

DAY 1 – FEAST OF PENTECOST

Pentecost is significant in both the Old and New Testaments. *Pentecost* is actually the Greek name for a festival known in the Old Testament as the Feast of Weeks (Leviticus 23:15; Deuteronomy 16:9).

The Greek word means “fifty,” and it refers to the fifty days that have passed since the wave offering of Passover. The Feast of Weeks celebrated the end of the grain harvest. More interesting, however, is its use in Joel and Acts.

Looking back at the prophecy of Joel (Joel 2:28–32) and forward to the promise of the Holy Spirit in the final words of Christ on earth before His ascension into heaven (Acts 1:8), Pentecost marks the beginning of the Church Age.

Meaning for the Jews:

- It was a festival of thanksgiving for the harvests, especially the barley harvest. It was celebrated at the end of the barley harvest and before the wheat harvest.
- The Israelites associated it with the Covenant at Mount Sinai, 50 days after the exodus from Egypt.

Meaning for Christians:

- It commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, which marked the birth of the church.
- It is an opportunity to reflect on the connection between Christ’s Resurrection, His Ascension, and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

The image of a mighty rushing wind and fire upon the believers speaks of the powerful manifestation of God upon His people—to give them life, purify them, cleanse them, sanctify them, and fill them with power.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

Why do you think God associated the Jewish feast with the beginning of the church on the day of Pentecost?

What are you expecting or asking God to do in your life during this journey of 50 Days with the Holy Spirit?

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