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Breath of Heaven  
Ezekiel 37:1-14

Where can I go from your Spirit? Ps 139:7

When all seem hopeless: A valley of dry bones – Dead for a long time

Life to death is our doing – Death to life is God's – "Then you will know I am the Lord"

**Up to 60% of the human adult body is water.** The brain and heart are composed of 73% water, and the lungs are about 83% water. The skin contains 64% water, muscles and kidneys are 79%, and even the bones are watery: 31%. According to H.H. Mitchell, Journal of Biological Chemistry 158

Through the message of the prophet – God works, accomplishing what the human could not

Without breath there is no life – When breath enters there is life.  
Ps 104 27-30 All creatures look to you...remove your breath they die

When you think all is lost, your hope must turn to the Lord

Though you are not faithful, I am faithful.

One our greatest failings, the continual appreciation of what God does through our giftedness

If we say God can't or won't work in or through me, we are saying anything positive is of our doing and then who gets praised?

People who seek only the praise of a perfectly loving God don't need the praise of other broken and marginally loving humans

This is what the Spirit of God can do in and through you.

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**The Hebrews** were not Trinitarian but ancient writings give evidence to the presence in Israel of a profound awareness of God's Spirit. Grenz 470

**Ruach Roo-akh:** wind and breath, breath indicates the presence of life, the life principle of living creatures. Since life found its source in God, ruach also denoted the divine power which creates and sustains life. Grenz 470

The Spirit of God whom God sends to accomplish his goals. ibid

The Spirit is the divine power at work in the world. As Spirit, the transcendent God entered the natural order unpredictably. 417

**Function:** creative Gen 1:2, Life giving Gen 2:7, Enhances people's potential Ex 31:1-5, Judges 3:10; 6:34, Supernatural power Judg. 14:6 Sampson, prophets 1 Sam 10:6, fosters strength and courage Haggai 2:4-6

The Spirit of God was transitory

**Psalm 139:1-14**

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

The Holy Spirit is often considered an enigma. As the constant cycle of breathing sustains our lives, so too the breath of God. With pollutants increasingly effecting our physical health, we must be vigilant to seek pure air and filter out the caustic.

Pollution of the: Breath, Eat, See