

STAY CONNECTED

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Job 32:8 *"But there is a spirit in man, And the breath of the Almighty gives him understanding."*

In this text, the spirit stated here is not the Holy Spirit. Mentioned here, "breath of the Almighty" is a separate and discrete spirit that empowers someone to have qualities in God's image while remaining merely human. Communication can take place, even between God and humans - in addition to angles as well. We communicate amongst each other verbally, but it can also be through the influence of different spirits and attitudes, whether they are evil or righteous.

An existing spirit holds power to influence another's emotions and conduct. A desire to sin in a person's mind can come from such an influence, but can be resisted. However, if their guard is not up, one can allow that influence to enter the heart and become part of oneself. An example of this: Adam and Eve. The enemy came calling to persuade them toward the urge to take of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

Notice that as long as Adam and Eve were solely in the presence of the Lord in the Garden of Eden, sin was not an issue because God's interaction with them was utterly positive, encouraging, and righteous. But when the representation of evil manifested, they did not oppose his appeals, thus sinning against the holy God. Their spirits chose what he was saying to them, and they connected with the enemy in sin. The Word of God says, "*Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you **do** flows from it*" **Proverbs 4:23** (NIV)

It is essential to be keen on the voice of the Holy Spirit. While we reside in a world with all varieties of negativity, we must remember that "*we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do*" **Eph 2:10** (NKJV). And since we are his Masterpiece, it should bring us great joy to know that His Spirit - the Holy Ghost, leads us, if only we remain connected with Him! Let us *stay connected!*

At His service,
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