

Episode 2-12 – John 16 Part 3 - The Spirit Poured Out on the World

I. The purpose of the gospel of John is to produce believers in the fact that Jesus is the Christ, the One anointed by God to be the Savior of the world, and that Jesus is the Son of God, God represented in human form.

II. We are continuing the teaching of the Lord on the road from the last supper in the upper room to Gethsemane. He is explaining to them about when the paraclete, sometime after His coming, acts to make the facts known (*elegcho*) to the world.

III. Is there other evidence that the Spirit will be poured out on the world? Acts 2:17 (Joel 2:28) says the same things as John 16:8.

- A. If this promise is not trustworthy, is any promise in the Bible trustworthy?
- B. Nothing that Joel predicted came to pass that day. 120 disciples is not the same as “all flesh”!
- C. Some try to say this only means “all Israel,” but this makes no sense.
- D. Genesis 6:12 reveals what “all flesh” means.
- E. When God does this, this will be the “second coming of the Holy Spirit” (or second sending, or second outpouring).

IV. We know Jesus Christ was on earth one time. Acts 1:11 reveals He will come a second time.

V. Acts 2:1-4 shows the Spirit was poured out one time. Joel 2:28 reveals He will be poured out a second time, this time on all flesh.

VI. Jesus Christ appeared on earth many times before His incarnation. He is the Yahweh of the Old Testament, and the Angel of Yahweh of the Old Testament. After He rose, He even ascended to His Father and returned. John 20:17,19. But this is not what we mean by His second coming, but a future event.

VII. The Spirit when He is poured out.

- A. We read of the Spirit the first time in Genesis 1:2. He brought light to the world there.
- B. Exodus 31:1-5. The Holy Spirit made Bezaleel a skilled worker, nothing more.
- C. I Samuel 19:18-24. The Holy Spirit came upon Saul’s men, and even upon Saul, to make them prophesy, and to make them powerless to harm David and Samuel.
- D. Numbers 22:28. The Spirit came upon a donkey to make it talk.
- E. When God’s Spirit is poured out on all flesh, will it result in all being saved? Most certainly not! It will result in all being enlightened. Some will be severely punished as a result of this enlightenment, while others are greatly blessed.
- F. Both John 16:8-11 and Acts 2:17 (Joel 2:28) reveal a time when the Holy Spirit will be poured out on the whole world, and will enlighten them regarding truth. This will be the “second coming of the Holy Spirit.” However, this will not result in all men being saved, for that is not the purpose for which the Spirit is then sent.

VIII. In Psalm 46, we learn more about God’s Spirit poured out.

- A. Verse 4 God’s Spirit is like a river pouring from heaven and then dividing into many smaller flows.
- B. Verse 6, the nations rage and the governments are unstable, when Yahweh utters His voice, and the earth melts before Him.
- C. Verses 8-9. There are many things on earth that should be made desolate!
- D. Verse 10. Do you really believe God will someday be exalted among all nations?

IX. In Psalm 64, it is a sudden, unexpected word from God that puts a stop to the rebellious activities of wicked men against God.

- A. Verses 1-6. The rebellion of workers of wrong against God advances all the time.
 - B. Verse 7. God's arrow (see verse 3, a word) wounds these wicked men.
 - C. Verse 8. They give themselves a tongue-lashing! The Spirit has enlightened them, as in John 16!
 - D. Verses 9-10. Things will change on earth after this! It will be God's kingdom.
- X. In II Timothy 3, Paul also suggests that the wickedness of this world will end suddenly.
- A. In verses 1-8, we have 21 symptoms of men that will show it is the last days of God's current dispensation of grace.
 - B. In verse 9, their folly is suddenly obvious to everyone. What will cause this to happen?
The pouring out of God's Spirit to convict the world!
- XI. Conclusion. The idea that God is going to convict the world of truth through the Holy Spirit so that even wicked and godless men will see it is not just in John 16, but is found in the Old Testament and in the epistles as well. Someday the Spirit will act to change this world, and the result will be God's glorious Kingdom will come to earth. May that day come soon!