

EVERYONE NEEDS A HELPER

May 31, 2020

Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 104:25-35; John 14:8-17

THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND YOU

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- Just as Adam needed a helper: Genesis 2:18
- Moses needed a helper:
 - Numbers 11:11, "So Moses asked the LORD, "Why have You brought this trouble on Your servant? Why have I not found favor in Your sight, that You have laid upon me the burden of all these people? Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth...?"
 - Numbers 11:16, "Then the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you.
- Jesus himself needed a helper?
 - Matthew 3:16, "And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him..."
 - Matthew 4:1, "Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil."

Jesus knew we needed a helper

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever..." John 14:16

THE PHYSICAL WORLD OR THE SPIRITUAL WORLD

I can touch one but I can't touch the other.

IN REALITY IT IS THE SPIRITUAL WORLD THAT CREATED THE PHYSICAL WORLD!

THE SPIRIT IS THE AGENT OF CREATION:

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters" (Gen. 1:1-2).

The Hebrew word translated as "Spirit" here is *ruach*, which also can mean "breath." The *ruach elohim*, "the Breath of the Almighty," is the agent in creation.

He is also the agent of the New Creation. THAT'S YOU!

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- I believed in Jesus when I was young.
- Then I experienced some of the cul-de-sacs of life.
- I needed a helper.
- I had Jesus but not His Spirit
- The Person of the Holy Spirit - the Helper.

BEFORE:

I believed in God who lives in heaven,

NOW:

I believe in God who lives in me.

The Gathering Prayer for Pentecost: May 31st

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.