



The Outpouring

We can now study the great record of the outpouring of God's promised gift. Giving holy spirit to mankind is one of God's greatest acts of love. We should be so grateful that four verses of scripture document this event.

(Acts 2:1-4 KJV) 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.

Verse one:



(Acts 2:1 KJV) And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Pentecost was in the process of coming ever since Genesis 3:15 when God promised the coming of the seed.

(Gen 3:15 KJV) And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Time and time again, there were indications of an outpouring. God would place his spirit on someone in or-

der to talk to him. Often, this person would perform great spiritual acts because of this. This happened with Moses.

(Num 11:26-29 KJV) But there remained two of the men in the camp, the name of the one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad: and the spirit rested upon them; and they were of them that were written, but went not out unto the tabernacle: and they prophesied in the camp. {27} And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad do prophesy in the camp. {28} And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, one of his young men, answered and said, My lord Moses, forbid them. {29} And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? would God that all the LORD'S people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his

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spirit upon them!

All of the manifestations of the spirit with the exception of two can be traced to men of God in various times in the Old Testament. Speaking in tongues and speaking in tongues with interpretation were not available until the outpouring on Pentecost. It says, 'they were all with one accord in one place.' How exact the Word of God is.

Jesus had instructed these men before he ascended into heaven.

(John 20:21-22 KJV)
Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. {22} And when he had said this, he breathed on [in] them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

Can you believe this? Jesus provided instructions for receiving the gift into manifestation. What did Jesus do? He blew in and out. Even today, man ignores this. So many seek to receive, but are misled by the ignorance of others. It's time we pay attention to God's Word.

In John 20:21, just before the ascension, Jesus said 'peace be unto you.... In verse 22, 'on' is translated from the Greek preposition 'en' and means, 'in'. The word 'them' is improperly supplied; it is not in the text. Delete it. Jesus showed them what to do; he blew in and out. Try it. Purse your lips, suck in air and blow it out. That's what Jesus did. Was it possible to receive the gift at this time? No. Jesus taught them what to do on the day of the outpouring.

Verse two:

(Acts 2:2 KJV) And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

Suddenly, there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind. Heaven is any place above earth. This rushing mighty wind was a heavy breathing. The apostles followed Jesus' instructions. 'Rushing mighty wind' is translated from phero [rushing] biaios [mighty] pnoe [breath]. This three-word phrase means, 'rushing mighty breath.' One

translation translates this phrase, "as of a heavy breathing." They followed Jesus' instructions recorded in John 20:22; they breathed in.

Who did the breathing? The 12 Apostles were the ones making this noise. They did exactly what Jesus had instructed them to do. All 12 of them breathed in. Imagine this. Now, you breath in, and out. Repeat it until you believe these instructions. The Temple was suddenly filled with this sound. You might say, "Oh, no one could hear that." Have any of you ever stood in the Mormon temple in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA? If you dropped a pen, you could hear it all over. That's what it says, that's what it means. As they breathed in, the entire gathering heard them.

The heaving breathing filled all the house, the Temple, and should give us pause. Were they hanging from the chandeliers; were they shouting glory alleluia? A thousand times, no. They weren't even singing 'Standing on the Promises' sitting down. They weren't singing, they weren't shouting. The only noise they were making was of a heavy

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breathing. So much garbage has been taught in the holy spirit field, everything except the accuracy of God's Word. I didn't write the book, but there it is. It was an hour of prayer and these men were in the posture of prayer. We sit on chairs; they used prayer mats. They were praying. So many groups try to raise the spirit of their meetings with singing. The reason they can't raise the spirit of their meetings is because there's no spirit there anyway. Silly, silly, silly. The spirit's up before the meeting ever started.

I couldn't drive this home hard enough. The things of God are to be done decently and in order. Thousands have not manifested holy spirit because those who say that they believe in holy spirit have added so many sense knowledge things, and placed so much emphasis on feelings, that they have utterly queered the Pentecostal experience. Sincere, God loving Christians take the brunt of their ignorance. The apostles were in the Temple because it was an hour of prayer.

Verse three: The phenomena of Pentecost

(Acts 2:3 KJV) And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

What were 'cloven tongues like as of fire,' and who are the 'them'? The 12 Apostles are the 'them.' Above them appeared something 'like as' of fire. It wasn't fire. This great display was the phenomena of Pentecost.

God has to fulfill what He promises in His Word. He can't do less than His Word, but can He do more? Yes, but will never contradict the His Word. Phenomena takes place when God goes beyond what is written or guaranteed. Phenomena is God's prerogative and should never become doctrine. Otherwise, we'd all be expecting the exception rather than the rule. I cannot guarantee phenomena, but I can guarantee the Word if you carry it out literally. Learn God's Word and act on it. Cloven tongues are not guaranteed. If they did happen, it would be phenomena. It would not mean that you're special. God would be doing it for those present.

Are you familiar with the Old Testament account of Belshazzar?

(Dan 5:1-5 KJV) Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand. {2} Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein. {3} Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem; and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them. {4} They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone. {5} In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the king's pal-

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ace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.

This king had taken wonderful goblets from Jerusalem. He threw a party, invited many guests, and used these goblets to drink from. They were having a great time when, all of a sudden, fingers of a man's hand appeared and wrote on the wall. The words weren't painted, they were written. Could he go back and read them in the morning? Not at all. The fingers and the writing were phenomena.

(Dan 5:25-28 KJV) And this is the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. {26} This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. {27} TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. {28} PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.

This was written on that wall—'you've been weighed in the balances, and are found wanting.' That meant he was going down the

drain. The king started shaking, and that was the end of that man. Is it guaranteed that when every great ruler has a party, that God will write on the wall? No, but He that did for Belshazzar. That's phenomenon.

The greatness of the Word hung in the balances. The accuracy and integrity of God's Word as it relates to a man's life is what is hanging in the balance. If a man believes God's Word and obeys it, he'll have balance. But if he rejects God's Word, he'll sink to the bottom of life.

The cloven tongues like as of fire cued the Apostles. Then they breathed in. They believed and they received.

It says that these cloven tongues like as of fire 'sat' upon each of them. 'Sat' means that something had been completed.

(Gen 2:2 KJV) And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

On the 7th day after the creation, it says that God rested.

He wasn't tired; His creativity had been completed.

(Mark 16:19 KJV) So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

When Jesus ascended to God's right hand, he sat down. He completed his work. Since then, God hasn't given another gift, but He did give it on the day of Pentecost. That was the outpouring.

Verses two and three are written in reverse order. You can reverse them without harming God's Word. Cloven tongues appeared as the sign; the twelve apostles started breathing in and out.

Verse four:

(Acts 2:4 KJV) And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

'They were all filled' means that no one was missed. The 12 apostles were where they were supposed to be when

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they were supposed to be there. If you obey God's word, you won't miss a thing.

They were all filled with pneuma hagion. The King James Version added the article 'the'. This word isn't in the text. Delete it. Another grave mistake the translators made was to capitalize Holy Ghost. 'Ghost' is old English, a word we don't normally use. Holy spirit is never capitalized in any Greek text. They should be small h and s. The context determines whether God or His gift is the subject. In verse four, the gift from the Giver is the subject (in the first phrase). The 12 apostles began to speak. In the second phrase, 'as the Spirit gave ...' 'spirit' must be capitalized. God provides the words to speak.

The 12 apostles received the gift, not the Giver. On the day of Pentecost, God gave His gift, holy spirit. It says they were all filled with pneuma hagion, holy spirit, which was His gift.

Much love in Christ,

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