (**Ephesians 2:1**)
- In which you at one time walked according to the system of things of this world, according to the ruler of the authority of the air, the **spirit** that now operates in the sons of disobedience. (**Ephesians 2:2**)
- Yes, among them we all at one time conducted ourselves in harmony with the desires of our flesh, doing the things willed by the flesh and the thoughts, and we were naturally children of wrath even as the rest. (**Ephesians 2:3**)
- Or does it seem to you that the scripture says to no purpose; It is with a tendency to envy that the **spirit** which has taken up residence within us keeps longing? (**James 4:5**)
- Like unfaithful Israel, the world's unclean motivation promotes fornication, either physical or **spiritual**, with idolatry.
- Of their wooden idol my own people keep inquiring, and their own hand staff keeps telling them, because the very **spirit** of fornication has caused them to wander off, and by fornication they go out from under their God. (**Hosea 4:12**)
- On the tops of the mountains they sacrifice, and on the hills they make sacrificial smoke, under massive tree and storax tree and big tree, because its shade is good. That is why your daughters commit fornication and your own daughters-in-law commit adultery. (**Hosea 4:13**)
- Their dealings do not permit of a returning to their God, because there is a **spirit** of fornication in the midst of them, and Yehowah himself they have not acknowledged. (**Hosea 5:4**)
- And it must occur in that day, is the utterance of Yehowah of armies, that I shall cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they will no more be remembered, and also the prophets and the **spirit** of uncleanness I shall cause to pass out of the land. (**Zechariah 13:2**)

- **Therefore, since we have these promises, beloved ones, let us cleanse ourselves of every defilement of flesh and **spirit**, perfecting holiness in God's fear. (2 Corinthians 7:1)**