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**Memory Verse: Luke 11:13** If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

### **III. The Gift of the Spirit**

1. What did Christ promise the disciples before His death? **John 14:16,17**

"And I will pray the Father, and he shall \_\_\_\_\_ you another \_\_\_\_\_, that he may \_\_\_\_\_ with you for ever; Even the \_\_\_\_\_ of truth; whom the \_\_\_\_\_ cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but \_\_\_\_\_ know him; for he dwelleth \_\_\_\_\_ you, and shall be \_\_\_\_\_ you."

**Note:** "When Christ gave His disciples the promise of the Spirit, He was nearing the close of His earthly ministry. He was standing in the shadow of the cross, with a full realization of the load of guilt that was to rest upon Him as the Sin Bearer. Before offering Himself as the sacrificial victim, He instructed His disciples regarding a most essential and complete gift which He was to bestow upon His followers – the gift that would bring within their reach the boundless resources of His grace. 'I will pray the Father,' He said, 'and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.' John 14:16, 17. The Saviour was pointing forward to the time when the **Holy Spirit** should come to do a mighty work as **His representative**. The evil that had been accumulating for centuries was to be resisted by the divine power of the Holy Spirit." AA 47.1

2. What was the result of the outpouring of the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost? **Acts 4:33**

"And with great \_\_\_\_\_ gave the apostles \_\_\_\_\_ of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great \_\_\_\_\_ was upon them \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "**The glad tidings of a risen Saviour were carried to the uttermost parts of the inhabited world.** As the disciples proclaimed the message of redeeming grace, **hearts yielded to the power of this message.** The church beheld converts flocking to her from all directions. Backsliders were reconverted. Sinners united with believers in seeking the pearl of great price. Some who had been the bitterest opponents of the gospel became its champions. The prophecy was fulfilled, 'He that is feeble ... shall be as David; and the house of David ... as the angel of the Lord.' Zechariah 12:8. Every Christian saw in his brother a revelation of divine love and benevolence. **One interest prevailed; one subject of emulation swallowed up all others. The ambition of the believers was to reveal the likeness of Christ's character and to labor for the enlargement of His kingdom.**" AA 48.1

"'With great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.' Acts 4:33. Under their labors were added to the church chosen men, who, receiving the word of truth, consecrated their lives to the work of giving to others the hope that filled their hearts with peace and joy. **They could not be restrained or intimidated by threatenings.** The Lord spoke through them, and as they went from place to place, the poor had the gospel preached to them, and miracles of divine grace were wrought." AA 48.2

**"So mightily can God work when men give themselves up to the control of His Spirit."** AA 49.1

3. Who is the member of the Godhead that bears witness to us on earth? **1 John 5:4-8**  
For whatsoever is \_\_\_\_\_ of God \_\_\_\_\_ the world: and this is the \_\_\_\_\_ that overcometh the world, even our \_\_\_\_\_.

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that \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus is the Son of \_\_\_\_\_? This is he that came by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the \_\_\_\_\_ that beareth \_\_\_\_\_, because the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_. For there are \_\_\_\_\_ that bear record in heaven, the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_: and these \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_. And there are \_\_\_\_\_ that bear \_\_\_\_\_ in earth, the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_: and these three \_\_\_\_\_ in one."

⇒ It is the \_\_\_\_\_ that is given to us to witness to truth, to impress it on the heart, to guide, counsel, empower and transform us. We receive this gift by faith.

**Note:** "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. **To all who have accepted Christ as a personal Saviour, the Holy Spirit has come as a counselor, sanctifier, guide, and witness.** The **more closely** believers have walked with God, the **more clearly** and **powerfully** have they testified of their Redeemer's love and of His saving grace. The men and women who through the long centuries of persecution and trial enjoyed a **large measure** of the presence of the Spirit in their lives, **have stood as signs and wonders in the world.** Before angels and men they have revealed the **transforming power of redeeming love.**" AA 49.2

4. What did the disciples do when they were commanded to stop preaching Jesus to the people and were threatened with imprisonment and death? **Acts 4:29-30**

"And now, \_\_\_\_\_, behold their \_\_\_\_\_: and \_\_\_\_\_ unto thy servants, that with all \_\_\_\_\_ they may \_\_\_\_\_ thy word, By stretching forth \_\_\_\_\_ hand to \_\_\_\_\_; and that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ may be done by the \_\_\_\_\_ of thy holy child Jesus."

**?** What was the result? **Acts 4:31** And when they had \_\_\_\_\_, the place was \_\_\_\_\_ where they were assembled together; and they were all \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_, and they spake the word of God with \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "Those who at Pentecost were endued with power from on high, were not thereby freed from further temptation and trial. **As they witnessed for truth and righteousness they were repeatedly assailed by the enemy of all truth, who sought to rob them of their Christian experience.** They were compelled to strive with all their God-given powers to reach the measure of the stature of men and women in Christ Jesus. **Daily they prayed for fresh supplies of grace,** that they might reach higher and still higher toward perfection. Under the Holy Spirit's working even the weakest, by exercising faith in God, **learned** to improve their entrusted powers and to become sanctified, refined, and ennobled. **As in humility they submitted to the molding influence of the Holy Spirit,** they received of the fullness of the Godhead and were fashioned in the likeness of the divine." AA 49.3

5. What did Jesus promise His followers before He went to heaven? **Matthew 28:20**

"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_, even unto the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_. Amen."

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? How would He fulfill this promise? **Luke 11:13**

"If ye then, being evil, know how to give \_\_\_\_\_ gifts unto your children: how \_\_\_\_\_ shall your heavenly Father \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ to them that \_\_\_\_\_ him?"

**Note:** "The words of Jesus in connection with the promise of receiving upon presenting your petition to God have an application to every soul. He says, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?" Or, as Luke says, "How much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" In the teachings of these verses **there is not a place in which to put a peg to hang a doubt upon**. In the relation chosen to represent the love of God, the beseeching soul is brought **close** to the heart of Jesus. **The Holy Spirit imparts love, joy, peace, strength, and consolation; it is as a well of water springing up unto everlasting life**. The blessing is free to all." ST, August 22, 1892 par. 2

6. What does He promise in **Isaiah 55:1,2** ?

"Ho, everyone that \_\_\_\_\_, come ye to the \_\_\_\_\_, and he that hath no \_\_\_\_\_; come ye, \_\_\_\_\_, and eat,; yea, come, buy wine and milk without \_\_\_\_\_ and without \_\_\_\_\_. Wherefore do ye spend \_\_\_\_\_ for that which is not \_\_\_\_\_? and your \_\_\_\_\_ for that which \_\_\_\_\_ not? hearken \_\_\_\_\_ unto me, and \_\_\_\_\_ ye that which is \_\_\_\_\_, and let your \_\_\_\_\_ delight itself in fatness."

**Note:** "Then come, and seek, and find. The reservoir of power is open, is full and free. Come with humble hearts, not thinking that you must do some good thing to merit the favor of God, or that you must make yourself better before you can come to Christ. You can never do anything to better your condition. In the name of Jesus, come with full assurance of faith, because you are a sinner." ST, 8-22- 92 par. 3

Christ said in **Luke 5:32** "I came not to call the \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_."

He promises in **James 4:8** that if you draw \_\_\_\_\_ to God, He will draw \_\_\_\_\_ to you.

In **Matthew 7:7** Jesus tells us to: " \_\_\_\_\_, and it shall be \_\_\_\_\_ you; \_\_\_\_\_, and ye shall \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_, and it shall be \_\_\_\_\_ unto you."

? What is His promise to those who ask, seek, and knock? **Matthew 7:8**

"For every one that asketh \_\_\_\_\_; and he that seeketh \_\_\_\_\_; and to him that knocketh it shall be \_\_\_\_\_."

"You are to ask, to seek, to knock, and to believe that you are accepted through Christ Jesus, trusting him alone to do those things for you which you can never do for yourself." ST, August 22, 1892 par. 3

7. What did Jesus say the Holy Spirit will do for us if we ask? **John 14:26**

"But the \_\_\_\_\_, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my \_\_\_\_\_, he shall \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ things, and bring \_\_\_\_\_ things to your remembrance, \_\_\_\_\_ I have \_\_\_\_\_ unto you."

**Note:** "The lapse of time has wrought **no change** in Christ's parting promise to send the Holy Spirit as His representative. **It is not because of any restriction on the part of God that the riches of His grace do not flow earthward to men**. If the fulfillment of the promise is **not seen as it might be**, it is **because** the promise is **not appreciated as it should be**. If all were willing, all would be filled with the Spirit. Wherever the need of the Holy Spirit is a matter **little thought** of, there is seen **spiritual drought**,

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spiritual darkness, spiritual declension and death. Whenever minor matters occupy the attention, the divine power which is **necessary** for the growth and prosperity of the church, and which would bring **all other blessings** in its train, is **lacking**, though **offered in infinite plenitude.**" AA 50.1

"**Since this is the means by which we are to receive power**, why do we not **hunger and thirst** for the gift of the Spirit? Why do we not **talk** of it, **pray** for it, and **preach** concerning it? **The Lord is more willing to give the Holy Spirit** to those who serve Him than parents are to give good gifts to their children. **For the daily baptism of the Spirit every worker should offer his petition to God.** Companies of Christian workers should gather to ask for **special help**, for **heavenly wisdom**, that they may **know how to plan and execute wisely**. Especially should they pray that God will baptize His chosen ambassadors in mission fields with a rich measure of His Spirit. **The presence of the Spirit with God's workers will give the proclamation of truth a power that not all the honor or glory of the world could give.**" AA 50.2

8. How does the promise of Jesus bring comfort to the hearts of God's workers in trials and in hardships? **John 14:16,21,23** "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another \_\_\_\_\_, that he may \_\_\_\_\_ with you for ever; ... He that \_\_\_\_\_ my commandments, and \_\_\_\_\_ them, he it is that \_\_\_\_\_ me: and he that loveth me shall be \_\_\_\_\_ of my Father, and I will \_\_\_\_\_ him, and will \_\_\_\_\_ myself to him. ... Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man \_\_\_\_\_ me, he will \_\_\_\_\_ my words: and my Father will \_\_\_\_\_ him, and we will \_\_\_\_\_ him, and make our \_\_\_\_\_ him."

**Note:** "With the consecrated worker for God, in whatever place he may be, the Holy Spirit abides. The words spoken to the disciples are spoken also to us. The Comforter is ours as well as theirs. **The Spirit furnishes the strength that sustains striving, wrestling souls in every emergency**, amidst the hatred of the world, and the realization of their own failures and mistakes. In sorrow and affliction, when the outlook seems dark and the future perplexing, and we feel helpless and alone, – **these are the times when, in answer to the prayer of faith, the Holy Spirit brings comfort to the heart.**" AA 51.1

"It is not a conclusive evidence that a man is a Christian because he manifests spiritual ecstasy under extraordinary circumstances.

**Holiness is** not rapture:

- it is an **entire surrender** of the will to God;
- it is **living by every word** that proceeds from the mouth of God;
- it is **doing the will** of our heavenly Father;
- it is **trusting God** in trial, in darkness as well as in the light;
- it is **walking by faith** and not by sight;
- it is **relying on God** with unquestioning confidence, and **resting in His love.**" AA 51.2

9. Can we understand everything about the Holy Spirit? **Deuteronomy 29:29**

"The \_\_\_\_\_ things belong unto the \_\_\_\_\_ our God: but those things which are \_\_\_\_\_ belong unto \_\_\_\_\_ and to our \_\_\_\_\_ for ever, that we may \_\_\_\_\_ all the words of this \_\_\_\_\_."

? What can we understand? The things which are R\_\_\_\_\_.

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? Why do we not know everything about the Holy Spirit? **John 15:26** "But when the \_\_\_\_\_ is come, whom I will \_\_\_\_\_ unto you from the Father, even the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."

**John 16:13** Howbeit when he, the \_\_\_\_\_ of truth, is come, he will \_\_\_\_\_ you into all \_\_\_\_\_: for he shall \_\_\_\_\_ speak of \_\_\_\_\_; but whatsoever he shall \_\_\_\_\_, that shall he \_\_\_\_\_: and he will \_\_\_\_\_ you things to \_\_\_\_\_."

⇒ The Holy Spirit points us to \_\_\_\_\_. He does not talk about \_\_\_\_\_.

**Note:** "It is **not essential** for us to be able to **define** just what the Holy Spirit is. Christ tells us that the Spirit is the **Comforter**, 'the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father.' It is plainly declared regarding the Holy Spirit that, in His work of guiding men into all truth, 'He shall not speak of Himself.' John 15:26; 16:13." AA 51.3

"The **nature** of the Holy Spirit is a **mystery**. **Men cannot explain it**, because **the Lord has not revealed it to them**. Men having **fanciful views** may bring together passages of Scripture and put a **human construction** on them, but **the acceptance of these views will not strengthen the church**. Regarding **such mysteries**, which are **too deep** for human understanding, **silence is golden**." AA 52.1

10. What did Jesus tell the disciples about the work of the Holy Spirit?

**John 16:8** "And when he is come, he will \_\_\_\_\_ the world of \_\_\_\_\_, and of \_\_\_\_\_, and of \_\_\_\_\_."

**John 16:13** "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will \_\_\_\_\_ you into all \_\_\_\_\_: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will \_\_\_\_\_ you things to \_\_\_\_\_."

**John 16:14** "He shall \_\_\_\_\_ me: for he shall \_\_\_\_\_ of mine, and shall \_\_\_\_\_ it unto you."

**John 14:26** "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ things, and \_\_\_\_\_ things to your \_\_\_\_\_, whatsoever I have \_\_\_\_\_ unto you."

⇒ The Holy Spirit's work includes:

- ✓ To R\_\_\_\_\_ the world of \_\_\_\_\_ – to convict us.
- ✓ To show us R\_\_\_\_\_ – the righteousness of Jesus, our standard.
- ✓ To tell us of a J\_\_\_\_\_ coming which will act according to what we chose.
- ✓ To G\_\_\_\_\_ us into all T\_\_\_\_\_.
- ✓ To show us things to \_\_\_\_\_  
– to reveal events of the future for which we need to prepare
- ✓ To G\_\_\_\_\_ Christ
- ✓ To S\_\_\_\_\_ us the things of Christ
- ✓ To be our C\_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ To T\_\_\_\_\_ us all things
- ✓ To bring to our R\_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God

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**Note:** "The office of the Holy Spirit is distinctly specified in the words of Christ: 'When He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.' John 16:8.

It is the Holy Spirit that **convicts** of sin.

If the sinner **responds** to the quickening influence of the Spirit, he will be brought to **repentance** and **aroused** to the **importance** of **obeying** the divine requirements." AA 52.2

"To the **repentant** sinner, **hungering** and **thirsting** for righteousness, the Holy Spirit **reveals the Lamb of God** that taketh away the sin of the world.

'He shall receive of Mine, and shall **show it unto you**,' Christ said.

'He shall **teach** you all things, and **bring all things to your remembrance**, whatsoever I have said unto you.' John 16:14; 14:26." AA 52.3

"The Spirit is given as a **regenerating** agency, to make **effectual** the salvation wrought by the death of our Redeemer.

The Spirit is **constantly seeking** to **draw** the **attention** of men to the great offering that was made on the cross of Calvary, to **unfold** to the world **the love of God**, and to **open** to the convicted soul **the precious things of the Scriptures**." AA 52.4

"Having **brought conviction** of sin, and **presented before the mind the standard** of righteousness, the Holy Spirit **withdraws the affections** from the things of this earth and **fills the soul with a desire for holiness**.

" 'He will **guide** you into all truth' (John 16:13), the Saviour declared.

If men are **willing** to be molded, there will be brought about a **sanctification** of the **whole being**. The Spirit will **take the things of God and stamp them on the soul**.

By His **power** the **way** of life will be made so **plain** that **none need err therein**." AA 52.5

26. a. "From the beginning, God has been working by His Holy Spirit through human instrumentalities for the accomplishment of His purpose in behalf of the fallen race. This was manifest in the lives of the patriarchs." AA 53.1

☞ Was the Spirit working in the earth in the days before the flood?

**Genesis 6:3** And the \_\_\_\_\_ said, My \_\_\_\_\_ shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his \_\_\_\_\_ shall be an \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ years.

**Jude 1:14,15** And \_\_\_\_\_ also, the seventh from Adam, \_\_\_\_\_ of these, saying, Behold, the \_\_\_\_\_ cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute \_\_\_\_\_ upon all.

**Genesis 6:13** And God said unto \_\_\_\_\_, The \_\_\_\_\_ of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ through them; and, behold, I will \_\_\_\_\_ them with the earth.

☞ Was the Spirit of God working in the days of Joseph?

**Genesis 41:15,16** And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have \_\_\_\_\_ a dream, and there is \_\_\_\_\_ that can \_\_\_\_\_ it: and I have \_\_\_\_\_ say of thee, that thou canst \_\_\_\_\_ a dream to interpret it. And Joseph \_\_\_\_\_ Pharaoh, saying, It is not in \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_ shall give Pharaoh an \_\_\_\_\_ of peace.

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**Genesis 41:25** And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one: \_\_\_\_\_ hath shewed Pharaoh what \_\_\_\_\_ is about to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Genesis 41:32,33** And for that the dream was \_\_\_\_\_ unto Pharaoh twice; it is because the thing is \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_, and God will \_\_\_\_\_ bring it to \_\_\_\_\_. Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and set him \_\_\_\_\_ the land of Egypt.

**Genesis 41:37-40** And the thing was \_\_\_\_\_ in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants. And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we \_\_\_\_\_ such a one as \_\_\_\_\_ is, a man in whom the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ is? And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as \_\_\_\_\_ hath \_\_\_\_\_ thee all this, there is \_\_\_\_\_ so \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ as thou art: \_\_\_\_\_ shalt be over my house, and according unto \_\_\_\_\_ word shall \_\_\_\_\_ my people be \_\_\_\_\_: only in the \_\_\_\_\_ will I be greater than thou.

**b.** "To the church in the wilderness also, in the time of Moses, God gave His "good Spirit to instruct them." Nehemiah 9:20." AA 53.1

✂ Was the Spirit of God working in the days of Moses?

**Numbers 11:16,17** And the \_\_\_\_\_ said unto Moses, Gather unto me \_\_\_\_\_ men of the elders of Israel, whom thou \_\_\_\_\_ to be the elders of the people, and \_\_\_\_\_ over them; and \_\_\_\_\_ them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there \_\_\_\_\_ thee. And I will come down and \_\_\_\_\_ with thee there: and I will \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ which is upon thee, and will \_\_\_\_\_ it upon them; and they shall bear the \_\_\_\_\_ of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself \_\_\_\_\_.

**Numbers 11:24-25** And Moses went out, and \_\_\_\_\_ the people the words of the LORD, and \_\_\_\_\_ the seventy men of the elders of the people, and \_\_\_\_\_ them round about the tabernacle. And the \_\_\_\_\_ came down in a \_\_\_\_\_, and spake unto him, and \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ that was upon him, and \_\_\_\_\_ it unto the seventy \_\_\_\_\_: and it came to pass, that, \_\_\_\_\_ the spirit \_\_\_\_\_ upon them, they \_\_\_\_\_, and did not cease.

**Nehemiah 9:20** Thou \_\_\_\_\_ also thy good \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ them, and withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst.

✂ During the days of the Judges, how did the Spirit of God work?

**Judges 6:34** But the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ came upon \_\_\_\_\_, and he blew a trumpet; and Abiezer was gathered after him.

**Judges 11:29** Then the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ came upon \_\_\_\_\_, and he passed over Gilead, and Manasseh, and passed over Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead he passed over unto the children of Ammon.

**Judges 13:24,25** And the woman bare a \_\_\_\_\_, and called his name \_\_\_\_\_: and the child grew, and the LORD \_\_\_\_\_ him. And the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ began to \_\_\_\_\_ him at times in the camp of Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol.

✂ When Saul was anointed to be king of Israel, what promise was given him?

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**1 Samuel 10:6** And the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ will come upon thee, and thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_ with them, and shalt be \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_ man.

✧ Even though His people turned away from God often, what did God do?

**Nehemiah 9:30** Yet \_\_\_\_\_ years didst thou \_\_\_\_\_ them, and \_\_\_\_\_ against them by thy \_\_\_\_\_ in thy \_\_\_\_\_: yet would they \_\_\_\_\_ give ear: therefore \_\_\_\_\_ thou them into the \_\_\_\_\_ of the people of the lands.

God sent them warnings and reproofs – messages from the \_\_\_\_\_ given by His \_\_\_\_\_. Because they would not listen, or " \_\_\_\_\_ ", He let them be ruled by the heathen people of the \_\_\_\_\_ whose idols they loved.

c. "And in the days of the apostles He wrought mightily for His church through the agency of the Holy Spirit. ✧" AA 53.1

**Acts 2:4-6** And they were all \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_, and began to \_\_\_\_\_ with other tongues, as the \_\_\_\_\_ gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of \_\_\_\_\_ nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that \_\_\_\_\_ man \_\_\_\_\_ them speak in his own \_\_\_\_\_.

**Acts 2:22-24** Ye men of Israel, hear these words; \_\_\_\_\_ of Nazareth, a man approved of \_\_\_\_\_ among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: Him, being \_\_\_\_\_ by the determinate \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have \_\_\_\_\_ and slain: Whom \_\_\_\_\_ hath \_\_\_\_\_ up, having loosed the pains of \_\_\_\_\_: because it was not possible that he should be \_\_\_\_\_ of it.

**Acts 2:32-33** This Jesus hath \_\_\_\_\_ raised up, whereof we all are \_\_\_\_\_. Therefore being by the \_\_\_\_\_ hand of God \_\_\_\_\_, and having \_\_\_\_\_ of the Father the promise of the \_\_\_\_\_, he hath shed forth \_\_\_\_\_, which ye now \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

✧ What was the result of the work of the Holy Spirit?

**Acts 5:12** And by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the apostles were many \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ wrought \_\_\_\_\_ the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.

**Acts 5:14** And \_\_\_\_\_ were the more \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ both of men and women.)

**Note:** AA 53.1 "The same power that **sustained the patriarchs**, that **gave Caleb and Joshua faith and courage**, and that **made the work of the apostolic church effective**, has **upheld God's faithful children in every succeeding age**.

It was **through the power of the Holy Spirit** that during the Dark Ages the **Waldensian** Christians helped to prepare the way for the Reformation.

It was the same power that **made successful the efforts** of the noble men and women who pioneered the way for the **establishment of modern missions** and for the **translation of the Bible** into the languages and dialects of all nations and peoples."



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27. ✨ Is God still using the Holy Spirit to speak to His people and give a message to the world today? **Revelation 3:22**

"He that hath an ear, let him \_\_\_\_\_ what the \_\_\_\_\_ saith unto the \_\_\_\_\_."

**Revelation 14:6,7** "And I saw another angel \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of \_\_\_\_\_, having the \_\_\_\_\_ gospel to \_\_\_\_\_ unto them that \_\_\_\_\_ on the earth, and to every \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and people, Saying with a loud voice, \_\_\_\_\_ God, and give \_\_\_\_\_ to him; for the \_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_: and \_\_\_\_\_ him that \_\_\_\_\_ heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."

**Note:** "And **today** God is still using His church **to make known His purpose in the earth. Today** the heralds of the cross are going from city to city, and from land to land, **preparing the way for the second advent of Christ. The standard of God's law is being exalted. The Spirit of the Almighty is moving upon men's hearts**, and those who **respond** to its influence become **witnesses** for God and His truth. In many places consecrated men and women may be seen **communicating** to others the **light** that has made plain to them the way of salvation through Christ. And as they **continue to let their light shine**, as did those who were baptized with the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, **they receive more and still more of the Spirit's power. Thus** the earth is to be lightened with the glory of God." AA 53.2

"On the other hand, **there are some** who, **instead of wisely improving present opportunities**, are **idly waiting** for some **special season of spiritual refreshing** by which their **ability** to enlighten others will be **greatly increased**. They neglect present duties and privileges, and **allow their light to burn dim**, while they look **forward** to a time when, **without any effort on their part**, they will be made the recipients of **special** blessing, by which they will be **transformed** and **fitted** for service." AA 54.1

How is God using His church to make known His purpose in the earth today?

? What are those doing who respond to the influence of God's Spirit?

- ✓ They are preparing the way for the 2<sup>nd</sup> A \_\_\_\_\_, or coming, of \_\_\_\_\_.
- ✓ They are exalting the standard of \_\_\_\_\_.
- ✓ They respond to the work of the Holy Spirit upon their \_\_\_\_\_.
- ✓ They C \_\_\_\_\_ themselves to God to C \_\_\_\_\_ the light that has made plain the way of S \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_.
- ✓ As they C \_\_\_\_\_ to let their L \_\_\_\_\_ shine, They receive \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit's \_\_\_\_\_.
- ✓ This is how the earth is to be lightened with the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

? What are others doing?

- ✗ They do not wisely \_\_\_\_\_ present opportunities.
- ✗ They are waiting for a S \_\_\_\_\_ time of S \_\_\_\_\_ refreshing to greatly increase their ability to teach others.
- ✗ They neglect present D \_\_\_\_\_ and P \_\_\_\_\_.
- ✗ They let their light burn \_\_\_\_\_.
- ✗ They are waiting for a time when they will receive S \_\_\_\_\_ blessing without any \_\_\_\_\_ on their part.

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✘ They think that then they will be automatically T\_\_\_\_\_ and made fit for S\_\_\_\_\_.

28. 🕊 How is the power of the Holy Spirit given in the last days foretold? **Zechariah 10:1** "\_\_\_\_\_ ye of the LORD \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the latter rain; so the \_\_\_\_\_ shall make bright \_\_\_\_\_, and give them \_\_\_\_\_ of rain, to every one \_\_\_\_\_ in the field."

**Joel 2:23** "Be \_\_\_\_\_ then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the \_\_\_\_\_ your God: for he hath \_\_\_\_\_ you the \_\_\_\_\_ rain moderately, and he will cause to come \_\_\_\_\_ for you the rain, the \_\_\_\_\_ rain, and the \_\_\_\_\_ rain in the first month."

**Note:** "It is true that in the time of the end, when God's work in the earth is closing, the **earnest efforts** put forth by **consecrated believers** under the **guidance of the Holy Spirit** are to be accompanied by **special tokens of divine favor**. Under the figure of the early and the latter rain, that falls in Eastern lands at **seedtime** and **harvest**, the Hebrew prophets foretold **the bestowal of spiritual grace in extraordinary measure upon God's church**. The outpouring of the Spirit in the days of the apostles was the **beginning** of the early, or former, rain, and **glorious was the result**. To the end of time the presence of the Spirit is to abide with the true church." AA 54.2

"But **near the close of earth's harvest**, a **special bestowal of spiritual grace** is promised to prepare the church for the coming of the Son of man. This outpouring of the Spirit is likened to the falling of the latter rain; and it is for this **added power** that Christians are to send their petitions to the Lord of the harvest 'in the time of the latter rain.' In response, 'the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain.' 'He will cause to come down ... the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain,' Zechariah 10:1; Joel 2:23." AA 55.1

29. What is Paul's example for us who are now living in the last days?

**Acts 20:22-24** "And now, behold, I go \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ unto Jerusalem, not \_\_\_\_\_ the things that shall \_\_\_\_\_ me there: Save that the \_\_\_\_\_ witnesseth in every city, saying that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ abide me. But \_\_\_\_\_ of these things \_\_\_\_\_ me, neither count I my \_\_\_\_\_ dear unto myself, so that I might \_\_\_\_\_ my course with \_\_\_\_\_, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God."

What counsel does Paul give to the believers?

**Ephesians 6:18** "Praying \_\_\_\_\_ with all \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ thereunto with all \_\_\_\_\_ and supplication for all saints."

**Philippians 4:6** "Be careful [or anxious] for \_\_\_\_\_; but in \_\_\_\_\_ thing by \_\_\_\_\_ and supplication with \_\_\_\_\_ let your \_\_\_\_\_ be made known unto God."

**Colossians 4:2** "Continue in \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ in the same with \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "But unless the members of God's church today have a **living connection** with the **Source** of all **spiritual growth**, they will not be **ready** for the time of reaping. Unless they keep their lamps trimmed and burning, they will **fail of receiving added grace in times of special need**." AA 55.2

"Those only who are **constantly receiving fresh supplies of grace**, will have **power proportionate to their daily need** and **their ability to use that power**. Instead of looking forward to some **future time**

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when, through a special endowment of spiritual power, they will receive a miraculous fitting up for soul winning, **they are yielding themselves daily to God**, that He may **make them vessels meet for His use**. Daily they are improving the opportunities for service that lie within their reach. Daily they are witnessing for the Master **wherever they may be**, whether in some **humble sphere of labor** in the home, or in a **public field of usefulness**." AA 55.3

? Who will be ready to receive the special power of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain?

- ✓ Those who have a L\_\_\_\_\_ connection with God each day.
- ✓ Those who keep their L\_\_\_\_\_ trimmed and burning each day will receive added G\_\_\_\_\_ in times of special need.
- ✓ Those who C\_\_\_\_\_ get fresh supplies of G\_\_\_\_\_ from God will have as much P\_\_\_\_\_ as they are able to use each day.
- ✓ They are not waiting for special spiritual power to come on them and in a M\_\_\_\_\_ way to make them fit for soul winning.
- ✓ But they are **daily** Y\_\_\_\_\_ themselves to God so that He can M\_\_\_\_\_ them useful in His work.
- ✓ **Daily** they are finding O\_\_\_\_\_ for service within their R\_\_\_\_\_.
- ✓ **Daily** they are W\_\_\_\_\_ for their Master **wherever** they are whether they are working faithfully in their H\_\_\_\_\_ duties, or in a public way.

30. What example did Jesus give us?

**Mark 1:35** "And in the \_\_\_\_\_, rising up a great while before day, he went \_\_\_\_\_, and departed into a \_\_\_\_\_ place, and there \_\_\_\_\_."

**Luke 5:16** "And he \_\_\_\_\_ himself into the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_."

Jesus P\_\_\_\_\_ **daily** for strength and wisdom from God to do His work.

"To the consecrated worker there is wonderful consolation in the knowledge that even **Christ during His life on earth sought His Father daily for fresh supplies of needed grace**; and from this communion with God He went forth to strengthen and bless others. Behold the Son of God bowed in prayer to His Father! Though He is the Son of God, **He strengthens His faith by prayer, and by communion with heaven gathers to Himself power to resist evil and to minister to the needs of men**. As the Elder Brother of our race **He knows the necessities of those who, compassed with infirmity and living in a world of sin and temptation, still desire to serve Him**. He knows that the messengers whom He sees fit to send are weak, erring men; but to all who give themselves wholly to His service **He promises divine aid**. His own example is an **assurance that earnest, persevering supplication to God in faith – faith that leads to entire dependence upon God, and unreserved consecration to His work – will avail to bring to men the Holy Spirit's aid in the battle against sin.**"

AA 56.1

? If even Christ, the Son of God, needed fresh supplies of grace from God daily, how much more do we need it? How did Jesus get it?

- ✓ He got it by C\_\_\_\_\_ with God in prayer.
- ✓ He S\_\_\_\_\_ His Father (earnestly asked) for fresh supplies for each day.

? Why did He need this power from God?

He needed power to resist \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ to the needs of men.

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? What does He know about us?

He knows that we are W\_\_\_\_\_ and E\_\_\_\_\_ and living in a world of S\_\_\_\_\_.

? What does He promise us? He promised D\_\_\_\_\_ aid.

? How can we get the power of the Holy Spirit to help us in the battle against sin?

We can get it by E\_\_\_\_\_, P\_\_\_\_\_ prayer to God in faith.

? What does this faith lead us to do?

It leads us to place our **entire** D\_\_\_\_\_ on God

and to make an U\_\_\_\_\_ C\_\_\_\_\_ to God's work.

31. Why has God put us in this world? **1 Corinthians 3:9** "For we are \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

As **workers together with God**, we need to receive from Him the **power** and **wisdom** to carry out our work. How will we get it? **James 1:5,6** "If any of you lack \_\_\_\_\_, let him \_\_\_\_\_ of God, that \_\_\_\_\_ to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_ him. But let him ask in \_\_\_\_\_, nothing \_\_\_\_\_. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed."

? What is Jesus' promise to us? **Luke 11:13** If ye then, being \_\_\_\_\_, know how to give \_\_\_\_\_ gifts unto your children: how much \_\_\_\_\_ shall your heavenly Father give the \_\_\_\_\_ to them that \_\_\_\_\_ him?"

**Note:** "Every worker who follows the example of Christ will be prepared to receive and use the power that God has promised to His church for the ripening of earth's harvest. Morning by morning, as the heralds of the gospel kneel before the Lord and **renew their vows of consecration to Him**, He will grant them the presence of His Spirit, with its **reviving, sanctifying power**. As they go forth to the day's duties, they have the **assurance** that the unseen agency of the Holy Spirit **enables them to be 'laborers together with God'**." AA 56.2