



In The Old Testament

The Holy Spirit – Defined

7307. רוּחַ ruach (924c); from an unused word; **breath, wind, spirit:—**air(2), anger(1), blast(2), breath(31), breathless*(1), cool(1), courage(1), despondency*(1), exposed(1), grief*(1), heart(1), inspired(1), mind(3), motives(1), points(1), quick-tempered*(1), side(4), sides(2), Spirit(76), spirit(127), spirits(3), strength(1), temper(2), thoughts*(1), trustworthy*(1), wind(98), winds(7), windy(2), wrath(1).

4151. πνεῦμα *pneuma*; from 4154; **wind, spirit:—**breath(3), Spirit(239), spirit(103), spirits(32), spiritual(1), wind(1), winds(1).

The Holy Spirit – Quick Etymology

“The words *Spirit* and *Ghost* are used interchangeably in the Authorized Version. *Spirit* (Latin *spiritus* from *spiro* to breathe, possibly derived from σπείρω or ἀσπείρω to pant) simply signifies *breath* or *air in motion*. *Ghost* appears in Saxon as *gast*, in German as *geist*, in Danish as *geest*, in Irish as *gasda*, and seems to be derived radically from some word signifying to *move* or *rush*; Irish, *gaisim* to flow; English, *gush*, *gust* (see Webster under ‘Ghost’ and ‘Ghastly’). So that the Hebrew רוּחַ (spirit or breath or wind), the Greek πνεῦμα (from πνέω, to breathe), the Latin *spiritus*, and the old English *ghost*, all suggest the breathing or moving of air, and are all nearly equivalent.”

- E.H. Bickersteth. *The Holy Spirit*. Pp. 37.

In Looking to the Old Testament

- Better understand
 - His work
 - His methods
- Spirit appears roughly 90 times
 - Usually referred to as the Spirit or Spirit of the Lord
 - “Holy Spirit” only used 3 times (Ps. 51 & Isa. 63:10 & 11)
 - 23 Books in the O.T. make reference of him

The Holy Spirit From Creation

Genesis 1:1–2

1 In the beginning, **God created the heavens and the earth.** ² 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.

Job 33:4

4 The **Spirit of God has made me,**
and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

Psalms 104:30

30 **When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,**
and you renew the face of the ground.

The Holy Spirit as a Teacher/Guide

Genesis 6:3

3 Then the LORD said, “**My Spirit shall not strive with man forever**, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.”

Psalms 143:10

10 Teach me to do your will,
for you are my God!

**Let your good Spirit lead
me on level ground!**

Nehemiah 9:20 (ESV)

20 **You gave your good Spirit to instruct them** and did not withhold your manna from their mouth and gave them water for their thirst.

The Holy Spirit as a Teacher/Guide

Nehemiah 9:30 (ESV)

³⁰ Many years you bore with them and **warned them by your Spirit through your prophets.** Yet they would not give ear. Therefore you gave them into the hand of the peoples of the lands.

2 Peter 1:20–21 (ESV)

²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹ 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.**

1 Peter 1:10–11 (ESV)

¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, ¹¹ **inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories.**

The Holy Spirit Empowered Men

- Early Leaders of Israel
 - Joseph (Gen. 41:38) “Can we find a man like this, in whom is the Spirit of God?”
 - Moses & 70 Elders (Numbers 11:17, 25, 29)
 - Joshua (Numbers 27:18) “A man in whom is the Spirit”
- The Judges
 - Othniel (Judges 3:10) “The Spirit of the Lord came upon him”
 - Gideon (Judges 6:34) “Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon”
 - Jephthah (Judges 11:29) “Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jephthah”
 - Samson (Judges 13:25; 14:6, 19; 15:14; 16:28) – “Spirit came on him in power”
- The Kings
 - Saul (1 Samuel 11:6; 19:18-24) “the Spirit of God came upon him in power”
 - David (1 Samuel 16:13-14; 2 Samuel 23:2; Psalm 51:11; Acts 1:16; 4:25)

The Holy Spirit Empowered Men

- The Prophets
 - Balaam – Numbers 24:2 “the Spirit of God came upon him”
 - Micaiah – 1 K. 22:14, 24 “How did Spirit of the Lord go from me to speak to you?”
 - Elisha & Elijah – 1 K. 18:12; 2 Kings 2:9, 15 “the Spirit of Elijah = the Holy Spirit”
 - Isaiah – Isaiah 48:16 “And now the Sovereign Lord has sent me, with His Spirit”
 - Ezekiel – Ezekiel 2:2; 11:5 “the Spirit came into me...and I heard him speaking”
 - Daniel – Daniel 4:8-9, 18; 5:11 “the spirit of the holy gods” ATB King Neby
 - Micah – Micah 3:8 “I am filled with power, with the Spirit of the Lord”
- The Spirit’s work was broad
 - Creates
 - Gives unhuman strength and power
 - Gives great wisdom and direction
 - Gives present & future prophecy
 - Gives judgement and punishment

The Holy Spirit & God's Presence

Psalm 51:11 (ESV)

¹¹ Cast me not away from **your presence**, and **take not your Holy Spirit from me**.

Psalm 139:7 (ESV)

⁷ Where shall I go from **your Spirit**? Or where shall I flee from **your presence**?

Haggai 2:4–5 (ESV)

⁴ Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, declares the LORD. Be strong, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land, declares the LORD. **Work, for I am with you, declares the LORD of hosts, ⁵ according to the covenant that I made with you when you came out of Egypt. My Spirit remains in your midst. Fear not.**

The Holy Spirit & The Messiah

Isaiah 11:1–5 (ESV)

11 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

2 **And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.**

3 And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

4 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

5 Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

The Holy Spirit & The Messiah

Isaiah 42:1–4 (ESV)

42 Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

² He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;

³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴ He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

The Holy Spirit & The Messiah

Isaiah 61:1–3 (ESV)

- 61** **The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me** to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
- ² **to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor**, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;
- ³ to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

Promises Concerning the Spirit

Joel 2:28–32 (ESV)

²⁸ “And it shall come to pass afterward, **that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh**; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

²⁹ Even on the male and female servants **in those days I will pour out my Spirit.**

³⁰ “And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. ³¹ The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ³² **And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.** For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

Promises Concerning the Spirit

Ezekiel 36:25–28 (ESV)

²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

²⁶ **And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you.** And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ **And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.** ²⁸ You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

AND HE SAID TO ME,
SON OF MAN, CAN THESE
BONES LIVE?

AND I ANSWERED,
O Lord GOD, You Know

EZEKIEL 37:3



THUS SAYS THE LORD GOD TO THESE

BONES:

BEHOLD, I WILL CAUSE

PREATH

TO ENTER YOU.

AND YOU SHALL LIVE.

EZEKIEL 37:5

