



The Set-apart Spirit of Elohim

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As we approach the second week of the “**Counting of the Omer**”, or “**Sefirat HaOmer**”, we transition from study and prayer about Yahweh’s attribute of “**Chesed**” or “**Loving Kindness**” to “**Gevurah**” or “**Strength**”. In fact, tomorrow, or after sunset tonight, we begin with “**loving kindness**” in “**strength**”. In other words, we pray about, study and seek to possess the “**Loving Kindness of His Strength**”.

Now as you know, I look for connections of thoughts in what Yahweh is saying to His people. We’ve talked about and experienced over and over again, that He teaches patterns and pictures “*in season*”. And, this is the “*season*” that commemorates of our “*deliverance*”. I believe, from the prophetic words we’ve heard, that we’re in a season of spiritual deliverance that precedes our deliverance out this world system and into the restored Kingdom of Yisra’el. Only, we have to earnestly seek it and ask for it.

As the events of this past week unfolded, I began to look and pray about a connection of thoughts or patterns in our “**Counting of the Omer**” and the questions that have arisen about the gifts of the Set-apart Spirit. In reviewing some of the scriptures surrounding these questions, or controversies, I ran into a favorite section of mine, as well as some of you. After discussing the treatment parents by children and servants by masters, Rav Sha’ul/Paul wrote in **Ephesians 6:10-18**; *For the rest, my brothers, be strong in the Master and in the mightiness of His strength. Put on the complete armor of Elohim, for you to have power to stand against the schemes of the devil. Because we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against authorities, against the world-rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual matters of wickedness in the heavenlies. Because of this, take up the complete armor of Elohim, so that you have power to withstand in the wicked day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, then, having girded your waist with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having fitted your feet with the preparation of the Good News of peace; above all, having taken up the shield of belief with which you shall have power to quench all the burning arrows of the wicked one. Take also the helmet of deliverance, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of Elohim, praying at all times, with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, watching in all perseverance and supplication for all the set-apart ones;*

So, we are to be “**strong**” or have “**gevurah**” in Yahshua and in the “**mightiness**” or “**ab’erah**” (see **Yeshayahu/Isaiah 1:24**) of **His “strength”** or “**gevurah**”. So, where does this strength come from? How is it given to us? Sha’ul writes in **Ephesians 3:14-21**; *For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Master Yahshua Messiah, from whom all fatherhood in the heavens and earth is named, in order that He might give you, according to the riches of His esteem by power, to be strengthened in the inner man, through His Spirit, that the Messiah might dwell in your hearts through belief – having become rooted and grounded in love, in order that you might be strengthened to*

firmly grasp, with all the set-apart ones, what is the width and length and depth and height, to know the love of Messiah which surpasses knowledge, in order that you might be filled to all the completeness of Elohim. And to Him who is able to do exceedingly above what we ask or think, according to the power that is working in us, to Him be esteem in the assembly by Messiah Yahshua unto all generations, for ever and ever. Ahmein.

If we are going to begin to examine the “work” of the Set-apart Spirit of Yahweh or “**Ruach HaKodesh**”, we should start with an accurate understanding of “**Who**” or “**What**” the “**Set-apart Spirit**” is. For the purpose of this teaching, so that anyone can follow-up with their own study from beginning to end, I am going to start at the beginning. Or maybe, I should say, “**In the beginning.....**” Let’s look at B’reshith 1. But, before we do, let’s be clear on the words. The “**Holy Spirit**” or “**Set-apart Spirit**” is, in Hebrew, “**Ruach HaKodesh**”. As we’ve studied, “**kodesh**” (kuf-dalet-shin) means “**set-apart**” or, as some say, “**consecrated**” or “**holy**”. But, truly the best definition is indeed “**set-apart**” or “**separated**” in Him. Looking at the meanings of the letters, **kuf** = surround or behind, **dalet** = door and **shin** = El Shaddai. So, set-apartness equals, “*behind the door is El Shaddai*”. The word “Ruach” (reish-yud-chet), while translated as “**spirit**”, literally means “**breath of the mouth**” or “**wind**” (as in blowing). According to Gesenius’ Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon, it also references the “**mind**”, “**thinking**”, “**intellect**” or “**counsel**”. Please keep all of these in mind as look through some of the Scriptures. In the Hebrew, it is a feminine word and considered a feminine part of Elohim. I would add here also, that the numeric value of the letters in Ruach HaKodesh is 622; which equal “**britee**” or “**My covenant**”, also “**b’rachot**” or “**blessings**”, “**v’d’bar’tee**” or “**I will speak**” and “**v’hatorah**” or “**my instructions**”.

B’reshith / Genesis 1:1-2: ***In the beginning Elohim created the heavens and the earth. And the earth came to be a formless and empty, and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of Elohim was moving on the face of the waters.*** Notice here that Elohim’s Ruach (“**breath**” or “**intellect**”) was moving (some translations say “**brooding**”) over the face of the waters (or chaos). The Hebrew word for “**moving**” is “**rachaph**” which means “**to brood**” or “**to shake**” or “**tremble**” as in an earthquake. So, His Ruach (“**breath**” or “**intellect**”) “**brooded**” or “**shook**” the face of the waters.

I should point out here that when Yahweh created man in **B’reshith / Genesis 2:7**, something a little different happened; ***And YHVH Elohim formed the man out of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils breath of life. And the man became a living being.*** If you look it up, you’ll notice that the word “**ruach**” is not used here. That breath of life that Yahweh breathed into Adam is the word “**neshamah**”, which is Elohim’s “**breath of life**”. Then Adam became a “**nefesh**” or a “**living soul**”. So, we don’t read that Adam was given Ruach HaKodesh at his creation. Remember as you study, there is a difference in the “**spirit of life**” or “**neshamah**” that we are born with and the “**Ruach of Elohim**” that we can be given. So keep you concordances and Lexicons handy as you look up the Scriptures.

Now, we are told, by Yahshua, that Elohim is Spirit in **Yohanan / John 4:23-24**; ***“But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father also does seek such to worship Him. Elohim is Spirit, and those who worship Him need to worship in spirit and truth.”*** The phrase “**Spirit of Elohim**” appears in Scripture 89 times. The phrase “**Spirit of YHVH**” appears 29 times. And, the phrase “**Set-apart Spirit**” appears 86 times. What is the Scriptural connection, if any, between YHVH and the “**Set-apart Spirit**”? As King David prayed in **Tehillim / Psalms 51:10-12**; ***Create in me a clean heart, O Elohim, And renew a steadfast spirit within***

me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Set-apart Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your deliverance, And uphold me, Noble Spirit!

Yahweh as He was speaking through the prophet Yeshayahu about the time when Moshiach is preparing to return and He says; ***“For a day of vengeance is in My heart, and the year of My redeemed has come.”*** Then, speaking of us, He says in **Yeshayahu / Isaiah 63:10-12**; ***But they rebelled and grieved His Setapart Spirit, so He turned against them as an enemy, and He fought against them. Then He remembered the days of old, Mosheh, His people, “Where is He who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of His flock? Where is He who put His Set-apart Spirit within him, who led them by the right hand of Mosheh, with His comely arm, dividing the water before them to make for Himself an everlasting Name... ?***

So, we see that ***“Ruach HaKodesh”*** or the ***“Seat-apart Spirit”*** is Yahweh. It (She) is His ***“breath”***, His ***“intellect”*** or ***“mind”*** and His ***“Counsel”***. Again, remember those definitions.

We don't have time here to go through all the references of His ***“Ruach”***. In just the three phrases I mentioned above, we have 204 references throughout all the Scriptures to Yahweh's Set-apart Spirit, or ***“Ruach Ha Kodesh”***. But, with a quick glance, we see His Spirit being given to His people and how it sometimes is given, in just the TaNaK. As Pharaoh placed Yoseph in charge of all he had, he told his servants in **B'reshith 41:38-40**; ***Could we find another like him, a man in whom is the Spirit of Elohim?”*** Then Pharaoh said to Yoseph, ***“Since Elohim has shown you all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you. Be over my house, you yourself, and at your mouth all my people shall be sustained – only in the throne I am greater than you.”***

Then, as Yahweh confirmed the choosing of the seventy elders in **Bemidbar / Numbers 11:17** He said to Moshe; ***“And I shall come down and speak with you there, and shall take of the Spirit (Ruach) that is on you, and put on them. And they shall bear the burden of the people with you, so that you do not bear it yourself alone. And, in verse 25; And YHVH came down in the cloud, and spoke to him, and took of the Spirit that was upon him, and placed the same upon the seventy elders. And it came to be, when the Spirit rested upon them, that they prophesied,...*** Then in **Bemidbar 27:18-20**; ***And YHVH said to Mosheh, “Take Yehoshua son of Nun with you, a man in whom is the Spirit. And you shall lay your hand on him, and shall set him before El'azar the priest and before all the congregation, and give him charge before their eyes, and shall put some of your esteem upon him, so that all the congregation of the children of Yisra'el obey.”***

As Yeshayahu spoke of Moshiach, he said in **Yeshayahu / Isaiah 11:1-3**; ***And a Rod shall come forth from the stump of Yishai, and a Sprout from his roots shall bear fruit. The Spirit of YHVH shall rest upon Him – the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of YHVH, and shall make Him breathe in the fear of YHVH. I And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, nor decide by the hearing of His ears. But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and shall decide with straightness for the meek ones of the earth, and shall smite the earth with the rod of His mouth, and slay the wrong with the breath of His lips. And righteousness shall be the girdle of His loins, and trustworthiness the girdle of His waist.***

The, as the prophet Samuel was prophesying to Saul who would become king, he said in **1 Shemu'el 10:6**; ***“And the Spirit of YHVH shall come upon you, and you shall prophesy with them and be turned into another man.*** That's interesting; he would be turned into another man. So, when the Set-apart Spirit of Yahweh ***“comes upon”*** or is ***“in”*** a person,

how do we change?

Rav Sha'ul / Paul taught in **Romans 8:3-17**; *For the Torah being powerless, in that it was weak through the flesh, Elohim, having His own Son in the likeness of flesh of sin, and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh, so that the righteousness of the Torah should be completed in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the matters of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the matters of the Spirit. For the mind of the flesh is death, but the mind of the Spirit is life and peace. Because the mind of the flesh is enmity towards Elohim, for it does not subject itself to the Torah of Elohim, neither indeed is it able, and those who are in the flesh are unable to please Elohim. But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of Elohim dwells in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Messiah, this one is not His. And if Messiah is in you, the body is truly dead on account of sin, but the Spirit is life on account of righteousness. And if the Spirit of Him who raised Yahshua from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Messiah from the dead shall also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit dwelling in you. So then, brothers, we are not debtors to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh, you are going to die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of Elohim, these are sons of Elohim. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of Elohim, and if children, also heirs – truly heirs of Elohim, and co-heirs with Messiah, if indeed we suffer with Him,*

Sha'ul also says in **Galatians 5:18-26**; *But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under T'cheit Namosa (curse of Torah – Aramaic). And the works of the flesh are well-known, which are these: adultery, whoring, uncleanness, indecency, idolatry, drug sorcery, hatred, quarrels, jealousies, fits of rage, selfish ambitions, dissensions, factions, envy, murders, drunkenness, wild parties, and the like – of which I forewarn you, even as I also said before, that those who practice such as these shall not inherit the reign of Elohim. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustworthiness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no Torah. And those who are of Messiah have impaled the flesh with its passions and the desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.*

These are just two of the many. But, aren't we, who believe, filled with Ruach HaKodesh when we come to believe on Yahshua and His atonement? **Acts 19:1-6** says; *And it came to be, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Sha'ul, having passed through the upper parts, came to Ephesos. And having found some taught ones, he said to them, "Did you receive the Set-apart Spirit when you believed?" And they said to him, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Set-apart Spirit." And he said to them, "Into what then were you immersed?" And they said, "Into Yohanan's immersion." And Sha'ul said, "Yohanan indeed immersed with an immersion of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe in the One who is coming after him, that is, in Messiah Yahshua." And when they heard this, they were immersed in the Name of the Master Yahshua. And when Sha'ul had laid hands on them, the Set-apart Spirit came upon them, and they were speaking in tongues and prophesying.*

Yahshua promised to send us a "**Comforter**" or "**Helper**", as Yohanan records in **Yohanan / John 14:12-17**; *"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he shall do also. And greater works than these he shall do, because I go to My Father.*

And whatever you ask in My Name, that I shall do, in order that the Father might be esteemed in the Son. If you ask whatever in My Name, I shall do it. If you love Me, you shall guard My commands. And I shall ask the Father, and He shall give you another Helper, to stay with you forever – the Spirit of the Truth, whom the world is unable to receive, because it does not see Him or know Him. But you know Him, for He stays with you and shall be in you.” Yahshua identifies this “**Helper**” in **verses 25-26**; *“These Words I have spoken to you while still with you. But the Helper, the Set-apart Spirit, whom the Father shall send in My Name, He shall teach you all, and remind you of all that I said to you.”* And, He further says in **Chapter 15:26**; *“And when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of the Truth, who comes from the Father, He shall bear witness of Me...”*

So, what is the relationship of Yahshua to Ruach HaKodesh, “**the Set-apart Spirit**” of Yahweh? First, Yohanan the Immerser (John the Baptist) said of Yahshua, as recorded in **Mattityahu / Matthew 3:11** and **Luke 3:16**; *“I indeed immerse you in water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to bear. He shall immerse you in the Set-apart Spirit and fire.”* Yahshua also baptizes with “**fire**”. That speaks to the “**word**” Bill spoke among us just four weeks ago. We’ll talk more on this in a later teaching. To this, I want to point out something that Allen read to us the other evening, from the Aramaic, that in the heat of the moment was lost. Sha’ul wrote concerning the “**Set-apart Spirit**” in **1 Corinthians 12:1-6**, just before he describes the “gifts” of the Spirit; *Now concerning spiritual (things), my brothers, I want you to know, that you were pagans and were led to idols that have no distinct voice. Because of this, I make known to you that there is no one who speaks by the Spirit of Eloah and says that Yahshua is accursed. And neither is a man able to say that YHVH is Yahshua except by Ruach HaKodesh. And there are distributions of gifts, but the Spirit is One. And there are distributions of services, but YHVH is One. And there are distributions of powers, but Eloah is One, Who works in every man.* OK, if Ruach HaKodesh is Yahweh, and Yahshua is Yahweh; then all are Echad. **Shema Yisra’el..... Yahweh Eloheinu, Yahweh Echad!**

Then, how do we receive the “**Set-apart Spirit**”? First, as Kepha was teaching the house of Cornelius in **Acts 10** about the redemptive work of Messiah Yahshua, we read in **verses 44-48**; *While Kepha was still speaking these words, the Set-apart Spirit fell upon all those hearing the word. And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Kepha, because the gift of the Setapart Spirit had been poured out on the gentiles also, for they were hearing them speaking with tongues and extolling Elohim. Then Kaphar answered, “Is anyone able to forbid water, that these should not be immersed who have received the Set-apart Spirit – even as also we?” And he commanded them to be immersed in the Name of Yahshua Messiah. Then they asked him to remain a few days.*

But notice that if we read verses one and two that Scripture tells us that Cornelius, though of the nations, feared (believed) Elohim and prayed to Yahweh always. So, belief can and often does have a part in receiving the Spirit. However, it is also given as Yahweh directs. As Kepha stood before the Parasitical High Council in **Acts 5:29-32**; *And Kepha and the other emissaries answering, said, “We have to obey Elohim rather than men. The Elohim of our fathers raised up Yahshua whom you laid hands on, hanging Him on a timber. Him, a Prince and a Savior, Elohim has exalted to His right hand, to give repentance to Yisra’el and forgiveness of sins. And we are His witnesses to these matters, and so also is the Set-apart Spirit whom Elohim has given to those who obey Him.”*

So, also by obedience to Him we can receive. Also, we have the “*laying on of hands*”, as we read in **Acts 19:1-6**. Then also in **Acts 8:14-17**; *And when the emissaries who were at Yerushalayim heard that Shomeron had received the Word of Elohim, they sent Kepha and Yohanan to them, who, when they had come down, prayed for them to receive the Set-apart Spirit, for He had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been immersed in the Name of the Master Yahshua. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Set-apart Spirit.*

What about the latter days? Is there a fresh “*outpouring*” coming? How would this affect us? We’re all aware of what Kepha spoke in **Acts 2:16**; *“But this is what was spoken by the prophet Yo’el.”* Instead of reading Kepha’s quote, let’s look at **Yo’el/Joel 2:32-3:2**; *“And after this it shall be that I pour out My Spirit on all flesh. And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men dream dreams, your young men see visions. And also on the male servants and on the female servants I shall pour out My Spirit in those days. And I shall give signs in the heavens and upon the earth: blood and fire and columns of smoke, the sun is turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of YHVH. And it shall be that everyone who calls on the Name of YHVH shall be delivered. For on Mount Tsiyon and in Yerushalayim there shall be an escape as YHVH has said, and among the survivors whom YHVH calls. For look, in those days and at that time, when I turn back the captivity of Yehudah and Yerushalayim, then I shall gather all gentiles, and bring them down to the Valley of Yehoshaphat. And I shall enter into judgment with them there for My people, My inheritance Yisra’el, whom they have scattered among the gentiles, and they have divided up My land.”*

But, let’s look at **Yeshayahu/Isaiah 44:1-6**; *“But now hear, O Ya’aqob My servant, and Yisra’el whom I have chosen. Thus said YHVH who made you and formed you from the womb, who helps you, ‘Do not fear, O Ya’aqob My servant, and Yeshurun, whom I have chosen. For I pour water on the thirsty, and floods on the dry ground. I pour My Spirit on your seed, and My blessing on your offspring, and they shall spring up among the grass like willows by streams of water.’ One says, ‘I belong to YHVH; another calls himself by the name of Ya’aqob; another writes with his hand, ‘Unto YHVH,’ and names himself by the name of Yisra’el.” Thus said YHVH, Sovereign of Yisra’el, and his Redeemer, YHVH of hosts, ‘I am the First and I am the Last, besides Me there is no Elohim.”*

Yahweh spoke through the prophet the reason why He puts His Spirit (Ruach) in us, in **Yehezqel/Ezekiel 36:24-28**; *“And I shall take you from among the nations, and I shall gather you out of all lands, and I shall bring you into your own land. And I shall sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean – from all your filthiness and from all your idols I cleanse you. And I shall give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you. And I shall take the heart of stone out of your flesh, and I shall give you a heart of flesh, and put My Spirit within you. And I shall cause you to walk in My laws and guard My right-rulings and shall do them.”*

Rav Sha’ul/Paul also said it this way in **Romans 8:14-27**; *For as many as are led by the Spirit of Elohim, these are sons of Elohim. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of Elohim, and if children, also heirs – truly heirs of Elohim, and co-heirs with Messiah, if indeed we suffer with Him, in order that we also be exalted together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the esteem that is to be revealed in us. For the intense longing of the creation eagerly waits for the*

revealing of the sons of Elohim. For the creation was subjected to futility, not from choice, but because of Him who subjected it, in anticipation, that the creation itself also shall be delivered from the bondage to corruption into the esteemed freedom of the children of Elohim. For we know that all the creation groans together, and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. And not only so, but even we ourselves who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, we ourselves also groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. For in this expectation we were saved, but expectation that is seen is not expectation, for when anyone sees, does he expect it? And if we expect what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with endurance. And in the same way the Spirit does help in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray, but the Spirit Himself pleads our case for us with groanings unutterable. And He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the set-apart ones according to Elohim.

Finally, as Kepha wrote in **Kepha Aleph/ 1Peter 4:10-11**; *As each one has received a gift, serve one another, as good trustees of the manifold favour of Elohim. If anyone speaks, let it be as the Words of Elohim. If anyone serves, let it be as with the strength which Elohim provides, so that Elohim might be praised in it all through Yahshua Messiah, to whom belong the esteem and the rule forever and ever. Ahmein.*