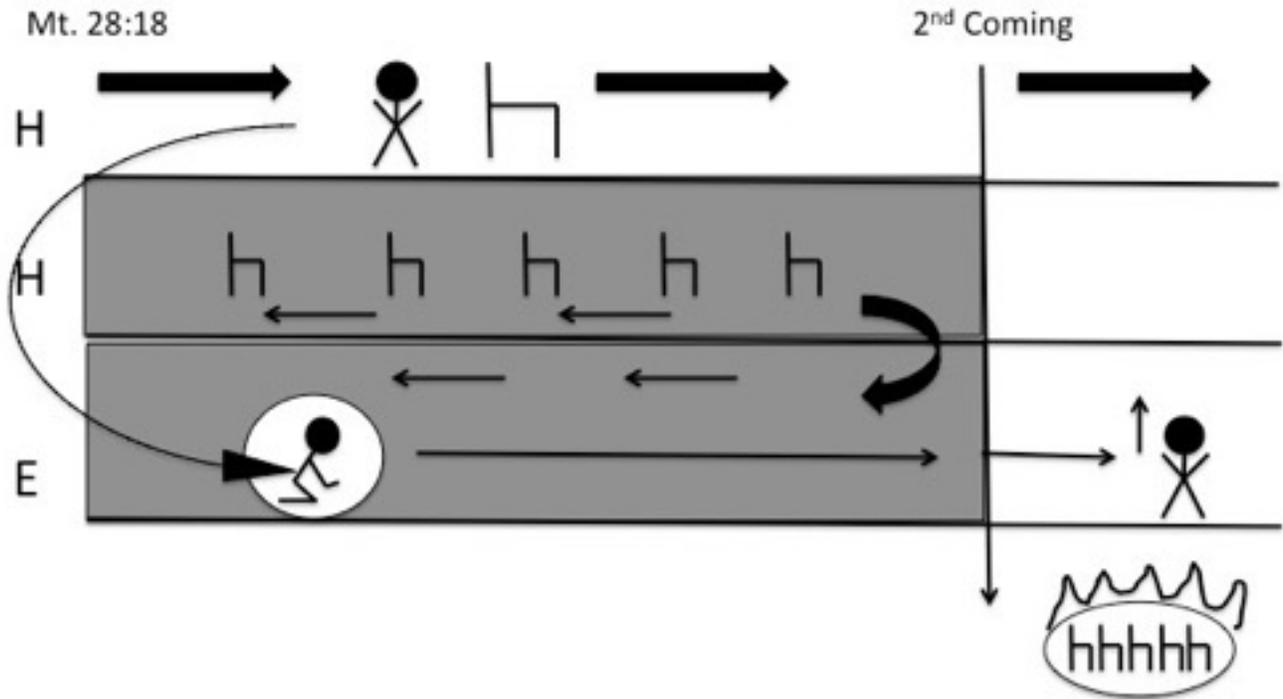


SEVENFOLD SPIRIT AND APOSTOLIC PRAYER



| The Sevenfold-Spirit | | “We have not stopped praying for you...” (ESV Col 1:9) |
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| <p>Isaiah 11:1-3 “A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. <i>The Spirit of the LORD</i> will rest on him—</p> <p>“Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was and who is to come, and from <i>the seven spirits</i> (or “the sevenfold Spirit”; cf NIV footnote; NLT) before his throne” (Re 1:4)</p> | <p>the Spirit of <i>wisdom</i> (1)</p> | <p>[I pray] “that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the <i>Spirit of wisdom</i> and of revelation in the knowledge of him...” (ESV Eph 1:17)</p> <p>“we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual <i>wisdom</i> and understanding [“wisdom and understanding that <i>the Spirit</i> gives” [TEV]]” (ESV Col 1:9)</p> |
| | <p>and of <i>understanding</i> (2)</p> | <p>[I pray that you] “may have strength to <i>comprehend</i> with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth.” (ESV Eph 3:18)</p> <p>“we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and <i>understanding</i> [“wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives” [TEV]]” (ESV Col 1:9)</p> |
| | <p>the Spirit of <i>counsel</i> (3) (“guidance” [NCV])</p> | <p>“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will <i>guide</i> you into all the truth...” (ESV Jn16:13)</p> <p>For who has known the mind of the Lord, so as to <i>advise</i> him? But we have <i>the mind</i> of Christ. (NET 1 Co 2:16) (in this context, there is little difference in meaning between “mind” and “Spirit” (see <i>BDAG</i>, 680; cf Is 40:13).</p> |
| | <p>and of <i>power</i> (4)</p> <p>(“<i>strength</i>” [HCSB]; “<i>might</i>” [ESV])</p> | <p>[I pray that you may know] “what is the immeasurable greatness of his <i>power</i> toward us who believe, according to the working of his <i>great might</i>” (ESV Eph 1:19)</p> <p>[I pray] “that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be <i>strengthened</i> with <i>power</i> through <i>his Spirit</i> in your inner being” (ESV Eph 3:16)</p> <p>[I pray that you] “may have <i>strength</i> to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth.” (ESV Eph 3:18)</p> <p>“And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being <i>strengthened</i> with all <i>power</i> according to his <i>glorious might</i> so that you may have great endurance and patience (NIV Col 1:10)</p> |
| | <p>the Spirit of <i>knowledge</i> (5)</p> | <p>[I pray] “that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the <i>knowledge of him...</i>” (ESV Eph 1:17)</p> <p>“we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the <i>knowledge of his will</i> through all spiritual wisdom and understanding [“wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives” [TEV]]” (NIV Col 1:9)</p> <p>“And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in <i>the knowledge of God</i>, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience (NIV Col 1:10)</p> |

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| <p>and of the fear of the LORD (6)</p> | <p>Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion <i>in the fear of God</i>. (ESV 1 Co 7:1)</p> <p>... You have not lied to man but to God.” When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and breathed his last... And <i>great fear</i> came upon the whole church and upon all who heard of these things. (ESV Ac 5:4-5a, 11)</p> |
| <p>Spirit of godliness (7) (in the LXX)</p> | <p>“And I pray that you, being rooted and established <i>in love</i>” (NIV Eph 1:17)</p> <p>“And we pray this in order that you may <i>live a life worthy of the Lord</i> and may <i>please him</i> in every way: <i>bearing fruit</i> in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience (NIV Col 1:10)</p> <p>“And it is my prayer that your <i>love</i> may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be <i>pure and blameless</i> for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of <i>righteousness</i> that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. (ESV Php 1:9-11)</p> |