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To Victory

ACTS 1:1-11

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach² until the day he was **taken up to heaven** (*Ascension to Coronation*), after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but **wait for the gift** (*Ascension to Promise*) my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.⁸ But you **will receive power** when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you **will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.**" (*Promise to Purpose*)⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.¹¹ "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, **will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.**" (*Purpose to Victory*)



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He isn't simply going home.
Jesus is being **ENTHRONED!**

Jesus is **CROWNED** with **AUTHORITY AND POWER**

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IMPLICATIONS of the ASCENSION:

- To remain under His kingship
- To will our will to His will and come under His kingship
- The Mission of our lives becomes Kingdom Mission



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The Ascension marks the end of Christ's ministry on earth, and the Beginning of the ministry of the Holy Spirit in our world!



John 16:7

"...Unless I go away,
the Advocate will not come to you;
but if I go, I will send him to you."



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Promise of the Holy Spirit

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The church doesn't move in the Power of the Holy Spirit because we have kept Him 'unopened' and 'unused'.

We need to engage with the Spirit!

The Holy Spirit:

1. Teaches & reminds us (John 14:26)
2. Convicts the world of sin (John 16:7-8)
3. Dwells & fills us (1 Cor 3:16)
4. Source of revelation, wisdom & power (1 Cor 2:10-11, Acts 1:8, Eph 1:17-20)
5. Guides to all truth and knowledge (John 16:13-15)
6. Gives spiritual gifts (1 Cor 12:7-11)
7. Seal for eternity (Eph 1:13)
8. Helps us in weakness & intercedes for us (Rom 8:26-27)
9. Makes believers new & grants us eternal life (Rom 8:10-11)
10. Sanctifies us & produces fruit in our lives (Gal 5:16-25)



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Promise of the Holy Spirit
Promise of Power



Acts 10:38

"...God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the ***Holy Spirit*** and ***power***,..."



POWER = *Dunamis* = To Have

- Ability
- Strength
- Miracles
- Wealth



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***Martus* =**
>> To Be Martyr
>> To Be Witness

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HIS WITNESSES

- One who attests to the facts, one who confirms the truth of something
- We all have stories to tell! It isn't hearsay.
- To tell of what God has done in our lives!

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Identity Gives Rise to Purpose:

- *Gives Reasons For Living*
- *Gives Energy For Life*
- *Gives Focus In Life*
- *Gives Legacy*

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Victory of His Return for you and I, the Bride of Christ

Victory of the Completion of our Mission

Victory from Sufferings, Pains, Poverty and Sickness