

Spirit of Truth – Experiencing the Spirit's strength

What do you understand about the Holy Spirit?

Ezekiel background

Ezekiel 37 ... and experiencing the strength of God's Spirit

Verse 11 ...bones represent the dead, lifeless, hopeless nation of God's people.

“Can these bones live?”

... proclaim the 'Word of YHWH'

... send the 'breath of God'

Verse 5-6... an overview

Two things God requires

- 1) Verse 4 & verse 7...to speak God's word
- 2) Verse 9Send God's Spirit into these bodies.

... life to his dead people through the speaking of his word and the work of his Spirit.

For us today

- 1) The danger we face
 - a) to drive wedge between the speaking of God's word ... and working of God's Spirit to bring this word to life.

Eg: ... a spirit focus vrs a bible focus.

see Ephesians 6:10-20.

... verse 17 ...'the Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God'.

see 2 Peter 1:20-21 ²⁰ *Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things.* ²¹ *For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*

See 1 Peter 1:12

= From God's point of view, his word and the life giving work of his Spirit go together.

Examples of danger

b) We need God's Spirit

- 2) Experiencing the Spirit's strength