# Divine Influence

Being Inspired by faith

But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding. -Job 32:8

inspiration H5397 נְשָׁמָה

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inspiration (2x) H5397 (24x)

[Hebrew Strong's Dictionary]

nshamah, nesh-aw-maw´; from 5395; a puff, i.e. wind, גְּשָׁמָה .5397 angry or vital breath, divine inspiration, intellect. or (concretely) an animal:—blast, (that) breath(-eth), inspiration, soul, spirit

And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding. -Job 28:28

fear H3374 יִרָאָה

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[Analytics]

fear (400x) H3374 (45x)

[Hebrew Strong's Dictionary]

yir'ah, yir-aw´; feminine of 3373; fear (also used as יִרְאָה .3374 infinitive); morally, reverence:—x dreadful, x exceedingly, fear(-.fulness)

# THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION

1 [[[A Psalm] of David.]] The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Psalms 27:1

- 28. Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.
- 29. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.
- 30. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:
- 31. But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Isaiah 40:28-31.

- 12. Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.
- 13. Who hath given him a charge over the earth? or who hath disposed the whole world?
- 14. If he set his heart upon man, if he gather unto himself his spirit and his breath;
- 15. All flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust. -Job 34:12-15

In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind. -Job 12:10

- 27. That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:
- 28. For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. -Acts 17:27-28

- 7. But your eyes have seen all the great acts of the LORD which he did.
- 8 .Therefore shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land, whither ye go to possess it;
- 9 .And that ye may prolong your days in the land, which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give unto them and to their seed, a land that floweth with milk and honey.
- 10 .For the land, whither thou goest in to possess it, is not as the land of Egypt, from whence ye came out, where thou sowedst thy seed, and wateredst it with thy foot, as a garden of herbs:
- 11 .But the land, whither ye go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven.

  Deuteronomy11:7-22.

- 12. A land which the LORD thy God careth for: the eyes of the LORD thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.
- 13 And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul,
- 14 That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.
- 15 And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full.
- 16 Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them;

  Deuteronomy11:12-16

- 17. And then the LORD'S wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and lest ye perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD giveth you.
- 18. Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.
- 19. And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.
- 20. And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates:
- 21. That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.
- 22. For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him Deu.17-22

# THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD Is How to be Strong in the LORD

- 10. Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
- 11. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
- 12. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.
- 13. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand Ephesians 6:10-13

- 14. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;
- 15. And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
- 16. Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.
- 17. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:
- 18. Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Ephesians 6:14-18

- 15. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
- 16. That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.
- 2 Timothy 3:15-16

- 9. Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me,
- 10. And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments. -

Deuteronomy 5:9-10

## IF MY PEOPLE PRAY

- 11. Thus Solomon finished the house of the LORD, and the king's house: and all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of the LORD, and in his own house, he prosperously effected.
- 12. And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice.
- 13.If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people;
- 14. If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:11-14

- 15. Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.
- 16 .For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.
- 17 .And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and shalt observe my statutes and my judgments;
- 18 .Then will I stablish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man to be ruler in Israel.

  2 Chronicles 7:15-18

# SOLOMON TURNS FROM THE LORD

- 1 But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites;
- 2 Of the nations concerning which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love.
- 3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart. 1Kings11:1-3

- 4. For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.
- 5. For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.
- 6. And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as did David his father.
- 7. Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon.
- 8. And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.

  1Kings 11:4-8

## THE LORD RAISES ADVERSARIES

- 9. And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice,
- 10. And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded.
- 11. Wherefore the LORD said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant.

  1Kings11:9-11

- 19. But if ye turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them;
- 20. Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it to be a proverb and a byword among all nations.
- 21. And this house, which is high, shall be an astonishment to every one that passeth by it; so that he shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and unto this house?
- 22. And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath he brought all this evil upon themn. 2Chronicles. 7:19-22

## WARNING AGAINST IDOLATRY

- 29. When the LORD thy God shall cut off the nations from before thee, whither thou goest to possess them, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their land;
- 30 .Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them, after that they be destroyed from before thee; and that thou enquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise.

Dueteronomy12:29-30.

The Lord Jesus is our efficiency in all things; His Spirit is to be our inspiration; and as we place ourselves in His hands to be channels of light, our means of doing good will never be exhausted, for the resources of the power of Jesus Christ are to be at our command. We may draw upon His fullness and receive of that grace which has no limit. The Captain of our salvation at every step would teach us that almighty power is at the demand of living faith. He says, "Without me ye can do nothing;" but again declares that "greater works than these shall ye do; because I go unto my Father." 15. HP 319.4

As a people we stand in an important position, on holy ground. Nothing assuming the form of levity is to be tolerated by Seventh-day Adventists. We are presented and pointed to as Seventh-day Adventists. There is a class claiming to be Christians while breaking the seventh commandment. I am to present the truth in all its sacred bearings. I am to publish to the people the need to be daily converted. There are to be no foolish remarks. Believers will bear the image of the Divine. I am to tell you that the mysteries of the Bible are a proof of its divine inspiration. The question is asked, "Canst thou by searching find out God?" Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection? It is as high as heaven; what canst thou do? deeper than hell; what canst thou know?" Job 11:7, 8... 25LtMs, Ms 62, 1911, par. 10

Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.

- -And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day.
- -And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the LORD fought for Israel. -

Joshua 10:12-14. Being Inspired

The Spirit of God inspired Joshua's prayer, that evidence might again be given of the power of Israel's God. Hence the request did not show presumption on the part of the great leader. Joshua had received the promise that God would surely overthrow these enemies of Israel, yet he put forth as earnest effort as though success depended upon the armies of Israel alone. He did all that human energy could do, and then he cried in faith for divine aid. The secret of success is the union of divine power with human effort. Those who achieve the greatest results are those who rely most implicitly upon the Almighty Arm. The man who commanded, "Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon," is the man who for hours lay prostrate upon the earth in prayer in the camp of Gilgal. The men of prayer are the men of power. . PP 509.1

#### THE PARABLE OF THE LOST SHEEP

- 1 Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him.
- 2 And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.
- 3 And he spake this parable unto them, saying,
- 4 What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?
- 5 And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing.
- 6 And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.
- 7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance

  Luke 15;1-7

How think ye?" the Saviour said; "if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray. Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish." . RH January 19, 1911, par. 5

My brethren and sisters, let this instruction make your hearts tender, and help you to understand your duty toward those who need your help. In every place, angels of God are watching to see what kind of spirit is exercised in behalf of souls.

If the lost sheep is not brought back to the fold, it wanders until it perishes. There is many a poor soul who is full of distress and agony,—a lost, straying sheep. His mind is beclouded; he can not find God; yet he has an intense, longing desire for pardon and peace. Many souls go down to ruin for want of a hand stretched out to save. These erring ones may appear hard and reckless; but if they had had the advantages that others have had, they might have revealed far more nobility of soul and a greater talent for usefulness. Angels pity these wandering ones. Angels weep, while human eyes are dry, and human hearts are closed to pity. RH January 19, 1911, par. 6-RH January 19, 1911, par. 7

There are many who err, and who feel their shame and folly. They look upon their mistakes and errors until they are driven almost to desperation. These souls we are not to neglect. When one has to swim against the stream, there is all the force of the current driving him back. Let a helping hand be held out to him, as was the Elder Brother's to the sinking Peter. Speak to him hopeful words, words that inspire him with courage. Tell him of an almighty hand that will hold him up, of an infinite humanity in Christ that pities him. It is not enough for him to believe in law and force, things that have no pity, and never hear the call for help. He needs to clasp a hand that is warm, to trust in a heart full of tenderness. Keep his mind stayed on the thought of the divine Helper ever beside him, ever looking upon him with pitying love. Bid him think of a Father's heart that ever grieves over sin, of a Father's hand stretched out still, of a Father's voice saying, "Come unto me, ... and I will give you rest."

Heavenly Helpers. RH January 19, 1911, par. 8-RH January 19, 1911

Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he. -Proverbs 29:18

(Or the the people will be discouraged).

And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision. -1 Samuel 3:1

### THE CONVERSION OF SAUL

- 1 And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,
- 2 And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.
- 3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:
- 4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?
- 5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. Acts 9:1-5

# The apostle Paul

- 6. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.
- 7 . And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.
- 8 . And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.
- 9. And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.

Acts 9:6-9.

10. And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

11. And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,

12. And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight. -Acts 9:10 -12.

- 13 Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:
- 14 And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.
- 15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:
- 16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

Acts. 9:13-16

- 17 .And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.
- 18 .And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized. Acts 9:17-18

## SAUL PROCLAIMS JESUS IN SYNAGOGUES

- 19 And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.
- 20 And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.
- 21 But all that heard him were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests?
- 22 But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ. Acts 9:19-22

## **ASA'S RELIGIOUS REFORMS**

- 1 And the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded:
- 2 And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The LORD is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.
- 3 Now for a long season Israel hath been without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law.
- 4 But when they in their trouble did turn unto the LORD God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them. 2Chronicles 15:1-4

- 11 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, **but** of hearing the words of the LORD:
- 12 And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it.
- 13 In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst. Amos. 8:10-12.

David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.

# -1 Samuel 17:37

(This is a promise in anticipation. David spoke the word, and God endorsed it and made it true. Because of past deliverances David argued that God would help him in a new danger, and we can argue on the same basis.) For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. -2 Corinthians 1:20, Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. -Hebrews 13:5-6 -Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

-Hebrews 13:8

- 16. As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me.
- 17. Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.
- 18. He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me: for there were **many** with me.
- -Psalms 55:16-18.