



PROCEEDING WORD APOSTOLIC MINISTRIES

... God's Word Prospers with Purpose ~ Isaiah 55:11 ...

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“It’s Harvest Time”

Pentecost Sunday

(Shavuot ~ Feast of Weeks ~ Harvest ~ Firstfruits)

Introduction

- The supernatural harvest of God can only come if we Shavuot (accept the Word of God into our hearts) and then give God the firstfruit of our lives ~ obedience, submission and communion with and to the divine presence of God.

Scripture Text & Message

Acts 1:1-11 (KJV)

¹ The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

² Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

³ To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

⁴ And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

⁵ For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

⁶ When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

⁷ And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

⁸ But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

⁹ And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

¹⁰ And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

¹¹ Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Acts 2:1-4 (KJV)

² And ^{G2532} when ^{G1722} the day ^{G2250} of Pentecost ^{G4005} was fully come, ^{G4845} they were ^{G2258} all ^{G537} with one accord ^{G3661} in ^{G1909} one place. ^{G846}

PENTECOST - Lexicon :: Strong's G4005 - *pentēkostē*

Πεντηκοστή

Transliteration

pentēkostē

Pronunciation

pen-tā-ko-stā' (Key)

Part of Speech

feminine noun

Root Word (Etymology)

Feminine of the ord. of Πεντήκοντα (G4004)

Outline of Biblical Usage

1. Pentecost = "the fiftieth day"

- a. the second of the three great Jewish feasts, celebrated at Jerusalem yearly, the seventh week after the Passover, in grateful recognition of the completed harvest

συμπληρώ

Transliteration <i>symplēroō</i>	Pronunciation sūm-plā-ro'-ō (Key)
Part of Speech verb	Root Word (Etymology) From σύν (G4862) and πληρώω (G4137)
Outline of Biblical Usage	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to fill completely <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. of the hold of a ship 2. to complete entirely, be fulfilled: of time 	
KJV Translation Count — Total: 3x	
The KJV translates Strong's G4845 in the following manner: fill (1x), be come (1x), be fully come (1x).	

- **2:1 Day of Pentecost.** “Pentecost” means “fiftieth and refers to the Feast of Weeks (Ex. 34:22, 23) or Harvest (Lev. 23:16), which was celebrated 50 days after Passover in May/June (Lev. 23:15-22). It was one of 3 annual feasts for which the nation was to come to Jerusalem (see notes on Ex. 23:14-19). At Pentecost, an offering of firstfruits of the believer’s inheritance (cf. 2 Cor 5:5; Eph. 1:11, 14). Those gathered into the church then were also the firstfruits of the full harvest of all believers to come after.
- **Exodus 23:14-19 ...** There were three specific feasts that required all males to be present at a central sanctuary, having a socially and religiously uniting effect on the nation. The men must trust the Lord to protect their landholdings while on the pilgrimage to the tabernacle (cf. 34:23, 24). All three feasts were joyful occasions.
 - **The Feast Of Unleavened Bread** - A Commemoration Of The Exodus
 - **The Feast of Harvest** - an expression of gratitude to God for all the grain He had provided ; The Feast of Weeks ~ Shavuot (34:22) - it is held seven weeks after the second night of Passoverⁱ; marks God’s giving of the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. **Firstfruits** (34:22; Acts 2:1)
 - **The Feast of Ingathering; The Feast of Tabernacles or Booths** (Lev. 23:33-36) - and a thanksgiving for the final harvest
 - The link between the two holidays [Pentecost and Shavuot] lies in their names. “Pentecost” comes from the Greek word “pentekostos,” which means 50. Pentecost comes 50 days after Easter, when Christian believes Jesus rose from the dead. And Shavuot comes 50 days after the second night of Passover. Some scholars believe Pentecost owes its name to Jesus’ Jewish followers who were gathered together to observe the festival of Shavuot.ⁱⁱⁱ
- *Pastor Pettenger’s Divine Revelation: was fully come. Only when the word of God was fully accepted, completely and entirely received by the disciples without fear, doubt or unbelief; at that appointed time, could they be in total unity, agreement and expectation for the manifested of the spirit of God!*
- **2:1 In one place.** The upper room mentioned in 1:13

² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

- **2:2 a sound ... as ... mighty wind.** Luke’s simile described God’s action of sending the Holy Spirit. Wind is frequently used in Scripture as a picture of the Spirit (cf. Ezek. 37:9,10; John 3:8)

³ And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

- **2:3** The disciples could not comprehend the significance of the Spirit’s arrival without the Lord sovereignty illustrating what was occurring with the visible phenomenon. **Tongues, as of fire.** Just as the sound, like wind, was symbolic, these were not literal flames of fire but supernatural indicators, like fire, that God had sent the Holy Spirit upon each believer. In Scripture, fire often denoted the divine presence (cf. Ex. 3:2-6). God’s use of a fire-like appearance here parallels what He did with eh Dove when Jesus was baptized (Matt. 3:11; Luke 3:16)

⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

- **Q: What do these two holidays mean to contemporary Christians and Jews?**^{iv}
 - A: This is where the idea of “gifts” comes in. On Shavuot, Jews mark not just the giving of the Torah by God, but their acceptance of the Torah. Some Jewish writers have compared the exchange to a marriage or other sacred covenant. One way the holiday is observed is through the reading of the Book of Ruth, the story of a woman who converts to Judaism and accepts the Torah.
 - The gifts of the first Pentecost have different meanings to different Christians. Some interpret them as the spiritual benefits of accepting Jesus that bring a more meaningful earthly life. Others — especially those Christians known as Pentecostals — believe the first Pentecost gave all followers of Jesus “the gifts of the spirit” — speaking in and interpreting tongues, the ability to prophesy, the power to heal by touch, the ability to discern spirits. Pentecostals believe those things are available to all Christians, and only those who accept them are able to fulfill the work and destiny that God has laid out for them.

Conclusion

- The seed of God has already been planted through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- It’s time to **Shavuot** ~ willing accept God’s word in your heart. Denounce every evil and ungodly thing. Turn away from the pagan rituals and ideology
- Allow the Holy Ghost supply the abundant supernatural **harvest** of God in every area of your life.
- Give God His **firstfruit** – YOU! Your obedience, your commitment (yielding to Him as your Lord), your quality relational time (communion), your talents,

ⁱ <http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/Lexicon/Lexicon.cfm?strongs=G4005&t=KJV>

ⁱⁱ Read more at <http://national.deseretnews.com/article/4557/What-is-Pentecost-and-what-does-it-have-to-do-with-Shavuot.html#RUsTX9isoKtrTOyv.99>

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