



SUNDAY SERMON

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Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: The Outpouring

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Key Scripture: Acts 2:1-18 (NLT)

Introduction

Pentecost is about the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon God's people.

Jesus had told his disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they received the promise of the Father. There were 120 people in an upper room when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon them.

The church of Jesus Christ was birthed that day, birthed in the power of the Holy Spirit.

It has never been God's plan for his church to operate without the power of the Spirit. Jesus is building His Church by the Holy Spirit.

In Acts 2 we get a picture of what took place that day:

- A Mighty rushing wind.
- Tongues of fire on each person's head.
- They were filled with the Holy Spirit.
- They spoke in other languages.

1. Understanding Pentecost.

Pente means 5.

Coste means x 10.

Pentecost means 50th.

In the Old Testament the feast of Pentecost took place 50 days after Passover and the Israelites exodus from Egypt. It was also called the feast of weeks because it took place 7 weeks after Passover.

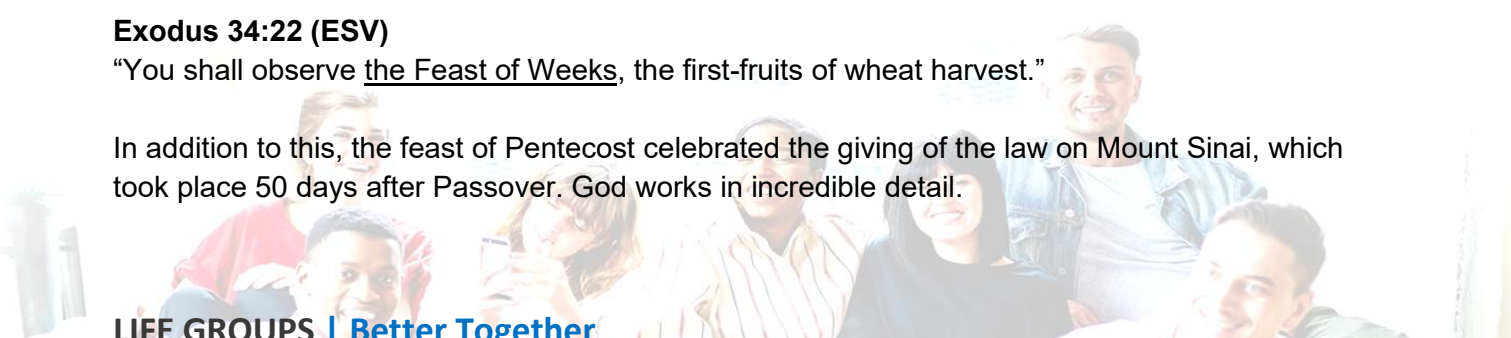
Exodus 34:22 (ESV)

"You shall observe the Feast of Weeks, the first-fruits of wheat harvest."

In addition to this, the feast of Pentecost celebrated the giving of the law on Mount Sinai, which took place 50 days after Passover. God works in incredible detail.

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Leviticus 23:15-16 (ESV)

“You shall count seven full weeks from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering. ¹⁶ You shall count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath. Then you shall present a grain offering of new grain to the LORD.”

Why did God choose the feast of Pentecost to pour out His Holy Spirit?

Because it was a harvest festival, and a time to thank God for the beginning of the harvest. The first-fruits of the wheat harvest were given to God. God was saying, “It is harvest time.”

And a harvest of 3000 people were added to their church on the day of Pentecost in the book of Acts. In Acts 4 we read about a further 2000 people being added.

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost made a massive impact on Jerusalem. The noise was heard from afar, and people gathered to see what was happening.

Pentecost is a reminder to us that it is still harvest time in the Kingdom of God today!

2. Pentecost empowers you to be a witness

God gave His followers His Holy Spirit to empower them to accomplish the work of the Kingdom of God. And we too need the Holy Spirit’s power.

We don’t witness in our own strength, we witness in His power, ability and authority.

Romans 8:11 tells us that “the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead lives in us.”

Acts 1:8 (NKJV)

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Receive power – Become witnesses.

To be a witness simply means telling people about Jesus Christ. Making Him Known! Sharing His love.

We are called to be on a mission in the places where God has put us, to the people around us. But we need to do this in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:11 (NLT) – “We all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!”



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Acts 2:3 (NLT) – “Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them.”

Why did they begin speaking in other earthly languages?

Because people had gathered from countries far and wide to celebrate the feast of Pentecost, and they go to hear the Good News about Jesus shared in their own languages. This was the launch of the world-wide church as people could return to their homes and share the Gospel. The Gospel messages is for all nations.

This is the only time recorded in Scripture of speaking in foreign languages. After this the references to speaking in tongues refer to an unknown heavenly language.

John 4:35 (NKJV) – Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!

There is a harvest of souls around us. The Lord is calling us to be His witnesses and to spread the Good News

3. Experience Pentecost for yourself.

Acts 2:4 (NKJV) – “And they were ALL filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

The were ALL filled with the Holy Spirit. This is the Father’s heart for us. Too many people are spectators, watching from afar but not impacted personally. We mustn’t just marvel at the story of Pentecost; we need to let it stir a Godly hunger inside of us and cry out for the Holy Spirit to fill us to overflowing.

If you haven’t received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, ask someone who has been baptised in the Holy Spirit to lay their hands on you and to pray for you.

Acts 19:6 – “And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.”

John 7:37-39a (NKJV) – On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive.

4 Keys:

- Thirst
- Come
- Drink (Receive)
- Believe

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