



Fresh Anointing Morning Prayer Call

*"When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place."
Acts 2:1*

Dates: June 20-24, 2011

Prayer Topic: Moving in a Fresh Anointing: Witnessing for Christ

Focus Scripture: Acts 2:22-40

Acts 2:22-40 (The Message)

"Fellow Israelites, listen carefully to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man thoroughly accredited by God to you—the miracles and wonders and signs that God did through him are common knowledge—this Jesus, following the deliberate and well-thought-out plan of God, was betrayed by men who took the law into their own hands, and was handed over to you. And you pinned him to a cross and killed him. But God untied the death ropes and raised him up. Death was no match for him. David said it all: I saw God before me for all time. Nothing can shake me; he's right by my side. I'm glad from the inside out, ecstatic; I've pitched my tent in the land of hope. I know you'll never dump me in Hades; I'll never even smell the stench of death. You've got my feet on the life-path, with your face shining sun-joy all around.

"Dear friends, let me be completely frank with you. Our ancestor David is dead and buried—his tomb is in plain sight today. But being also a prophet and knowing that God had solemnly sworn that a descendant of his would rule his kingdom, seeing far ahead, he talked of the resurrection of the Messiah—'no trip to Hades, no stench of death.' This Jesus, God raised up. And every one of us here is a witness to it. Then, raised to the heights at the right hand of God and receiving the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father, he poured out the Spirit he had just received. That is what you see and hear. For David himself did not ascend to heaven, but he did say, God said to my Master, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a stool for resting your feet." All Israel, then, know this: There's no longer room for doubt—God made him Master and Messiah, this Jesus whom you killed on a cross.

Cut to the quick, those who were there listening asked Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers! Brothers! So now what do we do?" Peter said, "Change your life. Turn to God and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, so your sins are forgiven. Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is targeted to you and your children, but also to all who are far away—whomever, in fact, our Master God invites."

He went on in this vein for a long time, urging them over and over, "Get out while you can; get out of this sick and stupid culture!"

Connecting the Scripture:

After the Day of Pentecost, many people encountered the 120 who received the fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Those who saw and heard them were absolutely amazed by the manifestation of God's power in their lives. While they had the attention of curious spectators, Peter, along with the other apostles, took the opportunity to point everyone to Jesus Christ. Peter expounded on how David had prophesied about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection by pointing out promises that God made in early Scriptures. He also helped the Jews understand that when Jesus ascended to heaven, He made His power available to those on earth by pouring it out on those who would receive it.

Peter's testimony of Christ was eye-opening to those standing around. They realized that they had missed it before. They had rejected Christ, the Messiah.

In Acts 1:8, it says, "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." God wants to give each of us a fresh testimony, so that we can share the good news of Christ's power both near and far.

As the fresh anointing is continually poured out, expect to see signs, wonders, and miracles in your life. Each one will create an opportunity for you to witness about Christ. What you do with that opportunity is your decision, but remember that every decision we make affects at least 4 generations (see Psalm 78:5-6). Your testimony could make the difference not only in the life of the one who hears what you have to say, but their future bloodline as well.

During this week, let's pray that we will continue to move in the fresh anointing and witness for Christ. Be ready to share your testimony and make a determined effort to lead people to Christ.

Daily Prayer Focus:
Monday Families and Children
Tuesday Government
Wednesday Communities/Marketplace
Thursday Relationships
Friday Church