

“Pentecost: Power from Above”

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Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all Scriptures are from the NKJV Bible.

Acts 1:4-8 “And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, ‘which,’ He said, ‘you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’ Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, ‘Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?’ And He said to them, ‘It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.’”

- Jesus prophesied the coming of the Holy Spirit.

G1411 – Dunamis – is the release of energy when something is lit and then explodes. It is a power capable of anything.

“We, as believers, must be open and yearning for the power of the Holy Spirit to operate through our lives to extend the Kingdom of God on the earth, as did the 120 in the upper room, so that a new campaign can be carried out.” (Tim Sheets, Angel Armies, p. 37)

The Kingdom of God on Earth (Tim Sheets)

1. Through the New Testament church that trains its saints
2. Through the Holy Spirit who is one with Christ and the Father
3. Through organized network of potentially billions of angels encamped around the earth, of which Christ is the leader

Christ is Head over Every Power and Authority.

Colossians 1:18 “And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.”

Ephesians 2:10 “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

Ephesians 6:12 “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

The Natural Realm vs The Spiritual Realm

2 Kings 6 – Story of the Prophet Elisha and his servant

2 Kings 6:15-17 “And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, “Alas, my master! What shall we do?” So he answered, “Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” And Elisha prayed, and said, “Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.” Then the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.”

- God gave miraculous victory in the face of overwhelming odds.
- There are more with us. (12:4)

The Holy Spirit, Angels and Fire

Psalm 104:4 “Who makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flame of fire.”

Hebrews 1:7, 14 “And of the angels He says: Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire...Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?”

- *Leitourgos* - Minister – G3011 – a servant or a worshiper of God
- *Phlox* – Flame – G5395 - a flash, blaze, or tongue of fire; lightening
- *Poieo* – To Make – G4160 – to cause or endow someone with a certain quality

Acts 2:3-4 “Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

- Tongues of fire sat upon each of them.
- A divine shift from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant

Coals of Fire

Ezekiel 1:13 “As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches going back and forth among the living creatures. The fire was bright, and out of the fire went lightning.”

Isaiah 6:6-8 “Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth with it, and said: ‘Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged.’ Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: ‘Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?’ Then I said, ‘Here am I! Send me.’”

God is waiting on us to advance the Kingdom of God in the earth!