

YOU ARE IN THE SPIRIT

Celebrating Pentecost

“Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh

but are in the realm of the Spirit,

if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you.”

Romans 8:8-9

The First Pentecost & the New Pentecost

Pentecost comes 50 (pentecost) days after Passover. At the first Pentecost, the Spirit of God is outside of the people, as the Law that is given is external — physical actions that honor or dishonor God. It was known by the Festival Shavuot, or Festival of Weeks.

The New Pentecost is 50 days after Jesus' resurrection, aka Easter Sunday. We can see parallels between the two; yet the Pentecost following the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus Yeshua brought much deeper spiritual gifts to those baptized with the Holy Spirit.

A Harvest

- ◆ Heavenly Father, we see that Pentecost represents and also brings a holy harvest. The first Pentecost was also known as the Feast of Harvest (Exodus 23:16).
- ◆ The new Pentecost initiated a harvest of souls. Peter baptized 3,000 souls in one event.
- ◆ Heavenly Father, I thank you that Your Spirit brings a harvest of souls into Your Kingdom. Pour Your Spirit into me now in this Pentecost season, that I shall be used by You as a great harvester of souls, as Your Spirit works through me.

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- ◆ Pour out Your Holy Spirit across America to bring in an even greater harvest of souls than is now occurring. Let Your Holy Spirit overpower the force of evil and darkness loosed across our lands and bring great conversions of hundreds of millions of souls.

All Together in One Place

- ◆ Lord God Abba, Your Pentecost is marked by a ingathering of Your people, to receive the gifts of Your Spirit. As Exodus 19:8 says: *“The people all responded together, “We will do everything the Lord has said.”*
- ◆ Indeed, in the new Pentecost, Acts 2:1 declares: *“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.”*
- ◆ Heavenly Father, as we gather together, pour out Your Spirit, in celebration of the covenant we have with you, in affirmation of the covenant our country is in with You.

Weather Elements: Thunder - Wind

- ◆ Holy Father God, the sign of Your Spirit is often a great thunder and/or a wind, as Exodus 19:16 declares: *“There was **thunder and lightning**, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast.”*
- ◆ We understand that the Hebrew word used in this passage is ‘qol’ which means sound or voice; which seems to tell us Your voice is in the wind. Surely if we listen with our own spirit, we can hear Your voice in the rushing wind.
- ◆ In the new Pentecost, Acts 2:2 describes the coming of the Holy Spirit: *“Suddenly a sound like the **blowing of a violent wind** came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.”*
- ◆ Father God, I am ready, willing and able to receive Your mighty rushing wind of the Holy Spirit. Let it transform me and elevate me to a new

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place spiritually as Your son/daughter. Let it fill me with the gifts of the Spirit to serve You in Thy Kingdom come on earth as it is in Heaven.

God Gives His Law

- ◆ Lord God, In Exodus 20, You gave Your 10 Commandments, *“And God spoke all these words...”*
- ◆ In Jeremiah 31:33 You describe a new way of Your Law, instead of being carved into stone tablets: *“I will put My law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they will be My people.”*
- ◆ In Acts 2:4, You poured out Your Law of Love through Your Holy Spirit. *“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”*
- ◆ Heavenly Father, pour out Your Holy Spirit into me, a new, fresh anointing of Your Holy Law of Love. Circumcise, purify, sanctify my heart, that I may love as You love, love as Christ Jesus loves. Truly THIS is the greatest gift of the Holy Spirit!

The Holy Spirit Redeems

- ◆ Heavenly Father, when the Hebrew people broke covenant with You by worshiping a molten calf, 3,000 of them were struck down dead.
- ◆ Yet in the new Pentecost, the Holy Spirit redeems and brings new life through the baptism of 3,000 people by Peter. How profound! This tells me that Your Holy Spirit redeems what has been lost, squandered or stolen. What a beautiful grace!
- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, I come to You today standing in the gap for my country America and ask for the redeeming grace of Your Holy Spirit to come upon my country and countrymen to redeem and restore us to right relationship with you, heart to Heart, spirit to Spirit.

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An Obligation to Live By the Spirit

- ◆ Dear Father God, I acknowledge and recommit according to Romans 8:12-13 that *I have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to the Spirit. For if I live according to the flesh, I will die; but if by the Spirit I put to death the misdeeds of the body, I will live. And this I know, that this is life eternal with You.*
- ◆ I take hold of Romans 8:14-15, *For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit I receive does not make me a slave, so that I live in fear again; rather, the Spirit I receive brings about my adoption to sonship. And by him I cry, ‘Abba, Father.’”*
- ◆ I declare Romans 8:16-17, that *The Spirit himself testifies with my spirit that I am God’s child. Now if a child, then an heir—heir of God and co-heir with Christ, if indeed I share in his sufferings in order that I may also share in his glory.*
- ◆ Heavenly Father, I commit to sharing in his sufferings that You have so designed and purposed me to do, so that I may share in Christ Jesus’ glory. I repent for any time I have not recognized the purpose to these sufferings and not received them with spiritual maturity and dignity.

I Am In the Realm of the Spirit

- ◆ Dear Father God, I commit to living in the realm of Your Spirit, rather than my own flesh mind and body, my own flesh desires and agendas. As Romans 8:9 declares: *“You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.”*
- ◆ Lord God Abba, Romans 8:10-11 provides me a vision and a reminder that the most important purpose and goals to this life are in fact, eternal life with You: *“But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of*

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righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.” What a beautiful promise and inheritance! Thank you Lord God Abba!

Renew Us With Your Spirit

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, *“Send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth”,* according to Psalm 104. Indeed, *“When you send your Spirit, creatures are created, and You renew the face of the ground.”*
- ◆ This gives us hope that You can and will renew America, that You will heal the souls of our people, that You will renew and heal our ground, our soil, our water and air; that You can and will restore America as part of your new earth.

SEALING PRAYERS:

*““Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”*

Isaiah 6:3

*“Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

*You have set your glory
in the heavens.”*

Psalm 8:1

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*“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me;
because the Lord hath anointed me
to preach good tidings unto the meek;
he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;
To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all that mourn;
To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion,
to give unto them beauty for ashes,
the oil of joy for mourning,
the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
that they might be called trees of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.”*

Isaiah 61:1-3