

SERMON NOTES

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MESSAGE: PENTECOST

I. THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - The Holy Spirit is God's promised gift to believers, sent to empower, guide, comfort, and transform the Church.

- **Jesus Promised the Holy Spirit**
 - **John 14:16** – “Another Comforter”
 - **John 16:7-8** – The Spirit convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment.
 - **Luke 24:49** – “Endued with power from on high”
 - **Acts 1:4** – Wait for the promise of the Father.
 - **Acts 1:8** – Power to be witnesses.
- **The Holy Spirit at Pentecost**
 - **Acts 2:1-4** – The disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit.
 - Pentecost marked the birth and empowerment of the New Testament Church.
- **Work of the Holy Spirit**
 - Comforts believers – **John 14:16**
 - Gives power for ministry – **Acts 1:8**
 - Leads into truth – **John 16:13**
 - Brings freedom – **2 Corinthians 3:17**
 - Inspires Scripture – **2 Timothy 3:16**

II. PENTECOST AND THE LAST DAYS

- **The Last Days Prophecy**
 - Acts 2:16-18
 - Joel 2:28-29
- **Signs of the Last Days**
 - Matthew 24:6-14
 - 1 Timothy 3:1
- **Jesus warned about:**
 - Wars and conflicts
 - Famines and troubles
 - Persecution
 - Spiritual deception
 - Increase of wickedness
 - Worldwide preaching of the Gospel
- **The Wise Virgins**
 - Matthew 25:4
 - Oil represents readiness and the presence of the Holy Spirit.
 - Believers must remain spiritually prepared for Christ's return.

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III. THE HOLY SPIRIT BEFORE THE SECOND COMING

- **The Former and Latter Rain**
 - Joel 2:23
 - Hosea 6:3
 - James 5:7-8
- **The Bible speaks of spiritual outpourings:**
 - Former Rain – Early move of God
 - Latter Rain – Greater end-time revival before Christ's return
- **Double Portion Anointing**
 - 2 Kings 2:9
 - Elisha desired a double portion of Elijah's spirit.
 - Believers today should seek greater spiritual boldness and effectiveness.
- **Greater Works Through the Spirit**
 - John 14:12
 - Jesus promised that believers would do greater works through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- **Signs Before Christ's Return**
 - Joel 2:30-32
 - Acts 2:17
 - God will continue pouring out His Spirit before the second coming of Christ.