

Book of Acts in the 21st Century

Part 2

Contending for Power

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Today our lives will change by the word and power and Word of God.

Father speak to us, change us, we look to you as the great master. As we contend for the supernatural

Talk about the last weeks.

Set apart.

If you want to receive from God we have to put him first. If we expect the Holy Spirit to come we cannot hurry him. There is no time in the Spirit.

Acts 1:4

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4 And while being in their company *and* eating with them, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait for what the Father had promised, Of which [He said] you have heard Me speak.

5 For John baptized with water, but not many days from now you shall be baptized with (placed in, introduced into) the Holy Spirit.

8 But you shall receive power (ability, efficiency, and might) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, **conf: I will receive power.** and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the ends (the very bounds) of the earth.

All those who receive the Holy Ghost become witnesses.

9 And when He had said this, even as they were looking [at Him], He was caught up, and a cloud received *and* carried Him away out of their sight.

14 All of these with their minds in full agreement devoted themselves steadfastly to prayer, **Conf: Came together in Prayer** [waiting together] with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

Acts 2

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2 And when the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all assembled together in one place,

2 When suddenly there came a sound from heaven like the rushing of a violent tempest blast, and it filled the whole house in which they were sitting.

3 And there appeared to them tongues resembling fire, which were separated *and* distributed and which settled on each one of them.

Same as in Solomon's Temple. 120 priests, fire came down.

4 And they were all filled (diffused throughout their souls) with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other (different, foreign) languages (tongues), as the Spirit kept giving them clear *and* loud expression [in each tongue in appropriate words].

Notice the importance of:

- 1) Prayer
- 2) Unity

The devil can stop a church from reaching its goals because of strife and offenses.

Matthew 5:44

When we see the elements of

- Prayer
- Worship
- Unity, It opens the door for God to fall on a service.

If there is anyone here who has a problem with someone then make it right right now.

Do good to those who hurt you is for your sake

Matthew 5:44

Acts 10

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10 Now [living] at Caesarea there was a man whose name was Cornelius, a centurion (captain) of what was known as the Italian Regiment,

34 And Peter opened his mouth and said: Most certainly *and* thoroughly I now perceive *and* understand that God shows no partiality *and* is no respecter of persons,

35 But in every nation he who venerates *and* has a reverential fear for God, treating Him with worshipful obedience and living uprightly, is acceptable to Him *and* [e]sure of being received and welcomed [by Him].

36 You know the contents of the message which He sent to Israel, announcing the good news (Gospel) of peace by Jesus Christ, Who is Lord of all—

37 The [same] message which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, starting from Galilee after the baptism preached by John—

38 How God anointed *and* consecrated Jesus of Nazareth with the [Holy] Spirit and with strength *and* ability *and* power; how He went about doing good and, [f]in particular, curing all who were harassed *and* oppressed by [the power of] the devil, for God was with Him.

Why did Jesus need the Holy Spirit? So that he could bring healing and deliverance.

Sickness is a form of demonic oppression. Indirectly sickness is on the earth because of the devil.

Only when the Holy Spirit came on Jesus could he do the works of power.

39 And we are [eye and ear] witnesses of everything that He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem. And [yet] they put Him out of the way (murdered Him) by hanging Him on a tree;

40 But God raised Him to life on the third day and caused Him to be manifest (to be plainly seen),

41 Not by all the people but to us who were chosen (designated) beforehand by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.

42 And He charged us to preach to the people and to bear solemn testimony that He is the God-appointed *and* God-ordained Judge of the living and the dead.

43 To Him all the prophets testify (bear witness) that everyone who believes in Him [who adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Him, giving himself up to Him] receives forgiveness of sins through His name.

44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all who were listening to the message.

Notice the holy Spirit interrupted his message.

45 And the believers from among the circumcised [the Jews] who came with Peter were surprised *and* amazed, because the free gift of the Holy Spirit had been bestowed *and* poured out largely even on the Gentiles. Notice there are some important points here.

- Unity,
- Agreement
- Worship
- Anointing
- Prayer

2 Chronicles 5:11-14

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11 And when the priests had come out of the Holy Place—for all the priests present had sanctified themselves, separating themselves from everything that defiles, without regard to their divisions;

12 And all the Levites who were singers—all of those of Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun, with their sons and

kinsmen, arrayed in fine linen, having cymbals, harps, and lyres—stood at the east end of the altar, and with them 120 priests blowing trumpets;

13 And when the trumpeters and singers were joined in unison, making one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and other instruments for song and praised the Lord, saying, For He is good, for His mercy *and* loving-kindness endure forever, then the house of the Lord was filled with a cloud,

14 So that the priests could not stand (If you can not stand what happens) to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God.

If that cloud comes into this place we will all fall down and worship the Lord.

If this was permitted to happen in the old covenant sealed in the blood of animals then we should see it because of the blood of Jesus.

Leviticus 16:2

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2 The Lord said to Moses, Tell Aaron your brother he must not come at all times into the Holy of Holies within the veil before the mercy seat upon the ark, lest he die; for I will appear in the cloud on the mercy seat.

When the anointing of God comes in we get forgiveness and mercy.

When we praise and worship God in the services, the words of our songs must focus on who God is and must worship HIM.

Acts 14:3

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3 So [Paul and Barnabas] stayed on there for a long time, speaking freely *and* fearlessly *and* boldly in the Lord, Who continued to bear testimony to the Word of His grace, granting signs and wonders to be performed by their hands.

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3 levels of receiving from God

- 1) Prayer of Faith.
- 2) Gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- 3) When the Glory of God falls in a service.

Acts 5:12

14 More *and* more there were being added to the Lord those who believed [those who acknowledged Jesus as their Savior and devoted themselves to Him joined and gathered with them], crowds both of men and of women,
15 So that they [even] kept carrying out the sick into the streets and placing them on couches and sleeping pads, [in the hope] that as Peter passed by, at least his shadow might fall on some of them.

16 And the people gathered also from the towns *and* hamlets around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those troubled with foul spirits, and they were all cured.

Acts 9:32

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32 Now as Peter went here and there among them all, he went down also to the saints who lived at Lydda.

33 There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedfast for eight years and was paralyzed.

34 And Peter said to him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ (the Messiah) [now] makes you whole. Get up and make your bed! And immediately [Aeneas] stood up.

35 Then all the inhabitants of Lydda and the plain of Sharon saw [what had happened to] him and they turned to the Lord.

Hebrews 13:8

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8 Jesus Christ (the Messiah) is [always] the same, yesterday, today, [yes] and forever (to the ages).

John 14:12

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12 I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.

13 And I will do [I Myself will grant] whatever you ask in My Name [as presenting all that I Am], so that the Father may be glorified *and* extolled in (through) the Son.

When we say demons or sickness must go it must go in the NAME OF JESUS. All of this must bring glory to God. NOT TO MAN.

14 [Yes] I will grant [I Myself will do for you] whatever you shall ask in My Name [as presenting all that I Am].

15 If you [really] love Me, you will keep (obey) My commands.

16 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate,

Strengthened, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever—

17 The Spirit of Truth, Whom the world cannot receive (welcome, take to its heart), because it does not see Him or know *and* recognize Him. But you know *and* recognize Him, for He lives with you [constantly] and will be in you.

18 I will not leave you as orphans [comfortless, desolate, bereaved, forlorn, helpless]; I will come [back] to you.

Do not call the holy Spirit an "it" If we are Christians we will KNOW Him.

He dwells with me and in me.