

A Shavuot Experience

"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).

Born from above Believers have the Holy Spirit indwelling in their lives: *"¹Now there was a man, a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jewish people. ²He came to Yeshua at night and said, 'Rabbi, we know that You, a teacher, have come from God. For no one can perform these signs which You do unless God is with Him!' ³Yeshua answered him, 'Amen, amen I tell you, unless one is born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God'" (John 3:1-3).* Another way to say *Born from above* is to say *Born-Again* Believers and Scripture states we can have our spirit within us renewed: *"Create in me a clean heart, O God (Elohim); and renew (chadash) a right spirit (ruach) within me" (Psalm 51:10).* On the day of the resurrection *Yeshua* appeared to the disciples: *"²²And after He said this, He breathed on them. And He said to them, 'Receive the Ruach ha-Kodesh. ²³If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; but if you hold back, they are held back'" (John 20:22).* These eleven disciples were Believers (*saved / born-again*). However, Scripture makes it clear that it was some seven weeks later (at *Shavuot*) that the *Promise of the Father* (the *Ruach ha-Kodesh*) would *clothed them with power from on high*. Scripture tells us that God breathed upon Adam, and he became a living soul. In a similar manner *Yeshua* breathed on the disciples and they became alive again (so this was their born-again experience).

Yeshua had spoken about this supernatural experience during the Feast of Sukkot in John 7: *"³⁸Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture says, 'out of his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'"³⁹Now He said this about the Ruach, whom those who trusted in Him were going to receive; for the Ruach was not yet given, since Yeshua was not yet glorified" (John 7:38, 39).* Therefore, *the immersion of the Holy Spirit could not be given until Yeshua was glorified and ascended to the Father*. We note also that Scripture confirms that *Yeshua* could not give this or any other gift until He became the High Priest (*Kohen Gadol*) seated at the right hand of the Father: *"³For every kohen gadol is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices, so it is necessary for this One also to have something to offer. ⁴Now if He were on earth, He would not be a kohen at all, since there are those who offer the gifts according to the Torah" (Hebrews 8:3,4).* Peter agrees: *"³³Therefore, being exalted to the right hand of God and receiving from the Father the promise of the Ruach ha-Kodesh, He poured out this – what you now see and hear" (Acts 2:33).*

There is much controversy in the Believing Community as to whether this experience was reserved for the early Messianic Believers only (and therefore, not for our day or available in our time). To you who are listening to me today in person or via video: *where do you sit in this interpretation?* Are *Yeshua's* things He spoke about in the NT for us today or not? On the Day of *Shavuot* Peter said: *"³⁹For the promise (of the Father) 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).* Therefore, it is available to us in our day. We are in the day where we are to be *sanctified by the truth because His Word is the truth (John 17:17)*. I humbly submit to you that we desperately need to be *Clothed With Power from on High*. As we experience a spiritual chiropractic adjustment we need to be immersed afresh in the Spirit of *Adonai*, His *Holy Spirit*.

Last week I asked if you are ready and want it. As we do every year, we are going to come to Him on His Holy *Moed* and ask Him to empower us with whatever we need at this time in history. We want *His Promise* so that *we will have greater power to do His Will*. What are you expecting? I am expecting nothing less than the *full measure* of the Father's Promise so we a be witnesses to Him to the uttermost parts of the earth. In Acts, the disciples waited with one mind continuing in prayer (*Luke 24:50-53*) for *The Father's Promise*. We want it also!

The Revival has started. We need more of His Holy Spirit in our lives to be successful. This is our opportunity so let us come to *Shavuot* with an expectant heart ready to be re-immersed, empowered, equipped, and sent. I want to be relevant, and I want to be used of the Holy Spirit to accomplish much for Him. Last week I ended with: **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!** It is the same this week. *Shabbat Shalom!*