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Set
our
hearts
on
Fire!



The Father's Promise



"And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you." Luke 24: 49

Pentecost brings fulfilled promise. That's encouraging. Encouraging because our world is littered with the debris of broken promises. Abandoned spouses are left with broken hearts from broken marriage vows. Children are left with personality wreckage because parents who pledged to be there for them - aren't! There are bitter souls who were promised a wealth of opportunity by employers who then passed them by for another workmate. There are dazed people who have been had by the unscrupulous, scammed by people in whom they placed their trust and sometimes their life's savings. There are whole nations who

are dazed by the let-down of demagogues who led them into some promised-land-scheme only to drive them downward into still more dire poverty.

We have just witnessed a national election. Promises have, once more been assured to Canadians. We hope again for integrity. That leaders will make good on what they offered before the ballots were cast. We await the realization of their promised benefits.

How heartening is the knowledge that God makes good on His promises. He has a long history of faithfulness. Centuries ago the leader of Israel, Joshua, proved this. After Moses' demise God told him,

that if he heeded the words of Torah,

that if he meditated on them constantly, he would have the same support as his predecessor, and accomplish what Moses

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could not. At the close of his career, the now aged warrior gave this testimony:

“. . . you know in your hearts and souls, all of you, that not one word has failed, of all the good things that the LORD your God promised concerning you . . .” [Joshua 23: 14b ESV]

Pentecost as well celebrates promises realized, specifically “the promise of the Father”. That’s the term used by Jesus designating the coming of the Holy Spirit in power. Isaiah foresaw the event, “. . . until the Spirit is poured out from on-high” [Isaiah 32: 15 ESV]. Peter said that the happenings on the first feast of Pentecost after Jesus rose to heaven was an enactment of Joel’s promise, and Christ’s [Acts 2: 16, 33].

And what a promise it proved to be! Such unprecedented re-arrangement of the recipients.

There would be no class distinction—servants would prophesy.

There would be no age disparity—it was equally for youth and the aged.

The gift was not gender discriminate. It would include women as well as men.

Its scope would include all who had received the promises through Abraham by faith. [Galatians 3:14]

When the phenomenal signs and speech of the day attracted the attention of thousands who were in Jerusalem, Peter

again spoke of the Father’s promise. He assured them that this was not a passing event.

“For the PROMISE (capitals mine),” he proclaimed, “is for you and your children, and for all who are afar off, everyone whom the Lord God calls to Himself. . . .”

As Jesus promised, the power that accomplished this witness resulted in approximately 3000 turning to Christ and receiving baptism.

There were ongoing effects.

Great love for the faith.

Great compassion for the dispossessed.

Great numerical growth. People were saved daily.

Great love—hearts and homes were opened.

Great appetite for the gathering of God’s people.

Great seasons of prayer.

Great acceptance in the general populace.

Great awe and respect for God’s presence. [Acts 2: 42 – 47]

The promise was fulfilled way above and beyond what the disciples ever dreamed.

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“I am sending the promise of my Father upon you.”

The promise was sure because the PROMISOR was trust worthy. We can believe His promise because he cannot lie – and He will not disappoint. “All the promises of God, find their yes in Him.” [II Corinthians 1: 20 ESV]

St George's, do you hunger for this apostolic power? Have you ever asked the PROMISOR to bring Pentecost to you? Jesus said,

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be filled” [Matthew 5: 6 ESV]. More than that, he called the PROMISE the Gift which the Father delights to give.

“If you then who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, HOW MUCH MORE (capitals mine) will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him! [Luke 11: 13 ESV]

If you have a longing for more of the Spirit's power, let me help you open your heart with a prayer song I learned decades ago. In preparing for Pentecost this year I have played the CD dozens of times. It conveys the opening of my soul in better words than I would have used. Pray it with me.

No power of my own, I have no power of my own
 I confess to you Holy Spirit, that I have no power of my own.
 So I claim the promise of God's word
 And I yield myself to Your control
 For I need Your holy filling
 Yes – I want Your holy filling
 I expect Your holy filling
 For I have no power of my own.”

Now that we have prayed, let us wait in praise and expectation.
 As you wait in His Presence, God will begin to answer. Amen!

Ken Bombay



“You will be clothed with power from on high.”



Introducing our Mission partner - Ryan Wilson

Your Reach Out committee announces, with great pleasure, our newest mission partner - one of our own - Ryan Wilson! Recently Scripture Union offered Ryan a thirteen week internship during summer 2011 with SU Sportz, coaching ball hockey, and sharing the gospel with children from different religious backgrounds in Eastern Europe, and here in Ontario. We have all witnessed Ryan's rapport with our Sunday School children and watched them follow him as if he was the Pied Piper. Ryan has felt the Lord leading him in this direction for several months and is excited about this program.



Before going any further with Ryan's summer opportunity I'd like to revisit a brief testimony that he shared in By George - Lent 2008.

"My Walk With God

"When Ray David asked me to share about my walk with God, I thought, 'Sure, why not, there couldn't be that much to say.' But I thought wrong. My walk has been short, and only since the summer of 2006 have I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Saviour.

Some of you may be thinking, "Wow, I've seen him around here since he was just a little baby. How can he have been a Christian for a year and a half?" The truth is yes, I have been around that long, and in that time I've gone to Sunday school, I've heard all the stories, and I've watched all the Veggie Tales, but for a long time I never knew God. I had never felt Him in my heart.

Of course I knew he was there, but I had never accepted His unconditional love. I had never embraced His touch. But the Lord finds all of us, and in the summer of '06 He found me. He had been knocking on my door for years and I never answered. Finally with some help from a camp counselor and the mission trip to Toronto, Jesus became the centre. My life changed completely now that it revolved around God. God changed my life when I finally chose to embrace the fact that Jesus is life, Jesus is love, and that Jesus has loved me since before time even existed.

It took me a long time to learn that, but life has been indescribably better ever since. Yes, I still go

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through tough times, and I still struggle at things, but knowing that the Lord is with me, and will be forever, that makes it all worthwhile. That's what makes the troubles insignificant, knowing that there's a better place and that one day Jesus will take me there. But, in the meantime I'm going to do exactly as He has asked and spend my life bringing others to the Lord, as He intended, and I'm going to do this as long as He wants. Because that is what living is all about."

Ryan is continuing his walk with God. Since May 30th he has been in a three-week training period in Pickering. Then, for two weeks he will be in Eastern Europe — Slovakia and Hungary — where many are still burdened by communism and economic troubles. He will be leading camps, teaching English classes, and sharing his faith in Jesus with children. His final eight weeks will be spent traveling around Ontario coaching children in camp settings and telling them about Jesus.

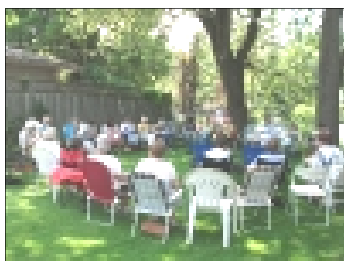
The goal of Scripture Union's SU Sportz internship program is to prepare young people to serve God as they go out into the world, and teach them how to rely on God. Each of the interns was asked to raise \$4,000 in order to participate in the mission to Europe. St. George's Reach Out decided unanimously to sponsor Ryan for \$3,000 as one of our 2011 mission partners.

Please pray for Ryan Wilson throughout the summer months:

- ◆ That he will learn to rely on God's provision in all areas of his life
- ◆ That God will grant him traveling mercies to, from, and within Eastern Europe.
- ◆ That God would use this summer in Ryan's life to make him a stronger man of faith.

Pam Bales

Women's Fellowship Luncheon



Ladies, circle your calendar and come out to enjoy "pot luck" gourmet delicacies, fellowship, and worship at Margaret Harris' home, 4448 Lakeshore Rd., Burlington.

Date: June 16

Time: 12: 30 p.m.



"You will be clothed with power from on high."



A Firm Foundation

1 Peter 2: 5 - 7

Come as living stones, and let yourselves be used in building His Spiritual Temple, where you will serve as holy priests, to offer spiritual and acceptable sacrifices to God through Jesus Christ. For the Scriptures say, **"I chose a valuable stone, which I am placing as a cornerstone in Zion; and whoever believes in him will never be disappointed"**. Jesus is the cornerstone. This stone is of great value for you that believe, but for those who do not believe; **"The stone which the builders rejected as worthless, turned out to be the most important of all"** [Good News Bible].

We who come to our Lord and His truth, will be used for his eternal purposes. Early one morning I saw this clearly: as the cornerstone was to be put in place, the prophets and apostles made a firm foundation. The martyrs were the pillars. Some of us will be the crossbeams because of their strength and uprightness; some will be soaring arches as their voices are raised in songs of praise. Our priests and clergy, as evangelists, will be our windows. There will be need of sand and cement; these are the people of prayer. The Mighty Holy Spirit of God is keeping all in place as the building progresses, the bricks carefully arranged one by one by the Builder.

An analogy I know, but all seemed so reasonable and mighty... The Holy Church of God coming together through us at St Georges... It was a clear message: when we seek after you, you will find us Lord Jesus. The lamps will be kept burning day and night in our sanctuary; there will be a steady flame on our altar. Jesus the light and the door. "Fear not (He said), I shall be with you always". What comfort and blessing these words hold!

The might of heaven oversees all. We are called, chosen, to take our place being built upon what has already been put in place. Jesus is the cornerstone, chosen and precious. Now we take our places, our Holy God fastening the trusses and beams, keeping the roof in place lest harm should befall. Our Lord and Saviour keeps all who are given to Him by His Father. Mighty is His Name!

"And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in." [Isaiah 58:12]

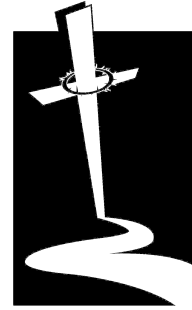
"After this I will return, and I will rebuild the tent of David that has fallen; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will restore it, that the remnant of mankind may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles who are called by my name, says the Lord, who makes these things known from of old." [Acts 15: 16, 17]

We are living stones; we must continue in prayer, trust, faith and thankfulness; we have been chosen.

Annette Harris

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Church of the Messiah



We praise God and rejoice with our mother church St. George's on this Pentecost Sunday, June 12, 2011, when Bishop Charlie will lay hands on over 20 parishioners who will publicly make a commitment to receive Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, and also ordain Ray Smith as Deacon.

Come Holy Spirit, fill them all with your fire for the mission that Jesus has called them to, in following him. Praise and thanks and glory be to God. Hallelu Yah!

Pastor Peter

The prayer of the Bishop for each person confirmed:

Defend, O LORD, this thy Servant, with thy heavenly grace, that he may continue thine for ever; and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit, more and more, until he come unto thy everlasting kingdom. Amen

[BCP]

A Prayer for Ray Smith to be ordered deacon

Pentecost Sunday, June 12, 2011

Most merciful Father, we beseech thee to send upon this thy servant thy heavenly blessing, that he may be clothed with righteousness, and that thy Word spoken by his mouth may have such success, that it may never be spoken in vain. Grant also that we may have grace to hear and receive what he shall deliver out of thy most holy Word, or agreeable to the same; that in all our words and deeds we may seek thy glory, and the increase of thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen [BCP]



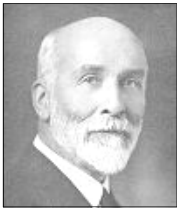
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*Congratulations
And God's blessings to
Ken and Joan Bombay,
celebrating 50 years
of marriage, June , 2011*



Service of thanksgiving at
Park Rd. Pentecostal Church
190 Lynden Road, Brantford,
Sunday, June 19, 6 p.m.



Jonathan Goforth 1859 – 1936

Jonathan Goforth, the great pioneer missionary to China, was a Canadian. He grew up on a farm in Oxford county in south western Ontario. It is said that the crops in his fields were pure, no weeds showing anywhere. As a young man, he went to study in Toronto at Knox College where he acquired a reputation for his holy walk with God and for his rural outlook. He experienced alienation, scorn and persecution. Over time he came to be respected and loved and was supported by his fellow students in his missionary endeavours.

He was ordained in 1886 and he and his wife went as missionaries to China where they served until 1934. Those were rugged years of sacrificial service; only six of their eleven children survived childhood. In 1904 Goforth was stirred by accounts of the Welsh Revival and himself longed for more of the Spirit. At last, in 1908, during his ministry in Manchuria, the Spirit came to China and revival swept across the country. Thereafter, Goforth's ministry was transformed. He became a powerful evangelist and a great preacher of the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Whenever he was in Canada, he had an overwhelming burden that the Canadian church be stirred to hunger for life in the Spirit. Wherever he spoke, he challenged the church to obey Jesus and take the Gospel to the nations. [Eds.]

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Jonathan Edwards (1703 – 1758)



Jonathan Edwards was a great American theologian, pastor, and writer. He was the son of a pastor, Timothy Edwards, and the grandson of a pastor, Samuel Stoddard. He came to the Lord when he was a young boy. Early in his life he had an unusual awe and heart-appreciation of the glory of the Lord; this continued throughout his life. As a boy, he used to go off to a special spot in the woods to pray. He experienced the Lord's grace again in early adulthood. His faith grew as he grew, and after studying at Yale and some early ministry and teaching opportunities, he joined his grandfather Samuel Stoddard as colleague in ministry at the church in Northampton, Massachusetts in 1724. When his grandfather died in 1729 Jonathan Edwards continued as pastor. During his pastorate, he and his people experienced a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In the years following, he was a friend and firm supporter of George Whitefield and his Gospel preaching in the early 1740's, and a participant in the more extensive revival that followed.

In his day, Jonathan Edwards experienced the pain of being a follower of Jesus. His own people whom he had pastored for 26 years, the very people who had been with him through the "great awakening", dismissed him as pastor in 1750. Edwards had come to recognize that his grandfather's practice of "open communion" had no support in the Scriptures. Edwards then moved to the frontier town of Stockbridge where he devoted himself to study and writing; he also served a small congregation and was a missionary to the Housatonic Indians.

In February, 1758, Jonathan Edwards was inaugurated as president of the College of New Jersey, later Princeton University. Previously, he had been reluctant to accept this position because of his ongoing writing projects; nevertheless he agreed. Within a month of taking office, he died of the effects of an experimental smallpox injection.

To the outward eye, a tragic life! But not so! Far more important, Jonathan Edwards knew the Lord and His grace. Throughout his life, both in good times and in adversity, he was unwaveringly faithful to the Lord. He was known to stand steadfastly for the truth, even unpopular truth. He lived in times when orthodox Christian faith was being abandoned by many in their rush for power and wealth in the expanding opportunities of the New World. But he lived in a day when the Lord worked with great grace and power that we ourselves yearn to see. The Lord gave him a wife who shared his trust the Lord. The Lord gave him a happy home and faithful children. The Lord used his life and his witness not only in his own day but also, through his writings, in the generations that have followed. The Lord allowed him to experience and to see a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit in his day. His was an outstanding life!

Mary Ann Masters



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The Holy Spirit

[Bishop John Charles Ryle was a great preacher of the gospel in the nineteenth century. He served for thirty nine years in country parishes before becoming the first Bishop of Liverpool in 1880. He has left us many treasures from his writing and preaching. Eds.]



Be very certain that whatever individual Christians have, are, and enjoy, in contra-distinction to the worldly and unconverted, they owe to the agency of God the Holy Spirit.

- ◆ By Him they are first called, quickened, made alive. John 6: 63
- ◆ Of Him they are born again, and made new creatures. John 3: 8; Titus 3: 5
- ◆ By Him they are convinced of sin, guided into all truth and led to Christ. John 16: 9, 10
- ◆ By Him they are sealed for the day of redemption. Ephesians 1:13, 14; 4: 30
- ◆ He dwells in them as His living temples. I Corinthians 6: 19
- ◆ He witnesses with their spirits-- gives them the spirit of adoption, makes them cry Abba Father, and makes intercession for them. Romans 8: 15, 16, 26
- ◆ By Him they are sanctified. 2 Thessalonians 2: 13
- ◆ Through Him they mortify the deeds of their bodies. After Him they walk. In Him they live. Galatians 5: 25; Romans 8: 1, 13
- ◆ By Him the love of God is shed abroad in their hearts. Romans 5: 5
- ◆ Through His power they abound in hope. Romans 15: 13
- ◆ Through Him they wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. Galatians 5: 5

In a word, all that believers have from grace to glory-- all that they are from the first moment they believe to the day they depart to be with Christ – all, all may be traced to the work of God the Holy Spirit.

A well-instructed Christian knows well the fruits of the Spirit of God. Let me set them before you in order. They are all clear and unmistakable.

(1) **Where the Holy Spirit is, there will always be deep conviction of sin, and true repentance for it.** It is His special office to convince of sin [John 16:8]. He teaches the exceeding corruption and infirmity of our nature. He strips us of our blind self-

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righteousness. He fills the heart with sorrow, contrition, and abhorrence for sin, as the abominable thing which God hates. He that knows nothing of all this, and saunters carelessly through life, thoughtless about sin, and indifferent and unconcerned about his soul, is a dead man before God. He has not the spirit of Christ.

(2) **Where the Holy Spirit is, there will always be lively faith in Jesus Christ, as the ONLY Savior.** It is His special office to testify of Christ, to take of the things of Christ and show them to man [John 16: 15]. He leads the soul which feels its sin, to Jesus and the atonement made by His blood. He shows the soul that Christ has suffered for sin, the just for the unjust, to bring us to God. He points out that we have only to receive Jesus, believe in Him, commit ourselves to Him, and pardon, peace, and life eternal are at once our own. The Holy Spirit makes us willing to disclaim all merit of our own and to venture all on Jesus, looking to nothing, trusting nothing but Christ

(3) **Where the Holy Spirit is, there will always be holiness of life and conversation.** He is the Spirit of holiness [Romans 1: 4]. He is the sanctifying Spirit. He takes away the hard, carnal, worldly heart of man, and puts in place a tender, conscientious, spiritual heart, delighting in the law of God. He makes man turn his face towards God and desire above all things to please Him, and turn his back on the fashion of this world, and no longer make that fashion his god. He sows in man's heart the blessed seeds of "love, joy, meekness, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, temperance," and causes these seeds to spring up and bear pleasant fruit [Galatians 5:22].

(4) **Where the Holy Spirit is, there will always be the habit of earnest private prayer.** He is the Spirit of grace and supplication [Zechariah 12:10]. He works in the heart as the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry Abba, Father. He makes a man feel that he must cry to God, and speak to God,-- feebly, falteringly, weakly, it may be, -- but cry he must about his soul.

(5) Finally, **where the Holy Spirit is, there will always be love and reverence for God's Word.** He makes the newborn soul desire the sincere milk of the Word, just as the infant desires its natural food. He makes it "delight in the law of the Lord" [I Peter 2:2; Psalm 1:2]. The Holy Spirit shows man a fullness, and depth, and wisdom, and sufficiency in the Holy Scriptures, which is utterly hidden from a natural man's eyes. He draws him to the Word with an irresistible force, as the light and lantern, and manna, and sword, which are essential to a safe journey through this world. If the man cannot read, the Spirit makes him love to hear; if he cannot hear, He makes him love to meditate. But to the Word the Spirit always leads him. Precious Holy Spirit!

Bishop John Ryle

[edited and abridged from "Old Paths".]



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John 7: 37—39

Jesus stood and said
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