

INSPIRED WORD
August 8, 2018

Teaching – The Power of Pentecost / Gifts of the Holy Spirit

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, this group of people is ready to receive Your gifts. Your people want to serve others. Your people want a new faith in You, a divine certitude that makes miracles happen. Let them see Your power moving in their lives. Give them the grace to truly believe in who You say You are and in Your promises. I ask You to anoint them with this gift of faith. Just as the disciples prayed, "Increase our faith," so we pray, Lord. Increase our faith. Give us the faith to receive miracles. You said You were not able to work miracles in the town of Capernaum because they did not have faith. We don't want Colorado Springs to be like Capernaum, Lord, so we ask You for this gift of faith. I ask You to anoint these people with the gift of faith, a faith so powerful that it moves mountains. Lord, we are surrounded by mountains here, and they speak Your word to us, that You can give us faith that will move them. So, Lord, I beg You, pour forth this gift upon this group of people. Pour forth the gift of faith that can move mountains. And I beg You to send forth a new anointing for healing. I beg You, Lord, to begin to anoint hands in this room. Begin to anoint their hands, Lord, that when the sick come to them, they will be healed, physically healed, emotionally healed and spiritually healed – and every manner of healing, Lord. Work new wonders in this place. I beg You, Lord, to release Your gift of healing. And we beg You to release Your gift of miracles, that when we pray, we will receive unexpected answers to our prayers, supernatural answers to our prayers, that we will feel the power of God flowing in this place, flowing in our prayer lives, that people might know that there is nothing that You cannot do, that You are a God who makes the impossible possible. Please, Lord, release that gift of miracles in all of our lives. I beg You, Lord, to give this people an anointing for faith, healing and miracles. And I also ask You, Lord, that whatever difficulties they're facing in their lives, that Your power might move in them now, that You are present. Their situations will change because Your love is working in these situations, that they will experience breakthroughs, Lord. I ask You to let them experience breakthroughs. Those of them who are praying for jobs or financial difficulties, those who need prayers for their children, that their children might be converted, Lord, we ask You for breakthroughs in these situations. We ask You for breakthroughs. I ask You to heal every heartache in this room because we believe in who You say You are. We believe that You are a healer; we believe that You are a deliverer; we believe that You are a strong God, a mighty God, that You work wonders for Your people. We ask You to work new signs and wonders this day, Lord. We ask You that the scriptures might be fulfilled in this people, that You will work new signs and wonders. Come,

Holy Spirit, come and fill this place and anoint Your people. Praise You, Jesus. We thank You for the new gifts that You have released and are releasing and will release in this group of people. We praise You, Lord. We ask You to increase our faith, increase our faith that we might receive Your miracles and be instruments of Your miracles. Jesus, we ask this in Your most holy name. Amen.

EXHORTATION / PRAYER

As we continue to give praise to the God who loves us so very, very much, let us not be afraid to step out; let us not be afraid to yield to the gifts this night - because God is here. So, Lord, we are here as Your people and we open our hearts to You right now, and we say, "Lord, anything You want, anything You want." Release Your Holy Spirit. Glory to You.

SENSE / PRAYER

When I came in here tonight there was a sweet savor. I could smell the savor of the Lord over the house. It was just... Anytime the presence of the Lord is there, you're going to smell His presence because He brings a sweet savor of His presence among His people any time He's there. O Father, we just thank You and praise You and exalt Your holy name. We thank You for Your presence; we thank You for the savor, the sweet savor of Your presence tonight. We praise You and exalt You and magnify Your name. For You are the King of kings, yes, You are the Lamb, the holy risen Lamb, the righteous King of kings. We praise You and exalt You and magnify Your name. For You alone are worthy, worthy of honor and worthy of glory and worthy of all praise. And we just thank You for Your savor, O Lord. Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb.

SCRIPTURE

From **Revelation 5:9-13**: *"You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation; you've made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on earth." Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels numbering thousands upon thousands and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders in a loud voice, they sang, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise, honor and glory and power for ever and ever!"*

PROPHECY

This has stayed with me for the last three songs and I just sense that God the Father was saying to each one of us: My children, I give you the sword of the Spirit. Go forth and cut down evil wherever you find it.

SENSE

Jesus says, "I am your healer."

CONFIRMATION

God's mercy is all around us.

SHARING / SCRIPTURE

As we've been talking about the gifts of the Holy Spirit, I know one thing that's difficult is that we question, "Well, is that from me or is it from God?" And I have one way that I always know that it's from God because my cheeks feel like they're on fire, and I've never been in front of a mirror so I don't know if they actually turn red but they are just on fire. And last Wednesday during adoration, I'm reading this book called "Rediscover Jesus" and it takes you to different scripture chapters and books. It's kind of points to ponder, and I was reading four or five different ones and all of a sudden I came to this particular one and my cheeks just started flaming so I thought, okay, God wants me to pay attention to this one. And I didn't know if I was supposed to share it tonight but then those last two songs about mercy... my cheeks started getting really hot so I thought I'm meant to share it. This is from **Sirach 2**: *My children, if you come forward to serve the Lord, prepare yourself for temptation. Set your heart right and be steadfast, and do not be hasty in time of calamity. Cleave to him and do not depart, that you may be honored at the end of your life. Accept whatever is brought upon you, and in changes that humble you be patient. For gold is tested in fire, and acceptable men in the furnace of humiliation. Trust in him, and he will help you; make your ways straight, and hope in him. You who fear the Lord, wait for his mercy; and turn not aside, lest you fall. You who fear the Lord, trust in him, and your reward will not fail; you who fear the Lord, hope for good things, for everlasting joy and mercy will be yours. Consider the ancient generations and see: who ever trusted in the Lord was not put to shame. And who ever persevered in the fear of the Lord was never forsaken. And who ever called upon him was never overlooked. For the Lord is compassionate and merciful; he forgives sins and saves in time of affliction. Woe to timid hearts and to slack hands, and to the sinner who walks along two ways! Woe to the faint heart, for it has no trust! Therefore it will not be sheltered. Woe to you who have lost your endurance! What will you do when the Lord punishes you? Those who fear the Lord will not disobey his words, and those who love him will keep his ways. Those who fear the Lord will seek his approval, and those who love him will be filled with the law of love. Those who fear the Lord will prepare their hearts, and will humble themselves before him. Let us fall into the hands of*

the Lord, but not into the hands of men; for as his majesty is, so also is his mercy. And I just let that image: Let us fall into the hands of the Lord. He's got mighty big hands; He'll hold us.

CONFIRMATION / IMAGE

I'd like to confirm that about God's hands. I was just really sensing the sweetness of God here tonight and as we were singing that last song I was just getting this image and it was like I heard God saying to us to reach up like a child. And then I saw God behind each of us holding our hands, like when you're teaching a little child to walk, maybe that child is one, or not even one year old. And God is encouraging us and pretty soon each one of us is walking, and pretty soon each of us is dancing with the joy of the Lord.

EXHORTATION

Okay, maybe God is calling us to do that right now. What do you think? Stand up and reach up.

PRAYER

Thank You, Lord, for all Your gifts, for all the answered prayer. Thank You for Your grace and mercy, which have visited us this evening and which move through this place, touching hearts, ever open heart, touching minds, touching desires, touching problems.

SENSE / WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

I have a word for this group, two words actually. I can sense in my mind that some of you, when it comes to receiving the gifts, the Lord is wanting to say, "The time is now. What are you waiting for?" And I have this sense that some of you come here and you pray for the gifts and you're waiting for... I don't know, your hands to start tingling or something. You want a sign that you received a certain gift before you get up and use it. And I think that the Lord wants to create in you, especially this week, an awareness that He's bringing you people all throughout your day who need these gifts, and He wants to use you for these gifts. But He wants to increase the awareness in you that it's already there. The time is now; you just need to step out in faith. And then the second sense is that some of you are using your gifts but they're not as powerful as they could be because you're using them in isolation. And Jesus sends us two by two. And my sense is that He wants to strengthen this community. I can see in my mind people praying together and going out to minister to others, leaving this place and going out to those who may not believe in God and ministering to them in teams, strengthening the community but also the gifts because we need each other's gifts; they build off of each other. Jesus wants to break that isolation and create a unity which is dynamic, that has power, but He'll bring this about for you.

Message in Tongues

INTERPRETATION

I heard one word and it was “boldness”. I hope someone else here has the rest of it.

INTERPRETATION

I got two words: “soldier” and “healer.”

INTERPRETATION

Look back in the past to whom I have chosen. Look at David, a mere shepherd boy. I have chosen tax collectors; I have chosen fishermen; I have chosen a man who had a speech problem and required his brother to speak for him. Look back in the past at those I have chosen. They were not qualified to do the job I wanted them to do. I qualified them. I gave them power. They went in boldness. I am choosing you as much as I chose Moses, as much as I chose David, as much as I chose the twelve apostles. I choose you.

INTERPRETATION

The time is now. The harvest is ready and laborers are few. I am calling you; I’m calling you now. The time is now and I’m calling you.

INTERPRETATION

I have sent a fire upon you. I have given you the fire and this fire will not be distinguished. It will come out. I have sent this fire to you to go out. I have given you this fire. Be not afraid but go forward. I have sent you this fire of the Spirit of God. I am with you always.

INTERPRETATION

I ask you to love, to love all those who are not like you, those who are different from you. Love each and every one of you, all of those who are not like us, all of those who are different colors, and different shades, and different in the world. I called you all to love everyone.

EXHORTATION

And with those words comes the grace, people of God. The Lord pours it forth and we’re called to receive it. We’re called to say yes, to say yes to the boldness; yes to the fact that the fire is lit; yes to the fact of going out; yes to the fact of having courage and yielding to the gifts of the Holy Spirit; yes to those things – yes, yes. And I would ask you now... the word is very clear, the word is very strong. If you are willing to say to the Lord now, “Yes, Lord, yes, I receive, yes, yes, yes. Count on me,” why don’t you stand or do something else that indicates that you are ready to receive? “I am ready to receive. I want to receive, Lord. You’re going to pour it forth and I’m willing to receive that. Send me.” And here we are, with sincerity of heart. You know,

there's so much need and the Lord is pouring forth His gifts and calling us to do that, to meet that need. We've heard that tonight, so say yes, Lord, send me.

IMAGE

As Jessica taught us tonight, one image that she gave us was Jesus passing through the crowd with his tassels and the woman reached up to touch them so that she could touch His prayer life and the power that came from Him because of who He was. And as we say yes to the Lord, I have the sense that He is passing by right now with that robe and He is saying to us: Reach out and touch the tassel; then be made bold, made new, be strengthened that you may go forth and touch others. That when they touch you, they will have touched me.”

PRAYER

So, Lord, in the midst of Your holy anointing, in the midst of Your very clear call, we thank You and give You praise. We thank You for this evening and we thank You for Your grace, thank You for Your mercy, and thank You for Your gifts. And Lord, we stand ready; we stand ready to walk in Your anointing. We stand ready to walk in Your anointing. Glory to You.