

THE BOOK OF ACTS - CHAPTER 2
Valued Temples
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⇒ God does the **SUPERNATURAL**.

Acts 2:1-4 *On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. ² Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting.*

³ Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. ⁴ And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

PENTECOST

Pentecost is Greek for 50 days after Passover/ Festival of First Fruits.

- 1) This is the reason so many people were there that spoke different languages as we learn in verses 5-13.
- 2) In the time set aside to celebrate the law being given by the Jewish people; it is the same time that Christianity celebrates the Holy Spirit being given.

John 1:17 *For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Christ Jesus.*

TONGUES OF FIRE

During the time of Moses and the tent of meeting, God's presence was marked by a pillar of cloud by day and by night fire. This was to let God's people know He was with them and to let the enemies of Israel know God was with them.

⇒ What the tongues of fire signified was the **ESTABLISHMENT** of God's presence residing in people.

⇒ God made His **DWELLING PLACE** in those who believed in Christ Jesus.

- God desires to live with you.
- It is this moment Acts 2:1-4 that God pours out His Holy Spirit on humanity.
- Peter references this in Acts 2:17 as he quotes the Prophet Joel.

Acts 2:17 *'In the last days,' God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams.'*

John 16:7 *But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send Him to you.*

THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES US WISDOM & FREEDOM

Isaiah 11:2 *And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of **wisdom** and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.*

2 Corinthians 3:17 *Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is **freedom**. We all, with unveiled faces, are looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord and are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory; this is from the Lord who is the Spirit.*

- The Father loved you so much He sent the Son and the Son loved you so much He asked the Father to send the Holy Spirit.
- We ignore the Holy Spirit and accuse God of neglect.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 *Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself,²⁰ **for God bought you with a high price.** So you must honor God with your body.*

**THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVES IN YOU.
YOU ARE GOD'S VALUED TEMPLE.**