

Forging Ahead

"³⁹For the promise (of the Father's Holy Spirit) is for you and your children, and for all who are far away – as many as Adonai our God calls to Himself" (Acts 2:39)

On the Day of Shavuot Peter said that the promise of the Holy Spirit was for present and future generations and is not finite and is therefore, *available to us today*. Clearly, everyone whom God has called, that is, everyone who has been born again, can receive the Promise of the Father (the Filling/Immersion of the Father's Holy Spirit). This can happen to Believers *before, on or after* Water Immersion (*mikvah*). It can come upon you while hearing the Word, or when the Word is coming forth in the power and the anointing of the HS or by the laying on of hands to bring receptivity with the manifestation of a heavenly prayer language following. This can also happen while lying in bed, driving, walking, in the shower and *wherever and whenever you are ready*. Are you ready? Do you want it? Satan does not want you to have this power: *"My people are in captivity for lack of knowledge" (Is. 5:13)*.

I know in my spirit that, like it or not, in the Believing World we are dawning a new era of opportunities and experiences. This is for our Congregation also. We note that Recovery, Restoration, Restitution and Revival are Messianic concepts. Could it be that The Revival being talked about in our day is the Great Last Revival before Yeshua's return? Even a remote maybe is enough to instill and stir up a sense of destiny. *The Revival has started in Kol Simcha*. More of His Holy Spirit in our lives means a greater capacity to be successful in our commission. Shouldn't we come to him on Shavuot/Pentecost and ask him to empower us with whatever He wants to give us so that we will have greater power to do his will? In Acts, the disciples waited with one mind continuing in prayer (*Luke 24:50-53*) for *The Promise*. What else can we do to receive a greater measure of *The Gift from the Father*?

As we forge ahead, we know that *Shavuot* is two weeks away. As we do every year, we are going to come to Him on His Holy *Moed* and ask Him to empower us with His Promise so that we will have greater power to do His Will. Rabbi, what are you expecting? I am expecting nothing less than the *full measure* of the Father's Promise

"⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high" (Luke 24: 48-49).

"⁴Now while staying with them, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father promised – which, He said, "you heard from Me. ⁵For John immersed with water, but you will be immersed in the Ruach ha-Kodesh not many days from now" (Acts 1:4-5).

"...He (Yeshua) will immerse you in the Ruach ha-Kodesh and fire" (Luke 3:16b)

Also, as we continue in this journey I want to be on fire for the Lord. I want *my heart to burn within me* like what the disciples on the Road to Emmaus experienced (See *Luke 24:48-49*). If we embrace this mindset, we will not be lukewarm but instead we will experience *firepower* in all we do. We need to raise the intensity of our involvement with *Adonai*. I want the *Fire of God* in my bones to burn out all the enemy's viruses. I want the *Fire of Adonai* within me to be *inextinguishable and burn the chaff* out my life. We have been expecting the rain of the Spirit to come but we need for the *Fire of God* to rain upon us showers of fire and not just water. I want my life to burn with the Word of the Lord and with the Zeal of the Lord and, ultimately, with the Lord Himself. I want my life to matter and my zeal for Him to accomplish much.

I want the fire of God so I can partake in the: *"... kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force" (Matt. 11:12)*. Have you ever felt that fire? I have and I need it again. It is our congregation's time. The world wants truth, and we have *THE TRUTH* in His Word. This is our chance and our opportunity. Come to Shavuot with your somewhat empty cup so He can fill it up to overflowing. Come to Shavuot with an expectant heart. Come to Shavuot ready to be immersed, empowered, equipped, and sent. There is a volume of the book written about us: *"⁸ Then I said: "Here I am, I have come – in the scroll of a book it is written about me. ⁹ I delight to do*

Your will, O my God. Yes, Your Torah is within my being.”¹⁰ I proclaim good news of righteousness in the great assembly. Behold, I am not shutting my lips – Adonai, You know!¹¹ I did not hide Your righteousness within my heart. Rather I declared Your faithfulness and Your salvation. I did not conceal Your lovingkindness and Your truth from the great assembly” (Psalm 40:8-11). I want to be relevant, and I want to be used of the Holy Spirit to accomplish much for Him. **Change me O Lord! Empower me O Lord! Anoint me O Lord! Let me be relevant O Lord! Let me make a difference O Lord! Let me delight to do Thy Will O Lord! Are you ready for Shavuot? Shabbat Shalom!**