

Lesson 4: Spiritual Gifts

Introduction:

- The Jews require a sign
 - Exodus 34 covenant of marvels
 - Blessings and curses of the law contract
- The profuse outpouring of marvels
 - In view of the kingdom of heaven being at hand
 - Signs of the times of the Christ
 - Taste of the powers of the world to come

Preview:

- Spiritual Gifts
 - Power given to the 12 apostles
 - Greater works - spoils of resurrection victory
 - Given to the church the body of Christ

Sermon:

Power Given to the 12 Apostles

- Matthew 10:1-10

Greater Works

- John 14:12
- Mark 16:15-18
 - "new tongues" - Acts 2:3; Isa. 28:11 (judgment and scattering)
 - "take up serpents" - Deut. 32:24
 - "drink any deadly thing" - Ex. 15; Rev. 8:11
- Give us this day our daily bread

The Jews Signs given to the Gentiles

- Romans 11
 - Israel's fall
 - Salvation gone to the Gentiles
- 1 Corinthians 12
 - "manifestation of the Spirit"
 - Resurrection spoils of victory
 - Eph 4
 - Why?, not based upon the covenant marvels that God made with Israel, that profusely and graciously were prophetically poured out and would continue to for the Israel of God during the tribulation period.

- Works that would be manifest during the Lord's day of wrath
- We are not under the law
- We are not going through the Lord's day of wrath
- We will not go through the Lord's day of wrath (not appointed)
- God ushered in the dispensation of God's grace
 - Signs went to the Gentile church to "provoke Israel to jealousy"
- The question is, would that continue to go on?
 - 1 Corinthians 13:8-12
 - Charity
 - Perfect - then childish things of gifts done away
 - Child to maturity - full knowledge
 - See through a glass, darkly - not perfect
 - 2 Corinthians 3:17-18
 - Open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord
 - "face to face"
 - Ephesians 4:8-16
 - Gave gifts (not giving)
 - Start the church
 - Gift giving till the unity of the faith
 - Not is gifted people, but in a place where it would be held (the word of God)
 - Perfect man - no more children
 - Love
 - 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 - All scripture given
 - Man of God
 - Perfect
 - All good works
 - 2 Timothy 4:20
 - 2 Tim. 4:13 - books, but especially the parchments

Conclusion:

- Therefore, they were the spoils of resurrection victory given to the church the body of Christ for the working of the ministry and provoke Israel to jealousy that they might be saved.
- Yet, when the word of God would be fulfilled, given to make a man of God furnished unto all good works, they would cease, fail, vanish away.
- In Ephesians God had already stopped giving them and at the end of Paul's ministry they had seemingly stopped.