(Topics, Lead-in, and Lead-in Devotional Reading below)

Yahweh, Breath of Life

Genesis 2:7; Exodus 3:13-15; John 20:21-22



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LEAD-IN: The Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living person. (Genesis 2:7, NASB)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

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When Almighty God created human beings, He made us from two things: from the dust of the ground and from His own breath. (Genesis 2:7) Then when God called Moses to lead His people out of Egypt, Moses asked Him what name he should give to Israel for the God who sent him. (Exodus 3:13-15) God's response: tell them I AM sent you. (v.14) Then in the next verse (v.15), God reveals to Moses His name for Himself, a name based on the Hebrew for "I AM": Yahweh. That name suggests that God is not some small, local deity but is the source of all being itself. He Himself is the breath of life. Some have pointed out that the very act of saying "Yahweh" is like breathing. Breathe in as you say, "Yah". Breathe out as you say, "weh". Try it. The name itself reminds us that God Himself - Yahweh is the breath of life. As we turn to Him, talk to Him, and speak His name, we experience His presence, His Spirit, His life, as close and as intimate as our own breath.

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