

**“God Forever With Us:
Presence, Power, Proclamation, & Prophecy!”**

Acts 2:1-13

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Acts 2:1-13 (NKJV)

Q: *“What Was The Feast Of Pentecost In Jewish Tradition?”*

A: Pentecost Was The Feast Of **‘Shavuot’ – ‘Weeks’**

Seven Weeks & 1 Day After Passover (7 x 7 + 1 = 50 Days)

Pentecost Was Also Known As The Feast Of **‘First Fruits’**

Coming At The Beginning Of The Grain Harvest

A: Five Stories Interwoven Moses, Ruth, Jesus, Day Of Pentecost, & Today

A1) **Moses** – See Exodus Chapters 19 & 20

Moses Received The Law On Mount Sinai On Pentecost

“On the First Day of the Third Month of Sivan”

& Moses Was With God For Six Days On The Mount & He Brought Them

The Commandments of the Lord To Them To Keep on the 7th Day

Law Of God Is The First Of The **“First Fruits”**

“Blessed Are You, O Lord Our God, King Of The Universe,

Who Called Us From Among The Nations, To Make Us Your Chosen People,

& Who Gave Us The Torah – The Law. Blessed Are You, O Lord Our God,

Who Gave Us Your Law To Keep In Our Hearts & Minds, & To Be Obedient,

& To Be Holy Set Apart To You, For Your Service, & For Yours Alone!”

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A2) **Ruth** – See Ruth Chapter 2

Naomi and Ruth Return Back To Bethlehem

For The First Day Of The Feast Of Pentecost To Start The Harvest

Ruth – A Pagan (Gentile) Is The Second Of The **“First Fruits”**

Ruth Proclaimed Vowing, *“Entreat me not to leave You, or to turn back from following after You; For wherever You go, I will go; And wherever You lodge, I will lodge; Your People shall be My People, And Your God, My God! Where You die, I will die, And there will I be buried. The Lord do so to me, and more also, If anything but death parts You & Me!”*

Ruth 1:16-17 (NKJV)

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A3) Jesus – See 1st Corinthians Chapter 15

Jesus Is The First Born – First Fruit From Among The Dead

Jesus – Is The Third Of The *“First Fruits”*

“But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the ‘First Fruits’ of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order: Christ the ‘First Fruits’, afterward those who belong to Christ at His Second Coming!”

1st Corinthians 15:20-23 (NKJV)

Paul teaches us, *“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the Flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the Law of Sin & Death. For what the Law could not do in that it was weak through the Flesh, God did by sending His Own Son in the Likeness Of Sinful Flesh, on Account of Sin: He condemned Sin in the Flesh, that the righteous requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the Flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the Flesh set their minds on the things of the Flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be Carnally Minded is Death, but to be Spiritually Minded is Life & Peace. Because the Carnal Mind is Enmity against God; for it is not subject to the Law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the Flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the Flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they Do Not Belong To God! And if Christ is in You, the Body is Dead because of Sin, but the Spirit is Life because of Righteousness (Holiness). But if the Spirit of Him Who Raised Jesus from the Dead Dwells in You, He Who Raised Christ from the Dead will also give Life to Your Mortal Bodies through His Spirit Who Dwells in You!”* Romans 8:1-11 (NKJV)

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A4) Day Of Pentecost – See Acts Chapter 2

Apostles & Disciples – Are The Fourth Of The *“First Fruits”*

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And with many other Words he testified and exhorted them, saying, *“Be Saved from this perverse generation!”* Then those who gladly received His Word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Then Fear (Awe) came upon every soul, and Many Wonders & Signs were done through the apostles. Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. So, continuing daily with One Accord in the Temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, Praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:1-4 & 2:37-47 (NKJV)

A: Five Stories Interwoven Moses, Ruth, Jesus, Day Of Pentecost, & Today

A5) Today – God Is Present With Us Here This Morning Just As He Was Long Ago

We Here Today – Are To Be God’s Most Recent “New First Fruits”

Q: “Do You Want To Receive All That God Has For You?”

A: Then Receive Freely & Fully His Gift From On High, His Holy Spirit (His Presence)

Q: “Do You Want To Live In Obedience To God’s Will For Your Life?”

A: Then Receive Freely & Fully His Mighty Rushing Wind (His Power)

Q: “Do You Want To Serve & Give Witness To Your Lord With All Your Being?”

A: Then Receive Freely & Fully His Toggles Of Fire (His Proclamation)

Q: “Do You Want To Hear The Lord Speak To You Daily?”

A: Then Receive Freely & Fully His Spiritual Guidance & Truth (His Prophecy)

Q: “Do You Want To Truly Know God & Act For Him Daily In This World?”

**A: Then Come Now Down To This Altar And Sit In The Front Row Or Kneel
Before The King of Kings & Lord of Lords**

**And Ask Him To Sanctify You Fully, To Make You Holy As He Is Holy,
To Fill You Through & Through With His Holy Spirit!**

COME NOW!

Do Not Doubt Him Today! Do Not Let Satan Steal His Gift To You!

**If You Hear His Voice Today, Do Not Harden Your Hearts,
Instead Draw Near To Him, And He Will Draw Near To You!**

God Has Given You His Will & His Promise For Your Life!

Paul Reminds Us Now, *“Rejoice Always, Pray Without Ceasing, In Everything Give Thanks; For This is the Will of God in Christ Jesus for You! Do Not Quench the Holy Spirit! Do not Despise Prophecies! Test All Things; Hold Fast What is Good! Abstain from Every Form of Evil! And Now May the God of Peace Himself Sanctify You Completely; and May Your Whole Spirit, Soul, and Body Be Preserved Blameless (Holy) at the Coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ! He Who Calls You Is Faithful, Who also Will Do It!”* 1st Thessalonians 5:16-24 (NKJV)

Receive Now His Holy Spirit & Be Blessed Forevermore!

“Receive Now The Holy Spirit Of God!

**Be Made Holy Through & Through, Filled With God’s Presence,
With God’s Power & Healing Gift, With God’s Proclamation Of Good News,
With God’s Prophecy & Word, Let His Holy Spirit Dwell Richly
& Deeply Within You From This Day On - Forever & Ever!”**