

Psalms 104:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.

Analysis

When God sends forth His Spirit (ruach), creatures are created, and He renews the face of the earth. This completes the cycle: God's Spirit gives life (v.30) as surely as withdrawing it causes death (v.29). 'Created' (bara, the same word used in Gen 1:1) suggests ongoing creation, not just initial forming. God continually renews creation through His Spirit. This anticipates the new creation (Rev 21:5) and believers' spiritual renewal (Titus 3:5). Christ's sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4) brought new creation life to the church.

Historical Context

The Hebrew ruach means wind, breath, or spirit. This verse connects God's Spirit with the life-giving breath of creation, showing continuity between initial creation and ongoing renewal.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How have you experienced the Holy Spirit's renewing work in your life?

2. What areas of your life need the Spirit's creative power to bring renewal?

Interlinear Text

תִּשְׁלַח	רוּחְךָ	יִבְרָא וְ	וְתַחֲדָשׁ	פְּנֵי
Thou sendest	forth thy spirit	they are created	and thou renewest	the face
H7971	H7307	H1254	H2318	H6440
אֲדָמָה:				
of the earth				
H127				

Additional Cross-References

Job 33:4 (Spirit): The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

Ezekiel 37:9 (Parallel theme): Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.

Revelation 21:5 (Parallel theme): And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

Job 26:13 (Spirit): By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.

Psalms 33:6 (Creation): By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

Titus 3:5 (Spirit): Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Isaiah 65:17 (Creation): For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

Ephesians 2:1 (Parallel theme): And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

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