

"COME HOLY SPIRIT: THE PRAYER WE THINK WE KNOW"

CENTRAL QUESTION:

What do we actually mean when we pray "Come Holy Spirit"?

I. WHAT WE DON'T MEAN (THE PROBLEM WITH OUR ASSUMPTIONS)

Key Scripture: Psalm 139:7-10 *"Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there..."*

Hebrew Insight: Ruach (roo-akh) = breath, wind, spirit, presence

What We DON'T Mean:

- The Holy Spirit is absent and needs to "come" to us
- We're summoning God from another location
- The Spirit is waiting somewhere else for our invitation

Reality: There is nowhere, no when, no what, and no who where the Spirit is not present.

II. HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT IS PRESENT

A. IN ALL CREATION

Psalm 33:6 - *"By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host."*

Key Insight: Word and breath are inseparable - you cannot speak without breath escaping your lips.

B. IN EVERY LIVING MOMENT

Psalm 104:27-30 - *"When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground."*

Creation is happening right now (present tense) - every birth, every breath, every heartbeat.

C. IN HUMAN BEINGS SPECIFICALLY

Genesis 2:7 - *"Then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature."*

Hebrew Word: Neshamah = God's life-breath personally given to humans

III. WHAT WE DO MEAN (THREE DEEPER MEANINGS)

MEANING #1: AWAKEN US TO REALITY

"Holy Spirit, give us increased awareness of Your presence in every single part of our lives."

Moving from theoretical knowledge to experiential reality.

MEANING #2: EMPOWER US FOR KINGDOM WORK

Biblical Pattern: Spirit-filled people become conduits for God's work

Examples:

- **Joseph** (Genesis 41:38) - Vehicle for heavenly wisdom
- **Bezalel** (Exodus 31:3) - Conduit for divine creativity
- **Micah** (Micah 3:8) - Voice for God's justice
- **David** (2 Samuel 23:2) - Channel for inspired worship

"Holy Spirit, make my words and actions today contribute to the reunion of heaven and earth."

MEANING #3: TRANSFORM US INTO OUR TRUE SELVES

The Human Condition:

- We have Godlike potential (made in God's image)
- We're also morally compromised and dying
- Even Spirit-filled people like David had serious moral failures

The Solution: Jesus - the perfectly Spirit-filled human from conception to resurrection

"Holy Spirit, create me as the Jesus-version of me - the most Jesus-like version of myself that could ever exist."

IV. LIVING THE MYSTERY (PRACTICAL APPLICATION)

Daily Practice:

Start each morning praying "Come Holy Spirit" with three-fold understanding:

1. "Open my eyes to see Your presence that's already here"
2. "Make me a conduit for Your kingdom work today"

3. "Call forth the Jesus-version of me"

Transform Ordinary Moments:

- Recognize every breath as God's personal gift
- See work and relationships as opportunities for divine partnership
- Embrace both awareness and mystery in your spiritual journey

The Challenge:

Will you join the Spirit in what He's already doing?

KEY TAKEAWAY:

"Come Holy Spirit" is a beautiful riddle that means:

- **Wake us up** to present reality
 - **Empower us** for Kingdom partnership
 - **Recreate us** as our truest selves
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FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:

- How does this understanding change your daily prayers?
 - In what areas of your life do you need increased awareness of God's presence?
 - What gifts and abilities might God want to use through you for Kingdom work?
 - What would the "Jesus-version" of you look like?
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Scripture References for Further Study: Psalm 139:7-12 | Psalm 33:6 | Psalm 104:27-30 | Genesis 2:7 | Genesis 41:38 | Exodus 31:3 | Micah 3:8 | 2 Samuel 23:2