

An Overview of Pentecost: What It Teaches Us

A Study Outline

- I. Pentecost is a pivotal point in the Father's establishment of His kingdom on the earth.
- II. It is one of the three major Feast days when all of the males were to gather in Jerusalem (Deuteronomy 16:16).
- III. The parallels of the law given to ancient Israel and the spirit given to Israel in Christ's time are apparent.
 - A. "**External Law**". The giving of the law to ancient Israel. Exodus 19:5-6: 20:1-21.

"Now, therefore, if you will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then you shall be a **peculiar treasure** unto Me **above all people**, for all the earth is Mine; and you shall be unto Me a **kingdom of priests** and a **holy nation**. These are the words you shall speak unto the children of Israel" (Exodus 19:5-6).

- What is established here is a ...
 1. Peculiar treasure
 2. Kingdom of priests
 3. Holy nation
 4. People above all people
- The nation would be blessed merely by keeping the laws of God without having those laws written within their hearts. Leviticus 26:1-13.
- Of course, God preferred to have those laws written in their hearts. Numbers 11:23-29.
- A physical nation was established.
 1. Laws (the laws, commandments, statutes, and judgements)
 2. Territory (the land of Canaan, to be given by God to them)
 3. Leaders (prophets and judges, to be in direct contact with God)
 4. Subjects (the descendants of Jacob)
- B. "**Internal Law**". The giving of the law to "modern" Israel, the descendants of those in Exodus. I Peter 2:9-12; Jeremiah 31:31-37; Hebrews 8:7-13.

"But you are a **chosen generation**, a **royal priesthood**, a **holy nation**, a **peculiar people**, that you should show forth the promises of Him who has called you out of darkness into marvelous light; which in times past were not a people but are now the people of God, which had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy" (I Peter 2:9-10).

- What is established here is the same as for ancient Israel at Mount Sinai.
 1. Peculiar people
 2. Royal priesthood
 3. Holy nation
 4. Chosen generation
- The nation would be blessed by keeping the laws of God that would be *written in their hearts*. Jeremiah 31:31-37; Hebrews 8:7-13; Acts 2:1-4.
- This will ultimately include *all* people that have descended from Israel. Romans 11:25-26.
- This new covenant is nothing more than the same law as given in ancient Israel at Mount Sinai, but is now written in the hearts of those whom the Father calls (John 6:44).
- Jesus Christ showed the saints how to keep the *intent* of the law, in no way to do away with it. Matthew 5:17-19.
- A spiritual nation was established which the Father has prepared to rule the entire earth. The disciples after the resurrection of Christ were waiting for the re-establishment of the physical nation of Israel. Acts 1:6-8. Christ did not in any way deny it would be established in the course of time, and Peter went on to describe it in more detail in Acts 3:18-26.
- To establish the spiritual nation of Israel, the spirit of God had to first be poured out “upon all flesh” (Acts 2:14-17; Joel 2:28-29) in preparation for the final rulership of Jesus Christ and these appointed saints over all the earth, from Israel (Rev. 7:1-8), and from “all nations, kindreds, people, and tongues” (Rev. 7:9-17).
- This new world ruling government will be a reinstatement of Eden over all the earth.
 1. Laws (the laws, commandments, statutes, and judgements)
 2. Territory (all of the earth)
 3. Leaders (the saints assisting people of all nations to live in the joy of Jesus Christ's and the Father's perfect ways; no government of men ruling over men)
 4. No subjects, but all people responsible directly to the Creator; all human hierarchies are gone