**“The Joy of Seeking More”**

A Bible Study on

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Some way some how people have got it turned around and believed the lie from Satan that it is a drudgery to seek after God

Many have believed the lie, oh so hard and so difficult such a burden to worship and receive from God but it is to be a great joy.

Salvation is the gift of Eternal life from Jesus.

Salvation is a wonderful experience and as you read your bible you will see that there is more, there is so much more to receive.

John Wesley put it like this I was praying one day and I saw a vision of giant storehouses and I asked the man in the vision what are in these giant storehouses and he said the storehouses were filled with blessings that no one has ever asked for or sought for and he awoke from his vision with a message for his people that there is more, there is more, **there is more.**

**There is more for us, there is more of Jesus**

John 4:10—*Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.*

14*—But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him* ***a well of water*** *springing up into everlasting life.*

Isaiah 12:3*—Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.*

**All that believe should receive more**.

John 7:37 –*In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.*

38—*He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.*

39—*(But this spake he of the Spirit, which* ***they that believe on him should receive****: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)*

**Wells** of salvation to **Rivers** of theSpirit

*“out of his belly shall flow* ***rivers*** *of living water”*

Ps 87:7 *“****all my springs are in thee”***

Jos. 15:19*—Who answered, Give me a blessing; for thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water. And he gave her the upper springs, and the nether springs.*

Jg.1:15*—And she said unto him, Give me a blessing: for thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water. And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the nether springs.*

Psalms 51:10—*Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.*

11—*Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.*

12—*Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.*

13—*Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.*

Psalms 36:9—*For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light*.

Song 4:12—*A garden inclosed is my sister, my spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed.*

Song 4:15—*A fountain of gardens, a well of living waters, and streams from Lebanon*.

Jer. 2:13—*For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.*

Zec. 13:1—*In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness*.

Rev. 21:6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

Rev. 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

**In the 1940’s** a survey was taken from the Assembly of God churches that **97%** of the people that got saved went on to receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

A modern day report is 50-70% that get saved go on to receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

An article was written that if time continues and the Lord tarries and we are swiftly becoming a Pentecostal church in name only

The same trend is happening to Independents.

Listening to many people talk, you hear from them that it is so hard to seek the Lord, but it shouldn’t be.

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More people are living their whole life without receiving the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Some are still waiting but not with great Joy, many have left off seeking and even believing the truth, letting their experience be the basis of their belief rather than let their faith from the Word be the foundation of their experience.

Many have fallen into the snare of drudgery and the trap of exhaustion because they have swallowed the lie that it is so hard to seek God.

God means for us to have a Joyful experience in yielding to the Holy Ghost in serving His Son.

There is a greater blessing if we search for Him.

The Holy Ghost doesn’t come by chance, by accident or as an option but on purpose.

Luke 24:49 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.

Acts 1:8 But 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.

Lu 24:50 And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

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Acts 1:9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

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It is not a drudgery to seek more of Jesus.

It is not a drudgery to seek more of the Holy Ghost

It is not a drudgery to really seek more of God.

Acts 1:3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

Praising and worshipping God back and forth for ten days from the Temple to the upper room with great joy.

For 10 days (24 hours in a day) 240 hours seeking God.

From this thought comes an idea that it takes so long, to the understanding that it is great joy to worship the Lord.

Luke 24:49 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.

“tarry” continue

Acts 1:4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but **wait** for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

“wait” to stay around

**The time spent seeking the Holy Ghost is a time of great joy, praising and blessing God.**

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