

CHAPTER 5

The Holy Spirit: The Breath of Heaven

Allowing the Holy Spirit to Move upon You in Prayer

DISCUSSION:

Have you ever imagined what it was like when the "mighty rushing wind" came on the Day of Pentecost? I have, and the same type of great move of God is starting again because Heaven is visiting us in these last days. The Holy Spirit is the Master of the spirit realm. The supernatural is the Holy Spirit's everyday environment. The breath of God and the Holy Spirit are one. Jesus even breathed on His disciples one day and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

- ◆ As we learn about the mighty Holy Spirit, remember that He is to be treated as part of the Godhead.
- ◆ He is part of the Godhead and is expressed through wind, breath, fire, gifts, a dove, a liberator, an attorney, power, and authority—just to name a few.
- ◆ But remember, He is a person and part of the Holy Trinity, and He can be grieved.
- ◆ He is known in the Kingdom for righteousness, peace, and joy.
- ◆ Paul said, "For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. For he who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men" (Rom. 14:17-18).
- ◆ When we pray in the Holy Spirit, we are in the Kingdom of God.
- ◆ The one who prays and is accepted by God serves in these three things—righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.
- ◆ When Jesus taught me to pray, He showed me that I would encounter these three attributes, as well as the *resurrection power* that raised Jesus from the dead (see Eph. 2:5).

WHAT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT SAYING TO YOU:

The Spirit Living in You

DISCUSSION:

When I pray under the influence of the Holy Spirit, I can sense the powers of the coming age spoken of in the book of Hebrews (see Heb. 6:5). This working of power has the ability to influence every part of your being. The mighty power will enable you to pray yourself into your answer.

- ◆ As you yield to the mighty Holy Spirit, He is taking you on to greater heights.
- ◆ These heights are where you can stand within His ability.
- ◆ You are able to see into the future that you could not see before moving into these heights.
- ◆ Your view was obstructed due to your former vantage point. He will unveil your purpose—that purpose which was recorded long ago.
- ◆ Your purpose was written from the Father's heart for you and now is revealed by the Holy Spirit.
- ◆ Yield to the Spirit of the living God and you will pray in a way that moves you into your destiny.
- ◆ Do not delay the entrance into the spirit realm.
- ◆ Pray and yield to that which the Spirit is saying.
- ◆ Now is the time to allow Him to pray out the mysteries of God through you!

WHAT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT SAYING TO YOU:

“Now is the time to allow Him to pray out the mysteries of God through you!”

The Holy Spirit has the capability of raising people from the dead. He was the One who was involved in that process. Jesus told me when I had my *heavenly visitation* that He had such a relationship with the Father God and the Holy Spirit that He had to trust them when He died and went to hell. For the full account of this story, please see my previous book entitled *Heavenly Visitation*. He said with a broken voice, "I had to trust that the Father would give the command on the third day for the Holy Spirit to raise Me from the dead." The power of the Holy Spirit broke Him out of the hellish prison and brought Him back to life in His earthly body. He is the Resurrection and the Life. The Holy Spirit was the person who enabled Christ to rise to life. So when you pray, you must remember that very same power is available and effectual when we pray fervently (see James 5:16).

- ◆ We have the life of God in us.
- ◆ He wants to pray through us.
- ◆ He will quicken us.
- ◆ "The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you" (Rom. 8:11 NLT).
- ◆ It is time for the Holy Spirit to get our bodies energized with the life of God.
- ◆ Let faith rise up in our heart and tell our soul to trust in God.

Why are You cast down, O my soul? And why are You disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance (Psalm 42:5).

WHAT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT SAYING TO YOU:

Being Filled with the Spirit

DISCUSSION:

It is very important to be filled with the Spirit of God. Let Him continually flow as rivers of living water out of you as you begin to pray in the Spirit (see John 7:38).

Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in Psalm and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God (Ephesians 5:17-21).

Six characteristics of someone living a Spirit-filled life are:

1. They understand what the Lord's will for their life is.
2. They are not drunk with wine, but are filled with the Spirit.
3. They speak to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.
4. They sing and make melody in their heart to the Lord.
5. They give thanks to their Father God.
6. They submit to one another in the fear of God.

The apostle Paul was filled with the Holy Spirit. It was a separate occasion from his salvation experience (see Acts 9:3-9). He met the Lord Christ on horseback on his way to persecute more Christians. He later had another, second experience with the Holy Spirit.

*And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and **be filled with the Holy Spirit.**" (Acts 9:17)*

From that point on, Paul spoke in tongues. He was always bold because he was filled with the Holy Spirit. He told the Corinthians, "I thank God that I speak in tongues more than any of you" (1 Cor. 14:18 NLT). Speaking in tongues is something that Jesus has told me is *the single most important activity in which a Christian can participate*. (Please see the full account on this subject in my book *Heavenly Visitation*.)

WHAT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT SAYING TO YOU:

STORY:

I remember an important concept that the Lord revealed to me several years ago. We were assisting a pastor friend who was starting a church in our city. During our weekly prayer meeting, the Spirit of God showed me what was possible if I yielded to Him during prayer.

The prayer time was held at our house regularly. On this particular occasion, practically the whole congregation showed up to pray. We were scattered throughout the living room, dining room, and kitchen. I was going from room to room, which was my custom at times, in order to encourage people to pray with greater focus and intensity.

As we were praying, I suddenly felt the breath of Heaven come over me. I immediately felt an unction inside to pray more forcefully. I continued to go around to each individual and pray in my heavenly language referred by the apostle Paul as "speaking in tongues." However, without warning, as I would pass certain individuals my prayer language in tongues would switch to English. I would give them instruction with a fluent boldness that could only come from Heaven itself. It went on that way until most of the attendees had received a word from the Spirit. What was amazing was that in between transitioning from one individual to the next, I would revert back to praying in tongues until I came upon the next individual. I had no idea what I was doing at the time.

Toward the end of the prayer meeting, I found myself in the kitchen, standing there, wrapped in the glory of God. The house and its occupants disappeared without a trace as I was caught up in a vision. I could not see anything except the glory brightly shining around me. That glory appeared as if it were piles of diamonds reflecting a bright light source. I heard the Lord say, "In My presence, there are no shadows." I looked down, and I could not see the floor of my house. There were no shadows, no matter at what angle I looked. He told me that there are no questions, just answers, when you stand with Him.

I then came back to my house. The prayer meeting was closing. As everyone was visiting, one by one people were coming up to me and telling me what happened to them during the time of prayer. I was shocked! They told me how I was going around, praying in tongues and switching to English. What I did not know was that when I spoke in English, I was giving them the answer to the prayer that they were uttering to God. I could not hear their prayers, but God did, and He was answering them by the Spirit through me!

Remember that the breath of Heaven helps you pray. Your answer is already on the way as your prayer leaves your lips!

WHAT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT SAYING TO YOU:
