

Pentecost Livermore
Acts 1:1-9 2:11-12 6-7-92

Intro. Pentecost means
50 originally a feast,
50 days after the
Passover. a harvest feast
feast of weeks.
New Testament became
the day of the outpouring
of the Holy Spirit.

Some observations.

Jesus last words.

✓3 ye shall receive power
after the Holy Ghost is
come upon you

✓4 Wait in Jerusalem
until this happens.

✓5 Not water baptism
Spirit baptism

2:11-120 were obedient and waited
In one accord

What happened.

2:2-13 three things

1- sound from heaven as of
a mighty rushing wind.

2. V3 cloven tongues of
fire appeared and sat on
~~the~~ ^{like} back of them.

3. V4 all filled with
the Holy Ghost and began
to speak with other
tongues.

V-8 everyone began to
hear in their own
language.

Result

They were cleansed of
selfishness and jealousy,
and fear.

Had power to speak
boldly.

no longer cowardly
and helpless, but
went everywhere
preaching the word
boldly.

Fear Not

M.T. 10-66

S.R. Isaiah 41:10-13

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Text. V. 13 "For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee."

Illus: A Young surgeon taking the hand of a little child. A picture of someone in spiritual darkness.

Illus. the athiest who had nothing to hold to in manchester, a village near. You may be coming to deaths valley with not to hold to. Would you not rather be amongst the redeemed ones who, having washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb, have something solid and enduring to hold on to? Better still, have Someone holding on to them, for it is writtem: "I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not, I will help thee."

Illus: A chrittian man was waiting for an operation The nurse said "when you are put on the operating table, look at the wall and you will find there a message from God for you." He found "I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not, I will help thee." That was just the message he needed.

God does not only sit upon His throne in the e heavens dictating the forwarding messages of comfort ~~at~~ our souls, but He comes at the call of dire need right to us and grants direct personal contact. "No distant God have we, Who loves afar to be! Made flesh for, He cannot rest until He rest in me."

Several things this grasp of God means.

1. Salvation:

Is. 42:1, 2

"He sent from above, He took me, He drew me out of many waters" (Psalm 18,16).

He lifted me out of the deep miry clay.

Illus. Quick sand. Illus. Little child stuck in the mud at Island.

Elizabeth in quick sand

The serpent in the wilderness.

2. Friend ship: He is a friend that sticketh closser than a brother. "When thy father and mother forsake thee than the Lord will take thee up.

Taking hold of parents

2. Strength. "I will strengthen Thee. When I am weak then am I strong. " Lift up the hands that hang down and confirm the feeble knees. say to him that is of a fearful heart, be strong. I Can do all things through Christ which strengthen me.

3. Submission: This is to be willing to be put anywhere, and to be used anyhow. That is not so difficult as it sounds. what matters where we go what we have to do if only His hand leadeth!

With Jesus calms the storm
"why are ye fearful, O ye
of little faith"

Calvary Wesley
9-16-84
M.T. Morgan
9-16-90
Script. Prov. 22:28
Intro. for
been important
closed trails
Statue of Liberty
Morgan's
Salvador, Valencia a well
way Spain 35 -

~~Salvage of Jerusalem~~
~~very fresh 35-~~
I abraham's journeying were
marked by. "and their builded
her on altar unto the lord.
mt. moriah become the site of
jerusalem and the temple.

II Children of Israel crossed
over Jordan and set up twelve
stones on the bank and
12 in the bed of the river.
What mean ye by these
stones? a memorial.

A. a tomb stone reminds us of the good loved one.

use this after IV

Doctrine of Scriptural Holiness
Revived by Phineas T. Brazzle
as in Isaiah 35 on Highway
shall be there and ~~no~~ way
and it shall be called The holiness
way of holiness. ^{To speak} ~~to~~ ^{throughout} the world.

III The altar in the church
reminds us of the need
for repentance, Gods loving
Grace and Sanctifying
powers. Bro. Boston's Revival

IV The church building
Temple, Gods glory filled temple
reminds us of Gods
abiding presence and
happy times of singing
and worshipping together,
missing it during the war.
~~Bro. Boston's Revival~~ about Breeze Hill

V Fondness in our hearts.
Prov. 22:6
I raise up a child in
the way he should go,
and when he is old, he
will not depart from
it. Of Moses.

Deut. 6: 6-10

and these words, which I
command thee this day,
shall be in thine heart;
and thou shalt teach
them diligently unto thy

Children, and shalt talk of
them when thou sittest, in
thine house, and when thou
walkest by the way, and
when thou liest down, and
when thou risest up.

and thou shalt bind
them for a sign upon
thine hand, and they
shall be as frontlets
between thine eyes.

and thou shalt write
them upon the posts of
thine house, and on thy
gates.

Sunday School Teacher

A Family Prayer

^{attendance at Church}
~~Prayer~~ ^{before meals} ^{Core of ministers}
~~S.S. prayer meeting~~

B. Fondness of faithful-
ness to God. Sis. Gledsmith

Dr. Long, Scotty minister
David Livingston more people
want to see his grave than any
other except the carpenter soldier
these ministers about.

Pauls life was marked
by faithfulness

I have fought a good
fight, I have finished my
course I have kept the faith
many peoples lives are marked
by the greatness of their
Children. ~~Susanna~~ Wesley.

Will you leave landmarks
in your life either for
good or evil. which
will it be.

Song No. 11

Take my life

Our Importance in the Church
Livermore 16-18-92 Mt. 8-77
Scripture Heb. 13:12-17 P 258
great commission of Mt. 28:19. Go ye therefore - Mt. 75
Psalms 126:5,6 79
Isaiah 43:10 ye are my witnesses

Intra. ^{v12} The sanctification of the people has been provided for by the suffering of Jesus.

It is so important that Jesus gave his life to accomplish it.

II v13 Let us go forth

1 The work has been intrusted to us

2 The church has been intrusted to us.

~~It was not built by God.~~ ^{By Noah} ~~By Moses~~

III Old Testament Times

ye are my witnesses
children of Israel
failed in doing Gods
work.

IV Disciples. Lo ye
Greater works shall ye
do than I do.

V God depends on us. He
will work through us.
~~Moses~~ wherefore crieth thou unto
me. Speak unto the children
of Israel that they go forward.

VI God has no hands but
our hands.
1 Did you ever see God
build a church building.
The temple in Jerusalem was
built by men.
Did you ever see God put
money in the offering. No
men and money are interested
to do this. If they didn't
the church could not accomplish
much.

Did you ever hear God
teach a Sunday School class
and God has given you
a voice to do this.

VI In the Great World
wide Gospel work we
all have our place.

If the Wesleyan Church
is carrying on a great
work.

1. We must be loyal here
Loyalty to our own church
is what makes it succeed.

God won't teach your
Sunday school class,
God won't preach my
sermon for me.

Jesus said Go ye and
we must go and bring
others in if we are
going to see our church
grow. Do not set forth
lost God expects loyalty and
faithfulness

Christ has no hands but
 our hands to do His work today
 Christ has no feet but our
 feet to lead them in the way
 Christ has no eyes but our
 eyes to see the needs of men.
 Christ has no ears but our
 ears to hear their cry again,

Christ has no hands but our hands
 to do his work today
 He has no feet but our feet
 to lead men in His way
 He has no tongue but our tongue
 to tell men how He died
 He has no help but our help
 to bring them to His side
 We are the only Bible
 The careless world will read.
 We are the sinners' gospel
 We are the scoffers' creed.
 We are the Lord's fast messenger
 given in glad and word.
 What if the type is crooked?
 What if the print is blurred?
 What if our hands are busy
 with other work than this?
 What if our feet are walking
 when sin's allurements is
 What if our tongues are speaking
 of things His lips would spurn.
 How can we hope to help Him
 And hasten His return?

Jesus in the Midst

Livermore
9-29-91
Song 381
Horton of such love
1-75

Text. John 19:17-18

- A. God has come down to men.
- B. God longs to be with men.
- C. Jesus in the midst - this is our theme.
We often think of God in the midst of glory.

L. Jesus in the Midst of Sinners (V.18)

On the Cross

- A. This was deliberately done. *He steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem*
- B. Jesus was in the midst of sin.
- C. This was the place of the Lord's choice.

Illust. At work etc. *We are sometimes put in this place*

III Jesus in the Midst of Hopelessness (Luke 24:15)
(And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned. Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.)

Illust. *on way to Emmaus. Have your hopes and dreams vanished. Jesus will be in the midst*

III. Jesus in the Midst of fear (Luke 24:36)

And as they thus spake Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them. Peace be unto you.

Illust. *11 disciples together. also return on sea of Galilee.*

- A. Fear is the symbol of beaten men.
- B. Fear is the second greatest force in the world.
- C. Then Jesus stood in the midst.

IV Jesus in the Midst of all the Redeemed (Rev. 7:17)
(For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto lining fountains of waters and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.)

- A. Jesus in the midst of the throne. He who was in the midst of sinners on the cross is now seen in the midst of the throne on high.

B. Jesus in the midst of the heart. *the church* When Jesus is crowned, life sings with melody. *Great peace comes.*

C. Jesus in the midst of the redeemed. and the last teardrop will be dried.

Concl. What is your need? Jesus in your life can meet that need.

Text: Deut. 33:25

"Thy shoes shall be iron and brass; and as thy days, so shall thy strength be."

1 Cor. 12:9 my Grace is sufficient for thee

Intro. John Wesleu wrote in his Bible, "Live Today." Trust in God today cast all your cares and burdens upon the Lord today, be happy and kind today. keep so busy doing good today that you won't have time to grieve over the yesterdays nor worry about the tomorrows.

I. It is a limited promise

Matt. 6:33-34. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow; for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

those who are completely surrendered to God

LL. It is a comprehensive promise

"As thy days." It covers all kinds of days. Days of duty, sorrow, temptation, etc. God has promised strength for:

A. The day of affliction. "Through sorrow and pain, *To Paul* through loss or gain. His grace is enough for *me* *Ps 41*

B. The day of duty. Jesus said, "Every man his Work" Mark 13:34. We are not all called to preach, but we are all called to be soul winnersk Matt 4:19s And he saith unto them Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men!"

1 Cor 15:58) Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

C. THE DAY OF SORROW. Annie Johnson Flint wrote some encouraging lines. "God hath not provided skies always blue, Flower strewn pathways all our lives through: But God hath promised STRENGTH FOR THE DAY."

D. The day of Temptation. Temptations are certain to ring your doorbell: but it's your own fault if you ask them in. (1 Cor. 10:13) "There hath no temptation taken you but such is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

E. The Day of Death (Heb. 9:27)
Someone asked D.L. Moody if he had dying grace. He said.

"Why, no. I have living grace." ~~###~~ but when I come to die I shall have dying grace." And he did! Don't worry about the dark days and rough roads that may be ahead of you. Live for Today and when the trying hour comes, "Thy shoes shall be iron and brass" Deut. 33:25).

III. It is a long promise

You ~~can't~~ outlive it. As long as there are days, there will be strength available from the Lord for them (Luke 22:32)

"But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not,

I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.

IV. It is a well-guaranteed Promise

Man didn't promise it, God did. ~~#####~~

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The life of joy

I John 1:4

"These things I write unto you, that your joy may be full."

Intro. The entire world is seeking for joy and satisfaction in various ways. pleasure, excitement, honor, fame, wealth, companionship.

John had found this fulness of joy and he desired to see others happy.

Real abiding joy is found only in the Christian. Let

I The joy of sins forgiven
Song. Oh the joy of sins forgiven. Oh the bless the blood washed brow. Oh the place akin to heaven, where the healing waters flow.

Ch. 2:12 "I write unto you little children, because your sins are forgiven, for His Name's sake."

A Illust. a man condemned to die. He is pardoned.

B. Joy in forgiving others
Illust: Joseph forgiving his brothers.

The Joy of fellowship

1:7 "If we walk in the light as He is in the light we have fellowship one with the other and the blood of Jesus Christ His son Cleanseth us from all sin."

A Fellowship with other Christians. Illus. Ministers retreat.

B. Ps 119:165 "Great peace have they which love thy law and nothing shall offend them."

Illest. Rich young ruler
Went away so sorrowfull
The women at the well
went away with joy.
Judas betrayed the lord
and found bitter agony.
The wise men.
Found exceeding great
joy
The shepherds returned
glorifying and praising
God.
The women
The returned from the
tomb with great joy.

Conclusion:

song 1 Thes. 5: 16-21

Reward of the Faithful

Text

Livermore 12-18-97

Script reading Rev. D: 8-17

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M.T. 6-7/6

text: V 10. be thou faithful
unto death and I will give thee
a crown of life.

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Intro. The Church at Smyrna
poor but rich. "Jesus said for
not little flock for it is
of the Father's good pleasure
to give you the kingdom."
Luke 12:32

your labor is not in vain
in the Lord. ^{First English Bible}
John Wycliffe 1320 1525 - 1530

Illust. William Tyndale
only church leaders and
rulers could own a Bible
in England. ^{new testament}
~~Printed First English Bible~~
strangled and burned at ^{15,000 -} Copernicus
the stake. Last words were
"Lord open the King of England's
eyes."

King James version 1611 made
by ~~47~~ 54 scholars.

STEPHEN, who was honored by being the first Christian martyr, was stoned to death by an angry mob in Jerusalem.

MATTHEW is supposed to have been martyred by the sword in a city in Ethiopia.

Mark was dragged through the streets of Alexandria, Egypt until he died.

LUKE WAS hanged on an olive tree in Greece.

JAMES THE GREATER was beheaded by Herod at Jerusalem.

JAMES THE LESS was thrown from a pinnacle of the temple and then beaten to death with a fuller's club.

PHILIP was hanged up against a pillar at Hierapolis, a city in Phrygia.

BARTHOLOMEW was flayed alive at the command of a barbarous king.

ANDREW was bound to a cross there he preached until he expired.

THOMAS was run through the body with a lance in Malabar, East Indies.

JUDE was shot to death with arrows.

SIMON ZELOTES was crucified in Persia.

MATTHIAS was first stoned, and afterwards beheaded.

PETER was crucified with his head downward, at his own request, at Rome, tradition says.

PAUL, the last apostle called, and one of the greatest of them, was beheaded at Rome by Nero, 68, A.D.

It is estimated that approximately 50 million people have given their lives for the cause of Christ during the Christian era, a large number of whom were martyred during the first three centuries. They were beheaded, crucified, drowned, burned, and fed to wild animals the scorned, while thousands of blood-thirsty spectators looked on. Some were slain with the sword; some burnt with fire; some with whips scourged; some stabbed with forks of iron; some fastened to the cross or gibbet; some drowned in the sea; some had their skins plucked off; some stoned to death; some killed with cold; some starved with hunger; some had their tongues cut off; some their hands cut off or otherwise dismembered, having been left naked to the open shame of the world.

In the Massacre of St. Bartholomew in Paris 1572
One hundred thousand human beings were butchered
by the Catholic Church.

In Russia There were three millions, Five hundred
thousand Christian Russians officially killed from 1
1917 to 1923.

Rewards of the faithful

1. Eternal immunity from sin.
2. A robe of righteousness
3. A crown of life
4. A crown of glory 11 Pet. 5:4 that fadeth not away.
5. The privilege of being in the personal presence
of the Lord. Rev. 3:21 to sit with him on his throne
6. A beautiful mansion John 14:2-5
7. everlasting home

When the farmer has plowed his last furrow, and
the dairyman has made his last round; the sailor t
tied his last rope knot and the engineer made his
last run; when the housewife has prepared her last
meal, and the nurse served her last weary day;
when the factory worker has finished his last
toilsome task, and the banker has cashed his last ch
check, the mailman delivered his last letter, and th
barber cut his last head of hair, the cobbler
stitched on his last sole and the mechanic made
his last repair; when the groceryman has sold his
last groceries and the customer paid his last bill,
the poor man spent his last dollar and the rich
man made his last will; when the preacher has
preached his last sermon and the layman prayed his
last prayer, and the last sweet anthem of praise
arises from the Spirit-filled choir; when
the works and industries of earth are silent and
the records of time are all in, and life's weary
wheels come to a standstill and its troubles and
toils to an end; when the work of God's chosen is fi
finished and their heartaches and sorrow all o'er
wheat a glorious home coming morning when we start
for that radiant shore!

I Love God's House

Text Ps. 122:1

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."

Ps. 36:8 "They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house, and thou wilt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures."

Intro. The house of the Lord is called by different names, sometimes the Temple, the Synagogue, the Tabernacle, the Church House, the Meeting House. But whatever it is called, the House of the Lord has had a special place in the lives of his people.

Open air worship was first.

Cain and Abel offered to the Lord on an alter, so did Noah, Abraham and Isaac.

When Jacob left home for fear of his brother, he spent the first night with a rock for his pillow. He had a dream of a ladder reaching to heaven with angels descending and ascending. In the morning he annointed rock and said, "This is the house of God, the gate to Heaven."

The first house of the Lord was a tent, built by the people, and was called the Tabernacle in the Wilderness. Later they built a beautiful Temple in Jerusalem, made of stone, cedar, and lined with gold. A rich beautiful place. When dedicated by Solomon, the glory of the Lord came down. This temple was later destroyed because of the sins of the people.

Down through the ages great men and women have loved God's House.

Daved said in Ps. 27:4 "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple".

Also Ps. 84:10 "For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a door keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness."

Ps. 23:6 "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Important things happen in God's House.

We come to pray and listen to God.

Hezekiah, Israel's King received a threatening letter from Senacrib, the Assyrian King. He took the letter to the temple and laid it out before the Lord and prayed. God Answered his prayer and an angel killed 184,000 of the Assyrian army. Senacrib went home and was killed while he was worshiping in the house of his god.

Isaiah went to the Temple and saw the Lord high and lifted up. He saw his need of confession and repentance of sin, and received his call to service.

Hannah prayed in the Temple and God gave her Samuel. He heard God's voice there and became a great prophet and man of God.

Jesus custom was to attend the Synagogue on the Sabbath day. He went to the Temple and said. "My House shall be called the House of Prayer, but ye have made it a den of thieves".

When Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the Temple, an old man, Simeon held Jesus in his arms and said, "Now let me die in peace." For he had the promise from God that he would not die until he had seen Christ. Also an old women named Anna came in at that time and recognized Jesus as the Christ and praised God.

We find today that most people are saved in the House of God.

A House of the Lord that is well kept, clean and neat and beautiful is showing respect and honor and love to God. But most important of all is to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Holiness becometh thine House O Lord forever.

Ps. 81:4 "Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; they will be still praising thee."

Ps.100:4 "Let us come before His presence with singing and enter his courts with praise. Be thankful unto him and bless his name.

What does God's House mean to you?

A sermon outline by Bro. R. V. Gibbs

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labor of Love

Text John 9:4 "I must work
the works of Him that sent
me, while it is day,
the night cometh when
no man can work."

1 who sent Jesus? God the Father
2 what was His work. John 3:16
a work of love.

what was Jesus work?
to seek and to save the
lost.

to heal the broken hearted
to tell the way of salvation
to bring hope to the hopeless
to heal the sick
to cast out devils

He even raised the dead.
He had love and Compassion
He loved rich and poor
just the same.

Jesus intends for us to
work in love also
He said we are my witnesses
the great Commission

We are workers together with God.

I. What are the qualifications

1. Take time to get into
the closet of prayer alone
with God. ask Him to give
you His Spirit of love
and concern for others
2. Some fail because they
don't try
2. others are self seeking
^{selfish} love the praise of men
If they are criticised they
give up and quit.
- 3 other lack tenderness
^{are critical, ill tempered & fault finding}
Jesus wept tears of
love.
Paul wrote letters in
tears.
Moses said spare the people
or blot me out.

Wrest. William Booth of the
Salvation Army.

George Whitfield lived in
a group for souls.

we need a deeper conviction
of the evils of sin.
of the danger sinners are
in.

of the worth of a soul.
of the reality of Heaven
& Hell.

ask God to put a growing
pity in our hearts.

need of greater faith.

need of Heart purity.

Without Holiness no
one will see God.

need of being baptized with
the Holy Spirit

question Have ye received
the Holy Spirit since ye believed?
at Ephesus. acts 19.

acts 8:14-17 Peter + John
preached to Samaria. prayed
for them that they might
receive the Holy Spirit. they
had only ^{been} baptized with
water

Song Rescue the Perishing
P. 185

live more
6-13-93 Our Eternal Home Mt. 1-16-83
Isaiah 35:10
Communion vest
Sunday

Text V 10:9
also 1 Cor. 2:9
Eye hath not seen nor
ear heard, neither hath entered
into the heart of man the things
that God hath prepared for them
that love Him.

Intro. I don't want to miss
Heaven.

It will be worth it all
life's trials will seem so
small. The tails of the
road will seem nothing
when we get to the end of
the way.

Who is going to Heaven

1. The Ransomed of the Lord.
Satan had us but Jesus
paid the ransom.

2. To Zion. The new
Jerusalem.

3. With songs and everlasting
joy.

Sorrow and sighing flee away.

4. Everlasting. Eternity

5. Many things affect our happiness here.

Health
Disappointments
Sin and wickedness
Unfaithful loved ones.
Mothers and Dads disappointed
in children

Loss of jobs

Bills to pay without money.

Death of loved ones.

Sad farewells.

6. Over there

No disappointments

No rent to pay. No loss of home.

No unfaithful friends

No sin will ever enter there

No sickness, sorrow pain
or death.

No separation.

No misunderstandings

No forty, No earning
our bread by the sweat
of our brow.

No war
Eternal peace.

Conclusion.

Heaven is a prepared place
for a prepared people.
Everybody ^{isn't} talking about Heaven ^{anymore}
Jesus said I go to prepare
a place for you.

He also said, "Prepare to
meet thy God"
V & Even a fool can make it
Preparation is Repenting
and forsaking sin.
V & Highway,
a life of holiness. of Holiness.
for without holiness no
one will see the Lord.

"Being faithful until
death.

He that is faithful until
death shall receive a crown
of life. Rev. 2:10

are you prepared for heaven?