

HROCK CHURCH

VALUING THE PROPHETIC KINGDOM COME SERIES: A STUDY OF ACTS 1&2

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TEXT: Acts 2:1-4 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:14-18 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. ¹⁵ For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is *only* the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ “*And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.* ¹⁸ *And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy.*”

I. RUNNING COMMENTARY ON ACTS 2:1-4

A. ACTS 2:1-4

1. Day of Pentecost is one of the three major Feasts celebrated by the Jewish people. Pentecost follows fifty days after Passover, usually in May. It celebrates the harvest and the first fruits are offered to the High Priest. For us, it is to prophetically celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit’s power and to empower us to reach the harvest. It is not a coincidence that God would pour out His Spirit on this day, 10 days after Jesus’ ascension, and then 3,000 souls were saved that same day! The third feast would be around Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

2. They were of one accord. The Greek word there is *homothumadon*. It appears six times in the book of Acts where revival breaks out. (In Acts 1:14, Acts 2:46, Acts 4:24, Acts 5:12, Acts 8:6, Acts 15:25) It means unity. D.L Moody said, “God will never visit a divided church.”



3. Sound from Heaven. Revival is heaven invading earth. It must have been a tremendous sound because people rushed to see what was causing the sound and where this sound came from.

4. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. John the Baptist said, “He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” Luke 3:16

5. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in tongues. I will be giving a teaching on the Baptism with the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues at a later date. All I want to say for the purpose of today’s message is that speaking in a tongue is in the genre of the prophetic because of what Peter says in the next segment of Scripture that we want to examine.

II. THREE TRUTHS ABOUT THE PROPHETIC

A. THE PROPHETIC IS FOR TODAY ACTS 2:14-18

1. First reason to value the prophetic is that God is pouring out His Spirit around the world and one of the most significant gifts of the Holy Spirit is the prophetic. We want to embrace what God is doing around the world.

2. The crowd runs towards the upper room because of the tremendous sound that came from there. When they arrive they hear the Galileans speaking in their native language. Others said they are drunk.

3. **Acts 2:14 “But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, ‘Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. 15 For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is *only the third hour of the day.*”** Peter is saying that the 120 people were not drunk because it was only 9am in the morning. This by the way was the title of Dennis Bennett’s best selling book that was the catalyst of the Charismatic Revival that broke out in his church, St Mark’s Church in 1958. I believe God will break out with a new wave of revival out of HRock Church!

4. Then Peter quotes Joel 2:28, ¹⁷ ***“And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. (Acts 2:17)***

5. The last days. The last days are from the time Jesus rose from the dead and up to His second coming.



6. We are in the last days. We have been in the last days for the last 2,000 plus years. God is still pouring out His Spirit around the world and people are still prophesying! The reason I am emphasizing this is that there is a theological school of thought known as Cessationists Dispensationalist. They believe that the gifts of the Spirit and the prophetic ceased after the first century, when the last of the 12 apostles had passed away.

7. That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh. I want to emphasize that God wants to see all saved and He has poured out His Spirit to the world, but the world and individual believers must repent of their sins and accept Jesus as their Lord and King, and then they will receive the same Spirit as the early church.

8. How do we know that the gifts are still for today?

I have often said, recognize and not organize. Recognize that the greatest growth of the church is now Pentecostal or Charismatic. 80% of the one billion evangelicals would be in this stream. The evangelicals who don't believe that the gifts of the Spirit are for today is a small minority in the Body of Christ.

9. Acts 2:17-18 “Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions; your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy.” We now come to the heart of the message. **The first manifestation of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit is the prophetic!**

God wants all His people to hear His voice. Young and old, male or female, low class or upper class. In fact, Joel's prophesy is highlighting the marginalized people of society, which was the majority of the people! God wants all of us to prophesy.

10. 1 Corinthians 14:1 Pursue love, and desire spiritual *gifts*, but especially that you may prophesy.

B. GOD IS SPEAKING ALL THE TIME AND IN MANY WAYS

1. He speaks through His Word
2. He speaks through dreams and visions
3. He speaks through tongues and interpretation of tongues
4. He speaks through prophets
5. He speaks through open doors and closed doors
6. He speaks through godly counsel
7. He speaks through circumstances



8. He wants to speak to you personally through the small still voice of the Holy Spirit. This is the one that I really like because it involves being intimate with Jesus.
9. **John 10:27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.**
10. **Isaiah 30:21 (NLT) Your own ears will hear him. Right behind you a voice will say, “This is the way you should go,” whether to the right or to the left.**
11. E.g. Finding my lost ring last year and Passport.

C. THE KEY TO SUCCESS IN LIFE IS THE PROPHETIC

1. He who hears my words and acts upon it, will be like a wise man who builds his house on a rock. (Matthew 7:24)
2. This is the third reason why to value the prophetic. Everything that I have seen bare fruit in my life has been because of the prophetic.
3. HRC’s beginning. 4-4-94. This is our 25th anniversary year.
4. Starting HIM in 1996.
5. Purchasing Ambassador Auditorium.
6. Knowing that God had given me Sue to be my wife.

