



Parish Adult SS: Pentecost and the Holy Spirit

“When the New Testament speaks about the fullness of grace which we find in Christ, it does not mean only forgiveness, pardon and justification. Christ has done much more for us. He died for us, but He also lived for us. Now He has sent His own Spirit to us so that we might draw on His strength.” Sinclair Ferguson

Old Testament Backgrounds

Shavuot or Pentecost or the Feast of Weeks was one of the three *Shalosh Regalim* or Pilgrimage Festivals (along with *Pascha* or Passover and *Sukkot* or Tabernacles). Together with the other four festivals on the Old Testament calendar (Sabbath, First Fruits, Trumpets, and Day of Atonement) they are prescribed in Leviticus 23.

Passover celebrates Israel's deliverance from Egypt. Tabernacles celebrates God's guiding hand through the wilderness wanderings and into the Promised Land. Pentecost celebrates God's provision of the Law at Sinai and His provision at the time of the wheat harvest. Unlike the others, it was to include all the various kinds of sacrifices: Wave, Burnt, Drink, Food, Sin, Peace, and Thanks.

Exodus 23:16, 34:22; Leviticus 23:15-21; Numbers 28:26; Deuteronomy 16:9-12

Synagogue Readings: Exodus 20, Ruth, Joel, Psalm 16, 110.

New Testament Backgrounds

Promise of Jesus: Matthew 3:11; Luke 11:13; John 1:33, 14:16-17, 14:26, 15:26, 16:7, 20:22; Acts 1:4-8

NT Promises: 2 Corinthians 5:5; Galatians 3:5; Ephesians 1:17; 1 John 4:13

Day of Pentecost: Acts 2

Sound and Fire: Luke 3:16; 2 Samuel 22:16; Psalm 18:7-15; Exodus 19:18

Other Tongues: Genesis 11:1-9; Revelation 7:9

Sermon: “To know for certain” Acts 2:36; 1 Corinthians 12:3