Pentecost 2: Power of Pentecost sermon for 5-28-17

Thesis: The Power of Pentecost is shown in the giving of the law and the giving of the Spirit. “Power from on high”!

# 2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV)

**7**For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

God has given us a spirit!

To all who believe, He has given us His Spirit; and it’s a Spirit of power and of love!

God has shown us His power and His love on Pentecost.

God’s first outpouring of His power and love at Pentecost: Mt. Sinai

**Exodus 19:3-6** (NKJV)

**3**And Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: **4**‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and *how* I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself.

We were far from The Presence

**5**Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth *is* Mine. **6**And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These *are* the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.”

God made a Covenant

# Exodus 19:16-20 (NKJV)

**16**Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunderings and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who *were* in the camp trembled. **17**And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. **18**Now Mount Sinai *was* completely in smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire. Its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ex+19%3A16-20&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-2045a)] quaked greatly.

God Expressed Himself

**19**And when the blast of the trumpet sounded long and became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by voice. **20**Then the Lord came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mountain. And the Lord called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

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# Exodus 20:1-19 (NKJV)

And God spoke all these words, saying:

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**2**“I *am* the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

**3**“You shall have no other gods before Me.

**4**“You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness *of anything* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth; **5**you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me, **6**but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

**7**“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold *him* guiltless who takes His name in vain.

**8**“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. **9**Six days you shall labor and do all your work, **10**but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the Lord your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates. **11**For *in* six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

**12**“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

**13**“You shall not murder.

**14**“You shall not commit adultery.

**15**“You shall not steal.

**16**“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

**17**“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that *is* your neighbor’s.”

**18**Now all the people witnessed the thunderings, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw *it,* they trembled and stood afar off.

**19**Then they said to Moses, “You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die.”

We could not Relate to God

# Exodus 24:12 (NKJV)

**12**Then the Lord said to Moses, “Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them.”

God’s Law was outside of us

God’s second outpouring of His power and love at Pentecost: Jerusalem

# John 14:15-27 (NKJV)

**15**“If you love Me, keep[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+14&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-26684d)] My commandments.

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**16**And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— **17**the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. **18**I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

The Presence lives in us

**19**“A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. **20**At that day you will know that I *am* in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. **21**He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

**22**Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, “Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?”

**23**Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

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**24**He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me.

**25**“These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. **26**But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. **27**Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

# Acts 2:1-11 (NKJV)

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+2%3A1-11&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-26951a)] in one place. **2**And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3**Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. **4**And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

God Expresses Himself

**5**And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. **6**And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. **7**Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, “Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? **8**And how *is it that* we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? **9**Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10**Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, **11**Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.”

We can Relate to God

# Acts 2:29-39 (NKJV)

**29**“Men *and* brethren, let *me* speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. **30**Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+2%3A29-39&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-26980a)]**31**he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. **32**This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. **33**Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

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**34**“For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself:

‘The Lord said to my Lord,  
“Sit at My right hand,  
**35**Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”’[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+2%3A29-39&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-26985b)]

**36**“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

**37**Now when they heard *this,* they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?”

**38**Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39**For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

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# Hebrews 10:16-17 (NKJV)

**16**“This *is* the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:

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I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,”[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Heb+10%3A16-17&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30150a)] **17***then He adds,* “Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”

God’s Law is inside of us

* **The Power and Love of His Covenant**
  + A covenant is a solemn and binding agreement that can only be separated by death.
  + God’s covenant is His commandments; our agreement is our obedience.
  + **God’s agreement with us is that if we obey His commandments from a heart washed clean, He will make us His special treasure, He will not remember our sins, and He will send us His Holy Spirit to live inside us.**
* **The Power and Love of His Expression**
  + God desires to express Himself and interrupt our lives. He is not one to hide in the shadows; He wants center stage.
  + Mighty sounds and selecting fire.
    - **God has no desire to sneak up on humanity; He desires that His glory be proclaimed to everyone.**
    - With His fire, God selected His mountain—Mt. Sinai. With His baptism of fire, God selects His movable mountains—everyone who believes.
* **The Power and Love of His Relation** 
  + At Sinai we see God expressing His wondrous works and love to a people who not only didn’t understand Him, they were terrified and distrustful of Him.
    - The people stood at a distance and put someone between them and God.
    - The people who only hear the thundering of God and insist on others going to God for them do not have Jesus yet, because Jesus is the way to the Father.
  + At Jerusalem, we see men expressing God’s wondrous works and love in a way that people understood; and they gathered together closer to the sight.
    - **When you and the Holy Spirit in you express God’s wondrous works and love, the people around you who have been prepared will understand and gather closer to God.**
      * It will seem like they are gathering closer to you, but it’s really the God in you they are after.
* **The Power and Love of His Empowerment**
  + At first, the commandments of the Lord were written on stone as a teacher would use a blackboard to show the class something previously unknown.
  + Now, the Holy Spirit helps us to remember those commandments in our minds and hearts eventually leading us to a state of being where we are not only aware of the commandments, but we long to fulfill them.
    - God’s commandments used to be written on stone outside of us, but is now written by the Holy Spirit on our hearts and minds inside of us.
    - **God’s Commandments used to be an occasion to sin, but is now an occasion to be holy as God Himself is holy.**
* **The Power and Love of His Presence**
  + God at first drew you to Himself, and then He poured Himself into you.
  + **No more do I have to go anywhere to be with Him; I am in His presence wherever I go.**
  + Why are you so different? I have God inside. **I carry the presence of God.**
  + **I am the place where people meet with God.**