



Claiming the Power of the Holy Spirit

(Day Two)

The Promise of Power!

Acts 1:8

Ye shall receive
power, after that
the Holy Ghost is
come upon you...



**This power is for witnessing:
it gives (1) power within, (2)
power to proclaim the
gospel, (3) power to lead
others to God. {6BC-124}**



UNWRAP YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFT

**What gift could He bestow rich
enough to signalize and grace His
ascension to the mediatorial throne?
It must be worthy of His greatness
and His royalty.**

The Gift of the

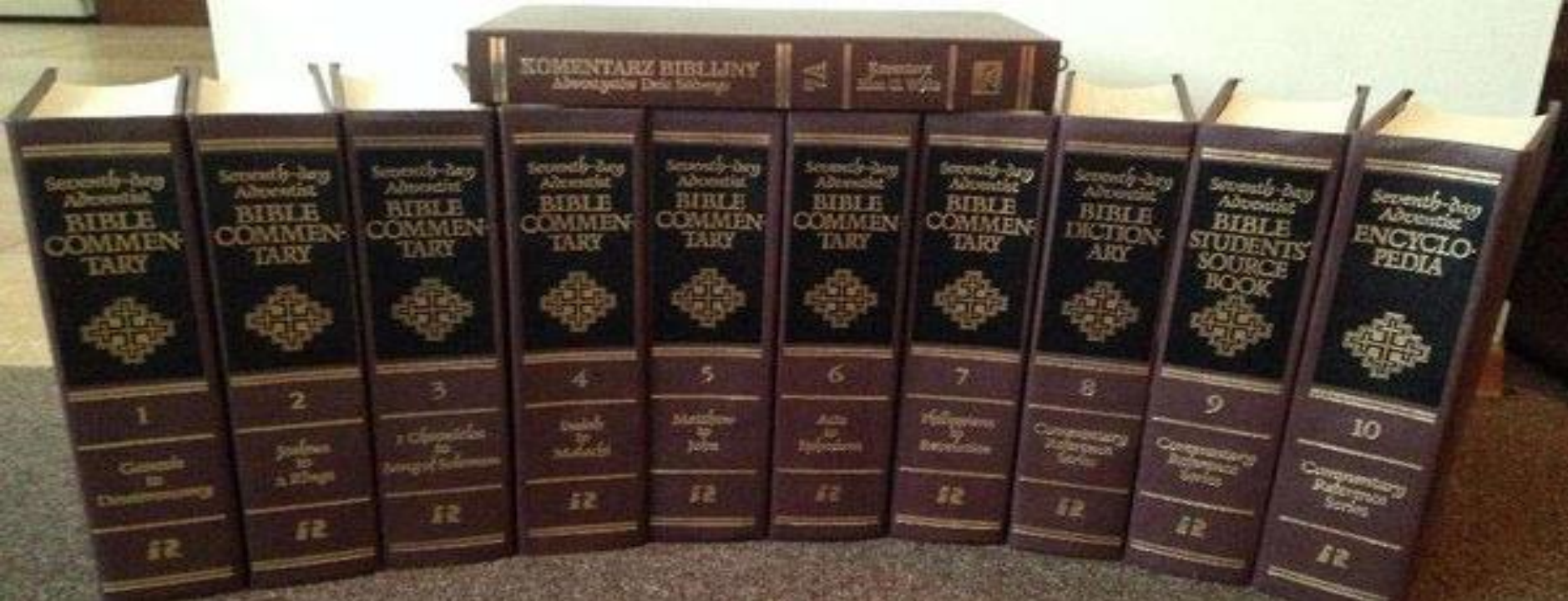


Holy Spirit

He would give all gifts in one,
and therefore the divine Spirit,
that converting, enlightening,
and sanctifying power, would be
His donation..... {6BC 1052.5}

Luke 24:49

**And, behold, I send
the promise of My
Father upon you: but
tarry ye in the city of
Jerusalem, until ye be
endued with power
from on high.**



Without “power from on high” the testimony born by the disciples would not convince and convict men’s hearts.



The testimony of the disciples made effective by the power of the Holy Spirit, resulted in the conversion of about 3,000 souls in one day.

Acts 2:1-4

**And when the day
of Pentecost was
fully come, they
were all with one
accord in one
place.**

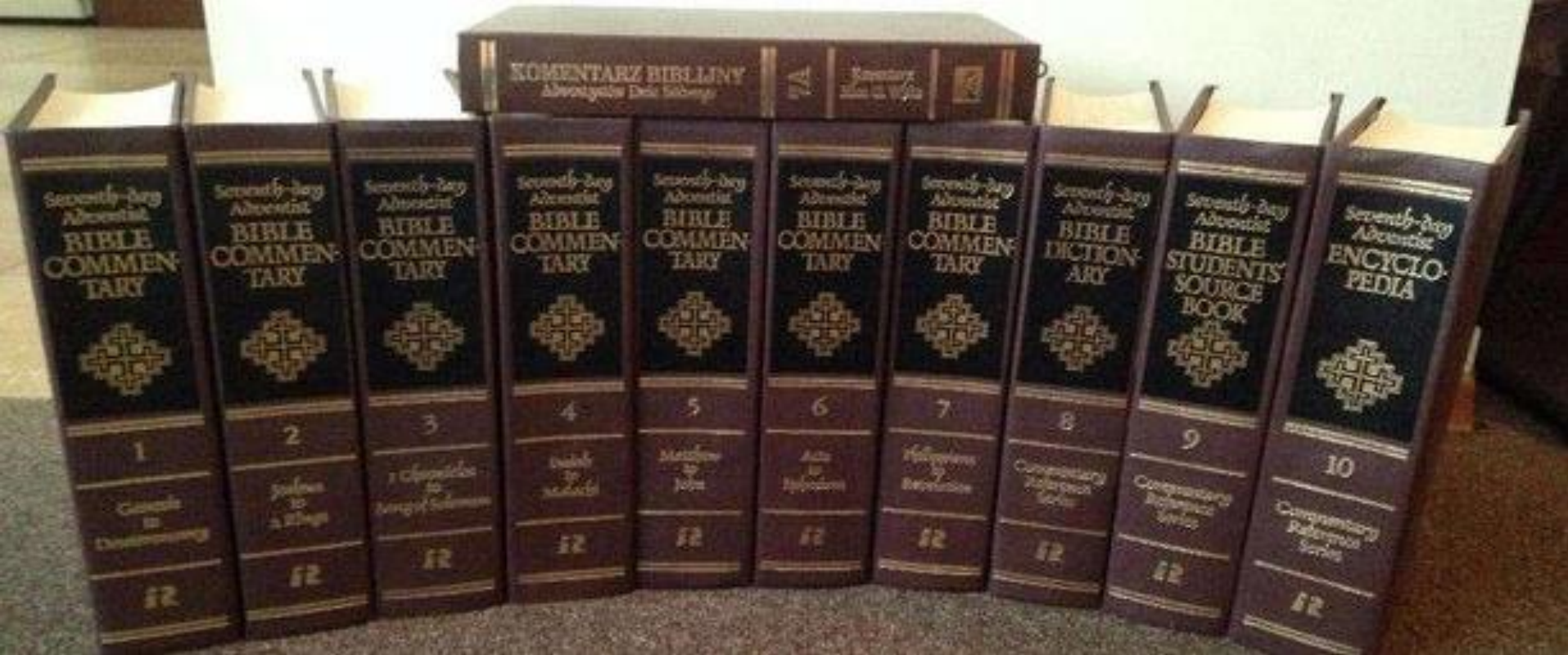
**And suddenly there came
a sound from heaven as
of a rushing mighty wind,
and it filled all the house
where they were sitting.**

**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.

Acts 2:41

**Then they that gladly
received his word
were baptized: and
the same day there
were added unto
them about three
thousand souls.**



Under the guiding and convicting power of the Holy Spirit the church experienced phenomenal growth. From Pentecost onward the believers were literally “clothed with power from¹⁴ on high.” {5BC-886-887}



STANDING on the PROMISES

No matter how
challenging the task, the
promises of God are sure.

Numbers 23:19

God is not a man, that He should lie; neither the son of man, that He should repent: hath He said, and shall He not do it? Or hath He spoken, and shall He not make it good?



Every person on planet Earth will have a reasonable opportunity to hear and understand God's message of love and truth before the return of our Lord.

Matthew 19:26

With God all

things are

possible.

Mark 9:23

**If thou canst
believe, all things
are possible to
him that
believeth.**



True faith lays
hold of and
claims the
promised
blessing before
it is realized
and felt.



**We are then to
believe that we
receive the
blessing, because
our faith has hold
of it, and
according to the
Word it is ours.**

Mark 11:24

**Therefore I say unto
you, What things
soever ye desire,
when ye pray, believe
that ye receive them,
and ye shall have
them.**

Act On God's Word



True faith rests on the promises contained in the Word of God, and those only who obey that Word can claim its glorious promises. {EW 72.2}

1 John 3:22

And whatsoever we ask,
we receive of Him,
because we keep His
commandments, and do
those things that are
pleasing in His sight.

Hosea 6:3

**And He shall come
unto us as the rain,
as the latter and
former rain unto the
earth.**

THE LATTER RAIN

...now is the hour

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 background of the top half of the slide is a close-up photograph of water splashing, with numerous blue-tinted droplets and ripples. The text is overlaid on this image.

The *Latter Rain* Experience

**To the end of time the presence of the
Spirit is to abide with the true church.**

{AA 54.2}

Joel 2:23

Rejoice in the Lord your God:
for He hath given you the
former rain moderately, and
He will cause to come down
for you the rain, the former
rain, and the latter rain...


COMING SOON:

The Latter Rain

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.



Leading Souls

TO
CHRIST

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}

Joel 2:17

And 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:



Power
from
on High

The prophecies which were fulfilled in the outpouring of the former rain at the opening of the gospel are again to be fulfilled in the latter rain at its close. {GC 611.3}



**Thus the inhabitants of
the earth will be
brought to take their
stand. {GC 612.1}**



GO INTO ALL THE WORLD

**Truth is more precious than all besides.
Notwithstanding the agencies combined
against the truth, a large number take
their stand upon the Lord's side.**

{GC 612.2}

John 10:16

**Other sheep I have,
which are not of this
fold: them also I must
bring, and they shall
hear my voice; and
there shall be one fold,
and one shepherd.**

John 10:27

**My sheep hear my
voice, and I know
them, and they
follow me:**



You have only to use the means
that God has placed within your
reach, and you will obtain the
blessing. {GW 35.2}



The Lord is soon
to work in
greater power
among us...
{TM 227.1}

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**The sick would
be healed, devils
would be rebuked
and cast out, and
she would be
mighty and a
terror to her
enemies**

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**Satan and
his angels
fully believe
all this
themselves,
and tremble.**

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Produces Good Works

Hiding their deformity under the
name of Christian, they pass
along with their unsanctified
natures, and their evil passions
unsubdued. {EW 227.2}



PRAYER OF FAITH

If we do not progress, if we do not place ourselves in an attitude to receive both the former and the latter rain, we shall lose our souls, and the responsibility will lie at our own door. {TM 507.2} ⁴³



EXERCISING YOUR FAITH

We must seek His favors with the whole heart if the showers of grace are to come to us.



The convocations of the church, as in camp meetings, the assemblies of the home church, and all occasions where there is personal labor for souls, are God's appointed opportunities for giving the early and the latter rain. {TM 508.1}



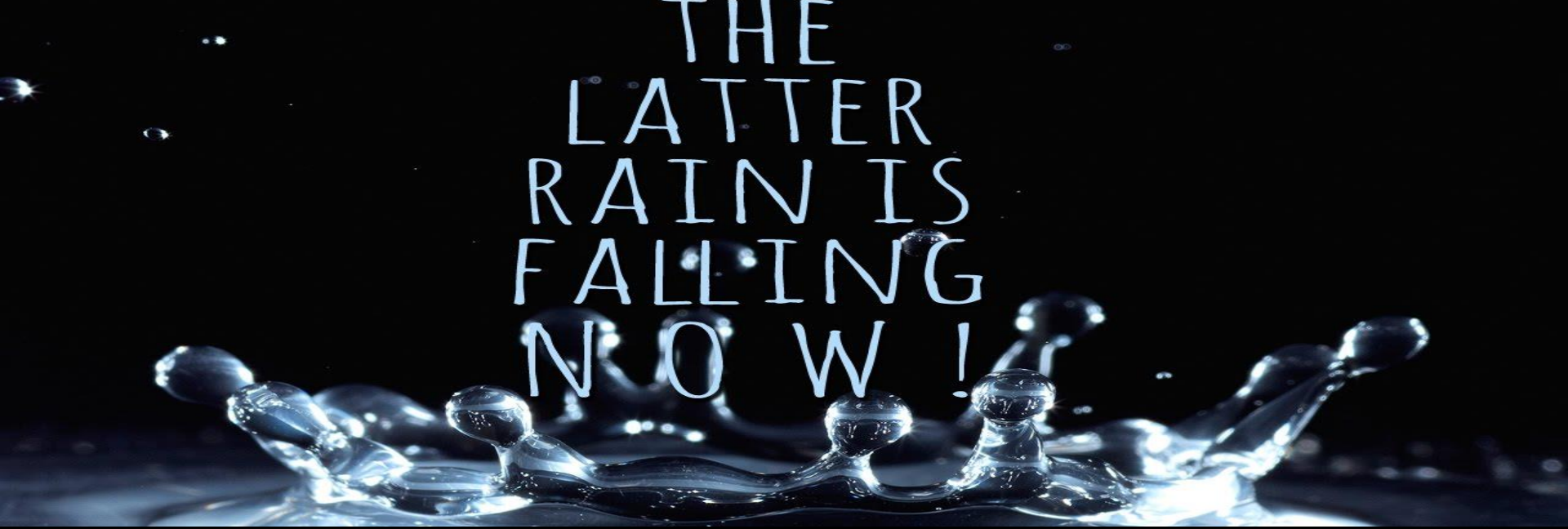
WASHINGTON SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CAMP MEETING

**It is not an immutable law that
all who attend general
gatherings or local meetings
shall receive large supplies
from Heaven.**



LIVING WATER

We must pray that God will unseal the fountain of the water of life. And we must ourselves receive of the living water.

A close-up photograph of water splashing on a dark surface, creating several droplets and ripples. The background is dark, and the water is illuminated, highlighting its texture and movement.

THE
LATTER
RAIN IS
FALLING
NOW!

At every meeting we attend our prayers should ascend, that at this very time God will impart warmth and moisture to our souls.



If we pray for the blessing in
faith, we shall receive it as
God has promised.

{TM 508.2}

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?

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Spiritually pure.

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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.

The Baptism of The Holy Spirit



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. . . . {Ev 701.4}

Acts 3:19

**Repent ye therefore,
and be converted, that
your sins may be blotted
out, when the times of
refreshing shall come
from the presence of
the Lord;**



**No man of himself can repent,
and make himself worthy of
the blessing of justification.**

{1SM 390.2}

Romans 2:4

**The goodness
of God leadeth
thee to
repentance.**



**The Gift
of
Repentance**

If we are drawn to Christ, it is
through His power and virtue.

The grace of contrition comes
through Him... {1SM 391.1⁵⁶}



We shall not renounce
sin unless we see its
sinfulness; until we
turn away from it in
heart, there will be no
real change in the life.

{SC 23.2}



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**But if they cling to
their sins, they
cannot possibly be
saved; for Christ's
righteousness covers
no sin unrepented of.
{Manuscript 142,
1899}**



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In order to let
Jesus into our
hearts, **we must**
stop sinning.
{ST March 3,
1890, par. 3}⁵⁹

Amos 9:9

**For, lo, I will
command, and I
will sift the
house of Israel...**

A photograph of a church interior. The pews are made of dark wood and are arranged in rows. In the foreground, a man wearing a light-colored shirt and a red and white striped tie is sitting on a white plastic chair, looking down at a book or paper. The church has large windows on the right side, and the ceiling is made of dark wood. A speech bubble graphic is overlaid on the top of the image, containing the text "AFTER THE SHAKING."

AFTER THE SHAKING.

God is sifting His people. He will have a clean and holy church. The Lord has provided means to keep the church pure.

{LS80 316.1}

A TIME OF SHAKING

**STRAIGHT TESTIMONY TO
THE REMNANT CHURCH**

**SOME WILL
NOT STAND
THE SHAKING**

THE
STANDARD
IS
TOO HIGH

ETERNAL LOSS

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Some will not bear
this straight
testimony. They will
rise up against it, and
this will cause a
shaking among God's
people.

{1T 181.1}

Ephesians 5:27

That He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.



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A revival need be
expected only in
answer to prayer.

{Selected Messages

Book 1 pg. 121⁶⁵}

Matthew 3:11
He shall baptize
you with the Holy
Ghost, and with
fire.



Today God desires to accomplish great things through the faith and works of His believing people. But we must stand in right relation to Him, that when He speaks to us we may hear and understand His voice. {MM 334.3} ⁶⁷



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God calls for a
spiritual revival
and a spiritual
reformation.

{1SM 127.3}⁶⁸