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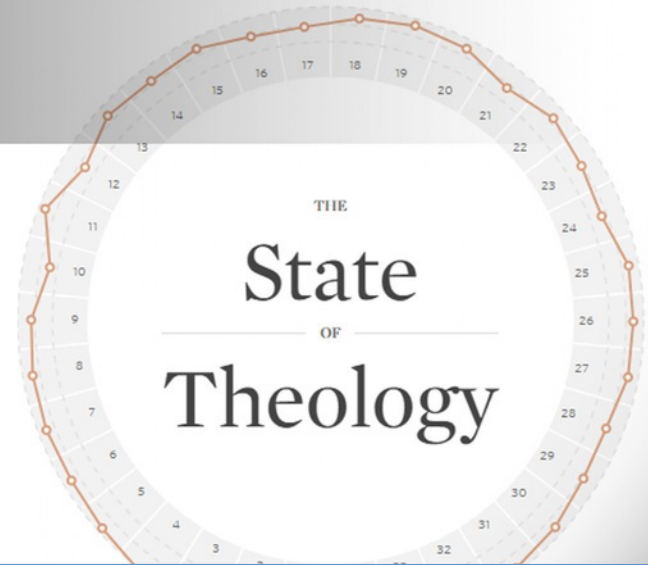
2 Corinthians 3:18 (NLT)

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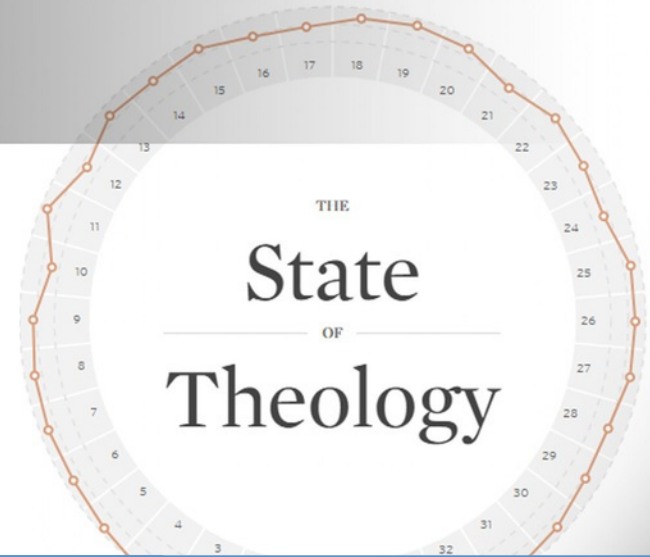
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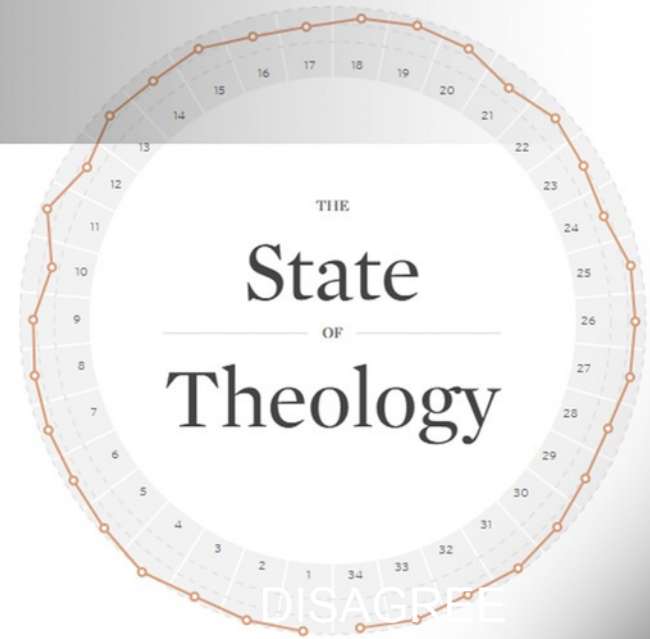
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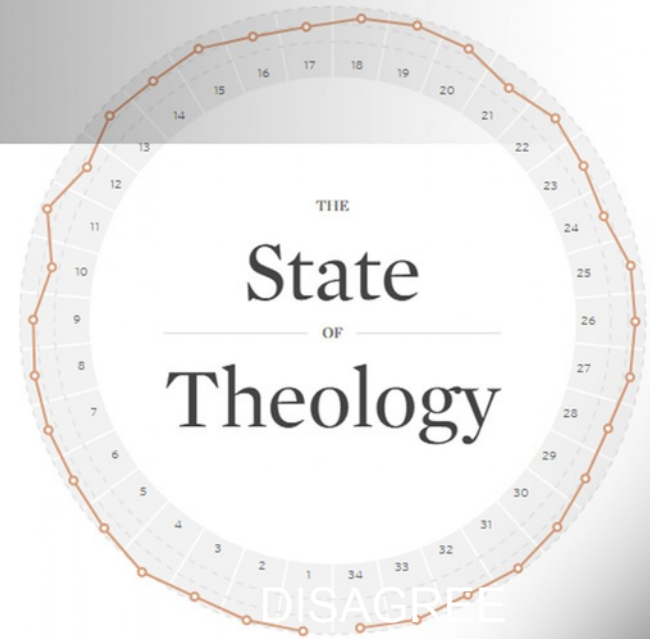


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“If you do not listen to theology, that will not mean that you have no ideas about God. It will mean that you have a lot of wrong ones.”

C.S. Lewis

THEOLOGIANs ...

“It is a fundamental revelation that the Holy Spirit is a Person, in the sense that the Father is a Person, and the Son is a Person... the personality of the Holy Spirit must be affirmed and is subject to proof unassailable by any who accept the Scriptures as authoritative.”

“The personality of the Spirit has been the faith of the Church from the beginning. It has few opponents even in the chaotic period of theology ...”

The Holy Spirit is a Person

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. John 14:16 - 17

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

John 16:7

Characteristics of the Holy Spirit as a Person

He speaks 1 Tim 4:1

He has authority Acts 16:6

He testifies Jn 15:26

He intercedes Rom 8:26

He teaches Jn 14:26

He has wisdom 1 Cor 2:11

He guides Jn 16:12 -13

He comforts Rom 15:13

He hears Jn 16:13

He can be quenched 1 Thess 5:9

He has a mind Rom 8:27

He can be lied to Acts 5:3

He can be grieved Eph 4:30



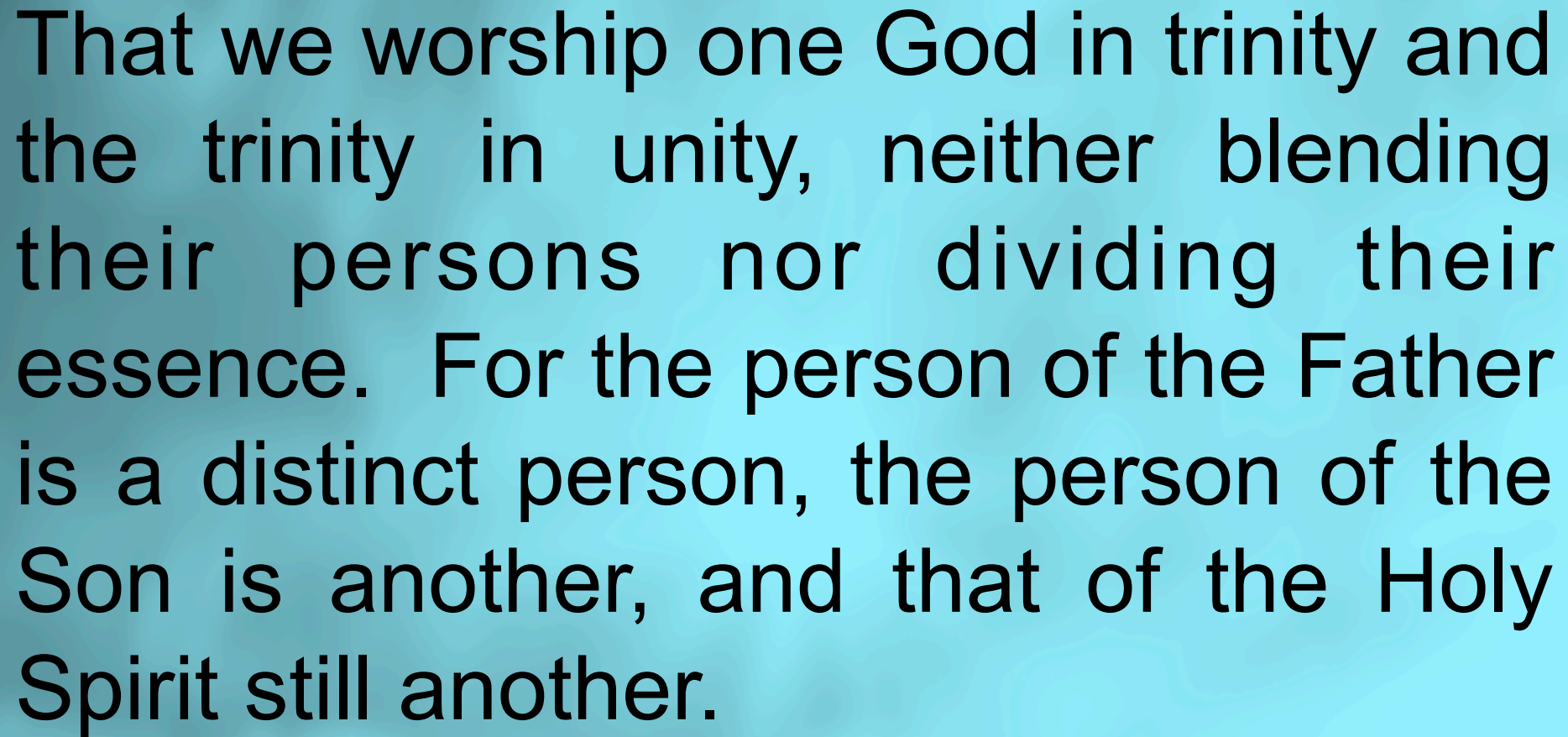
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Now from these passages and references we can safely conclude that the Holy Spirit is indeed a person, possessing all of the characteristics of personality. And as a person, He can be known.

The Holy Spirit is not a force but a Person. It is essential that He is a Person in order that we can develop a personal relationship with Him.

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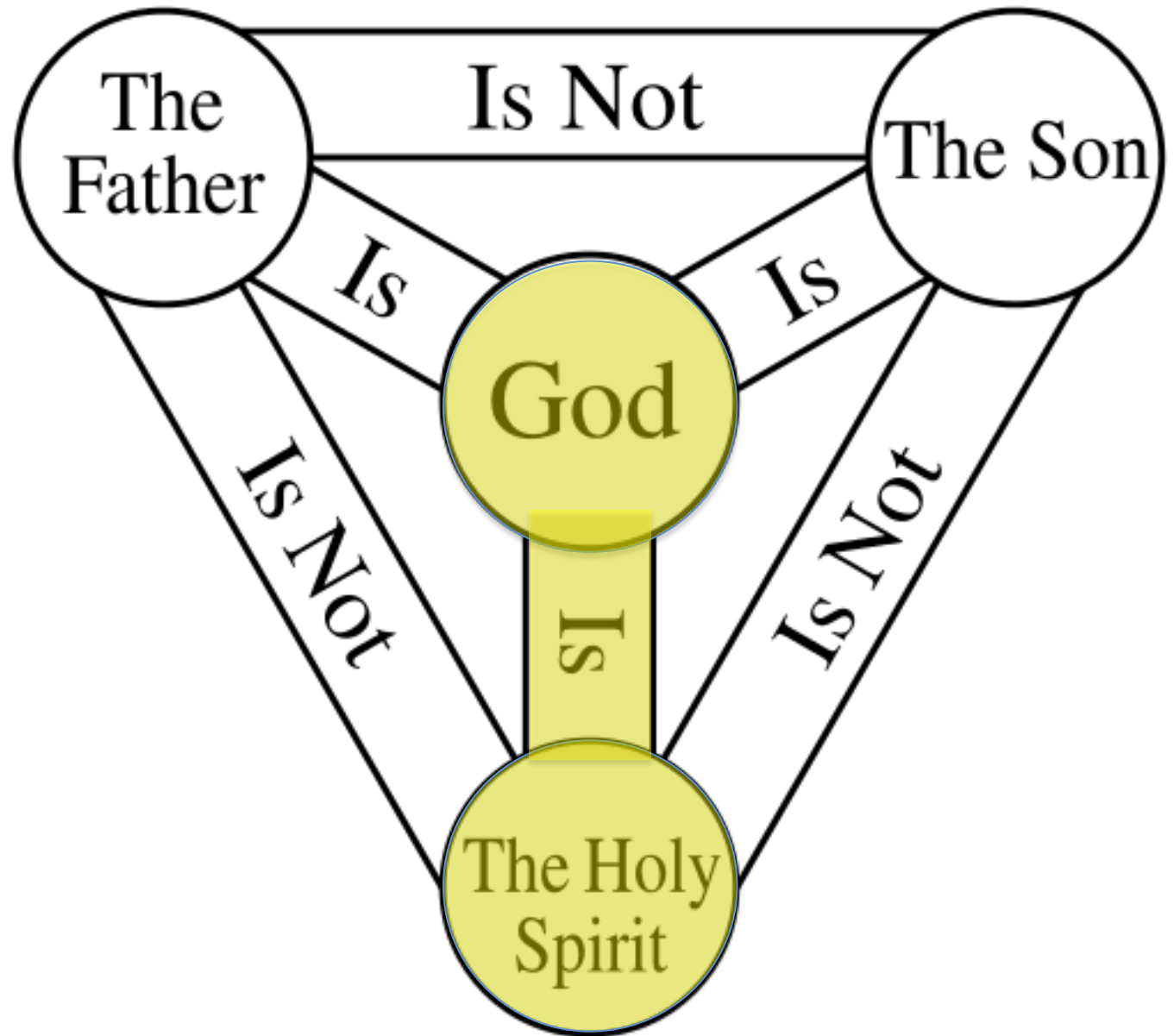




That we worship one God in trinity and the trinity in unity, neither blending their persons nor dividing their essence. For the person of the Father is a distinct person, the person of the Son is another, and that of the Holy Spirit still another.

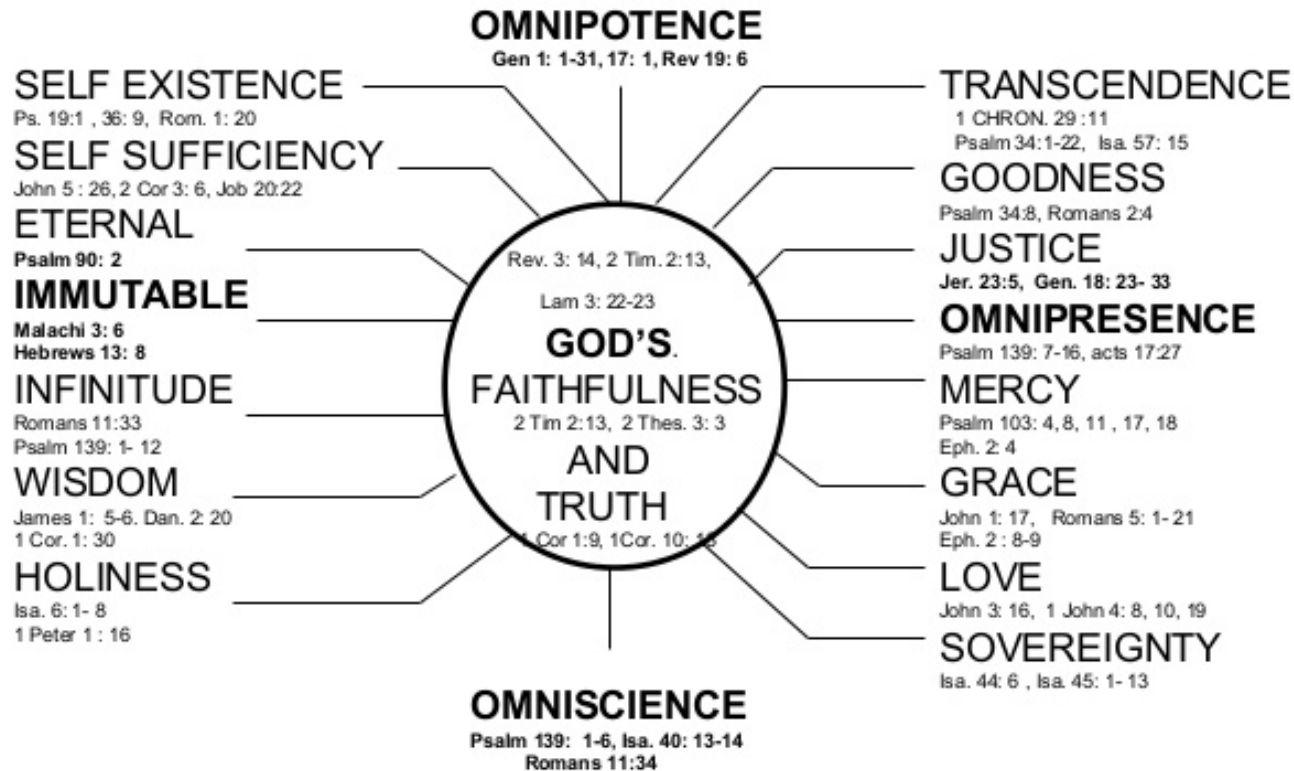
The divinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, their glory equal, their majesty co-eternal....Thus the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God. Yet there are not three gods; there is but one God.

Athanasius (A.D. 293-373)



Divine **ATTRIBUTES** of **GOD**

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ATTRIBUTES are qualities or characteristics that are inherent in someone or something

The **ATTRIBUTES of GOD** are the intrinsic qualities that make and identify God, as God ...

Divine **ATTRIBUTES** *of GOD*

GOD is ETERNAL

- The concept is impossible for humans to fathom – and we ask “Where did God come from?”
- The Bible simply opens with the words “*In the beginning GOD ...*”
- The name **JEHOVAH** defines God’s **ETERNAL** attribute. It means “**I AM who I AM**”, the self existing and ever existing eternal ONE, who was in the past, who is in the present, and who will be in the future forever ...

*Divine **ATTRIBUTES*** *are ascribed to the Holy Spirit*

Omnipresent	Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? Psalm 139:7
Omniscient	... the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God ... 1 Cor 2:10
Omnipotent	The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you ... Luke 1:35
Eternal	... the eternal Spirit ... Heb 9:14

*Divine **WORKS*** *are ascribed to the Holy Spirit*

<p>Creation</p>	<p><i>When you send forth your Spirit, they are created ...</i> <i>Psalm 104:30</i></p>
<p>Imparting Life</p>	<p><i>The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life ...</i> <i>Job 33:5</i></p>
<p>Author of God's Word</p>	<p><i>For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.</i> <i>2 Peter 1:21</i></p>

Statements which in the Old Testament which distinctly name the LORD or Jehovah as their subject are applied to the Holy Spirit in the New Testament...

Then I heard the voice of the LORD saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "*Here am I. Send me!*" He said, "*Go tell this people: 'Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving.'*"

Isaiah 6:7,8

Paul had made this final statement: "The Holy Spirit spoke when he said through Isaiah the prophet: "*Go to this people and say, You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.*"

Acts 28: 25 - 26

The Holy Spirit occupies the position of Deity & Equality in the New Testament.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the **same Spirit**; and there are varieties of service, but the **same Lord**; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the **same God** who empowers them all in everyone.

1 Cor 12: 4-6

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the **Father** and of the **Son** and of the **Holy Spirit** ...

Matt 28:19

The grace of the **Lord Jesus Christ** and the love of **God** and the fellowship of the **Holy Spirit** be with you all.

2 Cor 13:14

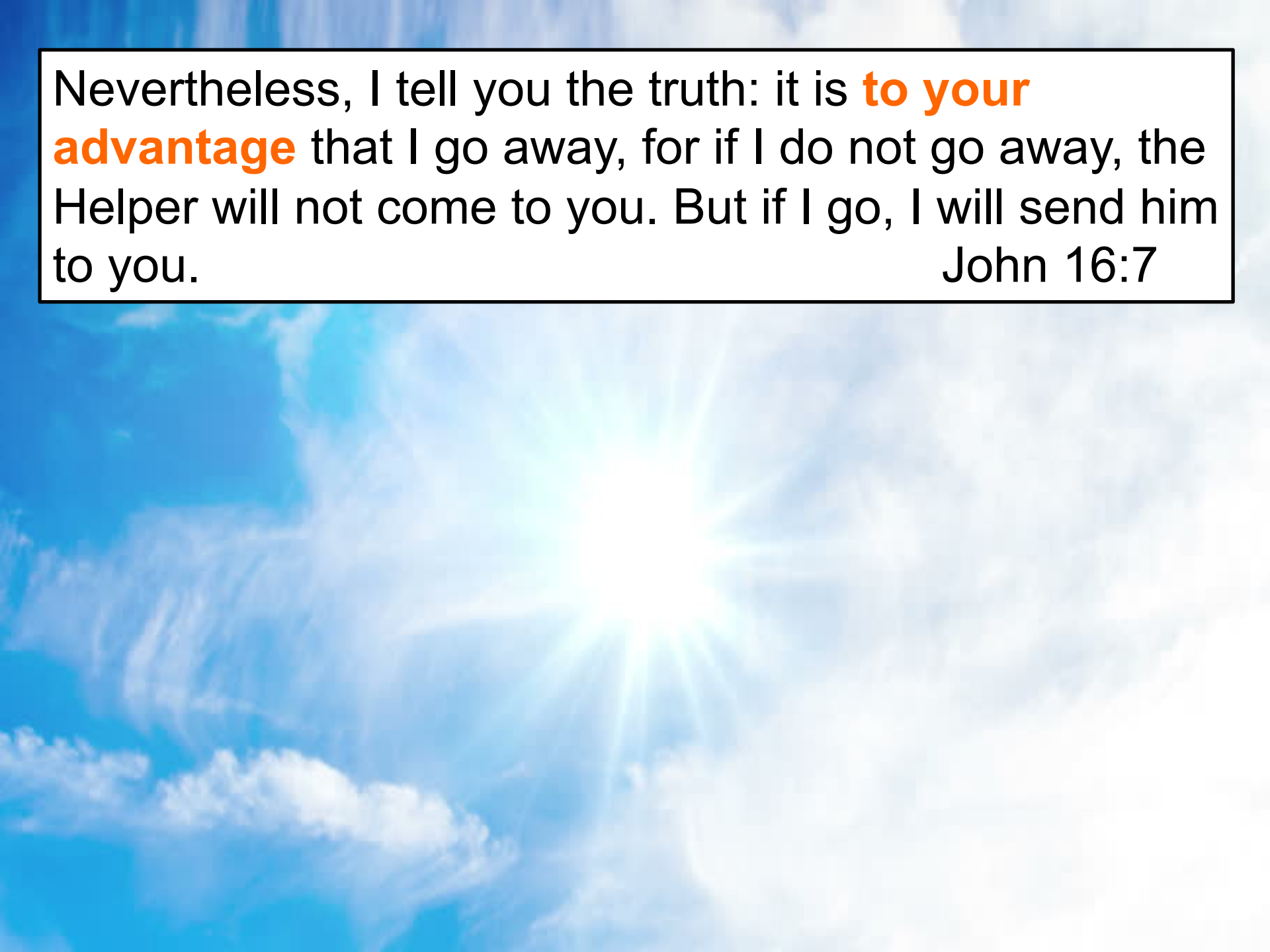
The Holy Spirit is called GOD.

But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land?

While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God.”

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Without His guidance and help we are powerless to accomplish anything of value for God. Zechariah 4:6