



Open Heaven 2 April 2025 Devotional: LIKE THE DAY OF PENTECOST II

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TOPIC: LIKE THE DAY OF PENTECOST II

MEMORISE

So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

Romans 12:5

READ: 1 Corinthians 12:18-27

18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

19 And if they were all one member, where were the body?

20 But now are they many members, yet but one body.

21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:

23 And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.

24 For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked.

25 That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.

26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

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I started discussing yesterday about the impact of the day of Pentecost and how Christians must be focused and separated from the world for us to experience such a revival again.

Another thing I must point out is that on the day of Pentecost, the disciples were in one accord. If we want to see the power of the Holy Spirit in action, there must be love and unity in the Body of Christ, irrespective of denominations.

Psalms 133:1-3 says that God commands a blessing when people are united. It didn't say that God gives a blessing: it says that He commands a blessing. In other words, He says, "Blessing, you must manifest." When there is genuine love and unity among the members of a church or fellowship, there is absolutely no doubt that every member of that fellowship will be blessed.

God's power will not manifest in a divided church or family. Unity attracts God's presence, just as sugar attracts ants. Likewise, if a church is full of strife, jealousy, and all sorts of carnal works, God's power will be far from that church. Paul had to rebuke the Corinthian church for having factions.

While some said that they were for Paul, some claimed that they were for Apollos (1 Corinthians 3:4). Paul called them carnal for their disunity. The Body of Christ is one, and if we want to experience God's power and presence like on the day of Pentecost, we must lay aside our petty differences and focus on the One whose name we bear – Jesus Christ.

We cannot attack one another and expect God to dwell among us.

But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.
Galatians 5:15

In the Scripture above, we see that when we live in disunity, we will consume one another. Many believers have injured other members of the Body of Christ with their words and actions. We must stop this and live in love and unity so that God's presence and power can truly be manifested among us.

Loving one another and being united is a sure way of showing the world that we are truly Jesus' disciples (John 13:35). We should not let unbelievers reject the gospel because they do not see love among us as Christians.

The body of Christ must unite. Gossiping, backbiting, and unhealthy competition among denominations must stop if we want to experience a true revival by the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER POINT:

Father, please help me to love others as myself and let there be unity among Christians.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

2 Samuel 4-7

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 2 APRIL 2025 COMMENTARY

1. The Pentecostal Blueprint: Unity Precedes Power

Open Heaven devotional emphasizes that the Holy Spirit's outpouring at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4) occurred when the disciples were **in one accord** (Acts 2:1). This unity:

- **Was not uniformity** (they retained individuality) but **shared purpose**.
- **Triggered divine action**: Psalm 133:3 notes God *commands* blessing where brethren dwell together in unity.

Key Insight:

- **Unity is non-negotiable for revival**. A divided church cannot host God's fullness.

Application:

• **Pray for unity in your local church and across denominations** (John 17:21).

• **Reject factional spirits** (e.g., "I follow Paul/Apollos" 1 Corinthians 3:4).

2. The Cost of Disunity: Strife Quenches the Spirit

The Corinthian church’s infighting (1 Corinthians 1:10-13) made them **carnal** (1 Corinthians 3:3). The devotional warns:

- **Gossip, jealousy, and competition** drain spiritual power.
- **“Biting and devouring”** (Galatians 5:15) destroys the Body from within.

Modern Manifestations:

- **Denominational rivalry** over doctrines or growth metrics.
- **Personal conflicts** masked as “spiritual discernment.”

Action Step:

“Repent of any participation in disunity (e.g., criticism, exclusivity).”

3. Unity as Evangelism: Love That Draws the World

Jesus declared: “By this all will know you are My disciples if you love one another” (John 13:35). The devotional stresses:

- **Unbelievers judge Christ by our unity** (or lack thereof).
- **A fractured Church repels; a united Church attracts.**

Example:

- The early Church’s love (Acts 2:44-47) led to “the Lord adding daily” (v. 47).

Prayer:

“Lord, make my love for fellow believers so visible that it compels others to seek You.”

4. Practical Steps to Foster Unity

Barrier to Unity	Solution	Scripture
Pride	Humility and mutual honor	Philippians 2:3
Unforgiveness	Reconciliation	Matthew 5:23-24
Doctrinal disputes	Focus on essentials (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)	Romans 14:1

Corporate Action:

- **Joint prayer initiatives** across churches.
 - **Serving together** in community projects.
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5. A Prophetic Call to Oneness

Today's devotional concludes with an urgent plea:

- **Gossiping and backbiting must stop**—they are revival blockers.
- **Unity is not optional** for Pentecostal power.

Declaration:

I choose love over division. I am a peacemaker in Christ's Body!

Final Thought: Your Role in the Coming Revival

The next global awakening will **not** be birthed in isolation but through:

- **Interdependent relationships** (1 Corinthians 12:21).
- **Sacrificial love** (1 John 3:16).

Sugar attracts ants; unity attracts God. What are you attracting?

Action Steps:

1. **Initiate reconciliation** with a fellow believer you've distanced from.
2. **Participate in** (or organize) an ecumenical prayer gathering.
3. **Study** Jesus' prayer for unity (John 17) and meditate on its implications.

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