

Insights from Luke

#107: "The Ending and Blessing"
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“⁴⁸ ‘You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.’ ⁵⁰ And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While He was blessing them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they, after worshiping Him, returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and were continually in the temple praising God.”

Luke 24:48-49

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II Corinthians 10:4

“⁴ ...for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.”

Numbers 11:29

“²⁹ But Moses said to him, ‘...Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, that the Lord would put His Spirit upon them!’”

Isaiah 32:15

“¹⁵ Until the Spirit is poured out upon us from on high....”

Isaiah 44:3

“³ For I will pour out water on the thirsty land
And streams on the dry ground;
I will pour out My Spirit on your offspring
And My blessing on your descendants.”

Ezekiel 36:27

“²⁷ I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.”

Joel 2:28-29

“²⁸ It will come about after this that I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and daughters will prophesy, Your old men will dream dreams, Your young men will see visions. ²⁹ Even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.”

John 14:16-17, 26

“¹⁶ I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; ¹⁷ that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.
...²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.”

John 16:7

“⁷ But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.”

Acts 2:1-4

“¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.”

Luke 24:48

“⁴⁸ ‘You are witnesses of these things.’”

Luke 24:50-51

“⁵⁰ And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While He was blessing them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven.”

Acts 1:3, 9, 10a

“³ To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God.”

“⁹ And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going....”

Luke 24:51

“⁵¹ While He was blessing them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven.”

Mark 16:19

“¹⁹ So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.”

I Timothy 3:16

“¹⁶ By common confession,
great is the mystery of godliness:
He who was revealed in the flesh,
Was vindicated in the Spirit,
Seen by angels,
Proclaimed among the nations,
Believed on in the world,
Taken up in glory.”

Ephesians 4:10

“¹⁰ He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.”

Luke 1:68-69

“⁶⁸ Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people, ⁶⁹ And has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of David His servant.”

Luke 24:50

“⁵⁰ And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them.”

The traditional blessing:**Numbers 6:24-26**

“²⁴ The Lord bless you, and keep you;
²⁵ The Lord make His face shine on you,
 And be gracious to you;
²⁶ The Lord lift up His countenance
 on you, And give you peace.”

Luke 24:52-53

“⁵² And they, after worshiping Him, returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and were continually in the temple praising God.”

**Among many important things,
 the ascension of Christ conveys
 great comfort for the saints
 while they continue to wrestle
 with sin and hardship.**

Hebrews 7:25

“²⁵ Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.”

Romans 8:34

“³⁴ who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.”

Hebrews 6:19-20

“¹⁹ This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil, ²⁰ where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

**Having ascended,
Jesus returned
to His high place.**

I Peter 3:22

“²² Who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.”

Ephesians 1:20-22

“²⁰ Which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church.”

**The Pentecost of Acts
makes clear that Jesus sent
the Spirit of promise
to all people groups.**

Acts 19:1-6

“¹ It happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus, and found some disciples. ² He said to them, ‘Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?’ And they said to him, ‘No, we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.’ ³ And he said, ‘Into what then were you baptized?’ And they said, ‘Into John’s baptism.’ ⁴ Paul said, ‘John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus.’ ⁵ When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking with tongues and prophesying.”

Acts 1:8

“⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”