

## From the Open Tomb to the Upper Room

### The Mystery of the Wind and Fire

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## INTRODUCTION

Today is Pentecost Sunday – and for many – it might feel like the end of a journey ... But I want to tell you: this is not the end – it is just the beginning ... We've walked together through seven weeks of spiritual reflection since Resurrection Sunday ... Along the way, we've uncovered deep, sometimes even mystical truths – truths that have stirred something in our inner man ... Some of us have felt this stirring ... It may have felt like a gently pulling on our heart ... It may have felt like an aching in our soul ... It may have felt like a hunger – knowing that there is more.

And now we've arrived at Pentecost – the day of the sound and of the fire ... But let me ask you a question ... What do you believe about Pentecost? ... Was it just a one-time – historical event? ... Is it an experience every believer needs to have? ... Is it necessary for you - in order to live a Christian lifestyle? ... I ask these questions because “as a man thinks in his heart so is he” ... So – what you believe about Pentecost – will shape your Pentecostal experience.

A concern I have about Pentecost is – How does the church project the Pentecostal experience to believers? ... In other words – what does this experience even look like? ... I will address this question today ... But – what is also concerning to me is – what does the manifestation of this experience look like? ... Our what does the Pentecostal experience produce in a believer life ... I will likely preach on this in the coming weeks – but I want to share this now for your consideration.

### Acts 17:5-7 The Voice

Seeing this movement growing, - the unconvinced Jewish people became protective and angry ... They found some ruffians hanging out in the marketplaces and convinced them to help start a

riot ... Soon a mob formed, and the whole city was seething with tension ... The mob was going street by street, looking for Paul and Silas – who were nowhere to be found ... Frustrated, when the mob came to the house of a man named Jason, - now known as a believer, - they grabbed him and some other believers they found there - and dragged them to the city officials ... **Mob:** These people - - **they're political agitators** - - **turning the world upside down!** ... They've come here to our fine city, - - 7 and this man, Jason, has given them sanctuary and made his house a base for their operations ... **We want to expose their real intent:** - - **they are trying to overturn Caesar's sensible decrees** ... **They're saying that Jesus is king, - - not Caesar!**

*(They speak against the laws that Caesar has given to us. They say that there is another king. This other king is called Jesus ... They are all guilty of treason against Caesar, for they profess allegiance to another king, named Jesus)*

## **TRANS.**

So, my prayer this morning is that you will have a receptive heart ... And that the spirit of revelation would open and expand your spirit consciousness ... For the purpose of experiencing – what these original disciples experienced – so that you may manifest what these original disciples manifested.

## **The Sound – Awakening What's Already Inside**

### **Acts 2:1-2 The Voice**

When the holy day of Pentecost came 50 days after Passover, they were gathered together in one place ... 2 Picture yourself among the disciples: **A sound roars from the sky** without warning, - the roar of a violent wind, - and the whole house where you are gathered - **reverberates with the sound.**

## **The Sound Signaled a Divine Convergence**

Here we see that there was a sound – a heavenly frequency – that pierced the atmosphere of the room ... This sound roared with such a force that the whole house reverberated with this heavenly frequency ... This wasn't just noise – it was the resonance of the Spirit of God.

The very same Spirit who hovered over the waters in Genesis ... The same Spirit who leapt from the breath of the Father when He declared, “Let there be light.” ... That primordial frequency – creative, divine, living – was now resounding again, but this time, - not to form a world, - but to awaken sons.

It was so intense that their bodies began to vibrate – as if heaven's sound was tuning them like instruments – aligning them from within ... This was not simply a moment of visitation ... It was a convergence – where the indwelling Spirit and the external glory came into perfect harmony ... The Spirit within them began to resonate with the Spirit upon them ... And in that sacred synchronization – the new creation began to manifest ... Not just believers – but fully awakened sons – functioning in divine alignment ... Vessels vibrating with heaven's frequency ... Carriers of a kingdom that had always been within, but was now being called into expression.

### **The Sound Shattered their Stony Heart**

I have shared with you numerous times – that this natural realm has programmed us for spiritual failure ... From birth, we're immersed in a worldly system that teaches us to live from the outside in – to rely upon what we can see, touch, and control ... But over time – this programming creates a shell – a hardness – that blinds us to who we were created to be ... Jeremiah actually calls this condition a stony heart – a heart coated in layers of fear, shame, unbelief, and worldly thinking.

Now catch this – when the sound came – the frequency of the Spirit that roared from heaven – it wasn't just shaking the house ... It was shattering the hard – crusty shell of worldly programming ... The sound didn't just vibrate the body – it penetrated to the depths of the soul - breaking open the crust that life, religion, and fear had formed around their spirits.

Understand – the Father wasn't trying to destroy them – He was trying to reveal them ... To awaken the real version of themselves – the true sons who proceeded from the Father before the foundation of the world ... See – the sound came to break off what was false ... To crack and break open the hardened places ... To expose what had been buried under years of programming and natural / worldly thinking ... This was not emotional hype ... It was soul surgery ... The resonance of heaven awakened the part of them that had never been touched by the world ... The sound opened them to the divine DNA within.

### **The Fire – The Giving of Ministering Spirits**

#### **Acts 2:3 New Century Version**

They saw something like flames of fire that were separated and stood over each person there.

### **The Fire Signaled the Presence of Ministering Spirits**

Personally – I have never been taught on this concept of verse 3 as it pertains to the Pentecostal experience ... The church has typically made Pentecost all about the Holy Spirit – tongues – and spiritual gifts ... But here in verse 3 we see flames of fire showing up ... People have tied this event with tongues as the flame appeared as “tongues of fire” ... Let me share with you this thought for your consideration.

#### **Psalms 104:4 New King James Version**

Who makes His angels spirits, - - His ministers a flame of fire

#### **Hebrews 1:14 New Century Version**

All the angels are spirits who serve God - and are sent to help those who will receive salvation.

#### **Exodus 3:2 Easy English Bible**

The angel of the Lord appeared to Moses there ... **The angel looked like a fire** - that was burning in the middle of a bush ... Moses looked at the bush ... He saw that it was on fire, - but the fire still did not destroy it.

These flames were not just symbols – they marked the arrival – the manifestation – of ministering spirits – sent to assist those who carry the kingdom within ... As we've seen throughout our journey – angelic activity was woven into the life of Jesus – from His birth to His ascension ... I won't revisit every encounter now, but I will remind you of this truth from Scripture: “Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister to those who will inherit salvation?” (Hebrews 1:14) ... That means these flames weren't random ... They were assignments ... The same fiery ones who ministered around Jesus now encircled His body – His people ... And for everyone in that upper room, this moment was their burning bush ... A moment when what was around them ignited what was within them ... A moment where heaven touched earth, and those ministering flames didn't consume – they commissioned.

Now catch this – a spiritual principle I've shared before, - but few truly grasp - or take seriously ... Here it is - - What you speak - - you attract ... But let's take it deeper - - What you resonate with – what frequency your inner life is vibrating at – will draw corresponding spiritual entities.

Let's put this into the context of Pentecost ... The disciples were fully aligned – spirit, soul, and body – with the frequency of the Holy Spirit – the sound that roared like a rushing wind ... Their hearts were attuned with the indwelling Holy Spirit as they were in a posture of prayer ... And then – what happened? ... That frequency – that resonance – attracted heavenly beings – ministering spirits – sent to empower and assist – those who carry the kingdom within.

Now let me be clear – this principle doesn't only apply to the Spirit of God ... Those who vibrate at a low, carnal, fear-filled frequency – those who give voice to bitterness, unbelief, or darkness – they also attract spiritual beings ... We call them demons ... These beings function just like heavenly beings – to assist people – but they assist in fulfilling destructive and demonic agendas ... So, the principle is simple, but profound ... What you resonate with – you will

attract ... Your life becomes a spiritual magnet – drawing either the atmosphere of heaven or the chaos of hell.

## **The Tongue – The Evidence of the Experience**

### **Acts 2:4 New King James Version**

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now don't miss this – the tongue is the frequency generator of the human body ... It doesn't just form words; - it shapes atmospheres, - creates alignment, - releases spiritual reality - and attracts spiritual beings ... In this moment, - the Pentecostal experience wasn't just internal ... It didn't stay hidden in the soul ... It had a sound ... It had a voice ... This was not emotionalism ... This was not hysteria ... This was a divine frequency being released through human vessels.

Tongues – spiritual utterance – was the evidence that heaven's language was now flowing through earthly bodies ... The kingdom within was finding its vocal expression – its vibration – through the surrendered tongue ... Remember what James says – “The tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things – it sets the course of life on fire.” (James 3:5–6)

When the Holy Spirit fills a person, - He takes hold of the tongue – because whoever commands the tongue, - commands the trajectory of our life ... So, in Acts 2, - the sound of tongues was not just proof of an inner encounter ... It was the external validation of a heavenly infusion ... The fire came upon them – ministering spirits assigned ... The sound flowed out of them – heaven's language now resonating through human clay ... This was no ordinary moment ... It was a convergence of realms – the Spirit within now overflowing, - and the voice of heaven breaking forth through yielded tongues.

**TAKE AWAY**

What happened in that upper room wasn't a historical event to be admired from afar ... It was an invitation – a divine pattern – an experience for all to be had – if you will simply believe ... Pentecost was not a one-time encounter for a chosen few ... It was a blueprint of how the Holy Spirit desires to move through every believer ... The sound came from heaven – but now the sound must rise up from within you ... The fire descended – but now the fire longs to burn in your life – through the ministering presence of the Holy Spirit - and His angels – to awaken you to your sonship.

You don't need to chase after an external experience by begging or tarrying around an altar ... The kingdom is within you ... The Spirit already dwells in you ... But now – He wants to come upon you ... He wants to ignite your voice, - align your life, - and release His presence through you.

So today, don't just celebrate a historical event ... Today – will you enter in? ... Will you seek to enter into the same experience these early disciples had? ... You may be wondering – How do I do that? ... Well – what did they do?

1. They believed the “promise of the Father” was for them – just like Jesus told them

Acts 2:39 Amplified Bible

For the promise [of the Holy Spirit] is for you and your children and for all who are far away [including the Gentiles], as many as the Lord our God calls to Himself.”

Acts 1:14 Contemporary English Version

The apostles often met together and prayed with a single purpose in mind ... The women and Mary the mother of Jesus would meet with them, and so would his brothers.

2. They postured themselves to receive the Promise

3. They were obedient – patient – and steadfast towards achieving the Promise

**Closing Prayer**

Father - - We come before You today – open, - hungry, - and expectant ... We've heard the sound ... We've seen the flame ... And now we say ... Let it be done in us ... Let the same Spirit that hovered over the waters ... The same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead ... The same Spirit that filled the upper room ... Now fill this temple – my body – my soul – my voice.

Lord, may Your sound awaken what is asleep ... May Your frequency shatter what is hard and crusty within ... Let the resonance of heaven vibrate through every part of our being – aligning us with You – creating oneness within ... As we resonate as one – let Your ministering spirits surround us ... Not to impress – but to assist us in walking as true sons of the Kingdom.

Holy Spirit – arise from within ... Those who have never experienced Pentecost – may they now – as they believe the promise is for them ... For those of us who have experienced Pentecost – arise within us once again ... Awaken us to deeper realities of our spiritual journey ... Expand our spiritual consciousness – so that we may experience the deeper – and do exploits that we never thought possible before.

Today – we believe and receive the fullness of Pentecost ... Today – we choose to release the sound of the Spirit and walk with those spirit beings who burn with holy fire ... Lord – awaken us to the truth that You designed us to be a people – that will turn the world upside down – so that Your Kingdom may come upon the earth and Your will be done as it is in heaven – Amen