***Harvest Eyes (6)***

***“Holy Spirit in the Harvest”***

**INTRODUCTION**

**Promised outpouring was fulfilled in *Acts 2.* Since that time, man has sought an experience...not the Holy Spirit...many things have been muddied. However…I want what they had...for you and for me. I desire the Holy Ghost to do among us…what He did in the Early Church! He transformed them and empowered them to engage the Harvest. We must have the Holy Spirit working in us as we move into His harvest!**

**"Only the Holy Ghost can change the world." (Leonard Ravenhill)**

**“There's one thing we need above everything else; it's something we don't talk about these days. We need a mighty avalanche of conviction of sin.” (Leonard Ravenhill)**

**I. THE HOLY SPIRIT CHANGED THEM (He Changed Me & You)**

 **A. No More Fear.**

 **1. Fearless. These same people who had been afraid of the Jews and Pharisees, and manipulated by the devil...now went out and began to establish churches at a phenomenal rate. Fear has gripped our generation...we need an outpouring of Holy Ghost power.**

 **a. Changed. "There is one qualification that proves we're filled with the Holy Ghost and that is, we Iive a holy life." (Leonard Ravenhill)**

 **B. No More Intimidation.**

 **1. Persecution. *Acts 2:12-13. “*Amazed” = become astounded, insane: be beside self. “In Doubt” = to be thoroughly in doubt, perplexed. “Questions” -** *“What meaneth this?”* **They did not possess the information that they needed to understand. “Mocking” = to throw out the lip, i.e. jeer at:--mock. (*v.13*** *“Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine.”***)**

 **a. Just Beginning. This persecution was only the beginning...it would get much, much worse. The Holy Ghost outpouring gave them strength to endure! We need an outpouring!**

 **1) Persecution. *Acts 12:1-4***

**a) Prayer. *(v5…*** *but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church****) Acts 16:16, Acts 16:25***

**b) Power.**

**(1) Power to Insulate. *(v4****…intending to bring him before the people after Passover****) Psalm 27:1-5;* Later…Herod could not find Peter…anywhere!**

 **(2) Power to Illuminate. *(v7****…light shined in the prison****)***

**(3) Power to Resuscitate. *(v7****…“Arise quickly”****)***

**[arise = arouse, cause to rise from the sleep of death] The angel “***struck Peter on the side***” [to strike or touch gently] *Ezra 8:22***

**(4) Power to Liberate. *(v7…****his chains fell off****)* [to fall powerless, to be without effect]**

 **c) Precept. *(v24****…the word of God grew and multiplied****)* The reason for the persecution AND the deliverance. Preach Jesus!**

 **d) Provision. *(Acts 13:2****…the Holy Ghost said…* ***Acts 13:4****…the Holy Ghost sent…****)***

**2) Persecution! *Acts 8:1,******Acts 11:19,******Acts 13:50,*** ***I Timothy 3:12,***

***I Corinthians 4:12*, *II Corinthians 4:8-10***

**II. THE HOLY SPIRIT ANOINTED THEM**

 **A. Back To The Book.**

 **1. Peter’s Preaching. *Acts 2:14-21***

 **a. The Preached Word. They preached the Word...everywhere...all through the book of *Acts.* We need an outpouring!**

 **1) Anointing. *I John 2:20 & 27***

**"We're living in an unprecedented day (when) evil is no longer evil. We've changed the terminology— iniquity is now infirmity; wickedness is now weakness; devilry is now deficiency." (Leonard Ravenhill)**

**III. THE HOLY SPIRIT FOCUSED THEM ON JESUS**

 **A. The Foundation of the Message.**

 **1. Focus of the Holy Spirit. *John 15:26, John 16:13-14***

**2. Focus of Peter’s Preaching. *Acts 2:22-36...*He did not focus on the experience...but on the source of the experience...Jesus Christ. You cannot lose God in the midst of the move of God. *Acts 2:33***

 **B. The Focus of the Message..**

 **1. Jesus…The Main Attraction. He WILL always be the focus when the Spirit is in control...****Let Jesus be the focus. We need an outpouring!**

**IV. THE HOLY SPIRIT DROVE THEM TO THE HARVEST**

 **A. Results.**

 **1. The Goal! *Acts 2:37-41...*A Vision For The Harvest…*Acts 1:8***

**Your house...your city...your nation...your world. We must enlarge our vision of the harvest. We need an outpouring!**

**a. The Acts of the Holy Spirit.**

**CONCLUSION**

 **The eyes of The Holy Spirit…are Harvest Eyes! Let us see the way HE sees.**