

Lesson 2 Part 4: The Day of Pentecost; part 1

Outpouring of the Holy Ghost in the context of parenthood:

I see the necessity of parents dealing in the wisdom of Christ with their erring children. Their hearts should be filled with the longsuffering of the Saviour, [BEGIN P.577] that they may draw their children to Him, not drive them away from Him. The father is to be a tender shepherd, drawing his children to Christ with the words of love, laboring untiringly for the erring. It is the unpromising ones who need the greatest patience and kindness, the most tender sympathy. But many parents reveal a cold, unpitying spirit, which will never lead the erring to repentance. Let the hearts of parents be softened by the grace of Christ, and His love will find a way to the heart. Then will come a Pentecostal outpouring of the Holy Spirit. {1888 576.1}

The Ellen G. White 1888 Materials. 1987; 2002 (576). Ellen G. White Estate.

THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE:

⁴⁵ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: ⁴⁶ Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

But Christ as the precious pearl, and our privilege of possessing this heavenly treasure, is the theme on which we most need to dwell. It is the Holy Spirit that reveals to men the preciousness of the goodly pearl. The time of the [BEGIN P.119] Holy Spirit's power is the time when in a special sense the heavenly gift is sought and found. In Christ's day many heard the gospel, but their minds were darkened by false teaching, and they did not recognize in the humble [BEGIN P.120] Teacher of Galilee the Sent of God. But after Christ's ascension His enthronement in His mediatorial kingdom was signaled by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. On the day of Pentecost the Spirit was given. Christ's witnesses proclaimed the power of the risen Saviour. The light of heaven penetrated the darkened minds of those who had been deceived by the enemies of Christ. They now saw Him exalted to be "a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins." Acts 5:31. They saw Him encircled with the glory of heaven, with infinite treasures in His hands to bestow upon all who would turn from their rebellion. As the apostles set forth the glory of the Only-Begotten of the Father, three thousand souls were convicted. They were made to see themselves as they were, sinful and polluted, and Christ as their friend and Redeemer. Christ was lifted up, Christ was glorified, through the power of the Holy Spirit resting upon men. By faith these believers saw Him as the One who had borne humiliation, suffering, and death that they might not perish but have everlasting life. The revelation of Christ by the Spirit brought to them a realizing sense of His power and majesty, and they stretched forth their hands to Him by faith, saying, "I believe." {COL 118.3}White, E. G. (1900; 2002). *Christ's Object Lessons* (118). Review and Herald Publishing Association.

Exodus 34:22 And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end.

1. General overview of Pentecost

1. Lev 23:15-22
 - held fifty days after the waving of first-fruits (verse 16)
 - called the Feast of Weeks because seven weeks were between it and the Passover feast (Deut 16:9-12)
 - called the Feast of Harvest, as it came at the close of the harvest (Exo 23:16)
 - one of the three principal annual feasts, when all the men of Israel were required to appear before Jehovah God in Jerusalem (Exo 23:17)
2. Num 28:25-31
 - not simply to bring a few heads of grain/a sheaf, as in the springtime (Lev 23:10b); but they were to bring a freewill-offering according as the Lord had blessed them (Deut 16:10)
 - as such it was, on occasion, referred to as the Day of the First-fruits (Num 28:26)
2. So you had a the Passover on the 14th (not a sabbath), Yashuah is crucified and His blood is on the doorpost of every allowing heart, the Feast of Unleavened Bread--a yearly sabbath on the 15th, Yashuah is the Bread of life (John 6:35,51) that rested in death on that high Sabbath, and the First-fruits, a yearly sabbath which that year was His resurrection day Christ being our First-fruits.
 - First-fruits represents Yashuah; without His resurrection no man could be resurrected.
 1. In addition, there was Pentecost seven weeks or fifty-days later.
 - Now, we see the Feast of Weeks/Pentecost/Fifty which took place fifty days after His death (or seven weekly Sabbaths after Unleavened Bread).
 - Furthermore, the former rain--outpouring of the Holy Ghost--took place because Yashuah went away and sent the Holy Ghost. This magnificent event did not take place because of the apostles hard work. You cannot evoke the Holy Spirit by praying eloquently!
 2. Note that during Yeshuah's 3 1/2 year ministry there were only a few, by comparison, people who accepted the message. However, when the antitypical Pentecost came, that is, when the seed which the Son of God Himself had sown during those 3 1/2 years of toil had sprung up, then came the harvest! (Read Acts 2:37-47)
 - as there was preparation for the disciples to become apostles and be prepared for Pentecost so we must submit to God so that He can prepare us to receive the latter rain
 - Those who enter into the spirit of the latter rain will, like the early disciples, lay all upon the altar to be used by the Lord in the great closing work.
 - Joel 2:23,24
 - He has given you the former rain moderately, and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain,...and the floors shall be full of wheat.

- This great harvest of souls at the antitypical Feast of Harvest was only the prelude to a greater harvest that will be gathered before the end of the world.

As the seed sown by the Son of man during His earthly ministry brought a harvest of souls at Pentecost, or the early rain, so the good seed sown by Christ's ambassadors who faithfully scatter the printed page filled, with the gospel message, and by voice and life teach the saving truth, will yield a bountiful harvest in the time of the latter rain, when God's Spirit is poured out upon all flesh. Then will be gathered the fruit of what each one has sown in the field. He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly, and he which soweth bountifully shall reap bountifully, (2 Cor. 9:6) is the divine promise.

BEING PREPARED FOR THE HOLY GHOST:

Read Acts 1:3-5,8,10,11,13-15

Read the below after verse 14

3661 ὁμοθυμαδόν [*homothumadon* /hom·oth·oo·mad·on/] [adv.](#) From a compound of the base of 3674 and 2372; [TDNT](#) 5:185; [TDNTA](#) 684; [GK](#) 3924; 12 occurrences; [AV](#) translates as "with one accord" 11 times, and "with one mind" once. **1** with one mind, with one accord, with one passion. *Additional Information:* A unique Greek word, used 10 of its 12 New Testament occurrences in the Book of Acts, helps us understand the uniqueness of the Christian community. Homothumadon is a compound of two words meaning to "rush along" and "in unison". The image is almost musical; a number of notes are sounded which, while different, harmonise in pitch and tone. As the instruments of a great concert under the direction of a concert master, so the Holy Spirit blends together the lives of members of Christ's church.

Strong, J. (1996). *The exhaustive concordance of the Bible*

WE LACK HOLY GHOST POWER BECAUSE OF OUR LAODICEAN ATTITUDE:

Read Revelation 3:14-22

Those who profess to keep the law of God and yet at heart are indulging in sin are condemned by the True Witness. They claim to be rich in a knowledge of the truth; but they are not in harmony with its sacred principles. The truth does not sanctify their lives. God's Word declares that the professed commandment-keeper whose life contradicts his faith is blind, wretched, poor, and naked. {FW 31.3} God's law is the mirror presenting a complete reflection of the man as he is, and holding up before him the correct likeness. Some will turn away and forget this picture, while others will employ abusive epithets against the law, as though this would cure their defects of character. Still others who are condemned by the law will repent of their transgressions and, through faith in Christ's merits, will perfect Christian character. [BEGIN P.32] {FW 31.4}

White, E. G. (1979; 2002). *Faith and Works* (31). Southern Publishing Association.

The Laodicean Message

Unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of My mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. {8T 304.1}

"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." Verses 14-22. {8T 304.2}

The Lord is soon coming. The watchmen on the walls of Zion are called upon to awake to their God-given responsibilities. God calls for watchmen who, in the power of the Spirit, will give to the world the last warning message; who will proclaim the time of night. He calls for watchmen who will arouse men and women from their lethargy, lest they sleep the sleep of death. {8T 304.3} [BEGIN P.305]

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Type

Antitype

Lev. 23:16. This feast was held seven weeks, or fifty days, from the offerings of first-fruits.

Deut. 16:16. All the men of the children of Israel were to appear before the Lord at Jerusalem at the time of this feast.

Ex. 23:16. The Feast of Harvest indicated the first-fruits of thy labors which thou hast sown in the field.

Deut. 16:11, 12. Those celebrating this feast in the type were to rejoice before the Lord and remember their freedom from Egyptian bondage.

Deut. 16:10. The children of Israel were to make liberal offerings at this feast, according as God had blessed them.

Acts 2:1. The day of Pentecost had fully come, that is, the full seven weeks had passed.

Acts 2:7-11. Men from all parts of the then known world were gathered at Jerusalem at the time of Pentecost.

Acts 2: 41. The antitype of the first-fruits was three thousand souls, the spiritual harvest gathered as the result of Christ's personal work.

Acts 2:41, 46. Those that shared in the antitypical Feast of Harvest made it a time of rejoicing on account of their freedom from the bondage of sin.

Acts 2:44,45. At the antitypical feast all that believed sold their possessions and goods and gave them to the Lord's work.

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