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A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF ACTS

The Wind of the Spirit

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Acts 2:1-13; John 14:16-18; John 16:5-15

The words, “and when the day of Pentecost had come” create a desire, a longing for God to pour out His Spirit today as He did then! Pentecost means “fiftieth.” It is the New Testament name for the Feast of Weeks (Exodus 34:22–23), or Harvest (Exodus 23:16), which was celebrated fifty days after Passover. In post-exilic Judaism, it also celebrated the giving of the Law to Moses. The Spirit’s coming on that day was linked to the pattern of feasts in the Old Testament.^[1] It was on this great day that God chose to send His Spirit to indwell and empower His people. At the manifestation of the Holy Spirit, God’s people were filled with power and the “movement” of Christianity began to rapidly spread. While Pentecost was a one-time event in history, the manifestation of God’s presence and power has occurred throughout history.

Key Thought: God ignites a movement when the Holy Spirit is manifest and fills believers with power.

From Acts 2:1-13 we learn:

Verse 1 – Live every day **expecting** God to fulfill what He has promised.

Verse 2 – Live every day **anticipating** God to reveal His person. (The principle of “suddenly”)

Verses 4-11 – Live every day **looking** for God to manifest His power.

Verses 12-13 – Live every day **willing** to respond to God’s Spirit.

The Holy Spirit will...

- enable you
- empower you
- encourage you
- guide you
- teach you

^[1] MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (1994). Acts. MacArthur New Testament Commentary (38). Chicago: Moody Press.

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Secret Power by Dwight L. Moody (Introduction by Walter Martin)

“D.L. Moody’s counsel is as sound today as when he preached and penned it in 1881. The secret of spiritual power is a vital relationship with the Holy Spirit after the new birth, not just at the time of the new birth. The fruits of the Spirit precede the gifts of the Spirit in a faith that works by love, and we neglect either fruits or gifts at the peril of dynamic spiritual power.”

Ephesians 5:18 (NASB95)

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:4 (NASB95)

And my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.

3 Requirements for the Spirit filled life:

- Emptying totally
- Yielding completely
- Seeking earnestly

“I have built the altar, and laid the wood in order, and have prepared the offering; I have only to wait for the fire.” – Evan Roberts