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The Experience of Pentecost Will Be Repeated

“The gospel will be revealed and verified. The experience of the day of Pentecost will surely be repeated. . .” -- **Loma Linda Messages**, p. 144; **The Paulson Collection of Ellen G. White Letters**, pp. 110,201.

“In visions of the night representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God’s people. Many were praising God. The sick were healed and other miracles were wrought. A spirit of intercession was seen, even as was manifested before the great day of Pentecost. . .” -- **Counsels on Health**, p. 580; **Lift Him Up**, p. 312; **My Life Today**, p. 63; **Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 8**, p. 3; **Testimonies for the Church**, vol. 9, p. 126; **Welfare Ministry**, p. 104.

Neglect and Indifference

“Just prior to his leaving his disciples for the heavenly courts, Jesus encouraged them with the promise of the Holy Spirit. This promise belongs as much to us as it did to them, and yet how rarely it is presented before the people, and its reception spoken of in the church. In consequence of this silence upon this most important theme, what promise do we know less about by its practical fulfillment than this rich promise of the gift of the Holy Spirit, whereby efficiency is to be given to all our spiritual labor? The promise of the Holy Spirit is casually brought into our discourses, is incidentally touched upon, and that is all. Prophecies have been dwelt upon, doctrines have been expounded, but that which is essential to the church in order that they may grow in spiritual strength and efficiency, in order that the preaching may carry conviction with it, and souls be converted to God, has been largely left out of ministerial effort. This subject has been set aside, as if some time in the future would be given to its consideration. Other blessings and privileges have been presented before the people until a desire has been awakened in the church for the attainment of the blessing promised of God; but the impression concerning the Holy Spirit has been that this gift is not for the church now, but that at some time in the future it would be necessary for the church to receive it.” -- **Special Testimonies, Series A, No. 2a**, p. 23; **Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers**, p. 174.

“I saw that many were neglecting the preparation so needful and were looking to the time of “refreshing” and the “latter rain” to fit them to stand in the day of the Lord and to live in His sight. Oh, how many I saw in the time of trouble without a shelter! They had neglected the needful preparation; therefore they could not receive the refreshing that all must have to fit them to live in the sight of a holy God. . . I saw that none could share the “refreshing” unless they obtain the victory over every besetment, over pride, selfishness, love of the world, and over every wrong word and action. . .” -- **Early Writings of Ellen G. White**, p. 71; **The Faith I Live By**, p. 337; **Maranatha**, pp. 41,242,254; **A Sketch of the Christian Experience and Views of Ellen G. White**, p. 58.

Our Great Need

“Our great need today is for men who are baptized with the Holy Spirit of God--men who walk with God as did Enoch. . .” -- **The Paulson Collection of Ellen G. White Letters**, p. 366; **The Publishing Ministry**, p. 63; **Spalding and Magan Collection**, p. 133; **Testimonies for the Church**, vol. 5, p. 555.

“How abundant is the gift to our world of the Holy Spirit! It is beyond the power of language to express the blessings it brings to God’s people. If received and appreciated, the Holy Spirit will make us holy, Christlike. Through its agency we are united with Christ, partakers of the divine nature. The reception of the Holy Spirit in its fullness is the great need of the church today.” -- **Letter 178**, 1907; **Manuscript Releases**, vol. 2, p. 15.

“. . . If we ever needed the Holy Ghost to be with us, if we ever needed to preach in the demonstration of the Spirit, it is at this very time. . .” -- **The Ellen G. White 1888 Materials**, p. 72.

“We need to pray as we never have prayed before for the baptism of the Holy Spirit, for if there was ever a time when we needed this baptism, it is now. There is nothing the Lord has more frequently told us He would bestow upon us, and nothing by which His name would be more glorified in bestowing, than the Holy Spirit...” -- **Letter 105**, 1898; **Manuscript Releases**, vol. 7, p. 388; **The Signs of the Times**, October 11, 1899; **The Upward Look**, p. 346.

“. . . We need much more of the baptism of the Holy Spirit of God than we now manifest and it is our privilege to have it.” -- **Loma Linda Messages**, pp. 533,534.

“The disciples obeyed the divine injunction. While they were engaged in prayer, being of one accord in one place, the Holy Spirit came upon them as a rushing mighty wind, and filled all the house where they were sitting. Peter was re-anointed with the Holy Unction from on high. So wonderful was the out-pouring of the Spirit that “the same day there was added unto them about three thousand souls.” It is this baptism of the Holy Spirit that the churches need today. . .” -- **Bible Training School**, April 1, 1906; **Letter 60**, 1906; **Manuscript Releases**, vol. 7, p. 267.

“We need to feel the vivifying influence of the Holy Spirit as the disciples felt it on the day of Pentecost. . .” -- **Pacific Union Recorder**, October 23, 1902; **Reflecting Christ**, p. 241; **Review and Herald**, October 7, 1902.

Power to Spread the Gospel

“There is a great work to be done. All around us are souls perishing in sin. Are we doing what we can to save them? The commission given to the disciples is given to us, and to us also is promised the power promised to them,--the power that they received on the day of Pentecost, when like a rushing, mighty wind, the Holy Spirit came down and filled the room in which they were sitting. Under the influence of this power, they went everywhere preaching the word, and thousands were converted.” -- **The Removal to Washington**, pp. 31,32; **Review and Herald**, July 28, 1903; **Selections from the Testimonies for the Church**, pp. 7,8.

“As the disciples, filled with the power of the Spirit, went forth to proclaim the gospel, so God’s servants are to go forth today. . .” -- **Testimonies for the Church**, vol. 7, p. 32.

“We must have the holy unction from God; we must have the baptism of the Holy Spirit; for this is the only efficient agent in the promulgation of sacred truth. Yet this is what we most lack. . . Even now the time has come when we must recognize this fully, or we shall be outgenerated by a powerful, cunning foe. . .” -- **Review and Herald**, December 15, 1885.

“. . . The baptism of the Holy Spirit was essential for the success of the ministry

in the early gospel age; but it is no less necessary in this age when "darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people." And the Lord has promised the same quickening spiritual power to his servants in these days. "It shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams." -- **The Signs of the Times**, February 24, 1888.

"...As the "former rain" was given, in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the opening of the gospel, to cause the upspringing of the precious seed, so the "latter rain" will be given at its close for the ripening of the harvest. . ." -- **The Great Controversy**, p. 611; **Last Day Events**, p. 186.

Pray for the Latter Rain

"The descent of the Holy Spirit upon the church is looked forward to as in the future; but it is the privilege of the church to have it now. Seek for it, pray for it, believe for it. We must have it, and Heaven is waiting to bestow it." -- **Evangelism**, p. 701; **The General Conference Bulletin**, February 28, 1895; **Last Day Events**, p. 188; **Letter 15**, 1892; **Manuscript Releases**, vol. 5, p. 335; **Review and Herald**, March 19, 1895.

"We should pray as earnestly for the descent of the Holy Spirit as the disciples prayed on the Day of Pentecost. If they needed it at that time, we need it more today..." -- **(Australasian) Union Conference Record**, April 1, 1898; **Colporteur Ministry**, p. 104; **The Faith I Live By**, p. 53; **God's Amazing Grace**, p. 219; **The Home Missionary**, November 1, 1893; **In Heavenly Places**, p. 334; **Last Day Events**, p. 188; **Our High Calling**, p. 155; **Review and Herald**, August 25, 1896; **Review and Herald**, February 10, 1903; **Testimonies for the Church**, vol. 5, p. 158; partly quoted in **The Watchman**, June 12, 1906.

"Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain." Do not rest satisfied that in the ordinary course of the season, rain will fall. Ask for it. The growth and perfection of the seed rests not with the husbandman. God alone can ripen the harvest. But man's co-operation is required. God's work for us demands the action of our mind, the exercise of our faith. We must seek His favors with the whole heart if the showers of grace are to come to us. . ." -- **Review and Herald**, March 2, 1897; **Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers**, p. 508.

". . . The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost was the former rain, but the latter rain will be more abundant. The Spirit awaits our demand and reception..." -- **Christ's Object Lessons**, p. 121.

The Needful Preparation

". . . Unless you make determined efforts for yourselves, the Holy Spirit will not come upon you, and the results seen after the outpouring of the Spirit on the day of pentecost will not be seen among you. . ." -- **Review and Herald**, April 8, 1909.

". . . It is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, to cleanse the soul temple of every defilement. Then the latter rain will fall upon us as the early rain fell upon the disciples on the Day of Pentecost." -- **Last Day Events**, p. 192; **Maranatha**, p. 240; **Testimonies for the Church**, vol. 5, p. 214.

". . . When the Holy Spirit came down in the day of Pentecost, it was like a rushing, mighty wind. It was given in no stinted measure; for it filled all the place where the disciples were sitting. So will it be given to us when our hearts are prepared to receive it. . ." -- **Ms 2**, 1899; **Manuscript Releases**, vol. 1, p. 176;

Review and Herald, June 10, 1902; **The Upward Look**, p. 38.

". . . Every individual must realize his own necessity. The heart must be emptied of every defilement, and cleansed for the indwelling of the Spirit. It was by the confession and forsaking of sin, by earnest prayer and consecration of themselves to God, that the early disciples prepared for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. The same work, only in greater degree, must be done now. . ." -- **The Faith I Live By**, p. 333; **Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers**, p. 507; **Review and Herald**, March 2, 1897.

"...Those who come up to every point, and stand every test, and overcome, be the price what it may, have heeded the counsel of the True Witness, and they will receive the latter rain, and thus be fitted for translation." -- **Lift Him Up**, p. 375; **Maranatha**, p. 43; **Spiritual Gifts**, vol. 2, p. 226; **Spiritual Gifts**, vol. 4B, p. 34; **Testimonies for the Church**, vol. 1, p. 187.

"It is with an earnest longing that I look forward to the time when the events of the day of Pentecost shall be repeated with even greater power than on that occasion... May the Lord help his people to cleanse the soul temple from every defilement, and to maintain such a close connection with him that they may be partakers of the latter rain when it shall be poured out." -- **S.D.A. Bible Commentary**, vol. 6, p. 1055; **Review and Herald**, 20 de julio de 1886.

". . . Do not think that you will be found as vessels unto honor in the time of the latter rain, to receive the glory of God, if you are lifting up your souls unto vanity, speaking perverse things, in secret cherishing roots of bitterness. . ." -- **Danger in Adopting Worldly Policy in the Work of God**, p. 11; **The Ellen G. White 1888 Materials**, pp. 442,955; **Life Sketches of Ellen G. White**, pp. 327,328; **Manuscript Releases**, vol. 1, p. 175; **Special Testimonies, Series A, No. 2b**, p. 119; **Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers**, p. 468.

"...those who will be vessels unto honor . . . will receive the latter rain . . ." -- **Letter 15**, 1892; **Manuscript Releases**, vol. 1, p. 176; **Review and Herald**, 19 de marzo de 1895.

". . . When we will bring our hearts into unity with Christ, and our lives into harmony with his work, the Spirit that descended on the day of Pentecost will fall on us. We shall be strong in Christ's strength, and be filled with the fullness of God. . ." -- **Review and Herald**, December 16, 1884.

"It is high time that we were awake out of sleep, that we seek the Lord with all the heart, and I know He will be found of us. I know that all heaven is at our command. Just as soon as we love God with all our hearts and our neighbor as ourselves, God will work through us. How shall we stand in the time of the latter rain? . . ." -- **The Ellen G. White 1888 Materials**, p. 162; **Sermons and Talks**, vol. 1, p. 60.

Will be Given to All Who Seek for It

"As the divine endowment--the power of the Holy Spirit--was given to the disciples, so it will today be given to all who seek aright . . ." -- **The Signs of the Times**, March 8, 1910; **Testimonies for the Church**, vol. 7, p. 273.

"The Holy Spirit has not been diminished since the days of Pentecost. It will be given today to every soul that will seek for it. . ." -- **Sermons and Talks**, vol. 1, p. 393.

“. . .The Scriptures declare that “when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as a rushing, mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” God is willing to give us a similar blessing, when we seek for it as earnestly.” -- **Review and Herald**, June 4, 1889.

“We must not wait for the latter rain. It is coming upon all who will recognize and appropriate the dew and showers of grace that fall upon us...” -- **Letter 151**, 1897; **Manuscript Releases**, vol. 1, p. 177; **Manuscript Releases**, vol. 2, p. 18; **S.D.A. Bible Commentary**, vol. 7, p. 984.

“The promise of the Holy Spirit is not limited to any age or to any race. Christ declared that the divine influence of His Spirit was to be with His followers unto the end. From the day of Pentecost to the present time, the Comforter has been sent to all who have yielded themselves fully to the Lord and to His service.” -- **The Acts of the Apostles**, p. 49; **Christian Service**, p. 250; **God's Amazing Grace**, p. 204; **My Life Today**, p. 59.

“There is not among us that simplicity that there should be. We should come to the Lord just as we are, humbling ourselves before Him, and wrestling earnestly until we receive the Holy Spirit. Why should we not do as the disciples did just before the Day of Pentecost? They sought the Lord earnestly, and when the Day of Pentecost was fully come, they were “all with one accord”. . .” -- **Medical Ministry**, p. 201.

Results of Refreshing

“I am instructed to say that when the Holy Spirit gives tongue and utterance, we shall see a work done similar to that done on the day of Pentecost. . .” -- **(Australasian) Union Conference Record**, March 11, 1907.

“. . .If the Holy Spirit should come upon us as it came upon the disciples on the day of Pentecost, eyes now blinded would be opened; the scales would fall from them.” -- **The Signs of the Times**, March 21, 1900.

“The time is coming when there will be as many converted in a day as there were on the Day of Pentecost, after the disciples had received the Holy Spirit.” -- **Ellen G. White in Europe 1885-1887**, p. 134; **Evangelism**, p. 692 [1905]; **Last Day Events**, p. 212; **Manuscript Releases**, vol. 1, p. 137; **Maranatha**, p. 27; **The Publishing Ministry**, p. 402; **Review and Herald**, June 29, 1905; **The Work Among the Jews**, p. 7.

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““But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice and said unto them, Ye men of Judea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, Be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: for these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken of by the prophet Joel.” Read the history. The Lord was at work in his own way; but had there been such a manifestation among us, upon whom the ends of the world are come, would not some have mocked, as on that occasion? Those who did not come under the influence of the Holy Spirit, knew it not. To this class the disciples seemed like drunken men.” -- **The Ellen G. White 1888 Materials**, p. 1542; **Special Testimony to Battle Creek Church**, pp. 6,7; **Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers**,

p. 66.

“The baptism of the Holy Ghost as on the day of Pentecost will lead to a revival of true religion and to the performance of many wonderful works. Heavenly will come among us, and men will speak as they are moved upon by the Holy Spirit of God. But should the Lord work upon men as He did on and after the day of Pentecost, many who now claim to believe the truth would know so very little of the operation of the Holy Spirit that they would cry, “Beware of fanaticism.” They would say of those who were filled with the Spirit, “These men are full of new wine.” -- **The Ellen G. White 1888 Materials**, pp. 1250,1251; **Selected Messages**, book 2, p. 57.

“. . .Have you received the baptism of the Holy Ghost? This is the question that was asked some who were workers in the time of the apostles, and they said, “We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost” (Acts 19:2). This is true of some of the workers today. They have not so much as heard of the Holy Ghost.” -- **Manuscript Releases**, vol. 9, pp. 61,62.

“. . .We are looking forward to the time when the latter rain will be poured out, confidently hoping for a better day, when the church shall be endued with power from on high, and thus fitted to do more efficient work for God. But the latter rain will never refresh and invigorate indolent souls, that are not using the power God has already given them. . .” -- **The Signs of the Times**, December 9, 1886.

“We may be sure that when the Holy Spirit is poured out, those who did not receive and appreciate the early rain will not see or understand the value of the latter rain.” -- **The Ellen G. White 1888 Materials**, p. 1501; **Last Day Events**, p. 195; **Manuscript Releases**, vol. 1, p. 180; **Manuscript Releases**, vol. 5, p. 337; **Special Testimonies, Series A, No. 10**, p.32; **Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers**, p. 399.

“. . .Only those who are living up to the light they have will receive greater light. Unless we are daily advancing in the exemplification of the active Christian virtues, we shall not recognize the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. It may be falling on hearts all around us, but we shall not discern or receive it.” -- **Last Day Events**, pp. 195,196; **Review and Herald**, March 2, 1897; **Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers**, p. 507.

Now is the Time of Refreshing

“. . . It is the time of the latter rain, when the Lord will give largely of His Spirit. Be fervent in prayer, and watch in the Spirit.” -- **Review and Herald**, March 2, 1897; **Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers**, p. 512.

“ We are taught in God's Word that this is the time, above all others, when we may look for light from heaven. It is now that we are to expect a refreshing from the presence of the Lord. . .” -- **Lift Him Up**, p. 231; **Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 10**, pp. 26,27; **Testimonies for the Church**, vol. 5, p. 728.

“We have now come to the last days of the work of the third angel's message, when Satan will work with increasing power because he knows that his time is short. At the same time there will come to us through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, diversities of operations in the outpouring of the Spirit. This is the time of the latter rain.” -- **Letter 230**, 1908; **Manuscript Releases**, vol. 5, p. 152; **Manuscript Releases**, vol. 9, p. 278; **Selected Messages**, book 3, p. 83.

“. . . We must pray that God will unseal the fountain of the water of life. And we

must ourselves receive of the living water. Let us, with contrite hearts, pray most earnestly that now, in the time of the latter rain, the showers of grace may fall upon us. . . As we seek God for the Holy Spirit, it will work in us meekness, humbleness of mind, a conscious dependence upon God for the perfecting latter rain. . ." -- **Review and Herald**, 2 de marzo de 1897; **Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers**, p. 509; partly quoted in **The Faith I Live By**, p. 334; **Last Day Events**, p. 187.

"The third angel's message is swelling into a loud cry, and you must not feel at liberty to neglect the present duty, and still entertain the idea that at some future time you will be the recipients of great blessing, when without any effort on your part a wonderful revival will take place. Today you are to give yourselves to God, that He may make of you vessels unto honor, and meet for His service. Today you are to give yourself to God, that you may be emptied of self, emptied of envy, jealousy, evil surmising, strife, everything that shall be dishonoring to God. Today you are to have your vessel purified that it may be ready for the heavenly dew, ready for the showers of the latter rain; for the latter rain will come, and the blessing of God will fill every soul that is purified from every defilement. It is our work today to yield our souls to Christ, that we may be fitted for the time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord--fitted for the baptism of the Holy Spirit." -- **The Ellen G. White 1888 Materials**, p. 959; **Evangelism**, pp. 701,702; **God's Amazing Grace**, p. 205; **Review and Herald**, March 22, 1892; **Selected Messages**, book 1, pp. 190,191; partly quoted in **Last Day Events**, p. 193.

Our Only Safety

"I have no specific time of which to speak when the outpouring of the Holy Spirit will take place--when the mighty angel will come down from heaven, and unite with the third angel in closing up the work for this world; my message is that our only safety is in being ready for the heavenly refreshing, having our lamps trimmed and burning." -- **The Ellen G. White 1888 Materials**, p. 960; **Last Day Events**, pp. 194,195; **Review and Herald**, March 29, 1892; **S.D.A. Bible Commentary**, vol. 7, p. 984; **Selected Messages**, book 1, p. 192.

"... We have now the invitations of mercy to become vessels unto honor, and then we need not worry about the latter rain; all we have to do is to keep the vessel clean and prepared and right side up, for the reception of the heavenly rain and keep praying, "Let the latter rain come into my vessel. Let the light of the glorious angel which unites with the third angel shine upon me; give me a part in the work; let me sound the proclamation; let me be a colaborer with Jesus Christ." Thus seeking God, let me tell you, He is fitting you up all the time, giving you His grace." -- **Manuscript Releases**, vol. 1, p. 179; **Manuscript Releases**, vol. 3, p. 414; **Sermons and Talks**, vol. 1, p. 187; partly quoted in **Last Day Events**, p. 194; **Upward Look**, p. 283.