THE SOUND OF POWER

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Text: Acts 2:1-4

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A sound from heaven shook a room—and the world has never been the same.

Introduction

- On the Day of Pentecost a supernatural sound filled the house—a rushing mighty wind from heaven.
- That sound marked the arrival of the promised power of the Holy Ghost.
- This same power is still available—and desperately needed—today.
- Pentecostal conviction: the baptism in the Holy Spirit is subsequent to salvation, with the initial evidence of speaking in tongues.

When heaven invades earth, everything changes.

Acts 2:1-4 KJV

(1) And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

(2) And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

(3) And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

(4) And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

(prayer)

I. The Day of Pentecost – The Sound of Power

- Acts 2:1-4: Unity… sudden sound… tongues of fire… filled with the Holy Ghost… speaking in other tongues.
- The sound was not ordinary—it was the sound of divine power invading the upper room.

This was the promise

Acts 1:4-5 KJV

(4) And, being assembled together with *them,* commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, *saith he,* ye have heard of me.

(5) For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

This was the Father's promise fulfilled

- Power for witnessing, healing, boldness—and power to withstand the evil of this world.

Jesus said the last days would look exactly like Noah's day.

II. As It Was in the Days of Noah

Matthew 24:37-39 KJV

(37) But as the days of Noe *were,* so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

(38) For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

(39) And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

- Matthew 24:37-39: Ordinary life… moral decay… spiritual complacency… sudden judgment.
- Genesis 6: Wickedness great… every imagination only evil continually… the earth filled with violence.
- What God called good was despised; what was evil was celebrated.
- Why spiritual baptism matters: The power of the Holy Ghost is not a luxury—it gives the ability to stand when the world goes insane.

God gave a language that builds the spirit when the mind cannot understand.

III. The Gift of Tongues – Public and Private

- Initial evidence of the baptism in the Holy Spirit (Acts 2, 10, 19).

- Public tongues: a sign to unbelievers, to be interpreted in the assembly.
- Private prayer language: "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue… edifieth himself" (1 Cor. 14:4).
- To edify = to build up, strengthen, and fortify the inner man.

The armor of God is incomplete without Spirit-filled prayer.

IV. Praying in the Spirit – Building Yourself Up

- Ephesians 6:18 – Ephesians 6:18 KJV

(18) Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

  - Supplication: to *beg*, *petition*: - beseech, pray (to), make request.

- Romans 8:26 KJV

(26) Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

- Jude 1:17-20 KJV

(17) But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;

(18) How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

(19) These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.

(20) But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

- 1 Corinthians 14:14-15 KJV

(14) For if I pray in an *unknown* tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.

(15) What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

- Answer to objections: It is God's language. He understands. The gifts have not ceased.

The same power that filled the apostles is still the church's only hope for these last days.

V. The Power to Withstand and to Witness

- We need the wind to blow again. We need to hear the sound of power.
- This power enabled the apostles to face persecution, look death in the face, and still declare Jesus is Lord.
- Much of the modern church has neglected the book of Acts and the practice of praying in the Spirit.
- The promise still stands: Acts 2:38-39 KJV

(38) Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

(39) For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.

The sound still echoes. The question still stands…IS IT STILL FOR TODAY….IS IT STILL FOR EVERYONE

Conclusion / Invitation

- We need to pray in the Spirit and build up ourselves and our fellow believers.
- We do not always need to understand the words—it is God's language.
- Power. Self-edification. Spiritual strength to stand in the face of evil.

Do you have it?

- If you have never been baptized in the Holy Spirit—seek Him.
- If you have received but neglected the daily practice—return with fresh hunger.
- The days demand it. The Word commands it. The Spirit stands ready.