

“I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT”

Joel 2:28-29, Acts 2:17-18

Read Numbers 11

- The complaining attitude of the children of Israel was an overwhelming burden to Moses.

V14 *“I am not able to bear all these people alone, because the burden is too heavy for me!”*

- God responded with His promise to put the Spirit that was on Moses, on 70 elders of his choice. However, it was only temporary.

V17 *Then I will come down and talk with you there. I will take of the Spirit that is upon you and will put the same upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, that you may not bear it yourself alone.*

V25 Then the LORD came down in the cloud, and spoke to him, and took of the Spirit that was upon him, and placed *the same* upon the seventy elders; and it happened, when the Spirit rested upon them, that they prophesied, although they never did so again.

- Moses expressed his desire that ALL the people were prophets and God would put His Spirit on them. Perhaps Moses understood that they would be a very different group of people if they had God's Spirit.

V 29 Then Moses said to him, *“Are you zealous for my sake? Oh, that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put His Spirit upon them!”*

The Bible often refers to water and rain as a symbol of the Holy Spirit being poured out on His people.

Read Isaiah 44:3, Isaiah 58:11, Psalm 22:14

Psalm 22 points to Jesus, the Messiah, who would pour Himself out like water.

Read Joel 2:28-28

- Hundreds of years after Moses, God tells the prophet Joel that there will come a day when He would pour out His Spirit on ALL flesh.
- At that time, the Spirit would be poured out on men and women, old and young, and every status of society, including servants.
- The prophecy of the Spirit is promised after a time of repentance. Joel 2:12-13.

“And it shall come to pass afterward, That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. And also, on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

- What will happen with the Spirit is poured out?
 - Men and women will prophesy.
 - Old men will dream dreams.
 - Young men will have visions.
 - All people irrespective of status, will receive the Spirit

- What is prophesy? - "A man or woman prompted by God to speak the right word, at the right time, in the right way."
 - God can use any Spirit filled believer at any time, old or young, male, or female.
 - He especially uses those who walk closely with Him.
 - He uses those who *"know how to listen, how to care and empathize with love. The Spirit gives them wisdom and insight about what to say, how to say it and when to say it. He gives them the boldness to be honest, personal, and incisive in helping people to respond."* Lloyd Ogilvie.

Read Acts 2:4, 17-18

- The Holy Spirit was poured out at Pentecost on ALL the 120 who were waiting in the upper room.
- As a result, they began to speak in other tongues and people thought they were drunk at 9am. Peter assures them they are not drunk but this is the fulfilment of Joel's prophecy.

V4 And they **were all filled** with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

V16-18 "But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants, I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy.'

Read Titus 3:1-8

v4-6 But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

- The Holy Spirit is poured out on all those who repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ for forgiveness of sin.
- He pours out His Spirit on us which makes us a new creation. 2 Corinthians 5:17
- We no longer live like the children of Israel, grumbling and complaining, we are filled with the Spirit and transformed for good works with His love, peace and joy.

Romans 5:5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Romans 15:13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing that you may abound (overflow) in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.