



Grace Assembly Of God

CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture: Acts 2

Title: Supernatural Prayer

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Summary of Chapter: This chapter describes the fulfillment of the promise of the baptism of the Holy Spirit after Jesus's ascension. Suddenly the Holy Spirit whose entrance was like the roar of a mighty windstorm filled the place. Everyone who was present began to speak in other tongues and what looked like flames or tongues of fire settled on each of them. A very powerful experience indeed.

Key Verse(s): NLT

2 Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. 3 Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. 4 And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

This familiar passage speaks about the gift of speaking in tongues that baptism of the Holy Spirit brings. But the chapter also describes how Peter who had thrice denied Jesus, went on to preach a powerful sermon resulting in 3000 people accepting Jesus as savior, following the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit empowered and emboldened Peter to do so. Years ago I was representing clients in a dispute concerning undersea fibre cables. I was anxious about several points that I felt made my clients' case weak. They stood to lose a lot if the case was lost. I was so mentally pre-occupied that even during Christmas lunch our guests could see that I was distracted. I quietly slipped away to pray. But I had no words left and so I started to pray in tongues. It took some time but soon I had an encounter with the Holy Spirit that I will never forget. His presence in my room was very tangible. I kept experiencing what I can only describe as waves of peace flowing all over my body. Soon praying in tongues changed to worship. Excitingly the Holy Spirit also started to bring certain aspects of the other side's case to my mind and I knew how I could better present my client's case. The Holy Spirit didn't stop there. I heard His still small voice telling me that as I did so the other side would come and settle the case. That is exactly what happened. Six months later the case was settled in my client's favour. Reading this chapter made me remember what a powerful gift we have been given. The Holy Spirit Himself is present to help us pray through difficulties in powerful tongues.

APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult: Do you want this kind of power in your life? What is holding you back? Just ask Him for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Youth: Why not increase the time you spend praying in tongues this week? Reflect on your experiences at the end of the week.

Child: If you have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, try praying in tongues for 1 minute each week. If you have not and would like to receive the baptism of the

Praying Scripture: Father for those of us who have yet to experience the baptism of the Holy Spirit, I pray Lord that you fill them with the Holy Spirit and let the rest of us remember what an awesome privilege we have in having the Holy Spirit with us. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.

Thanksgiving Prayer: I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)

Intercessory Prayer: I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)

Salvation Prayer: I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.