



PENTECOST IF...

STUDY GUIDE

ANCIENT SECRETS AND TIMELESS TRUTHS TO
RELEASE **PENTECOSTAL POWER** IN YOUR LIFE

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Dear Friend,

The ministry God has graced me to lead had a modest beginning – what filmmakers today call an origin story. An abbreviated version of World Harvest Church’s story can be found in chapter 4 of *Pentecost If... Ancient Secrets and Timeless Truths to Release Pentecostal Power in Your Life*.

Fifty years ago, 17 people gathered in my parents’ back yard to join me for Bible study. We gathered each week, but it was quite a while before anyone suggested starting a church. Today, World Harvest Church has multiple outreaches with worldwide reach and influence. It’s always interested me that many other large churches share similarly humble beginnings.

The first moments of the early Church also involved comparatively few people. But importantly, the Holy Spirit was there. That made an eternal difference! The first Pentecost is acknowledged as the birth of the Church,

but it's been curiously diminished in importance over the centuries.

I believe the Church's origins – beginning with the first Pentecost – have much to teach us about how Christians should live today. The product of my passion for that history is *Pentecost If...* I'm grateful for your commitment to re-emphasize the role of the Holy Ghost in our individual and collective lives as believers.

This study guide is designed to help you absorb and retain the salient facts God gave me to share with you. My earnest desire is that we become vessels for God's work today as He was for the early church in the wake of the first Pentecost: "*And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved*" (Acts 2:47b).

This study guide is designed to help you absorb, assimilate and, ultimately, apply the content of *Pentecost If...* into your life as a Christian. Each chapter is divided into five sections:

- **A chapter outline** for you to complete as you read the book. You can fill in the blanks as you read and take notes in the margins to better grasp the main points of each chapter. Correct answers are listed in the back of this workbook.
- **Review questions** to gauge your understanding of the material. Again, the answers to these questions are in the back of this workbook.
- **Application questions**, to help you personalize your response to the book.
- **Takeaways**, suggested nuggets from the book to share on your social-media accounts.
- **Memory verses**, so you can absorb relevant passages from God's Word. Commit these verses to memory so you'll always have them with you!

Thank you for your desire and
commitment to understanding why
Pentecost mattered to the early Church –
and still matters today.

Let's dig in!

Yours for the Harvest,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rod Parsley", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. Rod Parsley

PREFACE/INTRODUCTION

Chapter Outline

1. Charles H. Spurgeon made this emphatic statement: “Without the Spirit of God, we can do _____; we are ships without wind or chariots without steeds; like branches without sap, we are _____.”
2. The spiritual landscape of America’s churches today is _____ where Paul’s command to be filled with the Spirit is either _____ or _____.
3. The Holy Ghost does not need a new _____; He is in need of a new _____.
4. Before the day of Pentecost, Peter prayed for _____ and preached for _____. Today, preachers often do the opposite.

5. A fundamental difference between modern church culture and the Kingdom of God is that in God's Kingdom, there are _____ that must be met before His _____ are fulfilled.
6. It is far past time for a _____
_____ regarding the Holy Spirit.
7. If we can discover what happened to _____, that same power can forever _____ us, too.

Review Questions

1. What is the significance of the transition in Scripture between the end of the gospel of John and the beginning of the book of Acts?
2. In the first century, what two aspects accompanied the anointing of Pentecost for the early Church?
3. What is God's ultimate purpose for human beings? What is the only way that purpose can be accomplished?
4. What did the Holy Spirit accomplish within a single generation following the first Pentecost?

Questions for Application

1. Pastor Parsley writes that it is "incumbent upon us to plead for the living God, who condescends to indwell mortals, to come and fill us with His Holy Spirit. But perhaps we should first count the cost." What

has becoming a believer cost you?
What are you holding onto that may
be preventing people in your circle
of influence from knowing God as
you do?

2. How have you experienced the Holy Spirit operating in your life in the past week? How did you acknowledge Him? How can you be intentional about acknowledging your inability to function on a daily basis without Him?

Takeaways

“A believer who does not pray in the Spirit in private will display no supernatural power in public.”

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“It is sheer idolatry to imagine that we have the strength and the wisdom to govern ourselves.”

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Memory Verses

“But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit that lives in you.”

Romans 8:11

“You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you.”

Acts 7:51

CHAPTER 1

A PENTECOST PRIMER

Chapter Outline

1. Jehovah's instructions to Moses atop Mount Sinai included the _____ and detailed directions for constructing the _____.
2. The Feast of Weeks, or _____, was originally intended to be a celebration of the wheat harvest. A portion of the _____ during this celebration was two loaves of bread, baked with leaven.
3. God often commissioned His true prophets to carry messages that were as _____ as they were _____.
4. Peter's sermon in the first evangelistic crusade of the early

5. Whatever you need to do or are called of God to accomplish may seem _____ - but because of Pentecost, you have the _____ to accomplish it.
6. Your _____, or _____, is the most powerful tool available to you in proclaiming the Lordship of Jesus Christ to others.

Review Questions

1. What does the word “Pentecost” mean in the Greek, and how did that come to be the name for what was originally called the Feast of Weeks?
2. What dilemma did the Old Testament prophets of God experience on a regular basis?
3. How far did the Gospel spread within a single generation following the first Pentecost?

4. What empowers us to fulfill the will of God on a daily basis?
5. Jesus said we would receive miracle-working power. What did He say was the purpose of that power?
6. How did the religious leaders respond in Acts 3 when Peter and John healed a lame man at the Temple gate? What was the result of the testimony of Peter, John and the lame man?

Questions for Application

1. Believers like you have access to the same power – the same force, might and ability – that raised Jesus Christ from the dead! What reminds you of the power you can access to make a difference for the Kingdom of God? How have you made use of that power this past week? How could you make use of it in the coming week?

2. What keeps you from witnessing to the change that the Lord Jesus Christ has made in your life? Who in your circles of influence needs to hear your story this week?

Takeaways

“Tell others of what Jesus has done for you. It will be life-changing and eternity-altering for someone who heard how He changed your life.”

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“On the first Pentecost, the Holy Spirit gave people supernatural power to accomplish every task for which they had been commissioned by heaven. He’s still doing it, for you and me.”

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Memory Verses

“And it will be that, afterwards,
I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh;
then your sons and your daughters will
prophesy,

your old men will dream dreams,
and your young men will see visions.”

Joel 2:28

“Men of Judea and all you who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to my words. For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is the third hour of the day. But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel.”

Acts 2:14-16

CHAPTER 2

PENTECOST THROUGH THE AGES

Chapter Outline

1. In many cases, ancient writers made no mention of the _____ of the Holy Spirit at all. We must, therefore, rely on observances of _____ or the _____ of the Holy Spirit to determine whether or not believers in past ages continued to preach, teach, believe in and receive the _____ of the Holy Ghost.
2. The purpose of _____ is not to add to the Bible, but to _____ believers and _____ what the Bible teaches.
3. Individual believers and the church as a whole have become _____ focused rather than _____ focused. The emphasis is on self-

_____ has become more important than _____ – and ultimately, more important than the presence and voice of the _____.

4. The Holy Spirit may blow in and rearrange everything in your life. Our posture as believers is not to ask God _____ he does something. It is to exhibit our obedient _____ to adjust our sails, catch the wind and allow Him to take us in the _____ of His sovereign will.
5. Two important aspects must guide church services as well as church decision-making – _____ and _____. Both are of absolute necessity to fulfill the will of God.
6. A church that _____ upon the Holy Spirit will become the most _____ in publishing the gospel of Jesus Christ to their _____ and the _____.

Review Questions

1. What are the names of the two opposing doctrines concerning the gifts and ministries of the Holy Spirit, and what does each doctrine hold?
2. Cessationism holds that the gifts of the Holy Spirit ceased because in the plan of God they were no longer necessary. How does Pastor Parsley answer that contention?
3. How does the first generation to receive a truth hold it? The second generation? The third generation? How does this apply to the truth of the Holy Spirit as recorded in the book of Acts?
4. What did Pastor Parsley say he has noticed about local churches that are most effective in fulfilling the Great Commission and the Great Command?

5. How should a local church balance preparation and planning of a weekly worship service with obedience to the leading of the Holy Spirit?
6. How should we respond to ridicule, accusation and hatred from others? How are haters' perspectives limited?

Questions for Application

1. Pastor Parsley notes that recent generations have disregarded and discarded the truth about the Holy Spirit, in part because of the time that has passed since it was first received. How can you counter this phenomenon in your circles of influence – that is, how can the truth about the Holy Spirit become prominent in your life and the lives of those you influence?
2. The more you obey the Holy Spirit and walk in the will of God, the

more you will experience ridicule, accusation and outright hatred from people in the world and even people who claim to be part of the Church. How can you discipline yourself to not respond to hate defensively, but with an understanding that your haters are not operating according to reason?

Takeaways

“If we serve Jehovah Bara, God, the Creator of heaven and earth, how is it possible that we have no creativity?”

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“Other people’s heads are no place to keep your peace and joy.”

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Memory Verses

“But he who prophesies speaks to men for their edification and exhortation and comfort.”

1 Corinthians 14:3

“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you are sealed for the day of redemption.”

Ephesians 4:30

CHAPTER 3

THE PENTECOSTAL DISTINCTIVE

Chapter Outline

1. To destroy the _____, all that is necessary is for the _____ to become _____.
2. Our power is available as a direct result of _____ returning to _____ and sending the _____.
3. The miraculous confirms the _____ and _____ of the Almighty in our lives.
4. The issue is not that the baptism of the Holy Spirit is not _____ – but rather because it does not conform to long-standing _____.

_____ with _____
_____.

Review Questions

1. Pastor Parsley notes, “Modern churchgoers face a dilemma of doctrine: why are there so many miracles recorded in the Bible, while none are present in their own experience? What is missing? Can anything be done about it? Answer the last two questions from the text.
2. How do we answer the contention that because Jesus Christ was God, nobody else could operate in the miraculous?
3. According to Pastor Parsley, what is behind the contention that miracles are no longer needed?
4. Pastor Parsley writes, “To refuse (the filling of the Holy Spirit) is the denial of three divine directives. What are they?

5. How can we demonstrate from Scripture that being born again and being filled with the Holy Spirit are not the same?

Questions for Application

1. What keeps believers in your circles of influence from believing in and praying for miracles? How can you use the information in this chapter to speak about our need for miracles and that Christians should welcome and expect them?
2. How was your understanding of the baptism of the Holy Spirit changed as a result of this chapter? What is the most important information about the baptism of the Holy Spirit you can share with family and friends?

Takeaways

“I believe that miracles are for today,
because Jesus said we would do greater
works than He did.”

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“The baptism of the Holy Spirit is an
experience available to all born-again
believers, following their salvation.”

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Memory Verses

“How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.”

Acts 10:38

“John answered them all, ‘I indeed baptize you with water. But One mightier than I is coming, the strings of whose shoes I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.’”

Luke 3:16

CHAPTER 4

ACCESSING THE SUPERNATURAL: THE SPARK OF POWER

Chapter Outline

1. Holiness has much less to do with how we _____ on the _____ than with the attitudes and convictions of our _____ on the _____.
2. When Pastor Parsley first experienced the _____ of the _____, he was unable to speak about it with his pastor because it was not a _____ of his _____.
3. In _____ the congregation that would become World Harvest Church bought a _____- _____ parcel of land and built

a _____ - seat building, mostly
with _____.

4. The _____ of Pastor
Parsley's sister, Debbie, at a meeting
in Indiana remains the single
_____ he has seen in
more than 50 years of Gospel
ministry.
5. Pastor Parsley writes that the
immediate aftermath of his sister's
deliverance became his
_____ to the
_____ aspects of
Pentecostal _____.

Review Questions

1. In what two areas does Pastor
Parsley mention that he first noticed
differences between what he
encountered in the culture of the
churches his family attended and
the contents of the Bible?

2. How does Pastor Parsley describe his first experience with the baptism of the Holy Spirit?
3. How did the meetings that became World Harvest Church begin? Who first suggested that the meetings should become a church?
4. A catastrophic injury to Pastor Parsley's sister, Debbie, led to Pastor Parsley's divine connection with what anointed Bible teacher?
5. How did God grow the congregation of World Harvest Church in its first 10 years?

Questions for Application

1. Pastor Parsley describes his greatest accomplishment as a minister of the Gospel as simply obeying God? What is God asking you to do that could be accomplished only by obeying Him?

2. A major part of the chapter describes Debbie Parsley King's catastrophic injury and miraculous deliverance. Who in your life needs your prayers for healing or deliverance or both? Are you praying for this consistently?

Takeaways

“Let your reluctance about things you don't understand be overcome by a desire to receive what God has for you.”

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“The key to the miraculous is a willingness to receive all that God's Word promises, including and of utmost necessity the mighty baptism of the Holy Spirit.”

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Memory Verses

“Therefore, if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature. Old things have passed away. Look, all things have become new.”

2 Corinthians 5:17

“But the LORD said to Samuel, ‘Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees. For man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.’”

1 Samuel 16:7

CHAPTER 5

THE ANTIDOTE FOR THE MODERN CHURCH AND CULTURE

Chapter Outline

1. The baptism of the Holy Spirit has not been _____, nor is it fading away. In fact, its _____ and its _____ are greatly _____, possibly because it is even more _____ now than ever.
2. For the most part, what a person _____ by age ____ is what they will _____. The Church's window to _____ people with the Gospel is roughly from ages of ____ to _____.
3. While we must preach the Gospel of Christ to _____ age group, we

4. Some have called this the _____ age. It might be better known as the “_____” _____ age.
5. We must, with _____ born of prayer, proclaim the _____ of Mark 1:15: “The time is _____, and the _____ is at hand. _____ and _____ the _____.”
6. Today’s Sunday morning worship services have become little more than _____ - _____ for _____ and _____.
7. _____, regardless of how _____ they may be _____, void of _____ quickly become _____, _____ and _____.

Review Questions

1. Are we in danger of losing a generation of young people for the Kingdom of God? What is the role of the Holy Spirit in the condition of this generation?
2. What are some of the indicators from the Family Research Council and George Barna's survey of churchgoing Americans that should cause us grave concern about the state of the Church?
3. Pastor Parsley states that "this generation has advantages that no other generation before has enjoyed regarding the ability to promote and spread the Gospel of Calvary's Lamb worldwide." What three advantages did he mention?
4. What significant factor does Pastor Parsley identify that distinguishes the results of the first-century Church in spreading the Gospel to our current generation of believers?
5. Why is the first-century Church so often cited as a model for what

should be taking place in the 21st century Church?

6. What is the importance of God's church being distinguished and differentiated from the culture?
7. Pastor Parsley states, churches that choose to deny the power and presence of the Holy Spirit will become inwardly focused rather than outwardly focused. Why is that an issue for the Church?

Questions for Application

1. This chapter makes the case for the 21st century Church to affirm the baptism of the Holy Spirit and allow the Spirit to transform the Church and individual believers. How well does the church you attend accommodate the Spirit? What can you do in your circles of influence to re-emphasize the work of the Holy Spirit where you worship?

2. The current generation of young people has extraordinary advantage in sharing the Gospel. How can you use advantages in transportation, communication and finances to share the Gospel where you live, work and worship?
3. A church or a person without the Spirit of God conceals truth rather than reveals it. Which are you? Which is the church where you worship? What individual and corporate changes are necessary in your personal life and the life of your congregation to bring the Spirit of God to its rightful place?

Takeaways

“A church that denies the operation of the Holy Spirit makes things complicated rather than simple.”

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“In the absence of the Holy Spirit’s influence, we will either remain stagnant or drift further and further from the presence and nature and character of our great God.”

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Memory Verses

“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.”

Matthew 24:14

“There are various gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. There are various operations, but it is the same God who operates all of them in all people.”

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways My ways,
says the LORD.”

Isaiah 55:8

CHAPTER 6

A VERY PRESENT PENTECOST

Chapter Outline

1. There is much to be _____ by a _____ to the _____ of the _____.
2. John Wesley reported a profound encounter with the Holy Spirit on Aldersgate Street in London, where he reported feeling his heart “_____.”
3. Some believed that _____ would give missionaries a supernatural _____ to preach the gospel to those of many nations without the preachers _____ the respective languages of the people groups to whom they ministered. In this they were much _____.
4. The _____ Christian church on this planet is a _____

church – Yoido Full Gospel Church
in _____, _____
_____, founded by ____
_____.

5. Dr. Lester Sumrall's efforts to receive a license to develop a _____ was thwarted for years. After receiving approval, he began to _____ the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the literal _____.
from one _____.
6. There is no doubt that God is intricately interested in us as _____, but may we ever be mindful that our great God is just as interested in _____ of the _____.

Review Questions

1. What two factors distinguished the revival in Moravia in the 18th century?
2. What African-American preacher, shortly after receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit, began what came to be landmark meetings at the Apostolic Faith Mission on Azusa Street in Los Angeles?
3. What two influential ministers spread the flames of Pentecost to mission stations around the world from 1934 to 1936?
4. What does Pastor Parsley insist every believer do, by the Holy Spirit's inspiration, until such time as there is another worldwide movement of the Spirit?
5. What great cultural opportunity was within the grasp of the Pentecostal church in the early 20th century, but did not occur because the Church

was ill-prepared to lead on the issue?

6. What did General Douglas MacArthur ask of Christian organizations at the close of World War II? What happened? What is the result today?

Questions for Application

1. John Wesley's encounter with the Holy Spirit on Aldersgate Street in London in 1738 led to a movement that exists today in worldwide Christian denominations. What can you point to as your encounter with the Holy Spirit, and what are you prepared for it to lead to in your life and in the lives of those you influence?
2. Azusa Street is given credit in the chapter for doing much to eliminate economic, ethnic, gender and doctrinal distinctions among worshippers. Is this true where you

worship? How can you bridge any divides that exist among races and economic classes of people in your congregation?

Takeaways

“It was the Church for which Jesus gave His life, for which He was resurrected from the dead, to which He sent the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Do we value the Church as much as He did?”

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“It is the Holy Spirit alone who is able to empower us with supernatural direction to take advantage of every moment of kingdom advancement He affords to us.”

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Memory Verses

“What has been is the same as what will
be,
and what has been done is the same
as what will be done;
there is nothing new under the sun.”

Ecclesiastes 1:9

“Then Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, “Oh, that You would indeed bless me and enlarge my territory, that Your hand might be with me, and that You would keep *me* from evil, that *it* may not bring me hardship!” So God granted what he asked.”

1 Chronicles 4:10

CHAPTER 7

PENTECOSTAL REVIVAL IF-ONLY IF

Chapter Outline

1. When a _____ eventually falls, that collapse is not merely _____; it is, in a word, _____, causing _____ damage.
2. Although we serve a _____ God, He is in no way _____.
3. Faith in God is required to _____, and it is also required to _____.
4. When men and women in earnest _____ and _____ the _____ of the _____, all of the _____ of the _____ become available to become _____ in their lives.

5. People who claim to be _____
 _____ but do not _____
 _____ are the _____,
 not the _____.
6. The _____ we are in desperate
 need of has a name that strikes
 modern ears as _____ - _____
 and _____. It's called
 _____.

Review Questions

1. How does Pastor Parsley describe
 the current state of our nation?
 And, what is the answer to what
 ails the nation?
2. What does Pastor Parsley say is
 “crucial for cultural survival?”
3. What four factors are given for
 believers to expect in a Bible-
 believing church?
4. First Corinthians 12 lists nine gifts
 of the Holy Spirit, which Dr.
 Howard Carter is credited for

arranging into three distinct categories. What are the three categories and which gifts fit under each category?

5. How does Pastor Parsley respond to the notion that being baptized with the Holy Spirit is a sign of increased or superior spirituality?
6. What is the five-step summary of the Gospel that Pastor Parsley shares in the chapter?

Questions for Application

1. The chapter includes a thorough discussion of the nine manifestation gifts of the Holy Spirit, as presented in 1 Corinthians 12. Which of these gifts do you see as evident in your own life? Have you prayed for these gifts to become part of what you offer to the Church individually and as part of a Spirit-filled congregation?

2. The chapter also includes a straightforward presentation of the Gospel. How do you share the Good News of the redemption offered through Jesus Christ with others? Are you willing to use the approach described in the chapter to witness God's love to others?

Takeaways

“Our nation is not just rotten at the core; it is hollow at the core. Only a great move of God’s Holy Spirit can cure what ails us.”

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“Speaking in tongues is the initial physical evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. But believers who have received the gift of tongues must continue to develop the fruit of the Spirit in their lives. Tongues doesn’t mean a believer has ‘arrived.’”

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Memory Verses

“Thus says the Lord GOD: This also I will let the house of Israel ask Me to do for them: I will increase their men like a

flock. As the flock for sacrifices, as the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts, so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men. Then they shall know that I am the LORD.”

Ezekiel 36:37-38

“These signs will accompany those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

Mark 16:17-18

Key to Chapter Outlines

Preface/Introduction

1. Nothing; withered
2. Parched wasteland; denied; ignored
3. Definition; demonstration
4. Ten days; ten minutes
5. Conditions; promises
6. Paradigm shift
7. Peter; change

Chapter 1: A Pentecost Primer

1. Ten Commandments; Tabernacle
2. Shavout; offering
3. Unpopular; necessary
4. Three thousand
5. Impossible; power

6. Story; witness

Chapter 2: Pentecost Through the Ages

1. Baptism; miracles; gifts; baptism
2. Prophecy; encourage; confirm
3. Inwardly; outwardly; me; others;
Holy Ghost
4. Why; willingness; direction
5. Government; glory
6. Relies; effective; community; world

Chapter 3: The Pentecostal Distinctive

1. Church; preacher; reticent
2. Jesus; His Father; Holy Ghost
3. Oversight; involvement

4. Authentic; church dogma
5. Supernaturally endowed;
extraordinary power

Chapter 4: Accessing the Supernatural: The Spark of Power

1. Appear; outside; heart; inside
2. Baptism; Holy Spirit; doctrine;
denomination
3. 1979; five-acre; 180; volunteer labor
4. Deliverance; greatest miracle
5. Introduction; supernatural; ministry

Chapter 5: The Antidote for the Modern Church and Culture

1. Kept secret; influence; adherents; increasing; necessary
2. Believes; 13; die believing; influence; Gospel; 4; 14
3. Every; focusing; children; young people
4. Information; “too much” information
5. Conviction; eternal message; fulfilled; kingdom of god; repent believe; Gospel
6. Self-help; spiritual; emotional kindergartners
7. Rituals; meaningful; relationship; dull; dry; dead

Chapter 6: A Very Present Pentecost

1. Gained; return; discarded values; past
2. Strangely warmed

3. Tongues; ability; learning; mistaken
4. Largest; Pentecostal; Seoul, South Korea; Dr. David Yonggi Cho
5. Shortwave transmitter; broadcast; globe; location
6. Individuals; every other member; human family

Chapter 7: Pentecostal Revival If – Only If

1. Nation; incidental; spectacular; incalculable
2. Sovereign; dictatorial
3. Be saved; receive physical healing
4. Seek; receive; baptism; Holy Spirit; gifts; Spirit; operative
5. Spirit filled; speak in tongues; exception; rule
6. Rain; old-fashioned; outdated; Pentecostal revival

Key to Review Questions

Preface/Introduction

1. At the end of John, Jesus leaves the disciples. In the beginning of Acts, the Holy Spirit arrives.
2. The anointing of Pentecost was accompanied by the favor of God but often brought upon Jesus's followers the hatred of men.
3. The ultimate purpose of God's creation (human persons) is to contain the Creator (God). He has commissioned us as ambassadors of His Kingdom. This is possible and even probable only as we yield to and depend upon God's indwelling presence by the Holy Spirit.
4. In the first generation after the arrival of the Holy Spirit, the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ spread from a handful of followers in Jerusalem to every inch

of the known world, including Mars Hill and the Roman Senate.

Chapter 1: A Pentecost Primer

1. “Pentecost” in the Greek means “fiftieth day.” The celebration we now know as Pentecost was originally known as the Feast of Weeks, and it occurred 50 days after Firstfruits. Jesus’s resurrection occurred on Firstfruits.
2. The Old Testament prophets of God, at times, commanded the attention and respect of kings. Yet in many cases they were despised and disregarded, and often considered deranged.

3. Within a single generation, the Gospel of the living Christ spread from its origin with 120 people in an upper room in Jerusalem to the entirety of the known world. It spread to people of every ethnic group, region and demographic, from every culture and every country where believers were sent to witness to the power of the living God.
4. The power of God is what makes you capable of fulfilling the will of God.
5. Jesus said we would receive miracle-working power by the Holy Spirit. And the purpose of that power is to be a witness – to tell what you have seen, heard and experienced.
6. The religious leaders responded to Peter and John's healing of the lame man at the Temple gate by arresting all three of them. Later, the testimony of the three men was the catalyst for five thousand men, plus

women and children, to be swept into the Kingdom of God.

Chapter 2: Pentecost Through the Ages

1. Cessationism holds that the gifts and ministries of the Holy Spirit have ceased. Continuationism holds that the supernatural things of God have continued to this day.
2. Pastor Parsley maintains that the gifts of the Holy Spirit became rare because the Church departed from apostolic doctrine and began to introduce aspects of pagan rituals and syncretism into its practices and programs.

3. The first generation to receive truth tends to hold it as a *conviction*. The second generation tends to view the same truth as only a *persuasion*. The third and subsequent generations go a step further, viewing truth as nothing more than an *opinion*.
4. Pastor Parsley writes that he has noticed that many of the local churches who are most effective in fulfilling the Great Commission and the Great Command believe that their mission to reach their communities with the Gospel of Jesus Christ is maintained by the utmost regard for the Holy Spirit.
5. A commitment to the high calling upon every believer's life demands that every Gospel preacher be prepared. However, simultaneously he or she must be utterly dependent upon the anointing of the Holy Ghost should His supernatural agenda change.

6. We should not ignore the fact that we will experience ridicule, accusation and outright hatred from people in the world and even within the Church. But there is no benefit in asking why people may hate us. Haters don't need reasons because they do not operate according to reason.

Chapter 3: The Pentecostal Distinctive

1. "What is Missing?" The Baptism of the Holy Ghost. "Can anything be done about it? Yes!
2. Jesus did not operate only in the miraculous only because He was God. Scripture records his miracles happening after he was anointed for service at John's baptism in the River Jordan (Matthew 3:16). His ministry was confirmed with manifestations of the supernatural

only after his anointing by the Holy Spirit.

3. To say that miracles are no longer needed is nothing more than presumption or extreme hubris, not to mention selfishness. “What people are really doing when they voice such a shortsighted rebuttal is that they refuse to consider that God is real and involved in the affairs of men,” Pastor Parsley writes.
4. Refusing the filling of the Holy Spirit denies three divine directives: 1) part of the purpose of the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ is to baptize believers with the Holy Spirit; 2) those who refuse the baptism of the Holy Spirit must hurt the heart of our benevolent and loving God, who offers it as a gift; 3) God has with great purpose provided the baptism of the Holy Spirit to empower us to fulfill His purpose for our lives on Earth.

5. Jesus pointed out a distinction between salvation and the baptism of the Holy Spirit. In John 4:13-14 he referred to salvation in the context of water that comes from a well. In John 7:38-39 he speaks of rivers of living water. The well of water refers to an individual believer's salvation. The rivers of water refer to a believer's witness to the surrounding world.

Chapter 4: Accessing the Supernatural: The Spark of Power

1. Two areas where Pastor Parsley's church as a youth adhered to which didn't seem to agree with the Bible were a) dress, specifically women's dress; and b) limitations on what forms of entertainment were acceptable.
2. Pastor Parsley describes his first experience with the baptism of the Holy Spirit to be an indescribable awareness of peace and well-being. He knew he had discovered the *more* of God that he had been seeking.
3. As a sophomore in Bible college, two family friends asked Pastor Parsley to teach from the Bible to them. The first meeting consisted of 17 people in his parents' backyard picnic shelter. The informal meetings continued until Pastor Parsley's

uncle suggested that they start a church.

4. Norvel Hayes

5. In 10 years, the backyard Bible study grew to a congregation that would fill a 5,200-seat tabernacle, as well as offices, a television studio, a K-12 Christian school and children's church classrooms.

Chapter 5: The Antidote for the Modern Church and Culture

1. We are not in danger of losing a generation – we have already lost them. Without the intervention of the Holy Ghost we won't get them back.
2. Some of the alarming results of a recent survey of churchgoing Americans include: only 47 percent of believers affirm that when you die

you go to heaven only because of repenting of your sin and accepting Christ as Savior; 53 percent believe that there are many ways to heaven; 59 percent do not believe that humans are born in sin and can only be saved from the consequences of sin through faith in Jesus Christ; 52 percent believe there are no moral absolutes.

3. Transportation, communication and finances
4. The first-century church's witness was energized and empowered because most of them were filled to the Holy Spirit. In simple terms, we don't do what they did because we don't have what they had. Until and unless we recognize and remedy our deficiency in this area, our efforts at evangelizing the world will be lacking.
5. The first-century Church is cited as a model for what should be taking place today because they represent

the most thoroughly scriptural example of what the modern Church should reflect.

6. It's never been more important for God's church to be distinguished and differentiated from the culture. Our call is different from the secular world and needs to be continually revealed as such. The unregenerate world is not looking for a slightly improved version of the existence they currently have. They are seeking freedom from the pain of hopelessness in their lives, and we can offer it to them.
7. Churches that deny the power and the presence of the Holy Spirit are operating contrary to what the Lord Jesus Christ, the head of the church, commanded. The Church can fulfill its mission only if we give Him the priority and the preeminence of which He is deserving and worthy.

Chapter 6: A Very Present Pentecost

1. The pillars of the Moravian revival were the Moravians' commitment to prayer. The other was their zeal to fulfill the Great Commission through missionary activity.
2. William Seymour
3. Dr. Howard Carter and Lester Sumrall
4. Pastor Parsley states that we should each commit to do something every day, by the Holy Spirit's inspiration, to change our world – our domain – every place where God has graced us to have influence.
5. In the wake of the Azusa Street Revival the Church had the opportunity to overturn generations of racial animosity. For several reasons, the Church was ill-

prepared for such a role of leadership.

6. General MacArthur implored Christian organizations to send 10,000 missionaries to Japan, citing a “spiritual vacuum.” The Church as a whole ignored this request. Today, Japan is less than 2 percent Christian.

Chapter 7: Pentecostal Revival If – Only If

1. Pastor Parsley writes, “Our nation is not solely rotten at the core; it is hollow at the core...Without an external influence strong enough to overcome the entropy and inertia that threatens to overtake us, we are well on our way to a catastrophic, cataclysmic, comprehensive cultural collapse.” God has prepared an external force that is capable of reversing the deadly direction of our nation

and the world: the influence of the Holy Spirit.

2. Individual believers, church congregations, pastors and holder of other ministry gift offices must ask for and allow the Holy Spirit to have priority and ascendancy in their messages, in their assemblies and in their lives.
3. Sign-gift ministry; speaking in tongues; dominion and authority over the power of the evil one; and physical healing.
4. The gifts of the Holy Spirit as listed in 1 Corinthians 12 were organized by Dr. Howard Carter as follows:
 - a. **Revelation gifts:** the word of wisdom, the word of knowledge and the discerning of spirits.
 - b. **Power gifts:** faith, working of miracles and healings.

- c. **Vocal gifts:** prophecy; diverse tongues; interpretation of tongues.
- 5. Pastor Parsley writes, “Another common misconception is that being baptized with the Holy Spirit is a sign of increased spirituality or growth. It is nothing of the sort...The single requirement for receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit is that you must be born again. It is in no way connected to one’s spiritual maturity.”
 - 6. The summary of the Gospel outlined in the book is as follows:
 - a. Jesus loves you (John 3:16).
 - b. Jesus died for your (John 15:13).
 - c. Jesus rose from the dead (Matthew 28:1-6).
 - d. Jesus can change your life (2 Corinthians 5:17).

- e. Eternity is real. There are only two destinations – heaven and hell (Mark 16:16). Jesus came to give you a home in heaven (John 14:3).

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