

THE DAY OF PENTECOST by Lucinda Davidoff June 5, 2022

I would say that after the death and resurrection of our Jewish Messiah Jesus. Pentecost would be the most significant event and ushers in for us Christians an eternal Pentecost season.

The name Pentecost comes from the Greek word pentekoste which means fiftieth.

In Hebrew Pentecost is called Shavuot, which is the festival of weeks. As this second first fruit offering was to be brought exactly 7 weeks after Passover. Which is 50 days.

BUT what I really want to emphasize as we look at Pentecost is that Jewish tradition hails the Festival of Weeks as the anniversary of the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai.

On that day the giving of the LAW by God there was wind; there was lighting; there was thunder; there was smoke; and there was fire. The voice of God was audibly heard by the entire nation when he spoke the Ten Commandments. According to the rabbis, this event took place exactly fifty days after the day of the exodus from Egypt. Historically, it was the original Shavu'ot.

Exodus 20:18 And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off.

19 And they said unto Moses, you speak with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die.

20 And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that you sin not.

Most modern translations of **Exodus 20:18** a render it something like the ESV (all emphasis mine):

Now when all the people **saw the thunder** and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking

But Young's Literal Translation reads:

And all the people are **seeing the voices**, and the flames, and the sound of the trumpet, and the mount smoking

In the Hebrew, the verse literally reads, **“And all the people saw the voices and the torches.”**

Remember Abraham laid on the ground the 5 animals God had told Him to lay on the ground And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning torch that passed between those pieces.

18 In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

They were shaken to the core and frightened.

But instead of accepting this powerful, holy God and walking with Him as Moses had. They asked Moses to speak to God instead of them personally.

Hebrew word **קוֹל** (*kol*) can be translated as both "voice" and "thunder."

So we see the people shunned the fire, they rather clung to their idols, their sin and didn't embrace the refining power of being in a relationship with Yahweh.

God came near and they backed off.

Today we again are celebrating Pentecost. Will you come near and embrace the fire of the Holy Spirit or will you stand far off?

Fast forward to the day of Pentecost 1200 years later it was again Shavu'ot, a harvest festival, was celebrated with the first fruits of the wheat harvest, brought to the Temple in Jerusalem and baked into two loaves of leavened bread. In addition to the wheat, the pilgrims celebrating Shavu'ot brought the firstfruits of

all their crops and offered them before the altar, so at the time of Pentecost Jerusalem was filled with people bringing these first fruits to the temple let's read Jesus tells His disciples to Tarry and wait for the Promise of the Father.

Jesus said in Luke 24:49 "Behold I send the Promise of my Father upon you, but tarry in the city of Jerusalem, until you are endued with the **power** from on high."

Now remember Jesus had shown Himself to at least 500 witnesses and disciples after His resurrection and He told them all to go and wait and yet we find 120 in the upper room. I feel that is a real reflection of the church's obedience to Jesus regarding waiting for the Holy Spirit UNTIL you receive Him- only a 5th of those that He appeared to went to wait for the promise He told them to wait for.

Will you wait? Will you receive it? Will you be desperate for an infilling of Holy Spirit?

Jesus the baptizer:

John said **Matthew 3-11** "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the **Holy Spirit and fire**."

Jesus said:

Acts 1:5 "For John (the Baptist) truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized (empowered) with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Acts 1:8 "But you will 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."

Acts 2:1 "When the Day of Pentecost had 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 the whole house where they were sitting.

3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each one of them.

4 And they were **ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT** and **BEGAN TO SPEAK** with **OTHER TONGUES**, as the **SPIRIT** gave them utterance.”

5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?

8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,

10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,

11 Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

13 Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.

16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon **all** flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and notable day of the Lord come:

21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

25 For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:

27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.

29 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool.

36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made the same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, **and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?**

38 Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

39 **For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD our God shall call**

What promise is Acts 2:39 talking about – the promise that Jesus gave in **Luke 24:49** “Behold I send the Promise of my Father upon you, but tarry in the city of Jerusalem, until you are endued with the **power** from on high.”

The Holy Spirit came upon each of them.

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

They began to speak with other tongues or in a heavenly language.

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

17 And these signs shall follow them **that believe**; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Being baptized in the Holy Spirit is an essential part of being a disciple of Jesus

Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized. **13** Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done. **14** Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, **15** who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. **16** For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **17** Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

14 When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that [the people of] Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. **15** They came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit; **16** for He had not yet fallen on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus [as His possession]. **17** Then Peter and John laid their hands on them [one by one], and they received the Holy Spirit.

Why should I be filled with the Holy Spirit?

1. Tongues is a prayer language

1 Corinthians 14:2 “For he who speaks in a tongue (heavenly language) does not speak to men, but to God, for no one understands him; however in the spirit he speaks mysteries.”

1 Corinthians 14:4 “For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.”

So instead of praying in your natural language you are praying in your tongue to God- so it's a form of prayer

You are a spirit being.

You have a soul, mind, will, emotions.

You live in a body, your earth suite.

The real you, your spirit speaks to God as He is a Spirit being.

Praying in the spirit allows your spirit to dominate instead of your mind and your flesh.

Example: A few weeks ago I woke up and felt deeply discouraged. So I started to pray in my heavenly language for about 15 or 20mins and I started feeling encouraged and filled with hope and in my spirit I felt that I needed to pray for the other pastors in Newport Beach.

Well the very next week two Pastors from different Newport congregations texted me to come and be a part of two different prayer groups, praying for our Pastors in Newport Beach.

God wants to take us from strength to strength and glory to glory.

He wants to take you to another level of spiritual edification and power.

God is deep and deep calls to deep.

2. Praying in the Spirit helps you to pray according to the perfect will of God

Romans 8:20 “Likewise, the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses, for we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”

3. Praying in the Spirit builds up your faith.

Jude 20 “...building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.”

Smith Wigglesworth said I never go 30 minutes without praying in tongues.

Apostle Paul says in 1 Corinthians 14:18 I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all;

The two main ways of growing spiritually and in faith is to read your bible (faith comes by hearing, and hearing the Word of God) and to pray in your heavenly language. When you pray constantly, your spirit grows and you become more alert and alive to the Lord and the spiritual world. Your rate of your spiritual growth is very much dependent on you and your commitment to studying the Word and praying in the Spirit.

4. Praying in the spirit gives us boldness to witness for the Lord.

Acts 1:8 “...you will receive power...”

All of us need boldness to share the gospel with those around us. When you are baptized with the Holy Spirit a new level of boldness and authority comes upon you to do the will of the Lord and to witness about Jesus.

HOW DO I RECEIVE THIS EMPOWERMENT?

1. Come to the Father in faith

Hebrews 11:6 "...he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

The same way you came to the Father God to save you is the same way you come to Jesus to Baptize you with the Holy Spirit. I encourage you to open your heart to Him right now and let Him empower you and Baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

2. You have to ask and receive

You have to ask Jesus to baptize you with the Holy Spirit the same way you asked Him to save you.

Luke 11:13 "...how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

It is no use asking for a gift and then when the gift is given you do not take it. Jesus is giving the gift of the Holy Spirit with the gift of this heavenly language known as 'speaking in tongues', to all those who ask. You just need to believe, ask, receive and then speak by faith.

You need to move your lips and speak and the Holy Spirit will give you the words.

When you speak your mind will not understand what you are saying as your interaction with the Lord is spiritual, not natural, so don't try to make sense of what you are saying. Just speak and know it is your spirit speaking to the Lord with the help of the Holy Spirit.

The devil may put thoughts in your mind that it is not real or that you look like a fool. Just ignore these thoughts and by faith keep on speaking.

Your entire spiritual walk with the Lord will go to a dynamic level as you speak in your heavenly language. It's a direct hotline to the Lord. Just imagine that. Some people would give the world to have a meeting with a president, the richest person in the world or to just meet their favorite celebrity.

Just consider that you can speak to the Lord, your Heavenly Father who created the heavens and the earth anytime and anywhere. Imagine that Holy God wants to talk to you. He cares for you and values you. He cares about what is happening in your life and wants to be actively involved in it. I encourage you my friend, to speak to your heavenly Father in your own native language but more especially your heavenly language.

You may pray this prayer to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

"Thank you Father God and Jesus for baptizing Me with the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit, come now and fill me with your presence and power. Please lead me and guide me, comfort me and empower me to be a bold witness for Jesus. Lord, fill me now with your Holy Spirit. I will move my lips and speak to God in my heavenly language, right now in the name of Jesus. Amen." **Now! Begin to move your lips and speak in your new heavenly language, by faith.**