

Episode #434 Second Coming of the Holy Spirit 2 – Activities of the Holy Spirit

I. While the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to this earth to be personally present for a thousand years is an extremely important event in God's future, prophetic calendar, yet the Bible also sets forth the great truth of the second coming of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2:17, when God will pour out His Spirit on all flesh. We are considering this sending of the Spirit.

II. Just as Christ's "first coming" and "second coming" are not the only times He has ever come to earth, so Pentecost and the future "second coming of the Holy Spirit" are not the only two times the Holy Spirit has been active on earth. We will now consider His many activities.

- A. The first time we read of the Spirit is in Genesis 1:2. He brought light to the world.
- B. There is an important principle about the Holy Spirit we need to learn: when God sends Him, He always accomplishes exactly what God sent Him to accomplish, and nothing more nor less.
- C. Exodus 31:1-5. The Holy Spirit came upon Bezaleel to make him a skilled master-worker in all crafts for building the tabernacle, and for no other reason.
- D. I Samuel 19:18-24. The Holy Spirit came upon Saul's messengers, probably ungodly men in his employ, to make them prophesy and not harm David. The same thing happened to Saul, even as he worked against God.
- E. Numbers 22:28. God's Spirit caused Balaam's donkey to talk. The Spirit can come on animals, not just on people. In fact, when the Spirit is poured on all flesh, this may well include animals! Consider Isaiah 11:6-9.
- F. What does the Holy Spirit do when He comes on men today? He acts as a seal on the heart, guaranteeing our future inheritance, as we read in Ephesians 1:13-14.
- G. In all these things, the Spirit accomplished exactly what God intended to have happen. So when God pours out of His Spirit upon all flesh, will all flesh be saved? Most certainly not! God will accomplish what He wants to accomplish with His Spirit here, which will be to enlighten every person on earth. Some will be greatly blessed as a result of the pouring out of the Spirit, while some will be severely punished.

III. Passages about the second coming of the Holy Spirit.

- A. Ezekiel 36:24-28.
 1. Verse 24. God gathers Israel from among all nations and brings them to Israel.
 2. Verse 25. He sprinkles clean water on them, and they are clean. This has nothing to do with infant baptism. This is the Holy Spirit being poured upon them. He takes a filthy and idolatrous people and makes them clean.
 3. Verse 26. They receive a new spirit and a new heart.
 4. Verse 27. He puts His Spirit within them, and then they walk in His statutes.
 5. Verse 28. The result: they are His people at last. This never happened in the past. This will happen to Israel when the Spirit is poured out upon all flesh.
- B. Ezekiel 37:14. After they are raised from the dead, He puts His Spirit in them and puts them back in their land. This is the Holy Spirit being poured upon them.
- C. Ezekiel 39:27-29.
 1. Verse 27. The amazing restoration of the historical people of God will cause Jehovah to be set apart in the sight of many nations.
 2. Verse 28. Israel too will now realize that He is Jehovah their God, the One Who sent them into captivity among the nations, and Who has now brought them back to their land.

3. Verse 29. He will not hide His face from them as He does today when all His works are hidden and secret, Colossians 3:3. When Israel is returned to their land, the Spirit has been poured out upon them.
- D. These three passages reveal a special blessing for Israel when the Spirit is poured out. But we know that this blessing extends beyond Israel, for it stands written that the Spirit will also be poured out upon all flesh.
- E. Isaiah 32:13-16.
1. Verse 13. This verse speaks of the desolation of the land of Israel.
 2. Verse 14. The bustling cities and fortified towers are deserted as well.
 3. Verse 15. Israel's desolation will continue until the Spirit is poured out from on high.
 4. Verse 16. Justice will dwell, even in the wilderness.
 - a. We might think of crime as being mostly a problem of the cities, but consider what Arthur Conan Doyle wrote in "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes." Sometimes you can get away with it in the country.
 - b. Deuteronomy 22:23-27. A betrothed couple were legally bound. A woman in the city must have purposefully cheated, for she did not cry out. A woman in the country, however, clearly was raped. But no one would get away with a country crime in God's kingdom!
 5. Notice this does not say until Jesus Christ comes back. The blessings of the Kingdom of God do not come in at His return, but at the pouring out of the Spirit.

IV. Conclusion: The Holy Spirit, when He acts, accomplishes exactly what God sent Him to do. There is no, single thing that He always does when He comes! When the Holy Spirit is poured out on all flesh, that accomplishes many blessings for Israel, and also for the world. People are cleansed, the earth is restored, and justice reigns. We can look forward with great anticipation to the second coming of the Holy Spirit!