



You Shall Receive Power

Acts 1:6-14

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The disciples were told You shall receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit

This text tells us what happens next and how they responded

I was thinking.

If these had been some modern church folk

That I have encountered

The response would be different

Some folks when they hear baptism in the holy Spirit they run screaming – “Not that”...Jesus you’re not going to make me into one of them tongue talking Pentecostals

Other folks get all religious, “Why don’t you know that’s of the devil, I’m not going to have anything to do with it

Some preachers would say

The holy Spirit is not for today.

They need the holy Spirt in the first century, but now we have the Bible.

When the disciples were told you shall receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit



They have a curious response too.

1. A CURIOUS RESONSE

Acts 1:6

They asked, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

That question seems out of place and curious, but these guys were familiar with the promises of God

You see, God had promised that He would pour out His Spirit as a sign of the last days when God would establish his kingdom on the earth and restore his people.



Specifically

Ezekiel 39:25

"So now, this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will end the captivity of my people; I will have mercy on all Israel, for I jealously guard my holy reputation!

Ezekiel 39:29

And I will never again turn my face from them, for I will pour out my Spirit upon the people of Israel. I, the Sovereign LORD, have spoken!"

So when Jesus says that the long awaited outpouring of the Spirit

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the baptism with the Holy Spirit –

Is just a few days a way,

They asked for a clarification:

"DO YOU MEAN THE END IS THAT CLOSE?"

Jesus had been with them for 40 days talking about the kingdom of God.

He had told them that the kingdom would be restored to Israel –

LUKE 22 records that They were told that they themselves would sit on thrones as rulers along with Jesus



Luke 22:29-30

And just as my Father has granted me a Kingdom, I now grant you the right to eat and drink at my table in my Kingdom. And you will sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

So I guess it makes sense that they would have viewed the Baptism in the Spirit as ushering in the end



However they did not have a grasp of

2. THE TIMES AND THE SEASONS

JESUS RESPONDS TO THEIR QUESTION?

Acts 1:7

And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.

There are a number of places in the scripture that talk about the timing of God's plans... .

2 Peter 3:8 is one of my favorite.

But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

Another is Jesus parable of the 10 virgins in Matthew 25

When a young man wanted to marry. He and His father would go to the women's home and there would be a negotiation over the prices the father would pay for the bride.

When the price was agreed upon and the young man would offer the woman a cup and they would share the drink and would at that time be betrothed.

Then the young man would go away home where he would build room for his new family onto His fathers house.

This was the time of engagement.

At the right time

the father would say

the house is ready

and then the young man would go with his friends to the community of the young woman to bring her to the wedding

The young woman did not know when the bridegroom would come.

So the bride had to be prepared..



Matthew 25:13

Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

Jesus is putting things in perspective

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit is the prophetic fulfillment of the end times and the ushering in of the Kingdom of God

But the time between the engagement and the wedding supper of the lamb **Will be the time of the Spirit**

The church age.

As we know Nearly 2000 years has passed...



The Spirit has a very specific purpose

3. THE SPIRITS PURPOSE

Acts 1:8

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."

These are Jesus final words.

From the day of Pentecost until the time of Jesus second coming we will be empowered to be witnesses.



Notice three points in ACTS 1:8

1. IT OUTLINES JESUS GOAL FOR WORLD EVANGELISM

From Jerusalem to the end of the earth

ACTS 1:8 is a blue print for our life and ministry in the church

What is the PLAN – iT is to take the gospel to the whole world beginning at Jerusalem

Matthew 24:14

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Sometimes you hear the comment "Certainly most everyone has heard of Jesus by now. Surely missionaries have been sent to every country. Haven't we just about completed the Great Commission?"



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Luke 24:47

It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: 'There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.'



2. IT REVEALS THE AGENT OF THIS GOALS FULFILLMENT - THE HOLY SPIRIT

He works along side us

John 16:8

And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment.

That He is working to convince people to repent and find forgiveness

John 16:13

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth.

The Spirit is the Paraklete

One called alongside to Make us complete

All believers have two paracletes: 1 is the Son of God in heaven. First John 2:1 says, "If anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

Then we have the Holy Spirit.

He will fill in the gaps
 To guide us with power
 Comfort us
 Encourage us
 And even give us words to say



3. IT DESCRIBES THE MODE BY WHICH IT WILL BE CARRIED OUT

For YOU shall receive this power

power to be witnesses.

The Power BRINGS IT ALL TOGETHER

What is the Power exactly

The Greek word is dunamis.

From it we get the word dynamite. BOOM explosive power

But we also get the word Dynomo – which is a consistent sustaining power...

To do the work of the Lord.

Matthew 9:35

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

Heal the sick

Raise the dead
 The lame walk
 The blind see
 The deaf hear
 Lepers are cleansed
 Devils are cast out
 In the name of Jesus



John 14:12

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

I have always taken that to mean Greater in volume
 ? How's that going for you...?



I saw these statistics the other day about us
95% of Christians have never won a soul
80% of Christians do not consistently witness
Less than 2% are involved in the ministry of evangelism
71% do not give toward the financing of the great commission
100% want God to Bless Them

I have a theory... You will rarely see the real power of God unless you get busy and get involved in the work.



Mark 16:17-18

And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by

no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

We can meet together in the church and have a hallelujah time.
But our real purpose exist outside the doors.



After Acts 1:8... There is

4. NOTHING MORE TO BE SAID

Acts 1:9

Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

There wasn't any more to be said.
It's time to get busy - NOW

What did the disciples do?



Acts 1:10-11

And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

So all of them went back to Jerusalem and waited...

Waited in obedience

Waited for the promise

Waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit

Something the world had never seen before.

In the Old Testament

The Spirit came upon individuals in order to accomplish specific goals.

For the most part it was Kings and Prophets and sometimes artisans.

Beginning at Pentecost the Spirit became available for all believer to empower US to do God's Will now

As I close I want to Come back to my original observation

It's amazing the different response modern people have to these word

But you shall receive power

The power is given to enable his witnesses to take the gospel to the end of the earth

that assignment is not yet complete.

The Holy Spirit is still working

Where do you stand?