

Sanctuary Messages Series

Lesson 19: Pentecost

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Pentecost (Feast of Weeks)**The Type****What is the Feast of Weeks / Pentecost?**

Leviticus 23:15,16 And ye shall **count** unto you from the morrow after the sabbath [ceremonial sabbath-Feast of Unleavened Bread], **from** the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete: [Start counting from the Firstfruits] **16** Even unto **the morrow after the seventh sabbath** shall ye **number fifty days**; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD. [Count 50 days=50th day Feast of Weeks or Pentecost]

[In the Greek Pentecost means fiftieth]

Leviticus 23:17-21 Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven; *they are* the firstfruits unto the LORD. **18** And ye shall offer with the bread seven lambs without blemish of the first year, and one young bullock, and two rams: they shall be *for* a burnt offering unto the LORD, with their meat offering, and their drink offerings, *even* an offering made by fire, of sweet savour unto the LORD. **19** Then ye shall sacrifice one kid of the goats for a sin offering, and two lambs of the first year for a sacrifice of peace offerings. **20** And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits *for* a wave offering before the LORD, with the two lambs: they shall be holy to the LORD for the priest. **21** And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, *that* it may be an holy convocation unto you: ye shall do no servile work *therein: it shall be* a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

Pentecost Required Offerings

First Fruits - Wave 2 loaves with leaven

Burnt Offering - With bread offer 7 lambs w/o blemish, young bullock and two rams

Sin Offering – One kid goat

Peace Offering – Two Lambs of first year

Wave Offering – wave them (offering above) with bread of first fruits with two lambs

Ceremonial Sabbath

Numbers 28:26 Also in the day of the firstfruits, when ye bring a new meat offering unto the LORD, after your weeks *be out*, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work:

[“After your weeks” counting 7 weeks / 50th day – why they called it feast of weeks or Pentecost]

Pentecost was also a ceremonial sabbath “holy convocation”. Holy day.

Duration

1 day on the 50th day from Feast of Fruits fruits

2. Who was required to gather for Pentecost?

All the males of Israel which included their families were required to come together in Jerusalem for Pentecost.

Deu 16:16 Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the LORD empty:

Exodus 23:14-17 Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year. **15** Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread: (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib; for in it thou camest out from Egypt: and none shall appear before me empty:) **16** And the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering, *which is* in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field. **17** Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before the Lord GOD.

3. What did Pentecost commemorate each year?

Pentecost was a mark of the end of the spring barley harvest and the beginning of the wheat harvest.

Pentecost was a day special holy day to thank God for the bountiful harvest season.

Exo 34:22 And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end.

Deuteronomy 16:9-11 Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thee: begin to number the seven weeks from *such time as* thou beginnest *to put* the sickle to the corn (stalk of wheat grain). **10** And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the LORD thy God with a tribute of a freewill offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give *unto the LORD thy God*, according as the LORD thy God hath blessed thee: **11** And thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite that *is* within thy gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that *are* among you, in the place which the LORD thy God hath chosen to place his name there.

4. What was GREATLY needed for an abundant harvest?

Rain

There were two rains that were of GREAT importance during the growing seasons in Israel. It was the early rain and the latter rain.

Early rain (also known as the first or former rain) – was a down pour of rain after the seeds were sown to moisten the soil and seed to help the seed germinate to grow into healthy plants for a great harvest.

The Latter rain – was down pour of rain on mature plants to give it that extra boost just before bountiful harvest.

Without both, the early and latter rain, there would be no harvest!

Early rain and Latter Rain

Early rain – down pour of rain after the seeds were planted to germinate the seeds to grow into

healthy plants for a great future harvest.

Latter rain – down pour of rain on mature plants to give it that extra boost just before the harvest.

5. What did God instruct Israel to do in order to receive the early and the latter rain?

Deuteronomy 11:13-15 And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, **14** That I will give *you* the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil. **15** And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full.

Leviticus 26:2-4 Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I *am* the LORD. **3** If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; **4** Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

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6. What did Jesus do after his resurrection to prepare the disciples and followers for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit?

Luke 24:27,31,32 and 44 - 49

Luke 24:27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. **31** And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. **32** And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures? **44** And he said unto them, **These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.** **45** Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, **46** And said unto them, **Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:** **47** **And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.** **48** **And ye are witnesses of these things.** **49** **And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.**

What was Jesus' promise to the disciples that would occur after he physically left this earth?

Acts 1:4-8 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.**

John 14:16-19,26 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may

abide with you for ever; 17 *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. 18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. 19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. 26 But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

What happened on the day of Pentecost?

Acts 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Again, on the day of Pentecost they were together all with one accord and they were in one place.

Acts 2:2-4 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

They were filled with the Holy Spirit as promised. The Holy Spirit descended upon those gathered in the upper room in the form of cloven (divided) tongues of fire. As they were filled with the Holy Spirit they went to preach the gospel as they were commanded by Jesus starting at Jerusalem. As they spoke, people of other languages understood them.

“The Spirit came upon the waiting, praying disciples with a fullness that reached every heart. The Infinite One revealed Himself in power to His church. It was as if for ages this influence had been held in restraint, and now Heaven rejoiced in being able to pour out upon the church the riches of the Spirit’s grace. And under the influence of the Spirit, words of penitence and confession mingled with songs of praise for sins forgiven. Words of thanksgiving and of prophecy were heard. All heaven bent low to behold and to adore the wisdom of matchless, incomprehensible love. Lost in wonder, the apostles exclaimed, “Herein is love.” They grasped the imparted gift. And what followed? The sword of the Spirit, newly edged with power and bathed in the lightnings of heaven, cut its way through unbelief. Thousands were converted in a day.” Acts of the Apostles

What did the outpouring of the Holy Spirit signal?

“Christ’s ascension to heaven was the signal that His followers were to receive the promised blessing. For this they were to wait before they entered upon their work. When Christ passed within the heavenly gates, He was enthroned amidst the adoration of the angels. As soon as this ceremony was completed, the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples in rich currents, and Christ was indeed glorified, even with the glory which He had with the Father from all eternity. The Pentecostal outpouring was Heaven’s communication that the Redeemer’s inauguration was accomplished. According to His promise He had sent the Holy Spirit from heaven to His followers as a token that He had, as priest and king, received all authority in heaven and on earth, and was the Anointed One over His people.”

Why did the Holy Spirit enable them to speak other languages?

Acts 2:5-12 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. 6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. 7 And they were all amazed and

marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? **8** And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? **9** Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, **10** Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, **11** Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God. **12** And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

“During the dispersion the Jews had been scattered to almost every part of the inhabited world, and in their exile they had learned to speak various languages. Many of these Jews were on this occasion in Jerusalem, attending the religious festivals then in progress. Every known tongue was represented by those assembled. This diversity of languages would have been a great hindrance to the proclamation of the gospel; God therefore in a miraculous manner supplied the deficiency of the apostles. The Holy Spirit did for them that which they could not have accomplished for themselves in a lifetime. They could now proclaim the truths of the gospel abroad, speaking with accuracy the languages of those for whom they were laboring. This miraculous gift was a strong evidence to the world that their commission bore the signet of Heaven. From this time forth the language of the disciples was pure, simple, and accurate, whether they spoke in their native tongue or in a foreign language.”

What did some of the unbelievers say when they heard the words of the apostles?

Acts 2:13 Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

What was Peter’s response?

Acts 2:14,21 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all *ye* that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: **15** For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is *but* the third hour of the day. **16** But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; **17** And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith 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: **18** And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: **19** And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: **20** The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come: **21** And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

What powerful message did Peter give concerning Jesus Christ?

Acts 2:22-36 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: **23** Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: **24** Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. **25** For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: **26** Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: **27** Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. **28** Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance. **29** Men *and* brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. **30** Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according

to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; **31** He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. **32** This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. **33** Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. **34** For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, **35** Until I make thy foes thy footstool. **36** Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

The same Peter that had denied Jesus and afterwards repented of his transgression now preached and openly proclaimed that Jesus Christ is the Messiah and is Lord!

What happened to many of the people when they heard this message from Peter?

Acts 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?

Their heart was pricked. This was the result of the working of the Holy Spirit. Yielding to the pricking they asked the question “Men and brethren, what shall we do?”

What did they need to do?

Acts 2:38-40 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. **39** For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call. **40** And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

They were exhorted to repent and be baptized. In short, they would have to become wholehearted followers of Jesus Christ.

What did many do in response to the conviction?

Acts 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.

Those that received the truth were baptized. About 3,000 souls were baptized in that very day!

“The arguments of the apostles alone, though clear and convincing, would not have removed the prejudice that had withstood so much evidence. But the Holy Spirit sent the arguments home to hearts with divine power. The words of the apostles were as sharp arrows of the Almighty, convicting men of their terrible guilt in rejecting and crucifying the Lord of glory.”

What did the people continue to do after their conversion?

Acts 2:42-47 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. **43** And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. **44** And all that believed were together, and had all things common; **45** And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all *men*, as every man had need. **46** And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their

meat with gladness and singleness of heart, 47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

They continued steadfastly in the faith. They were together and had all things in common. They sold their possessions and gave to those in need.

“They could speak the name of Jesus with assurance; for was He not their Friend and Elder Brother? Brought into close communion with Christ, they sat with Him in heavenly places. With what burning language they clothed their ideas as they bore witness for Him! Their hearts were surcharged with a benevolence so full, so deep, so far-reaching, that it impelled them to go to the ends of the earth, testifying to the power of Christ. They were filled with an intense longing to carry forward the work He had begun. They realized the greatness of their debt to heaven and the responsibility of their work. Strengthened by the endowment of the Holy Spirit, they went forth filled with zeal to extend the triumphs of the cross. The Spirit animated them and spoke through them. The peace of Christ shone from their faces. They had consecrated their lives to Him for service, and their very features bore evidence to the surrender they had made.”

What was the result of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost?

“What was the result of the outpouring of the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost? The glad tidings of a risen Saviour were carried to the uttermost parts of the inhabited world. As the disciples proclaimed the message of redeeming grace, hearts yielded to the power of this message. The church beheld converts flocking to her from all directions. Backsliders were reconverted. Sinners united with believers in seeking the pearl of great price. Some who had been the bitterest opponents of the gospel became its champions. The prophecy was fulfilled, “He that is feeble ... shall be as David; and the house of David ... as the angel of the Lord.” Zechariah 12:8. Every Christian saw in his brother a revelation of divine love and benevolence. One interest prevailed; one subject of emulation swallowed up all others. The ambition of the believers was to reveal the likeness of Christ’s character and to labor for the enlargement of His kingdom. AA ch.5 par.2

“So mightily can God work when men give themselves up to the control of His Spirit.” Acts of the Apostles, p. 49

These scenes are to be repeated, and with greater power. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost was the former rain, but the latter rain will be more abundant.

11. What is God's command and promise to us in the last days?

Mat 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.**

Mat 28:19 **Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:**

Mat 28:20 **Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.**

Jas 5:7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

Pro 1:23 **Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will**

make known my words unto you.

Joe 2:23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first *month*.

Joe 2:24 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil.

Joe 2:25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

Joe 2:26 And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.

Joe 2:27 And ye shall know that I *am* in the midst of Israel, and *that I am* the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

Joe 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, *that* I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

Joe 2:29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

Greater Works.....

Joh 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

12. What does Jesus say about the harvest?

Luk 10:2 Therefore said he unto them, **The *harvest truly is great*, but the labourers *are few*: pray ye therefore the **Lord of the harvest**, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.**

13. How does Jesus compare the physical harvest to the harvest for the kingdom of God?

Mar 4:26 And he said, **So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground;**

Mar 4:27 **And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.**

Mar 4:28 **For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.**

Mar 4:29 **But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.**

Mar 4:30 **And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it?**

Mar 4:31 **It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth:**

Mar 4:32 **But when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches; so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.**

14. The Great Harvest is coming (the sickle symbolized)... Are you ready?

Rev 14:14 **And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud *one* sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.**

Rev 14:15 **And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.**

Rev 14:16 **And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.**

Rev 14:17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.
Rev 14:18 And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.

15. Who will be able to stand to be gathered for the great harvest?

Rev 6:17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

Rev 7:1 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

Rev 7:2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

Rev 7:3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

Rev 7:4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: *and there were* sealed an hundred *and* forty *and* four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

Rev 7:9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

Jesus prayer for you to stand

Luk 21:35 **For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.**

Luk 21:36 **Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.**

Review & appeal

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