



Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Times of Refreshing

This guide is designed to offer a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's 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

Pentecost

“Living God, thank you for the outpouring of your Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Thank you for the transforming work you have done in each of us. We continue to hunger for your life changing presence in us. Remind us to use your power to discover who we are and for the work that you have given us to do. Amen.”

Key Truths & Applications

Rehearing, refocusing, and meditating on things we have heard before, keep us on track and away from mission drift.

Jesus' ministry today has three parts that He wants for us, and that we should want for ourselves too.

1. He lives to make intercession for us—praying for us.
2. He is building the church.
3. He is the baptizer in the Holy Spirit.

There are three distinct events that happen for us as believers:

- The salvation of the believer, in which we are baptized into the body of Christ.
- Baptism in water that prepares us for ministry, just like it did Jesus.
- The baptism in the Holy Spirit which equips us with power to do that ministry which we are called to.

When it comes to the baptism of the Holy Spirit, it isn't something that we automatically get when we become a christian. It is something that we must ask for, and then allow Him to work in us.

Why would we want to be baptized in the Holy Spirit?

- The Holy Spirit is our advocate. He will lead us into peace, reveal the Lord to us, and empower us to be a witness.
- He is fully and freely available to us as a gift. When you buy a pair of shoes you don't ask for them without tongues, they come with them.

Part of having the Holy Spirit inside of us is having a prayer language, known as speaking in other tongues.

Reasons we want to speak in tongues:

- Sometimes our own thoughts, desires, or confusion can get in the way of our prayers. Speaking in tongues is our spirit praying, and it bypasses our brain, coming directly from our spirit to God.
- Speaking in tongues was God's idea and is His special way of communicating directly to the spirit inside us. It doesn't need to make sense to our natural mind when we hear ourselves or others speak in their prayer language. It's a conversation between our spirit and God.
- We begin to speak as the spirit gives us utterance. Romans 8 tells us that when we pray this way we always pray according to the will of God. This charges us up spiritually so we can operate out of an overflow of what God fills us with.
- We can even receive an interpretation in our natural speaking language of what we were praying in our spiritual prayer language, understanding what we were praying for. This can further build up our faith because we can be certain that God is hearing us.

Key Verses: Luke 11:9-13 • 1 Corinthians 12:13 • 1 Corinthians 14:2 • 1 Corinthians 14:14 • 1 Corinthians 14:21 • Hebrews 2:1 • Hebrews 6:1-2 • Acts 1:4-8 • Acts 2:12 • Acts 3:19 • Acts 8:5-18 • Acts 10:44-47 • Acts 19:1-6 • Matthew 3:11 • Matthew 3:16-17 • John 7:39 • John 20:21-22 • Jude 1:20-24 • Isaiah 28:11-13

Declarations

"I was made to have a relationship with, and talk to, my Creator. The free gift of the Holy Spirit has been given to me fully, and I accept all of Him and His empowerment to do what God has created me for. I thank the Holy Spirit for teaching me how to pray in the spirit and communicate with God using more than just my natural voice. I accept my prayer language and I use it to speak, spirit to spirit, with the living God. I thank my Father God for the good gift of His Holy

Spirit to everyone that asks, and I allow Him to lead me, teach me, encourage me, and speak through me.”

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.

Scripture References

Times of Refreshing

Hebrews 2:1 NKJV Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.

Acts 3:19 NKJV Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord...

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.

Matthew 3:16 NKJV When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

1 Corinthians 10:2 NKJV ...all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea...

Acts 2:38 NKJV Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

John 20:21-22 NKJV 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 1:8 NKJV 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 [a]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.

Hebrews 6:1-2 NKJV Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

1 Corinthians 12:13 NKJV For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body...

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. And there was great joy in that city.

Acts 8:12 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.

Acts 4:12 NKJV ...for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Mark 16:16 NKJV He who believes and is baptized will be saved...

Acts 8:14-16 KJV Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:
Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

Acts 8:15-17 NKJV ...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.

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!"

John 7:39 KJV (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive...

Acts 1:8 NKJV But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you...

Acts 19:1-6 NKJV And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism."

Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on 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.

John 16:7 ERV ...it is better for you that I go away.

Acts 10:44-47 NKJV While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered, "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?"

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.

Ephesians 5:18 NKJV And do not be drunk with wine...but be filled with the Spirit...

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.

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].

Romans 8:26-27 NKJV Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession [\[a\]](#)for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit *is*, because He makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

1 Corinthians 14:4 NKJV He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.

Jude 20 NKJV But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit...

Psalms 23:5 AMP My cup overflows.

1 Corinthians 14:21-22 NKJV In the law it is written: "With men of other tongues and other lips I will speak to this people; And yet, for all that, they will not hear Me," says the Lord. Therefore tongues are for a sign...

Isaiah 28:9-13 NKJV "Whom will he teach knowledge? And whom will he make to understand the message? Those just weaned from milk? Those just drawn from the breasts? For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little." For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people, To whom He said, "This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest," And, "This is the refreshing"; Yet they would not hear. But the word of the Lord was to them, "Precept upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little,"

Acts 2:4 NKJV And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

1 Corinthians 14:15 NKJV I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding.