

*“Holy Spirit Poured Out!”***1. Intro:**

- 1.1. Dorothy Sayers tells of a Japanese convert struggling to grasp Christian theology. **“Honorable Father, very good. Honorable Son, very good. But Honorable Bird, I do not understand at all.”**¹
 - 1.1.1. Tonight we are going to talk not about “the Honorable Bird”, but about God the Spirit.
 - 1.1.2. **Q:** Do you have any Holy Spirit hang ups?
- 1.2. One pastor joked, **“We Presbyterians believe in God the Father, you Baptist in God the Son, & the Pentecostals in God the Spirit”**.
 - 1.2.1. So the church has seemed to have done a wonderful job in dissecting God into 3 equal parts, & making the Triune God into Tritheism.
- 1.3. The section we will take tonight is actually **ch.3** in the Hebrew bible.
 - 1.3.1. So, it is its own section.
- 1.4. This section is like Joel waking up one day & finding a **Lap Top** lying next to his bed. Then describing it.
 - 1.4.1. He’s describing something off into the future.
 - 1.4.2. what a wild concept back then to have the H.S. on everyone.

2. HOLY SPIRIT POURED OUT! (28,29)

- 2.1. These verses refer especially to the **future day of the Lord**, but Peter’s use of them at **Pentecost** suggests that they have a spiritual application today. (let’s go there **Acts 2:17-21**)
- 2.2. **“All flesh(mankind)”** – Ultimately fulfilled in the millennium.
- 2.3. **What Peter had to say regarding this:**
 - 2.3.1. What happened at Pentecost was the **beginning** of God’s blessing on Israel.

¹ Intro by Philip Yancey in Robertson McQuilkins book, Life in the Spirit.

2.3.2. He 1st shares about these outpourings “beginning”(17,18); then about its “ending”(19,20).

2.3.2.1. Its **dawning** of this age & its **sunset!**

2.3.3. **Q:** What was different regarding the H.S.’s role on that day of Pentecost?

2.3.3.1. The Spirit previous to this was only poured out on a **select few**, & at **special times** with them.

2.3.3.2. **Q:** Name an example of the H.S. coming upon someone in the OT?

2.3.3.3. **Q:** Name an example of the H.S. being taken away in the OT?

2.3.4. Let’s run back to **Moses** & hear his heart on this subject.

2.3.4.1. **Numb.11:16-29** (esp.29)

2.4. All would be ministers of God:

2.4.1. Not merely a special corps of workers...but “all”.

2.4.2. The Holy Spirit is the Master Equalizer!

2.4.2.1. **Col. 3:11** “there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.”

2.4.3. A new era had emerged.

2.4.3.1. **Acts 2:42** “Now **all** who believed were together, and had all things in common,”

2.5. All would have special tasks:

2.5.1. They will not all necessarily do the same work...but all will have work to do.

2.5.2. Also, all will be indwelt with the H.S. so that the work can be done effectively.

2.5.3. The outpouring of God’s Spirit **supercedes gender**(sons/daughters); **supercedes age**(old/young); & **supercedes class** (men/maidservants).

2.5.4. **History:**

2.5.5. Back in the reformation there was an important phrase that came forth, “priesthood of all believers”.

2.5.5.1. **Q:** What do you think the Protestants were addressing?

2.5.5.2. **A:** The Problem of the division between the “**clergy**” & “**laity**”.

2.5.6. **3 false ideas have arisen:**

2.5.7. **[1]** The work of the church is to be done by **those paid to do it**. And the role of the **layman** is at best to support these works financially.

2.5.7.1. Of course this is what caused most of the problems in R.C. history.

2.5.7.2. Those who favor this view say it goes back to the apostles. {This is false!}

2.5.7.3. The NT records many times uses the word “**minister**” or “**ministry**” to refer to what all Christians are & do.

2.5.7.4. Sometimes **clergy** wants to **dominate** & **other times** the **laity** wants to **sit back** & let the pastor do it.

2.5.7.5. “**Shepherd** the flock of God which is among you, serving as **overseers**, not by compulsion but **willingly**, not for dishonest gain but **eagerly**; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but **being examples** to the flock;”

2.5.8. **[2]** A reaction to the 1st...a rejection of **any** leaders.

2.5.8.1. I saw this take place in our valley back in 1990. A small group started a fellowship with the idea that no one in leadership was the way of “Acts”!

2.5.8.2. But of course we see in many of Paul’s Epistles the biblical mandate, & a regular practice, of raising up leadership in the local church.

2.5.9. **[3]** You have both groups, but they are **so clearly outlined** that ultimately they never work together.

2.5.9.1. Thus there is no being part of “**one**” body. - **Unity** problems.

2.5.9.2. Then, **Rivalry** enters in.

2.5.10. **The true pattern?** – Eph.4:11-13

2.5.10.1. There is supposed to be a proper relationship between the 2. And it is **Service!**

2.5.10.2. The **clergy** equip(assist,train) the **saints** for the work of the ministry.

2.5.10.3. Thus helping them with **what they should be** & **what they should do**(i.e. proclaim the gospel)

2.5.10.4. The perfect model of course being **Christ**...who came to serve...!

3. WRAP UP! (30-32)

3.1. (30,31) These are seen in the wrap up of the Tribulation.

3.2. (31b) **Read Mt.24:29-31**...it goes here!

- 3.3. (32) So what happens **between** Pentecost & the Doom of the day of the Lord?...Salvation, that's what happens!
- 3.3.1. "Calls on" not w/a ceremonial or heartless repetition of phrases, but w/spiritual heartfelt worship.
- 3.3.2. Q: How do you escape the wrath of God? (see 3:1,2)
- 3.3.2.1. You escape it by becoming the **true Israel**. – **Not** Israel according to the **flesh**, but Israel according to the **spirit**!
- 3.4. What a wonderful balance of the **human** & the **heavenly**: "**whoever calls**"; & "**whom the Lord calls**".
- 3.5. **Deliverance** – This will be the ultimate deliverance experience.
- 3.5.1. Jesus is coming back! This time not to **die**, but to bring about His **kingdom** on earth, **gather** His people unto Himself, & **destroy** all His enemies.
- 3.6. **How can we sum up the Spirits work in our lives?**
- 3.6.1. The Spirit **created** us in his very image; *then we chose to abandon that love relationship & went our own way.*
- 3.6.2. So, He gave us the **revelation** of truth(*this exposed our true condition & God's salvation...thus hope was born!*).
- 3.6.3. In responding to his truth w/repentance & faith we realize the H.S. **regenerated** us, **forgave** us, **redeemed** us, **changing** our very nature & came to **live in** us.
- 3.6.4. He **transforms** us; He **fills** us; He makes us **overcomers**; He **gifts** us; He **sends** us; & He **glorifies** us.
- 3.6.5. He **Teaches** us; **Sanctifies** us; **Illuminates** us; **Baptizes** us; & He brings us **Comfort**!
- 3.6.6. Q: How much time do you give in **thinking about** the H.S.?
- 3.6.7. Q: How about **thanking Him** for all He has done or is doing in your **life**?(I know not to pray to him per se)
- 3.7. **Read Rom.5:5** – **Poured**!
- 3.7.1. The Holy Spirit didn't use an "Eye Dropper", He didn't use "tweezers" to put agape love in our hearts, but some God sized Pouring device!