

"The Power of Pentecost"

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Scripture

Text:- Luke 24: 49. "Until ye be endued with power from on high." Acts 1: 8. But ye shall receive power."

Sub:- Pentecost was a day of power. A day of manifestation of power from on high, God's power, in lives of ordinary people. Oh was a power for which they had been waiting. Why did they seek this power?

Why until ye

1. To defend their theories?

A rushing mighty wind sat on each

2. To put new life into their organization?

Tongues

3. To raise their budget?

A supernatural moment

4. To reach their goals? Did they set a goal for Pentecost? Did some one arise during the 10 days of waiting and say, "Now brethren, we must set our goals for Pentecost - we must have at least 3000 additions." No they had nothing to promote. They had no book to defend. They had a story to tell. They had a great experience - they had been with Jesus and they were waiting for power to tell that story. So the

Power of Pentecost was

I. Power to Witness.

1. To this experience with Jesus.
2. To witness among an unfriendly multitude.

II. Power to Convince World of Sin.

1. Many of those present were in crowd that demanded Crucifixion of Jesus. Now under the witnessing of Peter and others, this appeared as a great sin. They repented.
2. We need this power. The world laughs at ^{Church} today. It would not if Church had power of Pentecost. - power from on high.

III. Power to Understand Scriptures.

1. Spiritual things are spiritually discerned.
2. Holy Spirit is the

best interpreter of word of
God.

IV To Comfort World in Trial and Crisis.

1. Spoke a divine word
of comfort.

Ques.- They received this power
when.

1. When they understood
all scriptures? no.

2. When they had perfected
their organization? no.

3. When they had erected
a great church building? no
when? when they tarried.

We have not tarried. We
have taken things into our
own hands. We shall
receive power when we
tarry.- Some never tarry
at all.- no prayer-meeting.-
no prayer. no reading of
word. no meditation.

Brethren, lets tarry.