

The last days outpouring of the Holy Spirit

There have been many prophecies about revival coming, but many feel we have not seen the full breakthrough yet.

- This has led many to stop expecting revival, and instead they adapt the same attitude many have to the second coming of Jesus.
- But in the same way that we should live with an expectancy, when it comes to the second coming of Jesus, I believe we should live with an expectancy of God pouring out His Spirit upon His people.
- There have been several revivals up through the ages, and in every revival, God is bringing new truth to the body of Christ.

According to the Bible the time period we live in should be a time of God pouring out His Spirit upon all flesh.

“Then, after doing all those things, I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions. In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on servants – men and women alike.

– Joel 2:28-29

When Joel under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit prophesied regarding the new covenant, he said it would be a time where everyone could experience God speaking to them in a supernatural way.

- When we read about the baptism in the Holy Spirit the first disciples experienced in Acts chapter 2, we know that it was a fulfilment of what Joel was prophesying – because the Bible itself says so (Acts 2:16).

What happened in Acts chapter two was the start of a new era when it comes to Man's relationship to God.

- Both Joel and Peter said under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that the last days should be a time of outpouring. And since I don't believe we have missed the second coming of Christ, I believe we are living in a time where God wants to pour out of His Spirit on all flesh.

- I also don't believe that God intended only one outpouring in Acts chapter 2, and then we would have to survive on the remains of that until Jesus comes back.
- Joel also makes a point of this being a time where the Holy Spirit would be available for everyone – not only for the spiritual elite.
- Often we talk about getting back to The Book of Acts, but I believe The Book of Acts was just the start.
 - When God does something he does not start strong and finish weak and exhausted. With God things goes from glory to glory. The end will be better than the start.
 - Even though I believe the last days also will be dark times, I believe that as the darkness is getting darker the light will be shining brighter and brighter.

In some Christian circles teaching on the Holy Spirit or the Baptism in Holy Spirit is looked upon with great scepticism.

- But as Christians we can't get around the fact that it is an important topic – especially knowing how important Jesus said the coming of the Holy Spirit was.

But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you.
 – **John 16:7**

- Yes, there have been abuses in Charismatic circles, but there have also been abuses in none-charismatic circles.
- That there have been abuses does not diminish our need to focus on the topic – I would say quite the opposite.
- Some will say, we need more of the fruit of the spirit, not more charismatic chaos – and I would say that it is because of the lack of fruits we need to see an new outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus wanted to duplicate Himself in us

I'm sure the disciples where wondering how in the world it could be better for them if Jesus went away.

- When Jesus was here on earth He was in some way limited. He could not be two places at the same time, he got hungry, exhausted and was in many ways limited by His physical body.
 - But when Jesus went to the Father He said He would send His Spirit – and it was the Holy Spirit that enabled Jesus to do what He did.
 - After Jesus had died, been raised from the dead and ascended to His Father, He could send the Holy Spirit to indwell every single believer – and in this way multiply Himself in us.

It started with an outpouring

When we read The Book of Acts, we see that Christianity started as an outpouring of the Holy Spirit – and from Jerusalem it quickly changed the whole world.

On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

– **Acts 2:1-4**

- If you read on, you see that the immediate result of this outpouring was 3000 getting saved – and salvation should always be one of the fruits of a Holy Spirit outpouring.
- Leonard Ravenhill said: “In Acts 2, Peter preached one sermon and 3000 got saved. Today we preach 3000 sermons and 1 get saved”
- Some say: “We don’t need pray for a new outpouring, because The Holy Spirit has already come”. Or some might say “We have the Bible”.
- Well, if you see the same results as in The Book of Acts I will not argue with you. But if not, and you still think you don’t lack something – then I think there is something seriously wrong with your theology.
- What we often miss is that it’s not only about what WE need, but what the world needs.

- We don't need a new outpouring just for our self. There is a world full of people struggling with addiction, suffering from all kinds of sicknesses, and without hope or direction.
- Many are leaving church because they see it as irrelevant, and instead they are embracing all kinds of New Age philosophies.
- In Acts 1:8 Jesus said that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit would give us power to be effective witnesses for Him.
- If we no longer are effective witnesses for Him, then there is a good chance that we need to new infilling.