

# Lesson 5

## The Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost

### Weekly Spirit Exercise Reminder

“You are altogether beautiful, my darling,  
And there is no blemish in you.” Song of Solomon 4:7

Another part of strengthening our personal spirits is learning to cherish ourselves as God cherishes us. Each day this week, ask the Lord to reveal a part of your self/spirit that He cherishes. Then, thank Him, recognizing that He is the One who gave it to you. By the end of this lesson you should have 7 things about your self/spirit that you can cherish! List them here:

*“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and even to the remotest part of the earth.”*

*Acts 1:8*

1. Look at the last words of Jesus to His disciples just before His ascension in Acts 1:4-9. What is the promise and what were they to do in order to receive this promise?
2. What did Jesus command/promise in Luke 11:9-13?
3. Notice the context just before the above passage. What is Jesus teaching about in Luke 11:5-8?
4. Describe the scene in Acts 1:12-15.

5. What do you think the disciples were praying about in this passage?
6. Do you think that just because Jesus promised something, it will automatically be granted, or does our prayer make a difference?
7. What happens in Acts 1:15-26?

Pentecost, or the Feast of Weeks, is the final festival of the four spring festivals that God set up for the Jewish people in the Old Testament. It is one of the three major feasts that, according to rabbinical tradition, the people of Israel were expected to attend in Jerusalem.

8. According to Leviticus 23:15-16, when is Pentecost? (Note: The resurrection of Jesus Christ took place on the day of the Feast of First Fruits.)
9. Traditionally the Jewish people celebrate an event in Moses' life on the feast of Pentecost. Read Exodus 19:1-2, 19:16-20 and Exodus 20 to identify this event. What is it?
10. What occurred on the first Pentecost after the resurrection of Jesus in Acts 2:1-43?
11. Take some time to imagine what it was like on that Pentecost in Acts 2. What did it sound like? What did one see? How did people respond?
12. Review and discuss the purpose of the outpouring of the Spirit according to Jesus in Acts 1:8.

13. Tell what the gift of tongues enabled these Galileans to do according to Acts 2:4-13.
14. From Acts 2:12-13, what sort of response should we expect when the Spirit of God is poured out?
15. How does Peter explain what was happening in Acts 2:14-21 and 33?
16. What is the message of Peter in Acts 2:22-38? Find one verse that sums up his message and write it out here. (There may be several verses, just find the one you like.)
17. What were the results of this Pentecost message in Acts 2:37-47?
  - ❖ What was the response of the listeners in Acts 2:37?
  - ❖ How does Peter sum up the requirements for receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2:38? See also Acts 5:32, Romans 8:9 and Titus 3:5-6.
  - ❖ Who is the promise for in Acts 2:39?
  - ❖ Describe the results of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost from Acts 2:41-47.

It is important that we, too, receive the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ so that we can receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Take some time to read God's Plan of Salvation in the appendix at the back of this study guide. When you receive the Lord Jesus into your life, you also receive the gift of the Holy Spirit to dwell within you. This happens whether we are aware or not. But there is always more of the Holy Spirit available to us.

18. Do you want to experience the power of the Holy Spirit in your life? Write out a prayer asking the Lord Jesus to pour out more of His Spirit into your life. Then pray it. Be persistent.

### **Weekly Exercise for Our Spirits**

Jesus says “God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” John 4:24

One way of opening up our spirits to God is worshipping the Lord through listening to worship music. Set aside 10 minutes every day this week to assume a worshipful position. Ask the Lord to let you worship Him in spirit and in truth as you listen closely to the music. Sitting alone with eyes closed and hands open, kneeling or lying face down on the ground are all good ways to separate out this time as holy.

**Lecture Notes:**