

Chardon Christian Fellowship
Home Fellowship Lessons
Names of God
Lesson 7: Spirit of God, Holy Spirit
LEADER'S AND STUDY GUIDE

INTRODUCTION

In this lesson, we are introduced to the Spirit of God. We have already studied the names of God the Father (*YHWH, Elohim, Adonai*), we will now study the names of God the Spirit, and conclude this series with the names of God the Son. We should not lose sight of the importance of knowing deeply the names of God and the definition and emotion around each name. It is said this way (definition and emotion) because understanding the meaning of each name should generate a response from our emotions and soul. Consider this ... when God proclaims He is *YHWH* (The Self-Sustaining, Self-Sufficient God, The Eternal One, The Absolute God) it should put us in awe of His absolute and limitless power ... when He says He is *Elohim* (Creator of the Universe) our heart should swell with wonder and pride because He calls us His own ... and when He says He is *Adonai YHWH* (The Lord Sovereign Lord) our emotions should swell up to tears at this loving proclamation this He is our Lord (Master).

LESSON

A. Holy Spirit of God in Old Testament

The word for Spirit of God in the Old Testament is *Ruwach Elohim*. *Ruwach* רוח means: wind, breath, life, mind, spirit. We have already studied *Elohim* אֱלֹהִים which is plural for God, The Supreme Being, The Supreme God, The Divine God. Putting this together, *Ruwach Elohim* literally translates to Breath of The Supreme God.

We will not exhaust the many verses in the Old Testament on *Ruwach Elohim*. We will hit some key verses.

Genesis 1:2 *In the beginning God (Elohim) created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit (ruwach) of God (Elohim) was moving over the surface of the waters. NASB*

We should read this as “the breath/life/spirit of The Supreme God moved across the surface of the waters”. So in **Genesis** chapter 1 verse 2, we are introduced to *Elohim*, the plural name of God. In verse 3 we are introduced to *Ruwach Elohim*, The Breath of The Supreme God. Here we are already introduced to two members (Father, Holy Spirit) of the Trinity God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)

Genesis 6:3 *Then the LORD (YHWH) said, “My Spirit (ruwach) shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.” NASB.*