

ACTS of GOD #5: Everyone Who Calls

Acts 2:12-21 2/03/2019

Reviewing the Situation

- Disciples received understanding of the Scriptures & their role in fulfillment
- Disciples wait in Jerusalem until the Spirit's power comes on Pentecost
- The Spirit's Power is on display in public through these Galilean believers
 - Recognized Speech & Righteous Subject through Ridiculous Speakers
 - The Acts of God are evident, but implications & application are unknown

Reacting to the Acts of God

Acts 2:12-13

¹² *And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"* ¹³ *But others were mocking and saying, "They are full of sweet wine."*

- Dumbfounded by the Miraculous
 - Those with Challenged Hearts are inquiring for the explanation
 - "What does this mean?" -The Sign has had an impact
- Dismissive with Mockery
 - Those with Closed Hearts are insulting with their explanation
 - "They are full of sweet wine" -The Sign has been ignored

Responding to the Jerusalem Crowd

Acts 2:14-16

¹⁴ *But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: "Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give heed to my words. ¹⁵ For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day; ¹⁶ but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel:*

- A Changed Witness takes His Stand
 - Peter: From Fearful Denier to Forceful Defender
 - The 11: Those who scattered & kept their distance stand in solidarity
 - The Spirit has come in power and equipped them to stand boldly
- A Call to Hear the Truth
 - Men of Judea (Mockers?) & All inhabiting Jerusalem (Perplexed?)
 - Let this be known to you:
 - receive a definitive, experiential knowledge that will impact life
 - Give heed to my words:
 - Listen up! You'll be responsible for ignoring the truth I speak
- A Complete Refutation of the Spiteful Mockery
 - They're not drunk-it's 9am. You can't dismiss this as inconsequential
 - Satan uses even the most ridiculous arguments to deceive
 - Simple & Obvious, but it protects the ones who are seeking.
- A Connection to Scripture is Made for Understanding
 - Signs don't stand alone or answer the question. Signs aren't enough
 - Scripture interprets & gives context & explanation to the sign
 - Peter turns to the Prophet Joel to answer "What does this mean?"

Recognizing the Sign's Meaning

Acts 2:17-21

¹⁷ *'And it shall be in the last days,' God says, 'That I will pour forth of My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, And your young men shall see visions, And your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸ Even on My bondslaves, both men and women, I will in those days pour forth of My Spirit and they shall prophesy.*

- The Last Days have been inaugurated...
 - Last Days refer to the time of the Messiah & His Kingdom
 - This sign means the Messiah has come
- God has poured forth of His Spirit
 - The fulfillment of this Scripture is clearly inaugurated at Pentecost
 - Poured Forth on My bondslaves, both men & women
 - They will prophesy (speak forth the truth & glory of God)
 - This sign means the Spirit has been poured out
- The Great & Glorious Day of the Lord shall come (Judgment)
 - ¹⁹ *'And I will grant wonders in the sky above and signs on the earth below, Blood, & fire, and vapor of smoke. ²⁰ 'The sun will be turned into darkness & the moon into blood, Before the great & glorious day of the Lord shall come.*
 - Some signs remain before the final consummation of the Kingdom
 - These signs are described in Revelation
 - This sign means the Final day is coming. You are on the clock.
- The Announcement of Available Salvation for Everyone who calls
 - ²¹ *'And it shall be that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'*
 - This sign means it is time to believe and be saved.