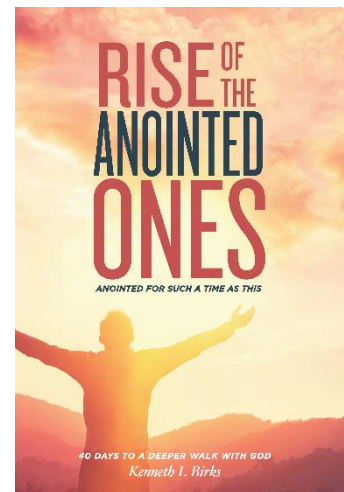


## A Mighty Rushing Wind is Coming

As I read the Scriptures, I'm reminded of how powerful God is. His omniscience and omnipotence are laced throughout the Scriptures in both the Old and New Testaments. We see how God's holy vessels did mighty exploits throughout the Scriptures, especially during strategic seasons when God fulfilled His prophetic purposes. Our Father God is not selfish with His power. He desires to pour it into our lives as He has done through His faithful messengers throughout the ages. The promise of His mighty working power is available to all who seek it.

***Ephesians 1:17-19*** that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, <sup>18</sup> the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power.



It appears that we are entering a season of which Jesus spoke of called the "Beginning of the Birth Pangs," which is a pre-cursor to the tribulation He spoke of. This time is also the season in which all the prophetic purposes the prophets of old prophesied will be fulfilled. The Father will withhold Jesus's second coming until all that was predicted passes.

***Acts 3:19-21*** Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, <sup>20</sup> and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, <sup>21</sup> **whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.**

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, He gave His disciples a tremendous promise. He said, "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you."<sup>1</sup> In the Book of Acts, we discover the fulfillment of this promise when they were all in one accord in one place when they heard the sound from heaven suddenly coming upon them as a rushing wind, which resulted in them all speaking in tongues as

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<sup>1</sup> Acts 1:8

the Spirit gave them utterance.<sup>2</sup> The Holy Spirit coming like a mighty rushing wind resulted in these disciples of Jesus going everywhere doing great exploits for God and His purposes. Peter made it clear in his message that followed this incredible outpouring of God's Spirit. He said this same power is available to all who call on the name of the Lord.

**Acts 2:39** *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.***

Has God called you? If so, the wonderful promise of the Holy Spirit coming as a mighty rushing wind and baptizing you in the Holy Spirit is still available.

There are many examples in the Book of Acts of the disciples of Jesus going forth in the same manner as Jesus performing great exploits of God, revealing the kingdom power Jesus promised.

- Peter and John healing the lame man at Temple — Acts 3:1-9
- Peter released from prison by an Angel of God — Acts
- Peter's shadow healing people — Acts 5:15
- People from surrounding regions bring the sick to be healed by the disciples. All were healed — Acts 5:12-16
- Peter raising the dead — Acts 9:40
- Stephen did mighty miracles — Acts 6:8
- Signs and Wonders by Phillip in Samaria — Acts 8:6-8
- Paul perceiving the man who had faith to be healed — Acts 14:8
- Paul on the island of Malta after being bitten by a poisonous snake and then healing many — Acts 28:6-9

All of these miracles, signs, and wonders resulted from the mighty rushing wind that came suddenly upon the disciples on the day of Pentecost. This same power is still available to all who call on the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. There's another mighty rushing wind that is coming. Will we be ready for it when it



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<sup>2</sup> Acts 2:1-4

comes? Will we be found praying and waiting in the same manner, these early disciples were?

Just as God poured His Spirit upon the early believers, He's pouring His Spirit on all who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ today, as Paul wrote in his first letter to the Corinthians. He says of the gifts of the Spirit, *"There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the **same God who works all in all**. But the **manifestation of the Spirit** is given to each one for the profit of all. — 1 Corinthians 12:4-7*

The word *"works"* means active operation, effectual, powerful, active, efficient, fervent, and mighty in showing forth. The term *"manifestation"* means to make visible, clear, and known.

With these two definitions in mind, we can see, once again, how God, in His sovereignty, uses His instruments of righteousness as flames of fire to be fervent and mighty in making His power visible. As members of His body, we are to be zealous, active, effectual, efficient, and mighty in manifesting the gifts of the Spirit to benefit the body as a whole. With all of this in mind, let's set our hearts to be used by God so that we are sufficiently prepared when the mighty rushing wind comes upon us suddenly.

The prophecy of Joel was only partially fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost as it was intended for the whole of the Church age, which doesn't end until the Second Coming of Christ. Believers everywhere will have remarkable opportunities to be strategically involved in everything the Lord is about to do.

The prophetic period we're about to enter requires preparation for God's actions. Throughout history, when God moved, it was suddenly without prior notice. He used those who were ready and willing as His vessels unto honor. He plans to send his ministers as flames of fire in His zeal to complete what He's started. The faithful laborers are few. Will you be prepared and ready? You won't want to get caught sleeping when the Lord decides to move suddenly.

A mighty rushing wind is coming, just like what was poured out on the Day of Pentecost to the 120 who were in the Upper Room. Only this time, it won't be 120. Billions of people worldwide, in every country, city, town, and countryside, will be busily involved in the Lord's harvest. It will be an explosive outpouring of His Spirit and power that will come suddenly throughout the earth and require

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many laborers. The fields of the harvest are ripe and ready, but the faithful laborers are few.

***Isaiah 6:8*** Also, I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."