

Beyond Sunday with Scripture References

The Test - Reinforcements pt 3

A Sermon Application Guide

This guide is designed to offer a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with this message. You can print this guide to study on your own, or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

Message Theme & Prayer Focus

Holy Spirit in Our Lives Today

“Father, I thank you for your Holy Spirit. I thank you for the good work that you have begun in me by your Spirit and that you have promised to continue that good work. Give me eyes to see and ears to hear your truth as you lead me through it every day of my life. I open my heart to receive all that you have for me in Jesus’ name. Amen!”

Key Concepts/Truths

God tests everybody’s faithfulness in four ways:

- in small things
- in secret
- in our money handling
- in serving other people

God proves Himself faithful to us and our part of the covenant is to prove ourselves faithful to Him.

Jesus is still at work in His ministry today. He makes intercession for us through prayer to the Father, He is the high priest of our confession, and He is our baptizer in the Holy Spirit.

When the Holy Spirit comes upon us as we are baptized in Him, we receive power to be witnesses for Christ.

The promise of the Holy Spirit is for all whom God has called and has received Christ. The normal pattern that we see modeled in scripture for receiving the Holy Spirit is to first believe in Jesus, be baptized in water, and then ask to receive the Holy Spirit to begin walking in authority and power.

When baptism in the Holy Spirit takes place, there is some evidence that takes hold inside of us. There is a deeper compassion for lost people, a greater readiness to serve, a heightened

hunger for spiritual things, a greater belief in the spiritual realm, healings, deliverances, and power to be a witness.

We receive the Holy Spirit by faith.

Baptism in the Holy Spirit happens at a moment in time, but it is a continual journey and process of being filled with and immersed in Him. Anyone who has received the Holy Spirit can lay hands on people and share the same Holy Spirit with others.

Jesus said that when we are baptized in the Holy Spirit that we will speak in new tongues, or languages, and every author of the New Testament was a speaker in tongues.

When we speak in tongues, it is our spirit that is speaking directly to God. It's the Holy Spirit's way of bypassing our brain and getting our mouths to pray exactly what we need when we need it.

Praying in tongues builds up our faith spiritually. When we are spiritually strong, we are able to help others out of the strength that is in us.

God gives good gifts because He is our good Father. We need only to ask and receive.

Key Verses:

Galatians 3:13-14 • Luke 11:9-13 • Luke 16:10-12 • Matthew 3:11 • Romans 8:9 • John 20:22 • 1 Corinthians 14:2 • 1 Corinthians 14:14 • Acts 1:4-8 • Acts 2:1-4 • Acts 38-40 • Acts 8:5-17 • Acts 19:1-6 • Jude 1:20

Which one truth do you already have evidence of in your life today? Ask the Lord for new ways to see even more of it for you and others around you. Write your answers out.

Which one truth is the most challenging or least existing in your life today? Why do you think this is? Ask the Lord if there are any beliefs or barriers that are keeping you from believing that particular truth. Write it out.

Daily Application

When cups have holes, they leak. It's what naturally happens. Spiritually, we were designed to leak, and that is a great thing for two reasons. The first reason that spiritually leaking is beneficial is when we recognize the opportunity that we have to be continuously filled.

We are constantly filling ourselves with something, but it is for us to determine what we are plugged into as the source of that filling in order to receive it. How we spend our time, where we place our attention throughout the day, and the things we turn to first are very telling as to what, or who, we are filling ourselves with. Scripture tells us to pray without ceasing, to speak in

tongues directly with our Father, and to heed His words and be doers of them. We can't do these things and minister to others without being filled by the Ultimate Filler--the Holy Spirit.

The second beneficial factor of leaking spiritually is that we can pour out what's inside of us to those around us. God designed us to live in community and relationship, being conduits of His love, joy, peace, and everything else that His Holy Spirit brings. The healing and deliverance that came out of Jesus was a result of Him being filled. Jesus Himself told us that those same things will come out of us too as we remain filled, yet leaking, with the power of the Holy Spirit.

When we are plugged into God as our source and filler, we will affect the world around us. As we stay connected to each other, we will advance the Kingdom of God tangibly for the world to witness. We know that when the world witnesses God's miraculous power, miracles will happen and lives will be made new. We have but only to ask God for His Spirit, to trust, and to follow.

This Week's Declarations

"I accept God's reality for my life, and I adopt His perspective of who I am. I receive the Holy Spirit and His filling. The Holy Spirit has His way in me, and I will follow where He leads. I speak in new tongues through my spirit directly to my Father God. I continuously ask for the Holy Spirit to freshly fill me with His power and love. I don't look to be filled by the things of this world or by my own ability to minister to those around me. I choose to look to God as the source of my identity and power, and I receive everything that He has for me, in Jesus' name!"

What's Next?

Now it's time to write down anything that the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, Thank Him and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.

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Galatians 3:13-14 NKJV

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Genesis 12:2-3 NKJV

will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Galatians 3:16 NKJV

Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

Luke 16:10 NKJV

He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

Matthew 3:11 NKJV

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Hebrews 3:1 NKJV

Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus,

Matthew 3:11 NKJV

...He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

John 20:22 NKJV

When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:4-5 NKJV

And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Acts 1:6-8 NKJV

Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 2:1-4 NKJV

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and

one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

1 Corinthians 10:2 NKJV

all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,

Acts 8:5-8 NKJV

Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. There was great joy in that city.

Acts 8:12-17 NKJV

but when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized. Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done. Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Acts 19:1-2 KJV

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.

Acts 19:4-6 NKJV

Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe in Him who would 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 hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

Ephesians 5:18 NKJV

And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,

1 Corinthians 14:5 NKJV

I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.

1 Corinthians 14:18 NKJV

I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all;

1 Corinthians 14:14 AMPC

For if I pray in an [unknown] tongue, my spirit [by the Holy Spirit within me] prays, but my mind is unproductive [it bears no fruit and helps nobody].

1 Corinthians 14:2 NKJV

For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.

Jude 20 NKJV

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,

Luke 11:9-13 NKJV

So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

Galatians 3:14 NKJV

that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.