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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

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Creation

GENESIS 1:1-2 NKJV – (1) In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **(2)** The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

The Hebrew word *ruach* alone has the meaning of wind or spirit. In such cases, the context provides the best translation. In **Genesis 1:2**, *ruach* is not alone but appears with the noun *'elohim*, God. In all 24 occurrences of the expression *ruach 'elohim* in the Old Testament, none of them is translated as "a mighty wind" or "a wind from God." Why would this be? As we can see, this biblical passage deals with something deeper than a mere uncontrolled wind. And one has to remember that an uncontrolled wind does not have the capacity to start or create life. While it is difficult to see a mighty wind in this passage, we are dealing with the Holy Spirit of God.

The sun, the earth, the moon, the rain, the clouds, the stars. All God's beautiful and amazing creation! Today I came home from work and I went into the back yard and I looked up at the trees and noticed the leaves, the branches and even the tree swaying back and forth. It was as if God was breathing. To most, this wouldn't mean much, but it is not until we observe and experience God's creation, that we become curious and "Thankful."

SCRIPTURE READING

JOB 12:7-10

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Every evening, turn your worries over to God. He's going to be up all night anyway.