

# Pentecost - 2018

## Reckoning Rightly with Your Privilege

**I. INTRODUCTION:** *Do you know what you have?*

**II. HOW IT WAS THEN:** *The Holy Spirit in the OT*

### A. Present at the Genesis

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. (Genesis 1)

### B. Temporary & External

- Among the Judges - Samson

<sup>6</sup> Then the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him, and although he had nothing in his hand, he tore the lion in pieces as one tears a young goat. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done. (Judges 14)

- Left Saul to go to David

<sup>15</sup> Saul answered, "I am in great distress, for the Philistines are warring against me, and God has turned away from me and answers me no more, either by prophets or by dreams." (1 Samuel 28)

- Temporary possession of the prophets
- Always the "other" - outside the people:

### C. The Thing Longed for

<sup>29</sup> But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!" (Numbers 11)

### **III. HOW IT IS NOW:** *The Holy Spirit in the New Age*

- ✓ Still the Spirit giving life - even to the unjust and evil
- ✓ Still convicting the world
- ✓ Still directing the affairs of influential rulers

#### A. In the Church - Acts 2:1-11

- Uniting and turning back Babel
- Powerful - like a strong wind
- Bearing witness to God's actions in Jesus Christ

#### B. In your own life - Acts 2:16-18

- For *every* believer
- Intimate & Ever-Present
- Giving personal access to the God of the Universe

### **IV. WHAT IT CAN BE FOR YOU**

A. You have the HS

B. You matter - Your work matters - Your calling is significant

C. We have become a Royal Priesthood

### **V. "SO, WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?"**

A. A lovely icon ...

B. The voice that whispers - and unsettles