



## **Hello, Holy Spirit!**

### **Our Hoverer in the Chaos Genesis 1:1-3**

## **The Holy Spirit is God, as is the Father and the Son (Jesus Christ).**

### **Verses 1-3:**

### **Text Message:**

- This is referred to as the Trinity, where the Persons of God are distinguishable yet indivisible. In the creation account, God and the Spirit of God are named.
- Many years later, the Gospel writer John would begin His Gospel with Genesis in mind. Notice the similarities:

#### Genesis 1:1-3

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning, God created the earth. <sup>2</sup> The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

#### John 1:1-3

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the heavens and Word was with God, and the Word was God.  
<sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God.  
<sup>3</sup> All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.

- Here the Holy Spirit is the “Spirit of God” (\hla jwr, *ruach Elohim*). The Hebrew word *ruach* is translated “spirit, breath, wind” and the word *Elohim* is a “majestic plural” word.
- All this to say the Holy Spirit is not an “it,” “thing,” or “force.”

## **The Holy Spirit was (and is!) present in life’s chaos.**

<sup>2</sup> The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

### **Text Message:**

- The words “without form and void” are used in the Old Testament to describe places of emptiness, chaos, or confusion. In addition, we see “darkness” present here.
- *Don’t these words aptly describe life sometimes?*
- Yet notice right there amid all this the Holy Spirit is “hovering.”
- The Hebrew word here is only used 3x in all the Old Testament, and is used in Deuteronomy 32:11-12: Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, that **flutters** over its young, spreading out its wings, catching them, bearing them on its pinions, the Lord alone guided him, no foreign god was with him.
- The Spirit of God doesn’t show up in the chaos of

creation like a celestial “first responder,” but is present all along!

## **The Holy Spirit works in life’s chaos for God’s glory and our good.**

<sup>3</sup> And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

### **Text Message:**

- Beginning in Verse 3 there is the picture of the Triune God creating and bringing order to chaos, confusion, darkness, and emptiness.
- Creation in Genesis 1 is about a God Who is there in the darkness and chaos and transforms it into a place of beauty and a place where He dwells!
- Genesis 1 is patterned after ancient temple-building accounts, where seven days are needed to build the temple of the deity and on the seventh day, the deity takes us residence.
- God’s presence is often felt in some of our darkest times.
- And we know [with great confidence] that God [who is deeply concerned about us] causes all things to work together [as a plan] for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to His plan and purpose.  
*Romans 8:28, Amplified Bible*