



# WATCHMAN'S TRUMPET



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## FROM THE MISSION DIRECTOR

Hello,

I welcome you to this new month and present to you April 2023 edition of Watchman's Trumpet. The theme of this month's edition is "Pentecost: the impartation of Divine ability".

Pentecost imparts and ought to impart divine and supernatural abilities. Pentecost is a Jewish thanksgiving festival held 50 days after Passover. To the Church, the term "Pentecost" means Baptism in the Holy Spirit and associated manifestations/experiences. Jesus is our Passover. He was crucified on a Passover day. He shed His precious blood to atone for our sins. Holy Spirit was poured out upon 120 waiting-believers and disciples in Jerusalem fifty days after the Passover day that the Lord was crucified and ten days after His ascension. They spoke in unlearned tongues but much more than that they received power for ministry and were totally transformed. The experience equipped them to continue Jesus' mission on earth. Over two thousand years separated contemporary Church from the event on that day. God's faithfulness ensured that many believers too today receives and enjoys the same Baptism that early church received but there are mix-ups.

First, many Christians continue to live their lives after conversion as if Holy Spirit's Baptism is optional and not for all. Their inability to live in victory over self and sin advertises their powerlessness.

*If by leading such lives, their own problems are not solved how will they assist in evangelizing the world and delivering others from Satan?*

*Furthermore, there are those who claim to be baptized in the Holy Spirit simply because they are speaking in tongues and nothing more. They are as worldly, as sinful and as wicked as those who never knew the Lord. How can this be?*

*This edition of Watchman's Trumpet is written to remind all believers and those genuinely thirsty for God's*

*Anointing and power that remarkable signs and experiences accompanied the Holy Spirit Baptism that early church received. What the apostles received is not just utterances in unlearned tongues, they received power that transformed their lives and accelerated progress in their ministry.*

*In view of multiplying activities of powers of darkness in this end-time we cannot do less, It is my sincere desire and prayer that as we revisit Pentecost again, great things will happen in the lives and ministry of all readers in Jesus name! Welcome!*

## DISTINCTIVES OF PENTECOST

*"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there*



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*appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" Acts 2:1-4.*

Pentecost is a Jewish harvest festival celebrated 50 days after Passover. Also known as "Feast of Weeks" and "Feast of First fruits", through it Jews express thanksgiving to God for the year's grain harvest and other crops (Numbers 28:26-31). Today and in Christianity, the term "Pentecost" is synonymous with Holy Spirit's Baptism and related activities because on the day of Pentecost that followed Christ's crucifixion and death, Disciples of Christ experienced the outpouring of God's Spirit. The experience permanently transformed them and continues to transform the world till date. It was a watershed in the history of religion and marks the birth of the New Testament Church. Baptism in the Holy Spirit otherwise



known today as Pentecostal experience takes Christianity beyond man-made earthly religion with ethical standards, moral codes and social structures. Through personal experience of Pentecost we have spiritualization and divination of man. God takes up residence inside us 1 Corinthians 6:9-20.

We shall consider three subtopics:

1. Preparatory waiting mode of Christ's disciples
2. The arrival and inauguration of Pentecostal experiences
3. The ministry and message of true Pentecost

### 1. Preparatory waiting mode of Christ's disciples

*"And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high"* **Luke 24:49.**

*"... ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth"* **Acts 1:8.**

Jesus during His ascension placed His disciples in waiting mode in spite of their training through mentoring for over three years to make us understand the difference that Pentecost makes in Christianity when compared with other religions. A man may by learning be trained to become religious but it is the Holy Spirit that can make someone a Christian in a true sense. The disciples' waiting became necessary because their close contact with Christ including His various teachings that they learnt and could have easily written, teach and pass on to others is grossly inadequate to make them to fully represent Christ, carry on His ministry and win the world. They need personal presence and power of God inside them and with them the way Jesus had.

## 2. The arrival and inauguration of Pentecostal experiences

*"And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance"* **Acts 2:3-4.**

Jesus was crucified on a Passover day. 50 days after that particular Passover, 10 days after the ascension of Christ, the Holy Spirit was poured upon 120 disciples who have been waiting for the experience as commanded by Lord, prophesied in Joel 2:28-29, and promised by God. On that day, there were in Jerusalem large population of Diaspora Jews from "every nation" Acts 2:5. The experience was unusual, miraculous and dramatic. There was a sound like a mighty windstorm from heaven that filled the house where they were sitting. What appeared like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. They began to speak in other (foreign) languages which they never learnt as the Spirit gave them ability. This unusual event attracted a large crowd of bewildered citizens and pilgrims who heard these Spirit-filled disciples speaking in the languages of their home country where they came from. Peter then step forward with the eleven to preach a powerful sermon that converted 3,000 people to Christianity.



Peter declared in his sermon that God was willing to reproduce the same experience in all who repent and turn to Christ. It was a foretaste of what God desired and prepared for Christians in all ages. The disciples did not just receive utterances in unlearned languages; they were permanently transformed from a small group of uneducated timid peasants into world-class teachers, men of conviction; fearless and courageous with martyr boldness and mountain moving faith. This still remains the criteria for evaluating genuine Holy Spirit's Baptism today.



## 3. Ministry and Message of True Pentecost

Uniquely demonstrated by these early disciples after their Baptism in the Holy Spirit is amplified ability and overwhelming commitment to obey God, study the word of God and preach the Gospel with signs following.

Actually, Peter's sermon immediately after the Spirit's Baptism was a Bible Study. Captured in 26 verses, it contained 13 direct quotations from the Old Testament Joel 2:28-32 (quoted in Acts 2:16-21), Psalms 16:8-11 (quoted in Acts 2:28) and Psalm 110:1 (quoted in Acts 2:34-35). Of the remaining verses, 10 verses provided exposition/explanation on the 13 verses quoted from the Old Testament Scriptures and the remaining 3 verses (verses 38-40) were direct appeals and call to decision. If therefore today's Holy Spirit Baptism alienates receivers from sound doctrinal study and teaching of God's word and does not enhance receiver's appetite for scripture reading, Bible Study classes and Sunday school, holy living etc, and zeal for evangelism it is doubtful if it is the same Spirit's Baptism that Peter received.

For the avoidance of doubt, let us note that the revival inspired by Holy Spirit's Baptism on the day of Pentecost was not from Christian rock concert disguised as "Praise Worship" or some forms of emotional gospel gimmicks with its associated drama, comedy and jokes, entertainment and theatrics; it was a Bible Study. All true revivals from the days of Ezra-Nehemiah through 16<sup>th</sup> century Protestant Reformation and 19<sup>th</sup> century Awakening has always been focused on God's word because anytime we receive the word of the Lord, we actually receive the Lord of the word.



## ABOUT WATCHMAN OUTREACH MISSION

Watchman Outreach Mission as envisioned fundamentally comprises of men and women of faith who watch over one another and together watch for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Next to this primary assignment is an equally important responsibility of bringing others into the same state of watchfulness and readiness as the coming of the Lord draws near. Ours is a trans-ministerial, trans-denominational mission. Our core values include expository teaching, prayer and counselling. We train in principles and practice of Christian discipleship and equip for effective Kingdom Service.

The Lord Jesus Christ in one of His parables said “*While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept*” **Mathew 25:5**. Watchman Outreach Mission is a response of faith to this and similar warnings about events in the last days. Our response is based on the premise that prophecies, visions and revelations about the future such as the one documented in the Lord’s parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins are sign-posts by which men are warned to keep vigil to avoid disastrous end. We serve to wake up the church and men everywhere to remain alert and watch for the Lord’s return.

The Mission, based in Ibadan, Nigeria, was launched in 2009 and its maiden outing took place on the 20th November of the same year. On that day, we partnered with All Nations Evangelical Ministry (ANEM), Akobo, Ibadan for Evangelistic and Medical Mission Outreach to Idi - Ose Village on Arulogun - Olorunda Road in Lagelu Local Government, Ibadan.

In the years that followed we networked with churches and other Christian groups too to implement our mandate which include conducting gospel outreaches, discipleship training for new converts, organizing and facilitating workers and ministerial training, conducting administrative reviews in churches and ministries, writing of proposals for reforms and church growth strategies that can enhance social cohesion, improve church finances and foster overall development, unity and growth of such ministries; monitoring and/or supervision of the implementation of such reforms and strategies.

Some of these Christian groups and ministries include with Christ Apostolic Church, Oke - Ife in Ajangboju, Ibadan, Nigerian Military Christian Fellowship, Adekunle Fajuyi Cantonment Chapter in Oyo - State Nigeria, Christ Gospel Mission International, Light of Jesus Evangelistic Ministry with branches in different cities in South Western Nigeria, and Ark of Salvation Church of Christ (ASCC) with headquarters at Molade, Monatan Ibadan.

Till date, although partnered ministries change from time to time depending on the leading we receive from the Lord, we remain committed to our main purpose and vision; that of service to the church and in the world to wake up men everywhere and encourage them to remain alert and watch for the Lord’s return. Through our activities, souls had been saved, believers edified and church workers’ spiritual growth and development enhanced, all to the glory of God.

## WATCHMAN PRAYER HOUR



### *Prayer Points - For April 2023*

1. Thank God for His power and possibilities through Pentecostal experiences
2. Pray that the Lord should send the old time power, the Pentecostal power  
Pray that the Lord will come and take possession of your heart, your life; and your ‘all’.
5. Pray that God’s power will transform us and renew our life.
6. Pray for Holy Spirit driven-commitment to Bible reading and study, worship, fellowship and prayers as well as implicit obedience to the Word of God in our world
7. Pray that self will be consumed and sin will be destroyed
8. Pray that sinners will be converted and the Lord’s name glorified
9. Pray that the Lord will throw open wide floodgates of blessing and endue each waiting heart in every land with zeal and power to do His work  
“ ..... *men ought always to pray, and not to faint;*’ **Luke 18:1**

**May the Lord hear and answer all our prayers - AMEN!**

**Watchman Prayer Hour** holds every Saturday from 10.30am - 12.00MD. We invite you to join us at our office in 78/80 Nepa (IBEDC) Building, Opposite U.I. Second Gate, Ibadan . Oyo - State Follow us on any of our Social media platforms and send your inquiries or prayer requests to any of our digital addresses.



## THE NEED FOR HOLY SPIRIT'S BAPTISM

*"Then Moses heard the people weep throughout their families, every man in the door of his tent; and the anger of the LORD was kindled greatly; Moses also was displeased. And Moses said unto the LORD, Wherefore hast thou afflicted thy servant? and wherefore have I not found favour in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me? I am not able to bear all this people alone, because it is too heavy for me. And the LORD came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and gave it unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease"*  
**Number 11:10-11, 14, 25**

Christian discipleship is a great and commendable choice. To leave everything else including secular work to follow Jesus is one of the greatest sacrifices anyone can make. It is obvious evidence of great love, dedication and loyalty which as much as possible we should all emulate. However, as awesome as the commitment of Christ's disciples are, their life and ministry before Pentecost still falls short of God and Christ's acceptable standard. Christ knew this hence He commanded them to tarry in Jerusalem till they are filled with Holy Spirit and His power.

We shall consider three subtopics:

1. The limitation of life and ministry without Holy Spirit's in-filling
2. The necessity of Holy Spirit's power and presence in life and ministry

### 1. The limitation of life and Ministry without Holy Spirit's Baptism

*"Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency*



*is of God; Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life"* **2 Corinthians 3:5-6.**

These clearly observable shortcomings in the life of Christ's disciples illustrated their need for Holy Spirit's Baptism:

1. **Unbelief** Mathew 17:15-16, 19-21. They were unable to meet the need of a devil-possessed tormented boy when Jesus was absent. According to the Lord, their unbelief was largely due to their omission of the exercise of prayer and fasting. Unbelief will keep the church small, saints weak, preachers powerless, church members depressed, homes troubled and needs unfulfilled. Members will go elsewhere to look for solution.
2. **Shallow commitment** John 21:1-3, they profess to have forsaken all Mark 10:28 but as soon as the ordeals of the cross begins, they ran away and return to their secular employment.
3. **Timidity** Mathew 26:69-75. Peter in Mark 14:27-31 emphatically declared the he was ready to die with Christ. All the others vowed to do the same. We know the rest of the story. We can see then the limitation of natural, physical, human boldness devoid of Spirit's empowerment.
4. **Sectarianism** Luke 9:49-51. They stopped someone who was serving in the name of the Lord, casting out devils because he did not belong to their group. The history of denominational bias and prejudice is a long one. While no one should give up any truth he found in the Bible in the name of unity, baseless sectarianism most often deprives good men of the influence of godly people outside their group.

## 2. The necessity of Holy Spirit's presence and power

*"If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small"* **Proverbs 24:10**

*"For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God"*  
**1 Corinthians 2:11.**

1. **Wisdom** Life is not always about black and white, we sometimes have to choose between two good options. We need God's wisdom or the gift of wisdom to do so correctly especially where our choice has dispensational implication.
2. **Revelation** 1 Corinthians 2:11. To know and understand all that pertains to God such as His word, will and way, we need Holy Spirit's revelation
3. **Fruit bearing** Galatians 5:22-23. Hard work and discipline have their benefits in human life and relationship but we need more to love the loveless and rejoice during persecution and trials.
4. **Purity** 2 Corinthians 3:17-18. It is the Holy Spirit that can transform drug addicts and hardened, cruel, wicked criminals into gentle Christ-like saints. He could do in a moment what 50years of efforts cannot achieve.
5. **Power.** It is Holy Spirit that can help us overcome human weaknesses and limitations hindering the effectiveness of our service and Christian witness. The life of Peter before and after Pentecost was a test case.
6. **Warfare** Luke 4:1 When Jesus entered into direct combat with the Devil, He was full of the Holy Ghost. We cannot do less. Our use of the Scriptures and effectiveness of our prayers during Spiritual warfare will need to be inspired and powered by the Holy Spirit Ephesians 6:17-18, Zechariah 4:6, 1 John 4:4



## SPIRIT – FILLED BELEIVERS

*“And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;” Ephesians 5:18*

Our text drew a parallel between what wine and its excess will do to those who are filled with it and what in-filling of the Holy Spirit will do in the life of those who are baptized. We are warned to keep away from wine and its excess and consider in-filling by the Holy Spirit as a necessity.

We shall consider these three subtopics:

1. Ruin by wine and its excess
2. Greater blessings from in-filling by Holy Spirit
3. Impartation of life and power for great possibilities

### 1. Ruin by wine and its excess

*“Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise” Proverbs 20:1.*

*“Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink:” Isaiah 5:22*

Unwise men take to the bottle as a means of solving problems or recreation, to raise their moods, experience excitement, cure depression, suppress pains and gain energy. Unfortunately, they are ruined by it. No lasting benefit comes from drunkenness. Wine and its excess creates riot, produces contention, multiplies sorrow, make men do and say foolish things. Drunkenness wastes valuable time and resources. It makes men forget and ruin their relationship. It leaves a man weak, vulnerable and exposed to danger, harm and loss. The Apostle warned all men to keep off. Those already under its bondage can repent today and turn to Christ so He can break their yokes by His Spirit’s power.



### 2 Great blessings from in-filling by the Spirit

*“Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him, And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand” Acts 13:9-11.*

Whatever problem you wanted to solve, whatever limitation for role performance you face and whatever your needs are, Holy Spirit will solve them and permanently too if you come to Jesus. Holy Spirit in-filling produces joy, delight, elevation of mind, healthful excitement that eliminates the dullness of ordinary life. He energizes and strengthens the filled believer, gives us strength to suffer in the will of God, labour, love, hope, conquer temptation and do the will of God. It makes a man bold and daring in giving and service to God. Holy Spirit makes true heroes and martyrs out of weak and timid men. He makes us rejoice in tribulation and forget pains of trials. He makes us patient and gracious to our enemies, to those who oppose us and our persecutors. We are able to rejoice in infirmities and during afflictions. He is the world’s greatest curer of depression. Holy Spirit comfort, helps, guides, teaches, directs, reminds, transforms, and sanctifies; He illuminates and abides. Holy Spirit is Christ’s “vicar” or personal representative on earth. He lives inside the believer.

### 3. Impartation of life and power for great possibilities

*“How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him” Acts 10:38.*

Holy Spirit imparts divine life. To be filled with the Holy Spirit is to be baptized in the Spirit and to be full of the Spirit. Yieldedness gives Him total control over every area of our lives the way alcohol controls the drunk to do things he will not naturally do. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is a recurring event. The first in-filling is called Baptism in the Holy Spirit but after baptism, the scripture enjoins us to be continuously filled. This was the experience of the Apostles Acts 13:52, 4:8, 13:9-10, Acts 11:24, 6:3-7, 7:55. Holy Spirit confers on men divine abilities and open doors for supernatural possibilities. Holy Spirit promotes holy living and lively, pure, scriptural conversations as a fall out of its excitement. We see this excitement and liveliness radiate in the ministration and prayers of Holy Spirit filled preachers and speakers.



Through His influence, energy and revelation, filled believers speak to one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs; singing and making melodies in their hearts to the Lord and giving thanks always for all things. Holy Spirit filled men are speaking and singing men. In believers’ community, Holy Spirit makes us bubble with responsorial holy music and sacred gratitude.



## MANIFESTATION AND LEADING OF THE SPIRIT

*"But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal"* 1 Corinthians 12:7.

*"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God"* Romans 8:14.

Two unique things the Holy Spirit will want to do in and through a spirit-filled believer is to manifest and lead. Both concepts we must clearly understand so as to maximally benefit from these operations of the Holy Spirit.

We shall consider three subtopics:

1. Manifestation of the Spirit in Baptized believers
2. Manner of Holy Spirit's leading and guidance
3. Direction of Holy Spirit's inclination and influence

### 1. Manifestation of the Spirit in Baptized Believers

*"But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues. But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will"* 1 Corinthians 12:7-11.

Manifestation (phanerosis in Greek) means to exhibit, to make visible and observable like the signs and symptoms of infectious disease. Most times, the germs responsible for an infectious disease cannot be seen, at least not by the naked eye. However, its signs and symptoms clearly

announce its presence. In the same way varieties of manifestations announces the presence of the Holy Spirit in Baptismal measure. The Holy Spirit's power in us manifests as spiritual gifts (or operations) and spiritual fruits.

Spiritual gifts or operations itemized in the scriptures include word of knowledge, word of wisdom, faith, discernment, healing, miracles, prophesies, speaking in tongues and interpretation of tongues. Spiritual fruits include love, joy, gentleness, goodness, faith, peace, meekness, long suffering and temperance. Through these we are transformed into Christ's image and equipped to continue His mission on earth as appropriately suited or designed for us in accordance with His will for individuals and for our group.

Comments of onlookers on the day of Pentecost revealed clearly that there are visible signs and observable evidences that ideally should accompany baptism in the Holy Spirit. Initial evidence is *speaking in foreign previously unlearned language* Acts 10:44-46, 19:1-6, Acts 2:4. Others include *effective witnessing and powerful preaching, courage and boldness* Acts 4:29-31, *hearing God speak* Acts 10:18-19, 13:1-2, *prophesies, visions and dreams* Acts 2:16-17, Joel 2:28, *power and power gifts* Acts 1:8, 2:48, 3:6-7, and *healing; fulfilment and fruitfulness in ministry* Acts 6:2-5, 8:29, 16:7, *heart stirred up with music* and singing to the Lord Ephesians 5:18-19, thankfulness and *spiritual fruits* evident in Stephen when stoned and Peter while awaiting execution. It takes supernatural enablement to respond to danger and persecution in the way they did.



### 2. Manner of Holy Spirit's leading and guidance

*"Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,*

*After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not. And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them"* Acts 16:6-10.

To be led is to be guided, instructed, quickened, impelled, influenced and directed. It is the exclusive privilege of God's children and clear evidence that we belong to God. The Holy Spirit leads by suggesting scriptural motives. By so doing He influences our actions and behavior. He works in our hearts and minds. He guides and influences our thoughts and ideas by reasoning and instructions.



*"And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance"* Acts 2:3-4.



By these He moulds our desires to conform to God's will. His chief leading tool most times is the written and preached word. He sometimes leads by inner witness or intuition; at another time by quickening (prompting) or restraints (a check in our spirit); and others such as visions, dreams and prophecies. In as much as every child of God should expect to be led by Him, our promptness in obedience and whole-hearted submission can to a large extent enhance our intimacy with the Holy Spirit and increase our usefulness and profitability in His service.

## 2. Direction of Holy Spirit's inclination and influence

*"The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit"* John 3:8.

*"Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned"* 1 Corinthians 2:13-14.

A lot of confusion, arguments, criticisms and misunderstanding exists in the Christendom on Holy Spirit's leading and manifestations to the point of discouraging many from seeking to deepen their walk and relationship with God and with Christ through communion with the Holy Spirit. Some of the manifestations that has been widely criticized and even out rightly condemned includes drunken behavior as seen in the early disciples on the day of Pentecost. Others include laughing, staggering, shouting, shaking and crying by those touched by God's power. Many are troubled by the fact that these experiences can be faked or mimicked by demon-possessed



individuals. Truly, the things of God seems like foolishness to the rational mind. Sincerely, nobody have all the answers to the questions that the operations of God and activities of the Holy Spirit generate in the world.

Cautious optimism should be a more realistic attitude or approach in understanding and explaining these things so as not to undermine the influence of the Spirit or sin against God. In most cases, we know in part and see in part 1 Corinthians 13:11-13. Many who attempt to answer all questions on Holy Spirit's operations are often swayed by their presumptive logic into errors and lead others into the same. Even most sincere ministers who try to be objective may still find out that their presumed objectivity flows from a subjective framework connected with



their Christian perception, religious philosophy and denominational background and biases. On the long run, the way we see and interpret things are largely influenced by who we are. Only God has all the answers and it will take our arrival at a future age of perfection to know all things and be sure of all things that we know as they are.

However, as a general level, we know that Holy Spirit will not lead a man to walk the road of retaliation, unforgiveness, revenge, inhumanity, fighting, lust, and indecency in action, dressing and appearance or to worship idols. Holy Spirit does not lead a man to mix with the ungodly and use their speech and act like them. He does not drive men furiously to destroy them like the legion drove the herd of swine violently into the sea in Gadarenes. He does not make a man wild, fanatical and uncontrollable. Instead, He makes those He leads tender, compassionate, and brave; He guides them to maintain clear, clean and sensitive conscience in everything they do.

The scriptures enjoin us to try the spirits, to prove all things and hold on to that which is good. We can know them and judge by their fruits. God's grace is sufficient for us if we absolutely depend upon Him to protect us from deception and make us through the operation of the Holy Spirit in us what He has ordained us to be.



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**Tommy Lee Osborn** was an American Evangelist, singer, author and teacher, whose ministry was based in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was born on 23 December, 1923 to Charles Richard Osborn and Mary née Brown, on a small family potato farm, in Grady County, Oklahoma. He was the seventh and youngest son of thirteen children. His parents were musicians, as were several of his brothers and sisters, and Tommy Lee started making music at a very young age.

In 1930, when Osborn was six years old, his father moved the family to Skedee, Oklahoma, in search of another, more profitable farm. He met televangelist Oral Roberts, who become his lifelong friend till his death in 2009. Osborn frequently went with Roberts to evangelical meetings, Roberts did the preaching, Osborn played instrument for the musical part of the meeting. At 13, Osborn had experienced a Christian conversion when his older brother took him to a Pentecostal church in Mannford.

At the age of 15, Osborn had an encounter with the Lord. The Lord told him he was called to be an evangelist. He laughed and cried at the same time, overwhelmed by what was happening to him. He dropped out of high school after eighth grade and hit the road with E.M. Dillard, a traveling evangelist. He was organizing meetings and also in charge of youth services in the evenings throughout their evangelical journey until he met Daisy Washburn at one of their meetings in California.

On 5 April, 1942, Osborn married Daisy Washburn. He was 18, and she was 17. Shortly thereafter, they started a life of ministry and missionary travelling. They had a mission in India that was short-lived, the ministry lasted less than a year, they returned home. In 1947, they had their only daughter, LA Donna Osborn she was raised accompanying her parents on the platforms of global mass miracle evangelistic crusades. Shortly after their return from India, the couple was hungry for Holy Spirit's power and anointing. They prayed, read the Bible, books, sermons etc. T. L. Osborn woke up one morning and saw a vision of Jesus that changed his life forever. Osborn testified that Jesus stood in front of him and his senses were completely overwhelmed.

## MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

**THOMAS LEE OSBORN**  
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His body became immobilized and tears poured out of his eyes as he lay before the Lord; from that point on he wanted only one thing: the Glory of Jesus. They gained recognitions as evangelists on the Big Tent Revival circuit in the United States and Canada. They preach among others like Oral Roberts, Billy Graham and lots more to an audience of more than ten thousand people in open air. In 1953, the Osborns formed the Association of Native Evangelists made up of local pastors to plant churches. By the early 1950s, their emphasis began to shift more and more towards international missions. They held large crusades in Latin America, Asia, and Africa and crowds grew rapidly, Osborn and his team traveled to more than 70 countries and reached millions of people.

In 1958 the Osborns set up a system of training and supporting local pastors for one year as their churches got off the ground. Osborn Ministries provided movies, video and audio equipment, and material support. It is estimated that over the Osborn's lifetime they have supported over 30,000 local pastors and helped see the Gospel preached in 50,000 villages, produced many books, media recordings, and a magazine called "*Faith Digest*." Their books and tracts were published in 132 languages. The video miracle meetings were translated into 67 languages. Daisy went to be with the Lord in 1995. Her husband continued ministering as his health allowed. T. L. Osborn died on 14 February, 2013.

### SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

*"... ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" Acts 1:8.*

## SONG OF THE MONTH

### PENTECOSTAL POWER

1. Lord, as of old at Pentecost  
Thou didst Thy power display,  
With cleansing, purifying flame,  
Descend on us today.

Chorus:

*Lord, send the old time power; the Pentecostal power!  
Thy floodgates of blessing on us throw open wide!  
Lord, send the old time power; the Pentecostal power;  
That sinners be converted and Thy name glorified!*

2. For mighty works for Thee, prepare  
And strengthen ev'ry heart;  
Come, take possession of Thine own,  
And nevermore depart. [Chorus]
3. All self consume, all sin destroy!  
With earnest zeal endue  
Each waiting heart to work for Thee;  
Lord, our faith renew! [Chorus]
4. Speak, Lord! before Thy throne we wait,  
Thy promise we believe,  
And will not let Thee go until  
The blessing we receive. [Chorus]

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