

New Sermon Series: Encounters with THE Holy Spirit

8/3/25 “For God’s Work: He Comes,” Luke 1:11-17, MEV

INTRODUCTION roof/Ray Sutfin ever think someone was going to help you but didn’t? read Lord’s prayer committals

Gospel of Luke: physician, traveled with Paul, wrote Acts

Incense (prayer) in Holy Place b4 Most Holy Place

Priests: 24 divisions, ~1,000 each; once in lifetime opportunity

MAIN IDEA: God’s Spirit will come to us. How can I know that for certain? Here are three reasons.

I. First, God’s word is true (1-4)

A. accurate

1. Handed down from eyewitnesses
2. facts in Luke & Acts investigated by Luke
3. OT: accepted by Jews & Jesus (Matt. 5:17)
4. NT: written by apostles or close associates

B. thus everything taught about the Spirit is accurate

1. Promise for all who are called (Acts 2:39)
2. ask for & receive (Luke 11:13)
3. our Helper/Comforter/Counselor
4. clothes us with power from on high...*Luke 24:49 supernatural gifts as He wishes to give*

C. God will always keep His promise

1. at a specific time...*that specific time in history Roman roads, Greek language*
2. He often uses human events (*lot falling to Z*)

ILLUSTRATION: earth round (Isaiah 40:22, 2800 yrs ago); birth of Israel (Isaiah 66:7-8, 700B.C., nation born in a day: Israel 5/14/1948)

II. Second, God sends His Spirit *before* doing a great thing (15)

A. Elizabeth pregnant with John 6 mos before Mary (36)

B. John preached before Jesus began ministry

C. Jesus received Spirit before beginning ministry (Luke 3:22)

1. before being tempted in wilderness
2. before performing 1st miracle (wine at Cana)
3. before beginning preaching

D. disciples received Spirit before going out

E. since Acts, hasn’t always occurred before service but before greater service...*D.L Moody, Corrie Ten Boom, Penny & me and others in our church*

ILLUSTRATION: John Baptist: never before had a person been born with HS; readied hearts for Savior, who would redeem

III. Finally, God sends His Spirit *to do* something great (16-17)

A. to turn hearts...*sons of Israel to God, fathers to children, disobedient to wisdom*

B. Jesus: to teach about God & to reveal God

1. His love, compassion
2. His power, mercy, authority

C. disciples (including us): to preach with accompanying signs (Mark 16:17-18)...*cast out demons, speak with new tongues, heal sick*

D. Azusa Street Revival (began in LA 1906...*prior to world wars, Holocaust, formation of Israel (1948) decline of mainline denominations due to biblical criticism & social gospel*

1. cut across racial, gender, social lines

2. spread globally through Spirit-filled missionaries

ILLUSTRATION: Elly?

CONCLUSION:

TRUST, Ask & receive (Luke 11:9-13)...He will give in His good time

ALTAR: Ask Jesus for forgiveness & to be Lord, be filled or refilled