

THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY GHOST ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST

BIBLE TEXT : Acts 2:1-47

LESSON 281 Senior Course

MEMORY VERSE: "Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49).

BIBLE TEXT in King James Version

Acts 2:1-47 ¹ And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.
³ And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.
⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
⁵ And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.
⁶ Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.
⁷ And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?
⁸ And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?
⁹ Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,
¹⁰ Phrygia, and Pamphylia,

BIBLE REFERENCES:

I The Baptism of the Holy Ghost as a Third Experience

1. A third experience for Christian believers was promised by Christ before His death,
John 14:15-18 ¹⁵ If ye love me, keep my commandments.
¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;
¹⁷ *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.
¹⁸ I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.
John 14:26 ²⁶ But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.
John 15:26-27 ²⁶ But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, *even* the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:
²⁷ And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.
John 16:7-15 ⁷ 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.
⁸ And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:
⁹ Of sin, because they believe not on me;
¹⁰ Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;
¹¹ Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.
¹² I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.
¹³ 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.
¹⁴ He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.
¹⁵ All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.
Luke 11:13 ¹³ If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?
Luke 24:49 ⁴⁹ And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.
Acts 1:4-8 ⁴ And, being assembled together with *them*, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, *saith* he, ye have heard of me.
⁵ For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.
⁶ When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?
⁷ And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.
⁸ But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.
Matthew 3:11 ¹¹ I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance:

in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,

¹¹ Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

¹² And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

¹³ Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

¹⁴ But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

¹⁵ For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is *but* the third hour of the day.

¹⁶ But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

¹⁷ And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

¹⁸ And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

¹⁹ And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

²⁰ The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and *with fire*:

John 1:33 ³³ And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

2. Old Testament prophets had also prophesied of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit,

Matthew 13:17 ¹⁷ For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous *men* have desired to see *those things* which ye see, and have not seen *them*; and to hear *those things* which ye hear, and have not heard *them*.

1 Peter 1:9-12 ⁹ Receiving the end of your faith, *even* the salvation of *your souls*.

¹⁰ Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace *that should come* unto you:

¹¹ Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

¹² Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

Joel 2:21-29 ²¹ Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things.

²² Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.

²³ Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first *month*.

²⁴ And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil.

²⁵ And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

²⁶ And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.

²⁷ And ye shall know that I *am* in the midst of Israel, and *that I am* the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

²⁸ And it shall come to pass afterward, *that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh*; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

²⁹ And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

Isaiah 32:15 ¹⁵ Until the spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest.

Isaiah 59:20-21 ²⁰ And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.

²¹ As for me, this *is* my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that *is* upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.

Ezekiel 36:25-27 ²⁵ Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

²⁶ A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

²⁷ And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do *them*.

Ezekiel 39:27-29 ²⁷ When I have brought them again from the people, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations;

²¹ And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

²² Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

²³ Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

²⁴ Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

²⁵ For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

²⁶ Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:

²⁷ Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

²⁸ Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.

²⁹ Men *and* brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

³⁰ Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of

²⁸ Then shall they know that I *am* the LORD their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there.

²⁹ Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.

3. The three experiences were shown by Old Testament types as being for this Christian dispensation.

a. Three events on Mount Moriah,

Genesis 22:1-18 ¹ And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, *here* I *am*.

² And he said, Take now thy son, thine only *son* Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

³ And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

⁴ Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

⁵ And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

⁶ And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.

⁷ And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here *am* I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering?

⁸ And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

⁹ And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

¹⁰ And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

¹¹ And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here *am* I.

¹² And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only *son* from me.

¹³ And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind *him* a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

¹⁴ And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovahjireh: as it is said *to* this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

¹⁵ And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,

¹⁶ And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only *son*:

¹⁷ That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which *is* upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

¹⁸ And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

1 Chronicles 21:18-27 ¹⁸ Then the angel of the LORD commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up, and set up an altar unto the LORD in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.

¹⁹ And David went up at the saying of Gad, which he spake in the name of the LORD.

his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

³¹ He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

³² This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

³³ Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

³⁴ For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

³⁵ Until I make thy foes thy footstool.

³⁶ Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

³⁷ Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?

³⁸ Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

³⁹ For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.

⁴⁰ And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save

²⁰ And Ornan turned back, and saw the angel; and his four sons with him hid themselves. Now Ornan was threshing wheat.

²¹ And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and went out of the threshingfloor, and bowed himself to David with *his* face to the ground.

²² Then David said to Ornan, Grant me the place of *this* threshingfloor, that I may build an altar therein unto the LORD: thou shalt grant it me for the full price: that the plague may be stayed from the people.

²³ And Ornan said unto David, Take *it* to thee, and let my lord the king do *that which is* good in his eyes: lo, I give *thee* the oxen *also* for burnt offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for the meat offering; I give it all.

²⁴ And king David said to Ornan, Nay; but I will verily buy it for the full price: for I will not take *that which is* thine for the LORD, nor offer burnt offerings without cost.

²⁵ So David gave to Ornan for the place six hundred shekels of gold by weight.

²⁶ And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called upon the LORD; and he answered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of burnt offering.

²⁷ And the LORD commanded the angel; and he put up his sword again into the sheath thereof.

2 Chronicles 5:1-14 ¹ Thus all the work that Solomon made for the house of the LORD was finished: and Solomon brought in *all* the things that David his father had dedicated; and the silver, and the gold, and all the instruments, put he among the treasures of the house of God.

² Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which *is* Zion.

³ Wherefore all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto the king in the feast which *was* in the seventh month.

⁴ And all the elders of Israel came; and the Levites took up the ark.

⁵ And they brought up the ark, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that *were* in the tabernacle, these did the priests *and* the Levites bring up.

⁶ Also king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel that were assembled unto him before the ark, sacrificed sheep and oxen, which could not be told nor numbered for multitude.

⁷ And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, to the oracle of the house, into the most holy *place*, *even* under the wings of the cherubims:

⁸ For the cherubims spread forth *their* wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above.

⁹ And they drew out the staves *of the ark*, that the ends of the staves were seen from the ark before the oracle; but they were not seen without. And there it is unto this day.

¹⁰ There *was* nothing in the ark save the two tables which Moses put *therein* at Horeb, when the LORD made *a covenant* with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt.

¹¹ And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy *place*: (for all the priests *that were* present were sanctified, *and* did not *then* wait by course:

¹² Also the Levites *which were* the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, *being* arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets:)

¹³ It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers *were* as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up *their* voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and

yourselves from this untoward generation.

⁴¹ Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.

⁴² And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

⁴³ And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

⁴⁴ And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

⁴⁵ And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all *men*, as every man had need.

⁴⁶ And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

⁴⁷ Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

praised the LORD, *saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD;*

¹⁴ So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.

- b. Three distinct places in the Tabernacle and Temple where God was worshiped,

Exodus 40:17-35 ¹⁷ And it came to pass in the first month in the second year, on the first *day* of the month, *that the tabernacle was reared up.*

¹⁸ And Moses reared up the tabernacle, and fastened his sockets, and set up the boards thereof, and put in the bars thereof, and reared up his pillars.

¹⁹ And he spread abroad the tent over the tabernacle, and put the covering of the tent above upon it; as the LORD commanded Moses.

²⁰ And he took and put the testimony into the ark, and set the staves on the ark, and put the mercy seat above upon the ark:

²¹ And he brought the ark into the tabernacle, and set up the vail of the covering, and covered the ark of the testimony; as the LORD commanded Moses.

²² And he put the table in the tent of the congregation, upon the side of the tabernacle northward, without the vail.

²³ And he set the bread in order upon it before the LORD; as the LORD had commanded Moses.

²⁴ And he put the candlestick in the tent of the congregation, over against the table, on the side of the tabernacle southward.

²⁵ And he lighted the lamps before the LORD; as the LORD commanded Moses.

²⁶ And he put the golden altar in the tent of the congregation before the vail:

²⁷ And he burnt sweet incense thereon; as the LORD commanded Moses.

²⁸ And he set up the hanging *at the door of the tabernacle.*

²⁹ And he put the altar of burnt offering *by the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation, and offered upon it the burnt offering and the meat offering; as the LORD commanded Moses.*

³⁰ And he set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and put water there, to wash *withal.*

³¹ And Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet thereat:

³² When they went into the tent of the congregation, and when they came near unto the altar, they washed; as the LORD commanded Moses.

³³ And he reared up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the hanging of the court gate. So Moses finished the work.

³⁴ Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

³⁵ And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

Hebrews 9:1-12 ¹ Then verily the first *covenant* had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary.

² For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein *was* the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary.

³ And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all;

⁴ Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein *was* the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant;

⁵ And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.

⁶ Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service *of God.*

⁷ But into the second *went* the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and *for* the errors of the people:

⁸ The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing:

⁹ Which *was* a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience;

¹⁰ Which *stood* only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed *on them* until the time of reformation.

¹¹ But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

¹² Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*.

Hebrews 10:9-22 ⁹ Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.

¹⁰ By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*.

¹¹ And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:

¹² But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

¹³ From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.

¹⁴ For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

¹⁵ *Whereof* the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before,

¹⁶ This *is* the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

¹⁷ And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

¹⁸ Now where remission of these *is, there is no more offering for sin*.

¹⁹ Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

²⁰ By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

²¹ And *having* an high priest over the house of God;

²² Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

4. The baptism of the Holy Ghost can be received only by those who have been sanctified by a second application of the Blood,

Hebrews 12:14 ¹⁴ Follow peace with all *men*, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Hebrews 13:11-12 ¹¹ For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp.

¹² Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.

Leviticus 4:1-12 ¹ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

² Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a soul shall sin through ignorance against any of the commandments of the LORD *concerning things* which ought not to be done, and shall do against any of them:

³ If the priest that is anointed do sin according to the sin of the people; then let him bring for his sin, which he hath sinned, a young bullock without blemish unto the LORD for a sin offering.

⁴ And he shall bring the bullock unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD; and shall lay his hand upon the bullock's head, and kill the bullock before the LORD.

⁵ And the priest that is anointed shall take of the bullock's blood, and bring it to the tabernacle of the congregation:

⁶ And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle of the blood seven times before the LORD, before the veil of the

sanctuary.

⁷ And the priest shall put *some* of the blood upon the horns of the altar of sweet incense before the LORD, which *is* in the tabernacle of the congregation; and shall pour all the blood of the bullock at the bottom of the altar of the burnt offering, which *is* at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

⁸ And he shall take off from it all the fat of the bullock for the sin offering; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that *is* upon the inwards,

⁹ And the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, which *is* by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away,

¹⁰ As it was taken off from the bullock of the sacrifice of peace offerings: and the priest shall burn them upon the altar of the burnt offering.

¹¹ And the skin of the bullock, and all his flesh, with his head, and with his legs, and his inwards, and his dung,

¹² Even the whole bullock shall he carry forth without the camp unto a clean place, where the ashes are poured out, and burn him on the wood with fire: where the ashes are poured out shall he be burnt.

Leviticus 6:24-30 ²⁴ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

²⁵ Speak unto Aaron and to his sons, saying, This *is* the law of the sin offering: In the place where the burnt offering is killed shall the sin offering be killed before the LORD: it *is* most holy.

²⁶ The priest that offereth it for sin shall eat it: in the holy place shall it be eaten, in the court of the tabernacle of the congregation.

²⁷ Whatsoever shall touch the flesh thereof shall be holy: and when there is sprinkled of the blood thereof upon any garment, thou shalt wash that whereon it was sprinkled in the holy place.

²⁸ But the earthen vessel wherein it is sodden shall be broken: and if it be sodden in a brasen pot, it shall be both scoured, and rinsed in water.

²⁹ All the males among the priests shall eat thereof: it *is* most holy.

³⁰ And no sin offering, whereof *any* of the blood is brought into the tabernacle of the congregation to reconcile *withal* in the holy place, shall be eaten: it shall be burnt in the fire.

Leviticus 16:1-28 ¹ And the LORD spake unto Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they offered before the LORD, and died;

² And the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy *place* within the vail before the mercy seat, which *is* upon the ark; that he die not: for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat.

³ Thus shall Aaron come into the holy *place*: with a young bullock for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering.

⁴ He shall put on the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall be girded with a linen girdle, and with the linen mitre shall he be attired: these *are* holy garments; therefore shall he wash his flesh in water, and *so* put them on.

⁵ And he shall take of the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering.

⁶ And Aaron shall offer his bullock of the sin offering, which *is* for himself, and make an atonement for himself, and for his house.

⁷ And he shall take the two goats, and present them before the LORD *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

⁸ And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the LORD, and the other lot for the scapegoat.

⁹ And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the LORD'S lot fell, and offer him *for* a sin offering.

¹⁰ But the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat, shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make an atonement with him, *and* to let him go for a scapegoat into the wilderness.

¹¹ And Aaron shall bring the bullock of the sin offering, which *is* for himself, and shall make an atonement for himself, and for his house, and shall kill the bullock of the sin offering which *is* for himself:

¹² And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off

the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring *it* within the veil:

¹³ And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that *is* upon the testimony, that he die not:

¹⁴ And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle *it* with his finger upon the mercy seat eastward; and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times.

¹⁵ Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that *is* for the people, and bring his blood within the veil, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat:

¹⁶ And he shall make an atonement for the holy *place*, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions in all their sins: and so shall he do for the tabernacle of the congregation, that remaineth among them in the midst of their uncleanness.

¹⁷ And there shall be no man in the tabernacle of the congregation when he goeth in to make an atonement in the holy *place*, until he come out, and have made an atonement for himself, and for his household, and for all the congregation of Israel.

¹⁸ And he shall go out unto the altar that *is* before the LORD, and make an atonement for it; and shall take of the blood of the bullock, and of the blood of the goat, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar round about.

¹⁹ And he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it, and hallow it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel.

²⁰ And when he hath made an end of reconciling the holy *place*, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat:

²¹ And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send *him* away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness:

²² And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness.

²³ And Aaron shall come into the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall put off the linen garments, which he put on when he went into the holy *place*, and shall leave them there:

²⁴ And he shall wash his flesh with water in the holy *place*, and put on his garments, and come forth, and offer his burnt offering, and the burnt offering of the people, and make an atonement for himself, and for the people.

²⁵ And the fat of the sin offering shall he burn upon the altar.

²⁶ And he that let go the goat for the scapegoat shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward come into the camp.

²⁷ And the bullock *for* the sin offering, and the goat *for* the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy *place*, shall *one* carry forth without the camp; and they shall burn in the fire their skins, and their flesh, and their dung.

²⁸ And he that burneth them shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp.

Ephesians 5:25-27 ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

²⁶ That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

²⁷ That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Ezekiel 36:22-29 ²² Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I do not *this* for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went.

²³ And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I *am* the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.

²⁴ For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out

of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

²⁵ Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

²⁶ A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

²⁷ And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do *them*.

²⁸ And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

²⁹ I will also save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you.

II The Coming of the Comforter

1. The 120 disciples were all of one, proving they were sanctified men and women, Acts 2:1;

Hebrews 2:11 ¹¹ For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified *are* all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,

John 17:17-23 ¹⁷ Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

¹⁸ As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

²⁰ Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

²¹ That they all may be one; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

²² And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

²³ I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

Psalm 133:1 ¹ Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity!

2. The Comforter came as promised by Jesus, Acts 2:2-4.
3. Unmistakable and irrefutable evidence was given that this was the Holy Ghost – the promised Comforter, Acts 2:5-13, 16;

Joel 2:28 ²⁸ And it shall come to pass afterward, *that* I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

Joel 2:29 ²⁹ And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

4. Subsequent outpouring of the Holy Spirit brought the same evidence,

Acts 10:44-48 ⁴⁴ While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

⁴⁵ And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

⁴⁶ For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

⁴⁷ Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

⁴⁸ And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

Acts 15:7-9 ⁷ And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men *and* brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.

⁸ And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as *he did* unto us;

⁹ And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

Acts 19:1-7 ¹ And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

² He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye

believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

³ And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

⁴ Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

⁵ When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

⁶ And when Paul had laid *his* hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

⁷ And all the men were about twelve.

1 Corinthians 14:18 ¹⁸ I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all:

1 Corinthians 14:22 ²² Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying *serveth* not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.

III The Spirit-Filled Apostle and His Sermon

1. Empowered with new authority and new spiritual strength, Peter took the initiative and preached to the assembled people, Acts 2:14, 15.

2. He made full proof of his ministry by using the Scriptures as his authority, Acts 2:16-21;

2 Timothy 4:5 ⁵ But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

2 Peter 1:19-21 ¹⁹ We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

²⁰ Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

²¹ For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost.

3. Having presented the prophetic evidence, he preached about Jesus, Acts 2:22-36;

Acts 4:12 ¹² Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

John 10: 7-9

⁷ Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

⁸ All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

⁹ I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

IV The Effects of the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Those Who Listened

1. Christ's promise was fulfilled and new power was given the Apostles, Acts 2:37, 43;

Acts 1:8 ⁸ But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 4:13 ¹³ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:33 ³³ And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

Acts 6:10 ¹⁰ And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.

2. Peter's convincing answer includes a marvellous promise to us who live in the time of the Latter Rain, Acts 2:38-40.

3. The great evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost was the signs that followed the ministry of those who were thus baptized, Acts 2:41-47;

Mark 16:15-18 ¹⁵ And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

¹⁶ He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

¹⁷ And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

¹⁸ They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

NOTES:

All real Christians of today have a glorious privilege, whether they are fully aware of that fact or not. We are living in the dispensation of the Holy Ghost -- the Church Age. This is the time when the fullness of definite experiential blessings is being given to those who "come boldly unto the throne of grace." This is the time looked forward to with wonderment and anticipation by the Old Testament prophets. This is the time in which transpire the events that angels desire to look into. This is the time when we can see, and know, and be able to receive, the things that many righteous men of old have desired to see, to know, and to receive.

No wonder Jesus said that he that is least in this dispensation of the Kingdom is greater than even the greatest of Old Testament times! Jesus did not mean that we are greater in holiness, or righteousness, or essential godliness, because all that we are – and all that they were – is through the grace of God manifested in Christ Jesus. Jesus meant that we are greater in position, in responsibilities, in official call, and in our dispensational relationship especially as concerns His second coming.

The Fullness of Experiential Blessings

Because of the changes that come through the years, the words of a language sometimes assume different meanings, or their connotations may suggest a new significance. In years past, we used the word **experimental** when referring to definite experiences, such as the glorious works of justification and entire sanctification. The meaning of that word was different than the accepted meaning now. We then referred to the definite works of grace that God provides for His people as **experimental religion**. But this meaning of the word has become somewhat changed through modern usage and the tendency of man to base his hopes and faith on finite reasoning and earthly theories. Today men **experiment with**, instead of **experience**, the mercy and grace of God; and because of this, **experimental religion** is no longer thought of as being an actual possession of a vital assurance of God's saving grace, cleansing power, or energizing Spirit. We prefer to use the term experiential religion instead of experimental religion, because that which God has to give – and which He does give – is no experiment. It is an experience, a vital assurance, a living knowledge, and a firm foundation.

Men in the old dispensation had this vital experiential knowledge of sins forgiven and hearts cleansed. They were justified and sanctified, through the efficacy of the Perfect Sacrifice that was yet to be offered, by looking forward to the Cross through faith which God planted in their hearts. A study of their lives, of the Biblical commendations made of them, and of their heart-cries that found satisfaction in the mercy and grace of God, shows us that they received a salvation from sin that was not different from ours. They have been cited in the New Testament as examples of faith and godliness (**Acts 2:29-30** ²⁹ **Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.** ³⁰ **Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;** **Acts 28:25** ²⁵ **And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers, 2 Peter**

1:21 ²¹ For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost. Hebrews 11:1-40 ¹ Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. ² For by it the elders obtained a good report. ³ Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. ⁴ By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh. ⁵ By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. ⁶ But without faith *it is impossible to please him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. ⁷ By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. ⁸ By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. ⁹ By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as *in* a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: ¹⁰ For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God. ¹¹ Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, *so many* as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable. ¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of *them*, and embraced *them*, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. ¹⁴ For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. ¹⁵ And truly, if they had been mindful of that *country* from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. ¹⁶ But now they desire a better *country*, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city. ¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten *son*, ¹⁸ Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: ¹⁹ Accounting that God *was* able to raise *him* up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure. ²⁰ By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. ²¹ By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, *leaning* upon the top of his staff. ²² By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones. ²³ By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw *he was* a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; ²⁵ Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; ²⁶ Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward. ²⁷ By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸ Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them. ²⁹ By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry *land*: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days. ³¹ By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace. ³² And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: ³³ Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³⁴ Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. ³⁵ Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: ³⁶ And others had trial of *cruel* mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: ³⁷ They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; ³⁸ (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and *in* mountains, and *in* dens

and caves of the earth. ³⁹ And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: ⁴⁰ God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.). It is, therefore, very obvious that when Jesus promised the Comforter, and when He stated that that Comforter had not yet come and could not come unless He (Jesus) ascended to Heaven, He was not speaking of either one of the two works of grace that Old Testament men and women had received from the very beginning. The baptism of the Holy Ghost could not possibly be the experience of entire sanctification, as some teach, for men were sanctified in the old dispensation. The Comforter had not yet come and would not – in fact, could not – come upon believers unless Jesus ascended into Heaven.

Mary, the mother of Jesus, was a sanctified woman, Yet Mary was one of those who tarried and received the Comforter (**Acts 1:14** ¹⁴ **These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren**). We read that sanctification makes us one with each other and one with God (**John 17:21** ²¹ **That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. John 17:23** ²³ **I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. Hebrews 2:11** ¹¹ **For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren**). And we read also that the 120 who received the promise of the Father were all of one (Acts 2:1). No other construction can honestly be put on this verse but that the 120 were sanctified wholly.

Jesus' prayer for the sanctification of His disciples had been answered prior to the Day of Pentecost. They were all of one accord on that day! The holy, sanctified mother of Jesus was in one accord with the restored Apostle who had, only a few days before, denied his Lord. The former doubter was in one accord with the former aspirants to positions of honour in Jesus' Kingdom. The former despised collector of customs was in one accord with the one whom we might call the first evangelist among the disciples – the man who told the good news of Christ's coming to his future co-labourer in the Church of Christ.

These were all of one accord! And it was upon these that the Holy Ghost fell! Nothing but a complete work of cleansing could bring about such oneness. It is impossible for sanctified and unsanctified people to be with one accord. They all must have the second work of grace wrought out in their lives for that condition to exist.

It is easy to see, then, that when we speak of the fullness of definite experiential blessings, we are speaking of three great and necessary experiences. First, we must be pardoned from our sins in order to be adopted into the family of God. Second, we must be sanctified by the second application of the Blood in order to have restored to us the lost image of God, which we see in Scripture to be righteousness and true holiness. And, finally, since all Old Testament people could have received these two experiences, and it is plain that the 120 in the Upper Room received another definite experience promised by Jesus, and prophesied by the Old Testament prophets as being only for this dispensation, we see that there is a third, definite experience for us. This third great and wonderful experience is the receiving of the Comforter, the Holy Ghost, spoken of by Jesus (**John 14:15-18** ¹⁵ **If ye love me, keep my commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. 18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. John 14:26** ²⁶ **But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your**

remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. John 16:7-15 ⁷ 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. ⁸ And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ Of sin, because they believe not on me; ¹⁰ Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; ¹¹ Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. ¹² I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you. ¹⁵ All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you). It is the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire spoken of by John the Baptist (**Matthew 3:11** ¹¹ I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and *with* fire:).

The Baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire

When Jesus left His disciples He told them that the Comforter would come to lead them into all truth, to empower them for service, and to reprove the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment to come. All this has been, and is being, accomplished. Jesus' prayer for the sanctification of His disciples was answered and His promise to send the Holy Spirit was fulfilled.

The 120 were not told how the Spirit would manifest Himself. Neither are we told exactly how He will come, how He will manifest Himself, or all that He will do with us, in us, or through us, when we are baptized by Him. But there was no doubt in the minds of the 120, or in the minds of those who stood by, when the Spirit did come. The Spirit does not always manifest Himself in the same way, we have said, but there are some things which He always has done and which He always will do. It is important that we examine the Word of God to see what these essential things are.

In the first place, the Comforter is to give us power for service. He also will furnish leadership for us. The Holy Spirit will lead us into all truth. He will bring all things to our remembrance. When we are baptized with the Holy Ghost we find that He comes **into** us, while previously He has only been **with** us. He will make us witnesses for Christ and send us out to spread the Gospel. All these things are freely admitted by most so-called Christians today. But this is not all that He does, nor are these all the evidences that He gives when He baptizes the believer.

There were other signs and evidences present at the original outpouring of the Early Rain. And opponents of the clear teachings of the Word of God argue that if any of these are to be considered necessary today we must look upon all of them in the same way. It is only natural to assume that on that great day of dispensational importance, when the Old passed away and the New began in all its experiential fullness, great manifestations could be expected. It might even be hard to imagine, when one considers how important that day really was, why more manifestation was not given. The Promise was being fulfilled. The Comforter had come. The long, long night had passed and the fullness of the blessing was being given. Yes, there were manifestations and signs then that were never repeated. And well there might be when one considers the importance of the day and the greatness of the event.

But let us consider these signs and the evidences. There was a rushing mighty wind. And have we not felt, by our spiritual natures, that same rushing mighty wind when the Spirit of God comes into the midst of a tarrying group to fill and empower someone for service in the vineyard of the Lord? The sound may not be as apparent to the natural ear now, but

the actual work of the Spirit is the same. All the things that God said would be done in and for the seeker are being done now the same as then.

There appeared "cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them" in the original outpouring of the Early Rain; and this, too, has been accomplished in a spiritual sense in the times of the Latter Rain. The visible flames have not necessarily been given since the original outpouring, but the work of the Holy Spirit and the evidences that He has promised are the same now as then.

It is over the one remaining evidence that much discussion has arisen that has caused doubts in the minds of some. But there should be no questioning. There need be no doubts. The Bible states that the 120 were all filled with the Holy Ghost, but many people do not want to admit the rest of the sentence. It says that they all "began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

Did this sign pass away? Was this evidence only for that early day of the Church Age? Some of the signs were only for that initial Day of Pentecost, we agree, and it is plain to see that these were never given after that original day! They were all filled with the Holy Ghost; and that promise is for us today as well as for them. In addition, they all spake with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. This evidence is not reserved for that day alone but is for us today also. It is the Bible evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire. It is the final seal of the Holy Spirit that proves that the work is done. Everyone who receives this gift of power will find that their lips and tongues are taken by the Spirit of God, and words of praise are uttered, not in a language that is known to the recipient but in an actual language, which could be, and often is, known to someone nearby.

It is emphatically not a gibberish of unintelligible mutterings. It is absolutely not an uncontrolled emotional display or nervous reaction. It is not a speaking in a tongue unknown to the earth. It is a definite language that could readily be, and has been many times, understood by people of that nationality if they were present. It is a coherent, intelligent utterance from the mind of God, voiced by the Holy Spirit through the lips of clay. It is not something that grieves the spiritual sensibilities of those present, but is a commandeering of the physical facilities of the recipient to such an extent that all present are blessed, edified, and refreshed by the Spirit.

Was this Bible evidence manifested at any other time? Yes. When the household of Cornelius received the Holy Ghost about eight years after the Day of Pentecost, they spoke with tongues and magnified God (**Acts 10:44-48** ⁴⁴ **While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.** ⁴⁵ **And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.** ⁴⁶ **For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,** ⁴⁷ **Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?** ⁴⁸ **And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.** **Acts 15:7-9** ⁷ **And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.** ⁸ **And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;** ⁹ **And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith).** Paul went to Ephesus 23 years after that original outpouring, "and they spake with tongues" (Acts 19:1-7). There was no "rushing mighty wind" or "cloven tongues like as of fire" recorded as being present at either of these two occasions, but God gave them the speaking with tongues as the Bible evidence of the completed work of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. He did not reserve this manifestation of the

Spirit to the original outpouring of the Spirit but gave it at the two above-mentioned incidents, to say nothing of the thousands of subsequent outpourings in the years of Church history.

The Latter Rain

When Peter preached his memorable sermon on the Day of Pentecost, he quoted Joel's prophetic words concerning that great dispensational event. Examine carefully the content of his message, and notice that he quoted only part of the prophecy. One of Peter's final statements was that "the promise is unto you, and to your children, **and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.**" Therefore, under no condition can this prophecy, or the giving of the Holy Spirit as it was given on the Day of Pentecost, be limited to the times of the early Church. The promise is to "as many as the Lord our God shall call"; it is to those who "are afar off." That prophetic promise includes us. Therefore, if we are walking in the fullness of the Gospel light – seeking for the fullness of definite experiential blessings – we, too, will receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Then will we, too, speak in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance? Emphatically, yes! God's power, His Plan, His Word, and His promises are the same yesterday, today, and forever. The speaking with tongues as the Spirit gives utterance is a Bible evidence of the completed work. It is necessary as an evidence today, the same as on the original day and on the successive outpourings which are recorded for us.

Since Peter's use of the prophecy by Joel mainly concerned the outpouring on the Day of Pentecost, it is necessary to turn to the original prophecy to see all the things that apply to us. Joel tells us that there were to be two general outpourings, one to be like the early natural rain in Palestine and the other like the latter rain near the harvest time. The early rain in Palestine was to start the growth of the grain, and the latter rain was to bring it to its full ripeness. So the outpouring of the Holy Spirit would be. The Early Rain would be for the establishing of the Church in this new dispensation – at the beginning of its growth. The Later Rain would be to bring that Church to its final stage of harvest perfection.

Notice the other things Joel mentions in connection with these outpourings. The time of the Former Rain was not specified, but that of the Latter Rain is definitely stated as taking place in the first month of the Jewish year. And the period of this earth's history in which this specific year comes is stated as being the time of the end!

One might say that these prophecies concern Israel alone and that the prophecies of the Latter Rain would apply only to them at the time of their restoration, were it not that the Apostle also said that this great experience was for those who were afar off, whom the Lord would call. The Jews were never considered as being "afar off." This classification was reserved for the Gentiles, who were also spoken of as being "far hence," "outside," "strangers," and "wild olive branches." This prophetic statement has a double meaning, it is true. We do not mean that those who were considered "afar off" are only the Gentiles of that age, and that that particular phrase does not refer to those Christian believers who are "afar off" in point of time – those who seek for the baptism during the time of the Latter Rain. It applies to both of these classes of believers

The things God said He would do at each of these outpourings certainly include the speaking with tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. "All flesh" – Jews and Gentiles – were to receive it; and to this is added, "Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy." That this reference is sufficient authority for the miraculous speaking in tongues today is indicated by the likewise miraculous character of the other things that

QUESTIONS

1. Upon what occasions did Christ promise the Comforter? Quote as many of those promises as you can.
2. What Old Testament prophecies were given concerning the outpouring of the Holy Ghost?
3. Tell how the three experiences were shown in Old Testament types.
4. What is the Scriptural proof for our statements that the person seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost must first be sanctified?
5. See how many similarities you can find between the accounts of the dedication of Solomon's Temple and the descent of the Holy Ghost in the Upper Room.
6. What is the Bible evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost? Was this evidence given at subsequent outpourings in Apostolic times? Was it given at the first outpouring of the Latter Rain? Is it being given to those who receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost today?
7. Quote Hebrews 13:8 and tell what relation this passage has with the Bible evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost today.
8. What effect did the receiving of this wonderful experience have upon the ministry of the Apostles? Contrast the lives of different ones of the Apostles before and after they had received the baptism.
9. What does it mean to make full proof of one's ministry?
10. Memorize and quote the promise made concerning us who live in the time of the end, as given in Acts 2:39.

God promised would be present. Dreams and visions were to be given; and the fact that these were not to be present in every case where the Holy Spirit was given is also obvious, for dreams were to be given to some and visions to others.

In the month of April, 1906, the first month of the Jewish religious year, in the city of Los Angeles — and almost simultaneously in many other parts of the world — the Holy Spirit was again poured out upon the wholly sanctified who were tarrying for the promise of the Father. Joel's prophecy was fulfilled to the very month; and the same evidences given by the Holy Spirit were present at that initial outpouring of the Latter Rain as were present at all the recorded outpourings in the days of the Apostles. Those who were baptized had been previously sanctified. The Holy Spirit gave them power for service when it came upon them: the lips that were formerly reticent became active instruments for the defence of the Faith, and the timid, retiring disciples became fearless men and women of God. They spoke in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance, the same as in the three Biblically recorded instances. And once again the disciples went forth to spread the Gospel, through the entire world, empowered with the Spirit and led by the Holy Comforter.

There is nothing in the heart of a sincere seeker after righteousness that wants to limit or deny any phase of God's work in the hearts of men. Those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness" are eager to receive all that God has for them. If there is a doubt in the mind of some, due to their ignorance or prejudicial background, that doubt is soon dispelled by the faithful Holy Spirit, who has promised to lead us into all Truth. He is in the world today and he will lead those who want to be led. He is **with** all those whose heart is turned Heavenward; and when He comes into their heart in the definite fullness of the experiential blessing, He no longer is only with them, but He comes to them in a new relationship. From then on, as long as they stay true to God, **He is in them**. And one of the signs of His abiding presence is the fact that when He came in He spoke through their lips in a language that they did not know.