

If Pentecost Brought Power... Where Is the Power?

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you...”
(Acts 1:8).

“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” (Luke 24:49).

The promise of power caused the disciples to assemble in the Upper Room at Jerusalem for a ten day prayer meeting.

- They waited.
- They expected.
- They trusted.
- They were united.
- They were in one accord.
- They received.
- They were transformed.
- They were changed.
- They continued.
- They changed their world.
- They changed religion forever.
- They “turned the world upside down” (Acts 17:6).
- They filled Jerusalem with their doctrine (Acts 5:28).
- They became the New Testament Church.
- They were the Biblical Church.

We must also be the Biblical Church:

- “A Church which believes the Bible.
- A Church which teaches the Bible.
- A Church which honours the Bible.
- A Church which lives according to the Bible.
- A Church which reproduces the Acts of Christ.
- A Church that steps out on the promises of God and exercises the power of God.
- A Church where our voices are blended with the voice of God.
- A Church where the impossible becomes possible, and is brought to pass.
- A Church which senses the power of the Spirit.
- A Church which is more concerned with a manifestation of God’s Spirit and power than with enticing words of men’s wisdom” (Anonymous).

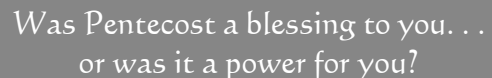
We cannot be a Church that...

- has a form of godliness but denies the power thereof.
- is disunited.
- is in retreat.
- is backslidden.
- the gates of hell seem to prevail against it, even though the Bible promises they will not.

One individual said “where the Bible is not opened then the Church speaks with a stutter.” Another has said, “The Church is not being condemned for being like Christ. It is being condemned because it is not like Him.”

Matthew 21:12-16 teaches us a progression of concepts when it comes to the House of God:

1. House of Purity (Verse 12).
2. House of Prayer (Verse 13).
3. House of Power (Verse 14).
4. House of Perfected Praise (Verses 15-16).



Was Pentecost a blessing to you...
or was it a power for you?

We go from purity to prayer, then from prayer to power. Finally, we move from power to perfected praise. Our mountains are not removed by our power but by the power we receive at Pentecost (when we receive the Holy Spirit) (Zechariah 4:6-7).

Blessings - God flowing in.

Power - God flowing out.

Anointing - A special touch for a special task.

One man confessed, “There came a time in my life when I earnestly prayed, ‘God I want your power!’ Time moved on and the power did not come. One day the burden was so great and it was more than I could bear. ‘God why haven’t You answered that prayer?’ God whispered back a simple reply: ‘With plans no bigger than yours you don’t need my power!’”

Power “dunamis” is where we get the English word, “Dynamo.” We also have heard of “dynamic” preachers and “dynamite.” God gives dynamite power to cause an explosion. It is the power to do the works of Christ. Daniel 11:32 says, “But the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.”

The Absence of Pentecostal Power is:

- one of the greatest problems of the church.
- one of the greatest problems of our preachers.
- one of the greatest problems in the messages we preach.

Take note of the following Scriptures and especially note the transfer of the power from Jesus to us. We quote many Scriptures about the power but we need to start believing what we quote.

- Luke 4:14, 32,36; 5:17; 9:43; 10:19-20; 24:47-49
- Mark 16:17-18, 20
- Acts 3:12; 5:15; 8:19

Many songs about the power are sung around the world. We need to believe what we are singing:

“We’ve got the power, it’s in the name of Jesus. We’ve got the power, in the name of the Lord. Though Satan rages, we shall not be defeated. We’ve got the power, in the name of the Lord.”

“There is power, power, wonder working power, in the blood of the Lamb. There is power, power, wonder working power, in the precious blood of the Lamb.”

“I know the power of God is just the same today. And it doesn’t matter what the people say. Whatever God has promised, He’s able to perform. And the power of God is just the same today.”

Study Questions

1. What are some of the things the Church ought to be? _____

2. What are some of the things the Church cannot be? _____

3. What are the four steps of progression in the House of God? _____

4. What is the difference between blessings, power, and anointing? _____
