

Travail

Birthing Agent of God



Travail of His Soul

- (1 Kings 18:17-46) Elijah the Praying Prophet
- (Ezek 22:30) Search of a Man
- (Isaiah 37:3) “This is the day of distress, rebuke and rejection; for children have come to birth, and there is no strength to deliver.”
- (Matt 9:37) “The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few.”
- “He shall see the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied.” Isa 53:11.

Spirit Filled Prayer

- (Gal 4:27) "Be glad, O barren woman, who bears no children; break forth and cry aloud, you who have no labor pains; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband."
- Rom 8:22-26) We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time..(26)the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.

- (Gal 4:19) “My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you”.
- (1 Tim 2:3-4) Salvation for all!
- (Ezek 22:30) “I search the earth looking for a man who would stand in the gap!”
- John 7:38 “From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.”
- “innermost” = “womb”

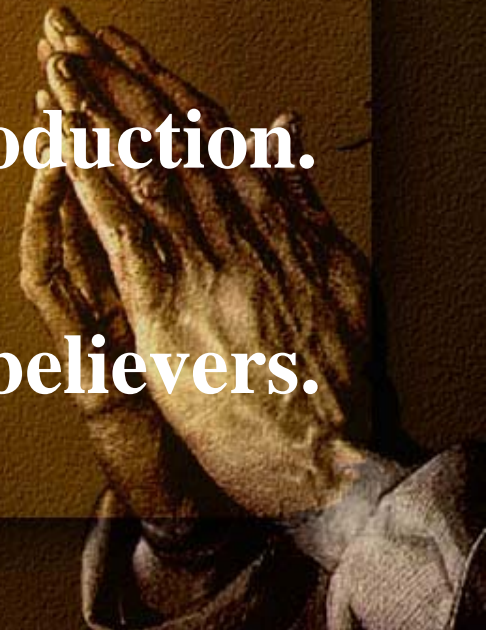
Holy Spirit Birthing Agent

- (Ezek 37:9) Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophecy,
- (Luke 1:34-35)_and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee:
- (John 3:5) Jesus answered, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit,
- (Acts 1:8) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you;
- (Acts 2:16) Prophecy



Energized Word

- (1 Cor 14:3) But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.
- Examples:
- The Holy Spirit is involved in creation. (Gen 1:1-3) (John 1:1-3, Col 1:16)
- It is associated with spiritual reproduction. (Acts 1:8) (John 3:5)
- It aids in the maturing process of believers. (Gal 4:19)



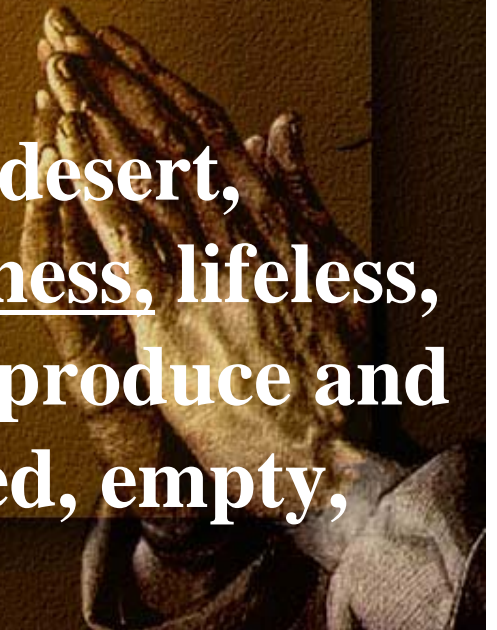
Examples

- It can be very intense, involving fervency, tears, and even groaning. (Rom 8:22-26)
- Just as Elijah was in birthing prayer on the mountain, it is involved in producing physical miracles, not just the new birth. (1 Kings 18:17-46)(Ezekiel 37:1-12)



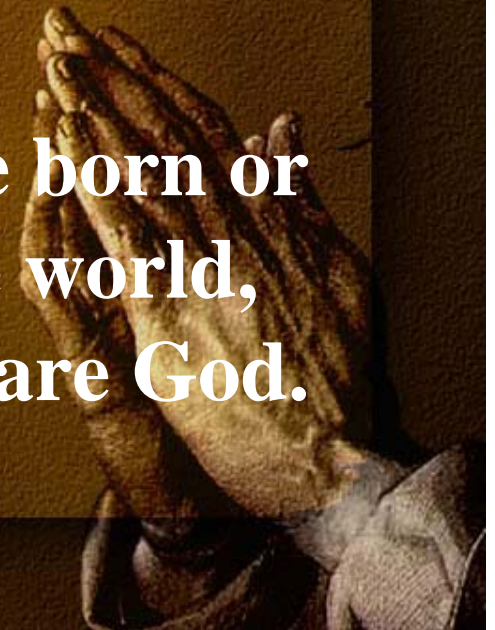
Born of the Spirit

- (John 3:5) “born of water and of the Spirit”
- (Ezekiel 37) valley of dry bones
- Creation(Gen 1:2) And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.
- “Without form” means a desolation, desert, worthless thing, confusion, orderlessness, lifeless, sterility, a desert, chaos, inability to produce and when and if we do, we are not satisfied, empty, like a desert.



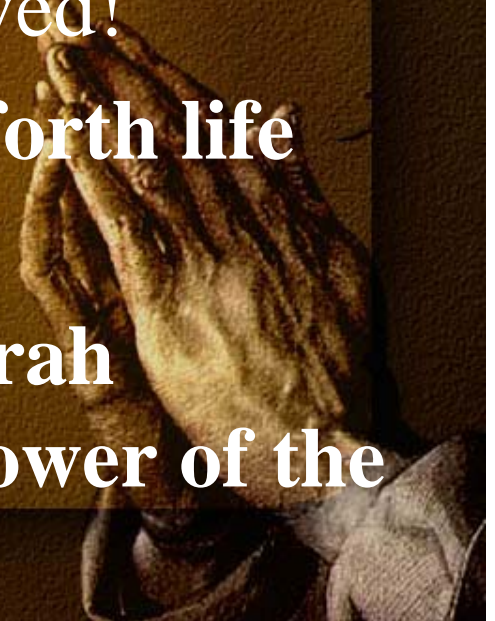
Life Giving

- At creation, the Holy Spirit brooded or hovered over the earth, releasing His creative energies with the words of Jesus (Jn 1:1-3; Col 1:16-17).
- (John 1:1-3, Col 1:16) All things were created by Him!
- Psa 90:2 Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.



The prayer connection!

- (Isa 66:7-8) Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child.
- (1 Cor 6:19) “your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost”
- (1 Tim 2:3-4) God wills that all be saved!
- Holy Spirit hovering over bringing forth life (Deut 32:10-18)
- Hebrews 11:11 says that by faith Sarah received *dunamis* (the miraculous power of the Holy Spirit)



Christ's Conception

- Luke 1:35- “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you!” {to invest with supernatural influence.}
- Matt 17: 5 (Transfiguration)
- Acts 5:14-15 (Peter's shadow)
- (Rom 8:11) “And if the same Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you....
- Holy Spirit gives life-“quicken” - zoopoieo – “to make alive, give life.”
- Resurrection Power (Phil 3:11)(see also 1 Cor 15:42)

Results:

- The Holy Spirit is involved.
- It is associated with spiritual reproduction.
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Conclusion:

- These limitless abilities, the life-birthing energies of the Holy Spirit must be released. They are to be released on the earth through the Church in her representation of Christ and His victory. One way this energy is released is in intercession; a form of intercession which releases the creative energy of the Holy Spirit into a situation to produce, create, or give birth to something. Salvation, healing, impartation, miracles, signs and wonders.

