

The Wind of the Spirit

Genesis 2

4 This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

5 Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, **6** but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. **7** Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and **breathed into his nostrils the breath of life**, and the man became a living being.

breath: *spirit*

- With His Breath, God brought Adam up from the earth...

Exodus 15

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord:

“I will sing to the Lord,
for he is highly exalted.

Both horse and driver
he has hurled into the sea.

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“The Lord is my strength and my defense;
he has become my salvation.

He is my God, and I will praise him,
my father’s God, and I will exalt him.

3

The Lord is a warrior;
the Lord is his name.

4

Pharaoh’s chariots and his army
he has hurled into the sea.

The best of Pharaoh's officers
are drowned in the Red Sea.

5

The deep waters have covered them;
they sank to the depths like a stone.

6

Your right hand, Lord,
was majestic in power.

Your right hand, Lord,
shattered the enemy.

7

"In the greatness of your majesty
you threw down those who opposed you.
You unleashed your burning anger;
it consumed them like stubble.

8

By the blast of your nostrils
the waters piled up.

The surging waters stood up like a wall;

blast - ruah: *wind, breath, spirit*

- With His Breath, God brought Israel out of Egypt...

John 20

21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." **22** And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

- With His Breath, God brought Adam up from the ground...
- With His Breath, God brought Israel out from slavery to Egypt...
- Then Jesus breathes on his Disciples...

The word breathed here is interestingly. When I began to study this, I found in the Lexicon that it is tied to one other reference in the Bible, and that is the Old Testament reference of Ezekiel 37:5

Ezekiel 37

5 This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. 6 I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.”

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. **8** I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

9 Then he said to me, “**Prophecy to the breath**; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’”

10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

- The breath that Jesus blew on His Disciples is likened unto the breath of God that blew on the valley of dry bones. The Valley of Dry bones was a picture of utter hopelessness, not just bones but dry bones... when Ezekiel prophesied the first time everything seemed to be working, there was a sound... tendons and flesh appeared... skin appeared but at first there was no breath... Then the Lord said ““Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’” So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

- Everything Jesus had done with the Disciples was in place...
 - The Teachings were taught...
 - The Witness He made...
 - The Three years of Mentoring...
 - The tendons and the flesh was there...
 - The skin was there...
 - but now it was time for the breath, the spirit...
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- With this Jesus is preparing His Disciples for, the Promise of the Father...

Because form is not enough without substance...

Teaching is not enough without the Spirit...

Their World and their Generation was a Valley of Dry Bones and the only way there could ever be life is for the Breath of God to Blow and bring life...

Acts 1

4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. **5** For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

7 He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. **8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Jesus said, you will receive Power when the Holy Spirit comes on you...

That power is not just any power... It is the dunamis of the Holy Spirit...

Dunamis is the word from which the word Dynamite comes from
In Biblical reference it means: power, mighty work, strength, miracle, virtue

Jesus tells His Disciples the Holy Spirit gives Power for Mighty Works, Strength, Miracles and Virtue...

Acts 2 NKJV

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. **2** And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. **4** And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The promise of the Holy Spirit that Jesus gave his disciples is also for you and I today... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you;

- Christianity without power looks like religion...
- But Christianity with power looks like Jesus...

- Jesus never called anyone to religion...
- Jesus calls us to Himself...

God by His Grace, breathes on us even though we, like all the rest, don't deserve it... Jesus is so gracious He gives us the precious Holy Spirit...

Like Adam He brings us up out of the dirt...

Like Israel He leads us out from a world of bondage to a place where we worship Him...

Like the Valley of Dry Bones causes these dry bones to live again...

Closing: