

I. The breath of life is needed (v. 1-3)

A. The Spirit reveals our true spiritual condition

“Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” (Psalm 139:23-24)

B. The Spirit exposes our need for revival

“Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?” (Psalm 85:6)

II. The breath of life is promised (v. 4-6)

A. The promise is from the Sovereign God

B. The promise is for those in need

C. The promise is for new life

“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” (John 10:10)

D. The promise is for God’s life given to us

“The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.” (Genesis 2:7)

“With that he breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’ “ (John 20:22)

E. The promise is for new knowledge of God

III. The breath of life realized (v. 7-14)

A. Then we will be fully alive

“If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.” (Romans 8:11)

B. Then we will stand strong

“Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.” (Ephesians 6:13)

C. Then we will be a united mighty army

D. Then we will live filled with the Holy Spirit

“And I will my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.” (Ezekiel 36:27)

E. Then we will enjoy God’s blessing

“Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.” (Psalm 51:12)

F. Then we will bring glory to God