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THE POURING OUT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

QUESTION

UPON WHOM WAS THE HOLY SPIRIT POURED ?

JOEL 2: 28

The writer states that God says there will come a time when,

” I will pour out my Spirit on all mankind;

And your sons and daughters will prophesy,

Your old men will dream dreams,

Your young men will see visions…”

**LUKE : 24: 45 – 49**

Jesus opens the disciple’s minds to understand the scriptures.

verse 47 : He says that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name beginning at **Jerusalem.**

Verse 49 : And behold I am sending the **promise of My Father** upon *you* ( **DISCIPLES** ), BUT *YOU* ( Disciples ) ARE TO STAY IN THE CITY ( **Jerusalem** ) UNTIL *YOU* ARE CLOTHED WITH POWER FROM ON HIGH.

**TAKE NOTE: THIS COMMAND WAS GIVEN *ONLY*  TO THE DISCIPLES**

*LUKE WAS ALSO THE WRITER OF THE BOOK OF ACTS*

Acts : 1 : 1 – 11

Here again we have an account of Jesus telling His apostles that ***they***  ( disciples ) were to remain in Jerusalem until the power, which the Father ( God ) had promised, be poured out over ***them, ie,( disciples )*** .

Verse 6 : And when ***they ( disciples )*** had come together, ***they*** were asking …

Verse 7 : He said to ***them***, “ It is not for ***you*** …”

Verse 8 : but ***you*** shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon ***you***, and ***you*** shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.

Verse 9 : And after He had said these things, He was lifted up into the sky while ***they*** were looking on and …

Verse 10 : And as ***they*** were gazing… two men in white ( angels ) stood beside ***them***;

Verse 11 : NB NB NB : and the ( Angels ) said, “ ***Men of Galilee*** why do ***you*** stand looking …”.

Verse 12 : Then ***they*** returned from the mount Olivet and …

Verse 13 : ***they*** went up to the upper room where ***they*** were staying that is: NB

***Peter; John; James; Andrew; Philip; Thomas; Bartholomew; Matthew; James; Simon; Judas.***

Verse 14 : The Apostles then were continually devoting themselves to prayer along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus and His brothers and there were approximately 120 all in all.

Verses : 15 – 26 Peter now goes through the process of choosing a 12th member to add to the 11 apostles already chosen and they eventually choose Matthias.

NB NB NB : REMEMBER THAT WHEN THE BOOK OF ACTS WAS WRITTEN, THERE WERE NO CHAPTERS AS WE HAVE IT TODAY. THE SCRIPTURE JUST WENT ON TO THE NEXT VERSE !!!!!

Verse 1 : And when the day of Pentecost had come ***they*** ( **referring to the 11 apostles in verse 26** ) were all together in one place.

Verse 2 : And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind and it filled the whole house where ***they*** were sitting,

Verse 3 : And there appeared to ***them*** tongues as of fire distributing themselves, as they rested on ***each*** one of ***them***.

Verse 4 : And ***they*** were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit was giving ***them*** utterance.

Verse 5 – 6 : Devout Jews from all different parts of the known world came to Jerusalem and they heard these ***apostles*** speaking in “their” own language.

Verse 7 NB NB NB : And they ( the Jews standing by ) were amazed and asked a very, very important question, “ **Why, are not all these who are speaking GALILEANS ? “**

**IMPORTANT**

Look back at verse 11 in chapter 1 and the statement is made by the two Angels, “ ***Men*** of **Galilee…**”

**IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT ON BOTH OCCASSIONS, THE MEN WERE REFERRED TO BY, THE ANGELS IN *Acts 1 verse 11– AS “MEN OF GALILEE” and in Acts 2 verse 7*, THEY WERE CALLED “*GALILEANS” BY THE JEWS!!!***

***IT IS IMPORTANT THEN TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEY WERE NOT REFERRING TO THE 120 ( ACTS 1 VERSE 15 ) as they were NOT ALL GALILEANS!!***

Verse 8 : Here these Jews claim that it is amazing that they can hear these Apostles speaking in the language to which they were born for it was basically impossible for these Galileans to be speaking their home language.

Verse 9 – 12 These verses give an account of all the different nationalities of Jews that came from all the different parts of the world and again in verse 11 they are amazed that they hear them speaking in their home tongues ( known language ) .

Verse 14 : NB NB NB NB : “ **BUT PETER TAKING HIS STAND WITH THE *ELEVEN …”***

***IF ALL OF THE 120 WERE SPEAKING IN TONGUES TO THE JEWS , THEN PETER WOULD HAVE TAKEN HIS STAND WITH THE 120 AND NOT THE 11 !!!!!! THIS IS VITAL TO UNDERSTAND THIS.***

Acts 2

Verse 14 – 36

Peter tells these Jews that the one they helped crucify, was in fact the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

Verse 38 : The Jews then asked the question once they had heard the gospel from Peter, “ Brethren, what shall we do? “

Verse 38 : And Peter said, “ Repent and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of you sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. “

Verse 39 - 40: The promise

Verse 41 : 3 000 baptized.

Verses 42 – 46 : The baptized Jews were having fellowship all with one another going from house to house and continually devoting themselves to prayer and to God.

Verse 47 : NB NB NB “ and the **Lord** was adding to their number day by day **those who were being** **saved** “. ( ie, we cannot join or sign a contract or any such thing to get into “His Church”. God adds us when we accept His command , “Mark 16 verse 16”. )

THEREFORE :

**We see quite emphatically that the Holy Spirit was NOT poured out upon the 120 as is alleged by many, but ONLY on the 12 apostles. ( the number zero in the wrong place make a huge difference ).**

**ACTS 6**

Verses : 1 – 6

The apostle Paul writes that there arose a complaint that certain tasks were being neglected and as the Apostles had to devote their time to prayer and spiritual things, the brethren had to choose from among them , 7 men of **good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and of wisdom whom they could put in charge of these tasks.**

Verse : 5

Here the names of the 7 of which Philip is one of them.

Verse : 6

“ And these they brought before the apostles and after praying , **they laid their hands on them.”**

**ACTS 8:**

Verses 4 – 8

TAKE NOTE: THE SAME ***PHILIP*** WENT TO SAMARIA TO PREACH THE WORD:

Verses 6-8 : Great signs and miracles were taking place( Remember the apostles had laid hands on him ie, he could perform these miracles as a result of the apostles laying their hands upon him and thus imparting the “gifts” of the Holy Spirit to him)

Verse 9 – 11

Luke writes about a man by the name of Simon who was a magician who had been astonishing the people with his magic.

Verses 12 – 13

When they saw the amazing miracles that Philip was doing , together with the Gospel that he was preaching, they left Simon the magician and believed Philip and followed him, they were baptized, men and women alike. Even Simon was baptized.

Verses 14 – 17 NB NB NB

Verse 14

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that they had heard the “word” via Philip, the apostle’s Peter and John came to join them for a very, very, very important function.

Verse 15

The men and women who had been baptized had received the Gift of the Holy Spirit ( spoken of in Acts 2 : 38 ) but had not received the “ gifts “ of the Holy Spirit.

Verse 17

Then they, ( Peter and John ) , began laying their hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit ie the Gifts.

Verses 18 – 24

When Simon the magician saw that the “gifts” of the Holy Spirit was given by the laying on of hands, he offered the two apostles Peter and John money in exchange for the ability to also impart the gifts as he wanted to make money out of this, Peter rips into him concerning his attitude and intentions.

*Remember, Philip was one of the “ chosen 7 “ by the apostles in Acts 6 who was “full of the spirit and wisdom”.*

**QUESTION**

WHY WAS PHILIP NOT ABLE TO IMPART THE “ GIFTS “ OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO THOSE WHO WERE BAPTIZED BY HIM?

WHY DID THEY HAVE TO SEND FOR THE APOSTLES TO COME AND LAY THEIR HANDS ON THOSE THAT WERE BAPTIZED BY PHILIP ?

**STATEMENT**

PHILIP OBVIOUSLY COULD NOT IMPART THOSE GIFTS OTHERWISE HE WOULD HAVE DONE IT AND IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN NECESSARY FOR THE 2 APOSTLES TO HAVE GONE TO SAMARIA.

1. **TIMOTHY 4 : 12 – 14**

Some claim that Timothy received the gifts from the Elders and not the Apostles.

**Firstly**: The “gift” that is spoken of here in not necessarily the miraculous gifts but rather referring to the fact that Timothy had a special gift or “talent” that was to be used for the furtherance of God’s word. This talent was the ***way*** in which he was able to preach the word. In **verse 7,** Paul explains **verse 6** and states that this “gift” which Timothy possessed was of “ spirit of power, and of love and of a sound mind”. These gifts were recognized by the Elders of the Church and together with Paul they laid their hands on him as a “ blessing “ for the work that he, Timothy was to go and do.

**Secondly:** Should this “gift” also refer to the miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit, it still does not impose a problem because in 2 TIMOTHY 1: 6, the apostle Paul, reminds Timothy about the gift or “ special talent” that he had, **which was blessed by Paul by the laying on of his, Paul’s, hands.**   *Remember, Paul was an apostle.* ***He had the ability to do it !!!!!***

**1 TIMOTHY 5:22**

This verse has nothing to do with the imparting of the “miraculous” gifts of the Holy Spirit. Paul is asking Timothy to be very wise in the ordaining of putting people in certain office positions or to appoint people to perform certain important duties. H should take his time with the brethren to see if they are “holy” enough for the position and also if they are men of integrity. If he, Timothy, acts too hastily and the one’s in office do not live up to expectations, then Timothy would have to take responsibility for their actions. This is what Paul was referring to and certainly not to Timothy’s ability to impart the miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit.

***REMEMBER:***

Acts 8: Philip, who was *also full of the Holy Spirit*, ***was unable to impart the miraculous gifts*** and it would be no different with Timothy!!!!

**CONCLUSION**

*THE IMPARTING OF THE MIRACULOUS GIFTS COULD ONLY BE IMPARTED BY THE APOSTLE’S LAYING ON OF HANDS. PHILIP OBVIOUSLY WAS NOT AN APOSTLE !!*

*IF THE IMPARTING OF THE MIRACULOUS GIFTS COULD ONLY BE IMPARTED BY THE APOSTLE’S, CAN ANYONE TODAY BE IMPARTING THOSE GIFTS AND IF NOT ARE THE GIFTS OF TODAY THE SAME AS WHAT THEY WERE IN THE EARLY CHURCH ?*

**ONLY SOMEONE WHO IS *GENUINELY*  OBJECTIVE WILL BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT WHAT HAS BEEN STATED IN THE OBOVE CHAPTERS AND VERSES.**

**JESUS SAID IN JOHN 8: 32**

**“ … *AND YOU SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE”.***

**MY QUESTION TO YOU THE READER IS*,* “** *TO WHAT TRUTH IS JESUS REFERRING TO????? “*

**DOES IT MEAN THAT WE CAN BELIEVE WHAT WE WANT AND WORSHIP HIM IN ANY WAY – IS THAT THE TRUTH ?**

QUESTION

What or to whom do you think Jesus is referring to in:

**Matthew 7: 15**

*Beware of the false prophets who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves.*

**Matthew 7: 21 – 23**

*Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven*

**Ephesians 4 : 14**

*As result, we are no longer to be children tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming.*

**2 Thessalonians 2: 10 – 11**

*And with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved*

*And for this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they might believe what is false.*

**2 Peter 2: 1**

*But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there also will be false teachers among you who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bring swift destruction upon themselves.*

**1 John 4: 1**

*Beloved, do not believe every spirit but test the spirit to see whether they are from God because many false prophets have gone out into the world.*

**AND THEN MOST IMPORTANTLY OF ALL**

**2 TIMOTHY 4: 3-4**

*For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires.*

*And will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.*

Is it possible that there are “ Christians” out there “ within the church” who are or have been guilty of having their ears tickled and then moving around the “different churches” in the hope of finding one that “ meets his needs.”

*Are these just empty verses written by the apostle Paul ?*

*Remember these verses are sanctioned by GOD !!!*

My plea is that the reader will put aside doctrines that have been passed on over the years by uninformed people, however genuine, and go back to the WORD of God in it’s simplicity. God is not mocked and God is NOT a God of confusion.

God’s warning to us as to how clever satan is and all the different ways that he will try to take us away from God, is serious and we need to understand that God will go to incredible lengths to help us but we need to take His advice very, very seriously or suffer the consequences.

Satan knows that “man” loves being dramatic and longs to believe in “spirits out there” in things that the “eye cannot see” and the more “mysterious” things are, the more eager man is to follow and satan laughs and plays havoc with their minds. Satan is no fool!!

May God bless you and give you insight into His Word.