

April 18, 2021

"Ears that hear and Eyes that see"

LESSON 1

WE GET OUR BASIC EQUIPMENT FROM GOD! (Proverbs 20:12)

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS @ 9:30AM

Today theme is: *"The Spirit comes in many ways"*

By Maria Woodworth-Etter from the book called The Tongue of Fire Devotional on day 29.

"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: and on My servants and on My handmaidens I will pour out in those days of My Spirit." (Acts 2:17-18)

God will not only come in healing power, but will manifest Himself in many mighty ways. On the Day of Pentecost, Peter said, ***"[Jesus] has shed forth this, which you now see and hear."*** (Acts 2:33) And from what they saw and heard, three thousand acknowledged that it was the power of God and turned to Christ. Other stifled conviction and turned away, saying, "This is the work of the devil". When the Holy Spirit is poured out, it is either "life to life" or "death to death". (2 Corinthians 2:16) It is "life to life" to those who go forward and "death to death" to those who blaspheme against the Holy Spirit. So we want to be careful what we say against the diverse operations, supernatural signs, and workings of the Holy Spirit. Some people look on and say,

"It looks like hypnotism" or "I believe they are mesmerized". To others, it appears to be mere foolishness, even as the Scripture says of the "natural man": ***"the things of the Spirit of God...are foolishness to him...because they are spiritual discerned."*** (1 Corinthians 2:14)

It was the same on the day of Pentecost, when a multitude saw the disciples staggering about under the power of the Spirit, speaking in tongues. While some said, ***"They are drunk"*** (Acts 2:13), others knew that the mighty power of God was there.

There is a power here that is not of earth, a power lifting people up, making men and women upright, making them good neighbors, good husbands and wives. It is the mighty presence of Almighty God. Observe the lives of these people. They do not seek worldly amusements, but the power of God is manifested in them.

What did the power bring on the day of Pentecost? The people who came together were all amazed and said, "We never saw anything like this before." Everybody became convicted, though some, who were not willing to accept it, not willing to be called fools for Christ's sake, rejected it. To ease their guilty consciences, they said, "They are drunk".

They knew better. They knew that the mighty power of God was there; if there was a question about it, God settled it. Peter got up in the midst of them and said, ***"These are not drunken, as you suppose, seeing it is but the third hour (9:00am) of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; and it shall come to pass in the last days, says 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; and on My servants and My handmaidens I will pour out in those days of My Spirit.'" (Acts 2:15-18)***

It is the same Holy Spirit today. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God. He is a Person, and He works under the direction of Jesus Christ, under His orders. He doesn't do anything except what Christ tells Him to do. When we are ready to receive Him, Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to impart us His own gifts. The Holy Spirit cleanses these temples of ours and comes in to dwell. He fills our bodies, and His power in us gives us utterances in tongues (see Acts 2:4) and works through us in other ways.

I love the Holy Spirit because He is always witnessing for Jesus, and He comes to bring us power. (See Acts 1:8) He is *“the Comforter...the Spirit of Truth”* (John 15:26) *who will abide forever.* (see John 14:26) *He brings all things to our remembrances.* (see John 14:26) We are so forgetful in our natural state. But we have spiritual minds, and God writes His Word on our minds and on the tablets of our hearts. (see Hebrews 10:16) The Holy Spirit brings these messages to us at the right time—a message to this one who is in sin, that one who is in sorrow—message from heaven that encourage the weak and help the strong and always point us to Jesus, the great Burden-Bearer.

THIS WEEK: 2-way journaling response: Holy Spirit what do You want to say to me about this subject.

DAY 1: Meditate this subject: “God will not only come in healing power, but will manifest Himself in many mighty ways”. Challenge myself to ask God to manifest Himself in many mighty ways to me in what way?

DAY 2: Meditate this subject with Acts 2:17-18: Ask God to pour His Spirit into me and fills me with prophesy, vision, or dream? Will I ask Him? Is mine prophesy, vision, or dream—“life to life” or “death to death”.

DAY 3: Meditate this: “The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God”. He is a Person.” Do I believe the Holy Spirit is a Person or a thing? Does the Holy Spirit has a feeling same as I have one? Am I ready to receive the Holy Spirit into my life? What gifts the Holy Spirit imparts to me? Do I know the gifts inside me? Have I use the gifts that the Holy Spirit gave me?

DAY 4: Meditate this: “the Holy Spirit cleanses these temples of ours and comes in to dwell. He fills our bodies, and His power in us gives us utterances in tongues and works through us in other ways”. Is my body the temple of the Holy Spirit? Have I allow the Holy Spirit cleanses my temple and enable to live in my life and fills me up with His power and gives me utterance in tongues and works through me? Will I lay down my life and surrender myself to the Holy Spirit’s control? Will or can I do that?

DAY 5: Meditate this: “I love the Holy Spirit because He is always witnessing for Jesus, and He comes to bring us power’. Question is do I love the Holy Spirit? Check inside my spirit. Think about it. Really do I love my Holy Spirit? Am I honest with my Holy Spirit?

DAY 6: Meditate this: “The Holy Spirit brings these messages to us at the right time”. How do I receive the Holy Spirit’s message? How? All is the Holy Spirit wants me to focus on Jesus—the great Burden Bearer whether I fall in sin or in sorrow-depression or in bad mood?