

Now Is The Time

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The time is now! The Holy Spirit has been speaking these words to us as we have sought Him for guidance. There is an urgency for this message to be received and acted upon.

When our prayer team meets at the Abundant Word office on Monday mornings, we spend time listening and hearing from God. One morning, the Holy Spirit spoke to us about "seeing" as God sees. He does not see just the surface, but He sees in depth -- "into" a situation. For instance, with our human eyes we just see light, but light is composed of different colors. It is God who "fuses" them together like a laser beam. In the same way, at our leadership retreat the Lord truly fused us together to become one. Each of us has a different personality, giftings, and anointings. It is the powerful Light of God that causes us to become "one" -- to focus, to blend, and to see beyond the surface. It reminds me of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2:1-4. After His Resurrection Jesus had appeared to about 500 believers for forty days. As He ascended into Heaven, He instructed them to wait in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father (Luke 24:48), the infilling of the Holy Spirit, in order to move in power as witnesses of His redemptive work. (Acts 1:8) They waited 10 days in an upper room, praying and allowing the Holy Spirit to fuse them together in one accord.

Pentecost came. The Feast of Weeks, or Festival of the Harvest as the Jews call it, always came 50 days after Passover. The season was the counting of the seven weeks plus the day after Passover or the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Pentecost, the Greek word for 50, celebrated the beginning of the wheat harvest or the Great Harvest. Pentecost was also observed as a Day of Remembrance of the giving of the Law on Mt. Sinai.

Now, on Mt. Zion in Jerusalem, as those waiting were in one accord, the Father fulfilled His Promise to send another Comforter, the Holy Spirit, signifying that Jesus, His Son, had been received into His Glory and was seated at the right hand of God Himself. (John 17:4-5, 21-23.) On that Day suddenly a miraculous event came with signs. The wind of the Holy Spirit came in a rush and filled the place. Those present (120) began to speak in tongues (other languages) as the Spirit gave them the ability. This signified the preaching of the gospel to all nations. The fire, "the laser light," symbolized the power and zeal given to those who obeyed and were willing to be used to take the gospel to the ends of the world.

As Peter explained to the crowds about this new wine, he quoted from the prophecy given in Joel 2:28-32. He said, "This is that...." The day of Pentecost was the beginning of the last days, the Day of the Lord, the beginning of the Church Age, the time of the Great Harvest, the days of Salvation, and the kingdom of God on earth.

Now in our day, we see signs of the closing of this age and the soon coming again of our Lord Jesus as the King of Kings. Now the closing days of repentance and restoration are here! One day soon the Great Trumpet will sound, and the Feast of Trumpets or the Ingathering will be fulfilled. We will be called from the harvest fields to gather together before our Lord and King. Are you ready? Is your family safely in the fold? Have you been salt and light to those around you? (Matt 5:13-16) Have you allowed the Power of God to fuse you with other believers so that together we await the coming of our Lord Jesus?

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