Scripture: Acts 2 v 1

"*And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place."*

Subject: The Advent of the Holy Spirit

In the O.T. There were three specific feasts that the children of Israel were to celebrate and be partakers of. There was the feast of Passover, the feast of Pentecost and the feast of Tabernacles.

The Passover was fulfilled when Jesus shed his blood so we could receive the forgiveness of sins. Pentecost was full filled when the Holy Spirit was given on the day of Pentecost. The final feast will be fulfilled when Jesus returns at the sound of the trumpet and the dead in Christ arise and we that remain will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air and take up residence in the mansions or abides Jesus has for us.

The day of Pentecost recorded in Acts 2 v 1 was when the day of Pentecost was fulfilled. It was the day of the Advent of the Holy Spirit.

Peter James and John who were witnesses of the Majesty of Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration, were now witnesses of the advent of the Holy Spirit, and experienced being filled with the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, the subject I would like to speak about concerns the advent of the Holy Spirit. We hear much about the first advent of Jesus. The Bible has many prophesies regarding the coming and advent of Jesus, we therefore have a clear understanding of what would happen when Jesus came into the world.

In the words of Jesus to His disciples we also have a clear understanding of what would happen when the Holy Spirit comes. In John 16 v 13 we read, *"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come"*

Further in Luke 24 v 49 *Jesus said "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high"*

John the Baptist said in Matthew 3 v 11 *"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire"*

From these verses we have clear knowledge concerning the advent of the Holy Spirit and what would happen. The basis on which I want to build this message is Acts 2 from this we will see what happens when the Spirit comes. Let's look at Acts 2 v 1 to 6 and see what happened.

There was a sound. There were signs, then there was the Spirit.

1. The Supernatural Evidence.

It is worth considering the supernatural evidence that occurred on the day of Pentecost because it was not a natural occurrence, anything supernatural means that it is something out of the ordinary. A God given extraordinary event.

Throughout scripture there are times when God visits in a particular way. In Exodus when God set a bush on fire in which did not burn out, it was a supernatural occurrence. The objective of God behind this event was to captivate the attention of Moses, who was chosen by God to lead Israel out of Egypt.

Another occasion where we see a supernatural event was when Israel were faced with the Red Sea in front of them and Pharaoh's army behind them.

Exodus 14 v 21 says "And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go *back* by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry *land*, and the waters were divided."

The wind of God blew opened the sea, causing a path to appear where the sea once was, and Israel marched across to the Sinai Peninsula. The wind of God is not the natural wind as we know it, it is a supernatural wind of God and causes a Miraculous event to take place.

2Kings 2 v 11 we read of the occasion when Elijah was taken up to heaven it says, *"And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven."* It is noticeable that in scripture the Lord uses supernatural wind to accomplish his purposes.

This is what happened on the day of Pentecost, as the 120 sat together in unity when there was suddenly a sound from heaven as a mighty rushing wind filling every part of the house, all who were in the house felt the impact of this supernatural visitation, no one was unaware of what was happening.

2. The Visible Evidence.

The next thing that happened to the 120 was that cloven tongues like of fire sat upon each one, there was a distribution of fire, the Holy Spirit came upon them, touching each one, although they were in unity the fire ignited them fusing them together. This was the visible evidence that the Holy Spirit had arrived.

This was the moment Jesus had told them about, they were to wait in Jerusalem until they received promise of the Father you have heard about from me. Jesus had told them about the Holy Spirit and what he would do.

Jesus had given specific details of the work that would be undertaken once the Holy Spirit descended. In John John 16 v 8 to 13, *"And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak and he will shew you things to come."*

Nothing could be clearer than this statement on the ministry of the Holy Spirit, further to this in Acts 1 v 8 *'But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."*

Following the visible evidence we have.

3. The Audible Evidence.

After the Holy Spirit sat upon each one with cloven tongues of fire, there was audible evidence that they were filled with the Holy Spirit. Each spoke in a language they had never

spoken previously and people from about fifteen different places heard them speak in their own language.

Jesus had said at the end of the gospel of Mark 16 v 17 & 18 *"And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."*

The advent of the Holy Spirit is extremely important to every believer, and the value of the Spirits presence is essential to every church. Zechariah 4 v 6 says, *"Then he answered and spoke unto me, saying, this is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts."*

In Acts During the Apostle Paul's first visit to Ephesus we read in Acts 19 v 1 to 6 *"And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, we have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spike with tongues and prophesied."*

Whether it is speaking in tongues, interpretation tongues or prophesying each is verbal and therefore audible. Finally, we have.

4. The Numerical Evidence.

The Apostle Peter who is the main spokesman on the day of Pentecost delivers an amazing sermon, a sermon generated by the Holy Spirit, it is a message that exalts the Lord Jesus giving him his rightful place. Jesus had said prior his crucifixion, says in John 12 v 32*, "And I if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."*

Exalting Jesus draws people to him, this is what transpired when Peter preached following the advent of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2 36 to 38 says *"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, men, and brethren, what shall we do? 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."*

As a result, 3000 people repented and believed. The day the church stared there were120 the day ended with 3120 because the Lord added to the church those being saved.

In the N.T. Church all these four things should be present otherwise we cease to be a N.T. Church. They are The Supernatural Evidence, the Visible Evidence, the Audible Evidence the Numerical Evidence. However! the prerequisite to all this happening is verse one where we read, they were all in one accord and one place.