



#3 "EARTH, WIND, AND FIRE - Part II"

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Sermon Notes

Pentecost celebrates a NEW BEGINNING where Israel was the FIRST FRUITS of INTIMACY WITH GOD

"This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people." Jer. 31:31-33

I. Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All... were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

A. The Holy Spirit is revealed by WIND and BRINGS LIFE

B. The Holy Spirit is revealed by FIRE and BRINGS GOD'S PRESENCE

C. The Holy Spirit is revealed by TONGUES and BREAKS DOWN THE BARRIERS BETWEEN US

D. The Holy Spirit is revealed in COMMUNITY but EACH PERSON IS ALSO TOUCHED INDIVIDUALLY

The Holy Spirit came THROUGH WIND AND FIRE and sent Jesus' disciples TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

II. Acts 2:5-11

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “*Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?*” ⁸ **Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language?** ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs — we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!”

The Holy Spirit noticed EVEN THE LEAST LIKELY

and VALUED WHAT WAS DISTINCTLY THEM

Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

1 Corinthians 1:26-27

III. Acts 2:12-13

¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

The Holy Spirit brings HONOR AND HUMILIATION

as HE COMES WITH COMPREHENSION AND ECSTASY

Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. ¹² We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. ¹³ If we are “out of our mind,” as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. ¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:11-17