



Sending the Promised Spirit

Lesson 7 • Luke 24:49; Acts 1:7-11; 2:1-4

Ascension Questions

What Did Jesus Do After He Sat Down? He **SENT** the Spirit that the Father had promised.

Christ's Exaltation after His Humiliation: Resurrection > Ascension > Glorification > Session > Provision (Procession)

- The Ascension and the **PROMISED** provision of the Spirit. Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-9
- The Day of Pentecost and the **FULFILLMENT** of the promise. Acts 2:1-4, 32-36

Three Stages in the Sending of the Promised Spirit

1. The Father's **PROMISE** in the Old Covenant.

- **Trinitarian DISTINCTIONS:** One God in three Persons who was, who is, and who is to come.

*God the Father is eternally the **Unbegotten One**, God the Son is eternally the **Begotten One**, and God the Spirit is eternally the **Sent One**!*

John 15:26; 15:5

- **Moses' DESIRE:** Yahweh would pour out His Spirit on each of His people to prophesy = praise! Numbers 11:29

1. The Spirit was present among them but not in **EACH** of them.
2. The Spirit came upon **SOME** to be "anointed" as Judges, Prophets, Priests, and Kings.
3. The Spirit could **DEPART** those who fell away [Saul] or sinned willfully [David].

- **Israel's DISOBEDIENCE:** The people had hard hearts that refused to fulfill the Old Covenant.

- **The Father's DEVOTION:** Yahweh's loyal love promised a New Covenant for a new start with a new heart.

1. Israel would **repent** as a nation and be forgiven when the King finally comes.
2. Israel would be **regenerated** as a nation with a **new spirit** for a **new heart** and **new start**!
3. Israel would be **restored** as a nation.
4. Gentiles would be **reached** by the nation with the blessing of Abraham.

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ezekiel 36:22-28; Joel 2:28-32

Yahweh Promises the New Covenant to the Nation of Israel

New Spirit + New Heart + New Start

Repentance and Forgiveness for Obedience in God's Presence to Reach the Nations!

- **The Messiah's DEDICATION:** Messiah comes as Yahweh's Suffering Servant in humiliation to be exalted as His Sovereign Savior!

2. The Son's PROVISION in the New Covenant.

- The Father **SENDS** His Son as His Spirit-anointed *Prophet, Priest, and King*.
- The God-Man **TRUSTS & OBEYS** where Adam rebelled and **FULFILLS** the Old Covenant where Israel refused.
Emphasis: The ***PROPHET*** greater than Moses.
- The God-Man **ESTABLISHES** the New Covenant on the Cross with His Blood.
Emphasis: The ***PRIEST*** greater than the Aaron and like the Priest-King Melchizedek.
- The God-Man is **EXALTED** in His *resurrection, ascension, glorification, and session* as both *Christ and Lord*.
Emphasis: The ***KING*** greater than David.
- The Father and His Seated Son **SEND** the Holy Spirit. *Galatians 4:4-7; Acts 2:14-21, 32-36*
Emphasis: The ***NEW COVENANT BLESSING*** given to the Church (Jew & Gentile) in Christ!

3. The Spirit's PURPOSE in the New Creation.

- The Spirit is the **PRESENCE** of the ascended Christ to believers: *Access for relationship!*

The Greatest Blessing of the New Covenant

The Spirit dwelling in us to give us new life with a new heart for a new start!

Now/Not Yet: *Spirit in us on earth, but Christ still seated in heaven! Gentiles are being converted, but Israel is still scattered!*

- The Spirit is the **POWER** of Christ for believers: *Authority for ruling!*

Now/Not Yet: *Joel 2 in Acts 2 is only partially fulfilled!*

- The Spirit is the **PRIVILEGE** of the ascended Christ through believers: *Activity for representing!*
Acts 2:37-47

- Representing ***like prophets*** who speaks the truth as a witness.
- Representing ***like believer-priests*** who offer up sacrifices of praise & prayer.
- Representing ***like heralds of the king*** who grants life to the condemned.

Now/Not Yet: *The Church enjoys New Covenant spiritual blessings in Christ but is not Israel. Instead, Israel will enjoy her New Covenant blessings when the Kingdom comes!*

- The Spirit is the **PLEASURE** of the ascended Christ with believers: *Acceptance for rejoicing!*

Now/Not Yet: *The Spirit is the down payment of the coming kingdom blessings! Ephesians 1:13-14*

Zechariah 12:10; Isaiah 44:1-8; Joel 2:28-32; Romans 11:11-12

LOOK UP to the Prophet Greater than Moses who sent His Spirit and **LIVE OUT** His message and mission with power as His witnesses to the ends of the earth!