

Shavuot 30 A.D.

Remembering its World-changing Events

A. A Promise was fulfilled—The Promise of the Spirit “pouring forth” and *indwelling* Believers (Acts 2:1-4, 16-18)

1. *Imparting* Spiritual birth (life) (John 3:3-5; Titus 3:5)
2. *Imparting* Spiritual baptism (I Cor. 12:13; Romans 6:3-4)
3. *Imparting* Spiritual power (Acts 1:8)
4. *Inducing* Spiritual sanctification (II Thessalonians 2:13)
and transformation (Romans 12:1-2)
5. *Inaugurating* a new Spiritual relationship with God
(Romans 7:4, 8:2)

B. A “Spiritual First-fruits” was gathered (among the Jews)

³⁷ Now when they (the Jews) heard *this*
(Peter’s message during the feast of Shavuot) ,
they were **pierced** to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles,
“Brethren, what shall we do?”³⁸ Peter said to them,
“Repent, and each of you be **baptized** in the name of Jesus the Messiah
for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

³⁹ For the promise is for **you** and **your children** and for **all** who are **far off**,
as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself...”

⁴¹ So then, those who had received his word were **baptized**; and that day
there were added about three thousand souls. (Acts 2:37-39, 41)

C. A Spiritual “Mystery” was about to commence

For this reason I, Paul,
the prisoner of Messiah Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—...

⁴ By referring to this (my letter), when you read
you can understand my insight into the mystery of Messiah,
⁵ which in other generations was **not** made known to the sons of men,
as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles
and prophets *in the Spirit*; ⁶ to be specific,

that the **Gentiles** are **fellow heirs** and **fellow members** of the **body**,
and **fellow partakers** of the **promise in Messiah Jesus** through the **gospel**,
⁷ of which I was made a **minister**, according to the **gift of God's grace**
which was given to **me** according to the working of **His power**.

⁸ To **me**, the very **least** of **all saints**, this **grace** was **given**,
to **preach** to the **Gentiles** the *unfathomable riches of Messiah*,
⁹ and to bring to **light** what is the administration of the **mystery**
which for **ages** has been **hidden in God** who **created all things**;
(Ephesians 3:1, 4-9)

D. A Spiritual “Harvest” season had begun— (2,000 years and *counting*)

Jesus said to them, “**My food** is to **do the will of Him** who **sent Me**
and to accomplish **His work**. ³⁵ Do you not say,
‘There are yet **four months**, and *then* comes **the harvest**’?”

Behold, I say to you, **lift up your eyes** and **look on the fields**,
that they are **white for harvest**. (John 4:34-35)

So when **they** (**Messiah** and **His disciples**) had come together,
they were asking Him, saying,
“**Lord**, is it at **this time** **You** are **restoring the kingdom to Israel**?”

⁷ **He** said to them, “It is **not** for you to know **times** or **epochs**
which the **Father** has **fixed** by **His own authority**;

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**.”
(Acts 1:6-8)

Personal Application *Shavuot*—A Time to be Thankful

1. **Thankful** for the *promise* and **gift** of the **Holy Spirit** (Acts 1:4-5)
2. **Thankful** for the *patience of God* in allowing this **long time**
of “**harvest**” (**2000** plus years) for the **salvation of men**

But do not let this **one fact** escape your notice, beloved,
that with **the Lord one day** is like a **thousand years**,
and a **thousand years** like **one day**.

The Lord is **not slow** about His **promise**, as some count slowness,
but is **patient** toward you, **not wishing** for **any to perish**
but for **all** to come to **repentance**. (II Peter 3:8-9)

3. **Thankful** for the *privilege* of **co-laboring** in this **rewarding**
ministry of “**gathering fruit** for **life eternal**.” (John 4:36)

What then is **Apollos**? And what is **Paul**?
Servants through whom **you believed**,
even as **the Lord** gave *opportunity* to each one.

I **planted**, Apollos **watered**, but **God** was **causing the growth**....
For we are **God's fellow workers**; you are **God's field**,...
(I Corinthians 3:5-6, 9a)

4. **Thankful** for the *provision* of **fellow laborers** and **personal**
strength, that **enables us** to continue to **serve patiently** in the
harvest field of the world; awaiting the **return** of the
“**Lord of the harvest**.”

Seeing the people, **He (Messiah)** felt **compassion** for them,
because they were distressed and dispirited like **sheep without a shepherd**.

Then He said to His disciples,
“The **harvest is plentiful**, but the **workers are few**.
Therefore **beseech** the **Lord of the harvest** to send out
workers into His **harvest**.” (Matthew 9:36-38)

Let us **not lose heart** in **doing good**, for in **due time**
we will reap if we do not **grow weary**. (Galatians 6:9)

Therefore be **patient**, brethren, until the **coming of the Lord**.
The **farmer** waits for the **precious produce** of the soil, being **patient**
about it, until it gets the **early and late rains**.

You too be patient; strengthen your hearts,
for the **coming of the Lord** is near.
(James 5:7-8)

Communion

