

# GOD IS ...

C F S O G M I D H T Q B G N G H H E Q V H  
 G S G P S X W W D Z J O C E O V P S T F  
 K U L K T R J N O U H T M K L N O K R N U  
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 W H R L I F C D E E F M K K U U R M I P Q  
 E G I W F G C R T R O A A J M K E F N I Y  
 L I P A E N H S E N P M I A M N T O F N R  
 N R S M E M I T L M R I D T I G E N I M Q  
 H M F N I X F J H O W F N N H Y T T N O S  
 X G O R E M R J H S V P N M B F Q P I B F  
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 T E U X S T N E I C I F F U S F L E S A Q  
 S A X S M K E P O R D U C V X U K F S K D  
 Z C F F X I W C Z S E S U O Z P Z S U E Z  
 T R M X X E K N M I C S E U R T Z B V Q L  
 O P C W X Q D J J B G E I O V Z N V H Q N  
 F B S O V E R E I G N Y O W K I V Z S H Z  
 E B X A T G R A C I O U S F W P Z Q R A Q

**Words to Find:**  
 eternal  
 faithful  
 good  
 gracious  
 infinite  
 immutable  
 just  
 light  
 love  
 merciful  
 omnipotent  
 omnipresent  
 one  
 righteous  
 self-existent  
 sovereign  
 spirit  
 true  
 wise

## Rough Flying

Oliver Green

On a particularly rough airplane flight, a lady became very airsick. Her shoulders drooped, and her head slumped forward. She was totally wiped out.


The stewardess came by to help her. "Come, come now," she said, "buck up and get control of yourself. Sit up and take courage."

She put her arm under the la-

dy's arm and helped her sit upright in her seat, gave her gum to chew, and then went to get her some water. With the help of the stewardess, the lady finished the trip in far better condition than she began it.

This is like the ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives. He comes alongside to help us when we are in hopeless defeat. He admonishes us, encourages us, and restores hope and faith in our lives.

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## The Comforter

Bill Brinkworth

*"Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you."* John 16:7

For many reasons, it was very important that Jesus died. One reason it was important was that Jesus would send the omnipresent Comforter to do many things for the saved. It is this comforting Holy Spirit, even to this day, that:

- ◆ Reproves believers of their sin (vss. 8, 9). The Comforter often makes us feel guilty of our sin, after we see that God is against our iniquity. This Spirit convicts us so we can get it right. People often blame a pastor, parent, or another person for making them feel miserable in their wrongdoing, but it is the Holy Spirit, sent by Jesus, that does the convicting. *"And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin,*

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## Man Versus Tank

J. S. Baxter

At the close of World War II, two pictures appeared in a magazine showing a soldier in conflict with a tank. The first showed a huge tank bearing down on a tiny soldier, about to crush him.

The picture was proportioned to show the odds involved when a foot soldier, with a rifle, faced a tank.

The next picture showed what happened to that soldier's odds with a bazooka, or rocket launcher in his hands. This time the tank appeared to be shrunken in size, and the soldier at least equal in size, if not a little larger.

Without the power of God working in our lives, when in conflict with sin, we are like an infantry soldier in the presence of a tank. We cannot do a thing. When the power of the living God is at work in us, we can say "no" to sin and temptations and win the battle. We can turn and begin to live as God intended us to live.

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## The Comforter

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and of righteousness, and of  
judgment: 9 Of sin, because  
they believe not on me;”  
John 16:8-9*

- ◆ Reproves Christians of true righteousness (vss. 8, 10). He shows us that in the flesh we are certainly not righteous in God’s eyes. It is the Comforter that helps us realize that only Jesus is without sin, and that we are worthy of Hell, unless we accept Christ’s righteousness to cover our iniquity.

*“Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;” John 16:10*

- ◆ Shows man’s heart that no one gets away with sinning against God, not even Satan (vs.8, 11).

*“Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.” John 16:11*

- ◆ Shows and helps believers understand the Word of God (vs. 13). This is why it is so wrong for others to dumb down the Bible in an attempt to make it “easier to understand,” in the new (mis) translations of God’s Word. It is only the Comforter that helps anyone understand the Truth.

*“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for*

*he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.” John 16:13*

- ◆ Tells us what the Father wants us to hear (vs. 13).
- ◆ Shows us things that will happen in the future (vs. 13).
- ◆ The Comforter is not to be glorified, but Jesus should be (vs. 14).

*“He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.”  
John 16:14*

This Comforter is still present and working in the hearts of men to this day. What has the Comforter shown you recently? Did you begin doing or stop doing of that which he convicted you?

## A Loving Comforter

*C. H. Spurgeon*

I am in distress, and I need consolation. Some passerby hears of my sorrow. He comes to me, sits down, and attempts to cheer me up. His words are soothing, but he loves me not. He is a stranger; he knows me not at all. He has only come to try his skill at counseling.

What good does his speaking do? His words run over me like oil upon a slab of marble. They are like the pattering rain upon a rock. They do not break my

grief. My condition is not changed, because he has no love for me.

However, let someone, who loves me dear as his own life, come and plead with me. His words will be like music to my hungry soul. They will taste like honey. He will know the password of the doors of my heart, and my ear will be attentive to every word. I catch the intonation of each syllable as it falls, for it is like the harmony of the harps of heaven.

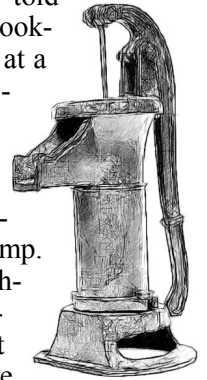
Oh! There is a voice speaking out of love that can console the believer when he needs it. It is the loving Holy Comforter. It speaks a language, which is its own. It has an idiom and a brogue which none can mimic. Wisdom cannot imitate it. Oratory cannot attain unto it. It is love alone that can reach the mourning heart. The Holy Spirit’s love is the only handkerchief, which can wipe the mourner’s tears away.

*“Jesus knows we  
need power to live and  
make courageous choices.  
He sent the Holy Spirit  
to inhabit the lives of true  
believers for the purpose  
of empowering us, guiding  
us, and teaching us how to  
live for God.” — D. Rainey*

## The Water Pumper

*Oliver Green*

A. J. Gordon told of walking and looking across a field at a house. There beside the house was what looked like a man pumping furiously at a hand pump. As Gordon watched, the man continued to pump at a tremendous rate.



The “man” seemed tireless, pumping on and on, up and down, without ever slowing in the slightest; much less stopping. Truly, it was a remarkable sight, so Gordon started to walk toward it. As he got closer, he could see it was not a man at the pump, but a wooden figure painted to look like a man. The arm that was pumping so rapidly was hinged at the elbow and the hand was wired to the pump handle. The water was pouring forth, but not because the figure was pumping it. It was an artesian well, and the water was gushing out and pumping the man!

When you see a man who is at work for God and producing results, recognize that it is the Holy Spirit working through him, not the man’s efforts that are giving results. All the man has to do, and all you have to do, is keep your hand on the handle of the work the Lord has given you to do. He will do the work!

*“Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit  
saith the LORD of hosts.” Zechariah 4:6*