

DAY 40: BAPTIZED WITH THE SPRIT

Acts 1:5

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DAY 40 MORNING PRAYER

Psalm 139

You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

¹ You have searched me, LORD,
and you know me.

² You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

³ You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.

⁴ Before a word is on my tongue
you, LORD, know it completely.

You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

⁵ You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.

⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?

⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,

¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.

¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me
and the light become night around me,"

¹² even the darkness will not be dark to you;
the night will shine like the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

¹³ For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.

You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

17 How precious to me are your thoughts,^[a] God!

How vast is the sum of them!

18 Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand—
when I awake, I am still with you.

19 If only you, God, would slay the wicked!
Away from me, you who are bloodthirsty!

20 They speak of you with evil intent;
your adversaries misuse your name.

You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

21 Do I not hate those who hate you, LORD,
and abhor those who are in rebellion against you?

22 I have nothing but hatred for them;
I count them my enemies.

23 Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.

24 See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.**

Amen.

You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

MEDITATION

BEGIN TO PREPARE FOR THE GRACE OF THE BAPTISM IN THE SPIRIT, HEART OF MY LONGING. Today, we begin our novena, nine days of prayer, like the apostles preparing for Pentecost, expecting to receive My presence and power on the tenth day so that you might be my witness to the ends of the earth. Today, I will begin to pour into you a new grace to prepare you to receive Me afresh, and for some, anew, with My presence and power. In the waters of baptism, I filled you for the first time, washing away original sin, and I made you a new creation, a son or daughter of the Father, taking up my dwelling within you. In baptism you became a citizen and partaker of all that Jesus is and has purchased for you on the Cross. In baptism you were removed from the Kingdom of darkness and made a member, citizen of the Kingdom of God, with all its rights and inheritance coming from your new covenant with Jesus. I came into you in baptism for your salvation. On the day of your baptism we first entered into our covenant- you, being mine; and I, being yours. How I loved the day of your baptism. We celebrated you in heaven, that day, and all heard the Father declare as he did with Jesus on his day of baptism, "*This is my beloved in whom I am well pleased.*" I had waited and waited for that day, for I set My eyes on you from the first day the plan was laid before the Heavenly Host. I saw you across time to the time when you would become in the womb of your mother. From that day, I counted with joyful expectation, the days until your baptism. As I have told you, my delight is to be with you, and it is a delight for Me to share in every aspect of your life.

In a few days, the 50th Day, I am coming upon you for the salvation of others by clothing you with power. The 50th Day is when I came upon the apostles, clothing them with power. It was the Feast of Pentecost, Shavuot. I want you to have what they had, and I want you to experience with they experienced. I want to overshadow you with My abiding presence, so that where you go, I go, bringing with Me, eagerly ready to give to you, all you need to be a witness through proclamation and demonstration of the Gospel of the Kingdom. On the 50th Day, Jesus will grant to you the

grace of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. On that Day, I will grant to you the gift of a heavenly prayer language, the gift of tongues, and the gift of prophecy that you might hear My voice. On that day I will distribute to you manifestations of My presence – wisdom and word of Knowledge; faith, gifts of healing, and miracles; prophecy, tongues, and interpretation of tongues. These are the charismatic gifts which I give you for others. Faith, hope, and love are for your sanctification, as well as fear of the Lord and piety; counsel, wisdom, and fortitude; knowledge and understanding. I am coming upon you, Sent One, so that you might re-present Jesus in mission and ministry. It is time to prepare your heart in these final nine days to receive the grace of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

JOURNAL EXERCISE:

What do you know of the grace of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

What do you know of the nine charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit?

Write a prayer to the Holy Spirit asking for your heart to long for and be prepared to receive the grace of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit:

Spiritual Exercise

Throughout the day make it your constant aim to pray the Declaration for the Day.

Try to memorize the scripture for today.

With whom can you share today's experience with the Holy Spirit?

DECLARATION FOR DAY 40:

Throughout the day come back to this prayer and pray it from your heart.

I am preparing and opening my heart to
receive the grace of the Baptism of the Holy
Spirit in 10 Days.



DAY 40 EVENING PRAYER:

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⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit

On my knees before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses - the Glorious Theotokos, the God Bearer, the Mother of God; with the Seraphim and Cherubim; with Thrones, Dominions, Virtues and Powers; with Archangels, Principalities, and Guardian Angels; and all the Saints.

I offer myself, spirit, soul, and body to You,
Eternal Spirit, Lover of My Soul.

I adore the brightness of Your purity,
the unerring keenness of Your justice,
and the might of Your love.

You are the Strength and Light of my all I am.
In You I live, and move, and have my being.
I desire never to grieve You by unfaithfulness to Your grace
and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against You. Merciful Spirit of Truth,
guard my every Thought and grant that I may always watch for Your light,
listening to Your voice,
following Your gracious inspirations.

I cling to Your covenant and give to You,
myself,
completely,
without reserve,
Love of my love,
Life within my life.

I ask You in Your infinite compassion to watch over me for I am weak and small.
I need Your help, Holy Spirit.

Gazing with love and gratitude upon the Cross,
holding the pierced feet of Jesus,
looking at his five wounds,
trusting in his precious blood,
and adoring his open side and pierced heart,
I implore You,
Spirit of Oblation,
You who are worthy of my adoration,
Helper of in my infirmity,
to keep me in Your Divine Life of sanctifying grace that I may never sin against You ever
again.

Holy Spirit, Triune God,
Spirit of the Father and the Son,
help me to pray to You in all situations,
"Speak Lord for your servant is listening,"
that I might always know and do the Father's will in all things and at all times.
In Jesus name.
Amen.

REVIEW OF DAY:

What sticks out to you from today's encounter with the Holy Spirit?

How do you think today's encounter with the Holy Spirit will affect your life?

With whom did you share today's encounter? How did they respond?

Come, Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of Your Love.
Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created,
and You shall renew the face of the earth.
Oh God, Who by the light of the Holy Spirit
instructed the hearts of the faithful,
grant, that by the same Spirit
we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

Further Thoughts: