

Episode #436 Second Coming of the Holy Spirit 4 – The Spirit Speaks!

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. We have been considering the second coming of the Holy Spirit as it is set forth in the book of Psalms. We have seen in Psalm 22:26-28 that He will bring something to the minds of the people of the world that was not there before. We have seen in Psalm 46:4-7 that, when the nations are in turmoil, God will utter His voice to bring things under His control. Now, we will continue to study this important passage.

A. Psalm 46:4-10. God will be exalted among the nations.

1. Verse 8. Many hear "desolations" and think it must be something terrible. Yet if He ends sickness, everything having to do with healthcare will be made desolate. If He ends the pornography trade, everything having to do with it will be made desolate. Indeed, if he ends all "vice" industries, then they will be made desolate. Things that have to do with sin and death will be made desolate, but the earth itself will not be desolate.
2. Verse 9. He brings an end to war. This will result in everything having to do with armies being made desolate. Think what a great benefit this alone would be for this poor, war-torn earth we live on!
3. Verse 10. He promises He will be exalted among the nations on the earth. Do we believe this promise? Or do we think He can only be exalted in heaven?

B. Psalm 64:1-10. This sets forth just how the kingdom of God will begin.

1. Verses 1-6. We see a situation described that sets forth wicked men like we see on every hand today. The words of the wicked fill the airways, slandering God, denying His truth, and encouraging wickedness.
2. Verse 7. What does God do about this? He shoots at them with an arrow. These are His Own words, in contrast to their bitter words, verse 3. God does not change the world slowly over time. He suddenly wounds evil men. How shall this word be spoken? Through the Holy Spirit!
3. Verse 8. The result is that they give themselves a tongue lashing, causing others to shake their heads at them.
4. Verse 9. Another result is that all men fear Jehovah. (But this does not mean universal salvation, as fearing does not save anyone.) Everyone is talking about His work and considering it.
5. Verse 10. The righteous will rejoice! When does this happen? When God acts to send His truth into the world. And He does this by sending His Spirit!

C. Psalm 74:20-23. God goes into action to plead His Own cause.

1. This is a prayer. I believe that any prayer recorded in the Bible, and therefore written by the inspiration of God, becomes a prophecy, not just of what God wants to do, but of what God WILL do. This is the prayer/prophecy principle.
2. Verse 20. The dark places of the earth are full of the homes of cruelty. We see such dark dwelling places everywhere.
3. Verse 21. God is called upon to do something about these things.

4. Verse 22. God is called upon to arise, that is, to go into action. He will someday do this and plead His Own cause. We try to plead for God, often with poor results. The foolish continue to reproach God with no check.
5. Verse 23. The noise against God continually increases. But this passage promises God will someday go into action and plead for Himself.

D. Psalm 76:8. The earth hears God's judgment.

1. This verse is in the past tense, but this is an example of an important Biblical principle: the not-being but as-being principle. Romans 4:17. God does not say untrue things, but He speaks of things that do not yet exist as if they already did, and things that have not happened as if they were in the past.
2. God causes men to hear judgment (not punishment, but truth) from heaven, and the earth respects God and is still. This will happen at the second coming of the Holy Spirit.

III. Conclusion: The Psalms are full of passages that speak of this time when God will suddenly and miraculously break into the affairs of men to turn this world towards Himself. The result will be that men everywhere will worship before Him. God will plead His Own cause. The earth will know God's judgments, and they will at last respect them. This all takes place through the sending of the Spirit. May that day come soon!