

From the Outpouring to the Overturning
Investigating the Pentecostal Experience

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INTRO.

Happy Father's Day to all the dads.

Last week, I shared with you a concern that has been stirring in my spirit ... That concern is how we often speak about the Pentecostal experience, or what we call the Baptism of the Holy Spirit ... I'm not going to rehash what I said last week ... Today, I want us to begin a journey – to go deeper – and open our hearts and the Scriptures – to investigate – not from a doctrinal position – but from a divine encounter ... What truly happens in the life of someone who has experienced the authentic sound and fire of Pentecost? ... What are the signs – the inner marks – of a life impacted by a genuine Pentecostal experience?

Now I'll be honest with you – I have engaged with many people over the years – who claim to be baptized with the Holy Spirit ... And yet – I don't observe the same signs – nor the same lifestyle in them – that I observe in these early disciples ... Now don't get me wrong – I'm not being critical ... **You Do You** ... But I am making an observation, and more importantly, a determination ... First, for myself – that I would continually examine my life in the light of this divine experience ... And secondly, for connection - for shield linking with those being formed into a last-days remnant ... There is a fire and a resonance that sets the remnant apart.

TRANS

So today, as we begin this journey – from the outpouring to the overturning – my prayer is that our hearts would remain open, tender, and receptive to what the Spirit is unveiling ... We're not just studying a past event – but we're stepping into a mystical reality ... Let's investigate what occurred right after the sound shattered the atmosphere and the fiery ministering spirits fell.

The Mystery of Communication

Involves Speaking and Hearing

Acts 2:4-6 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 ... 5 And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. ... 6 And when this sound occurred, - - the multitude came together, and were confused, - - because everyone heard them speak in his own language.

This is one of the most profound texts of the Pentecostal experience that is often overlooked ... I will avoid a deep, lengthy discussion over this text other to say that – it has been hotly debated whether the miracle was in the speaking of a known language – or was the miracle in the hearing of those present ... Again – this type of debate flows from a carnal mind and not from a transformed heart ... Now catch this – when the vibration of the Spirit came upon the tongues of the disciples – it also resonated within the ears of those present ... This was a harmonious resonance of speech and hearing happening all at once.

Let me put it this way ... The spirit realm is not restricted to our earthly means of communication ... In fact – our earthly means of communication is extremely inefficient and often misunderstood ... Here we see a heavenly communication – a spiritual convergence between speaking and hearing ... This is a divine transmission from the Holy Spirit that bypassed the limitations of speech – understanding and broke through cultural barriers ... This wasn't a linguistic event – it was a spiritual frequency alignment ... The disciples were the transmitters and the crowd became the receivers ... The Spirit was broadcasting on a spiritual frequency – and every soul was spiritually tuned to receive it ... In essence – God was doing a reversal of what HE did in Babel ... There – He scattered – but here – the Spirit destroyed division – confusion and cultural separation ... Babel brought about a scattering of people through language ... But here – the Spirit brought unity through language

Exhortation

You don't need to speak someone's language – nor lower yourself to their level to reach them ... The Pentecostal experience is about you being a new creation – which now carries the frequency of the Holy Spirit ... You have become a living transmitter of His divine glory – and the people around you will feel and hear what the Spirit has for them ... Your words may seem foolish to some – but to others – they will be life – healing – and comfort ... You don't need perfect words – you simply allow the frequency of the Spirit to vibrate unhindered out of your mouth.

Involves a Message

Acts 2:11-12 New Living Translation

(both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans, and Arabs. ... And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages - - about the wonderful things God has done!"- - (*magnificent acts - - mighty works - - the miracles*) ... 12 They stood there amazed and perplexed. ... "What can this mean?" they asked each other.

What was the message the Spirit was delivering through this divine frequency the disciples were speaking? ... The magnificent works and miracles of Almighty God ... It was a cascade of glory and wonders freely flowing from the disciple's lips ... A bold witness to the beauty, majesty, power, mercy, and love of the only true – living God.

When you truly have a Pentecostal experience – you will overflow from a grateful heart of praise – of the wonders of Almighty God ... Pentecost wasn't a display of power – it was a spiritual soundtrack of worship ... Each tongue became an instrument – in spiritual utterance – declaring the wonders of the Father ... Remember last week when I shared about the shattering of the hardened heart? ... Here we see each heart shattered – awakened to the true being they were created to be – declaring the praises of God – for every nation to hear ... And the best part – they all stood amazed at what they heard – why?

Because as usual – man has to get in and muck up what true spirituality really is ... The religious leaders of the day were consistently rebuked by Jesus for their perversion of spiritual

truth ... We see the same today – especially concerning what Pentecost was all about ... Catch this – religion weaponizes word to accuse and promote its own ideology ... But the Spirit baptizes the tongue to praise and glorify the Father – for all His wonderous works ... If your gospel sounds more like hell than heaven – it is not the true gospel ... The Spirit doesn't shout – you are condemned ... The Spirit declares – Look what the Lord has done!

Exhortation

When we are truly filled with the Spirit, our testimony will shift ... No longer will our speech be filled with fear – unbelief – complaining – or judgment ... We don't curse the darkness – we shine the light of the Spirit – and speak words of praise ... The world has heard enough condemnation and angry religious rhetoric ... The tongues of Pentecost didn't accuse – they announced the arrival of a better kingdom

Involves the Mockers

Acts 2:13 New Living Translation

But others in the crowd ridiculed them, saying, “They're just drunk, that's all!”

The Frequency of the Spirit will Always Offend the System

When the disciples resonated with the frequency of the Spirit – it provoked a mocking spirit to arise in the crowd ... Remember – there is a god of this world who has blinded the mind of those who do not believe ... The first response a blinded heart will have to the light and love of the Spirit is mockery ... Mockery is designed to embarrass and silence those who are resonating with the Spirit ... See – mockery resonates at a lower frequency – the frequency of this realm ... Here we see what is truly spiritual warfare ... Religious ideology has really messed this reality up – but I digress ... Now catch this – the battle now is over choice ... Will you continue to resonate with the frequency of the Spirit? ... Or will you choose to now resonate with the lower frequency of this earthly realm? ... We saw what happened as Peter stepped up – resonating with the frequency of the Spirit – He preached and 3,000 are saved.

Please catch this the best way you can – by the Spirit of God ... Your mouth – tongue – words – are a frequency generator ... Your generator will create an atmosphere around you – which will attract spiritual beings ... See – Peter didn't allow, nor choose, the lower frequency of mockery to recalibrate his vibration as we see in:

Acts 2:14-16 New Living Translation

Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, "Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. ... 15 These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o'clock in the morning is much too early for that. ... 16 No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel:

Exhortation

If you've never been misunderstood, you've probably never been truly filled ... If you're always in control, you probably have never been under the influence of the Spirit. The Pentecostal experience will cost you your dignity – but it comes with divine authority ... You might look foolish to the crowd, but you will become a vessel crafted to contain His glory.

TAKE AWAY

Become a Carrier of the Frequency

"And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?" – Acts 2:8

The Spirit didn't give tongues – as if they are some spiritual toy – to be played with by a bunch of spiritually immature kids ... He gave them – as we see hear – so that you may know you are resonating with His frequency ... So that the indwelling Spirit may come into complete harmony – and clothe you with the Spirit – so that you internal and external may be in sync.

Practical Step:

Each morning, pray: "Holy Spirit, align me with Your frequency ... Let others hear You in me." ... Let Your tone, - Your words, - and Your presence – be a divine message through me and cut through the noise of this world - Amen

Speak of His Mighty Wonders

“We hear them telling in our own tongues - - the mighty works of God.” – Acts 2:11

In a world full of mockers and negativity – be the one who resonates with joy and positivity ... Always be mindful – we physically live in a low-level frequency atmosphere ... We are constantly bombarded with foolishness and pride from those who think of themselves more highly than they ought to ... Speaking will indicate what frequency you are resonating at ... So – let me give you a:

Practical Step:

This week, be intentional about your speech ... Listen carefully to each word that proceeds from your mouth ... If negativity – or this world low level frequency – begins to proceed from your frequency generator – stop and examine your inward resonance ... Remember – the Kingdom dwell within you and you must resonate with its frequency – not this world’s – so readjust ... Once readjusted – replace negativity with testimony ... Share what God is doing in your life with others ... Don’t allow the mockers to silence you – but let them empower you

You are a walking upper room ... You are the Pentecostal experience that the world is looking for ... You carry the frequency they were designed to resonate at ... Every time you walk into a room – let your resonance fill the space with wonder – light – and love ... Allow all who will come to drink from the living water that flows from within you.

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord – I thank You for the sound that still echoes from that upper room ... A frequency that shatters barriers, - - awakens hearts, - - and calls us into deeper union with You ... I ask that you would tune our lives to Your Spirit’s frequency ... That our voice would carry Your presence ... That our words would forever declare Your wonders ... May we be clothed with boldness as we stand in the midst of mockers ... May we shine with truth in the midst of being misunderstood ... May we overflow with joy in the midst of darkness and unbelief ... Father – we don’t want to just remember Pentecost ... We want to experience the truth of it – we want to daily walk in

it ... May Your Spirit resound afresh and anew in each and every heart ... In the mighty name
of Jesus - Amen