

"But when the Comforter is come, Whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of Truth, which proceedeth from the Father, *He Shall Bear Witness of Me*". (15:26).

Thus the promise of the Spirit is to the effect that He will be *With* Christ's disciples; *Abide With* them; be *In* them; *Teach* them; bring to their *Remembrance* the teachings of Jesus; and finally *Bear Witness of Jesus*. But He will come only when Jesus has gone away. "It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I go, I will send Him unto you". (16:7).

Such was the promise of Jesus respecting what would be done by the Father and Himself after He had gone to the Father. But Promises are easily made, and many a man has tendered immensely large promises, which were worth only the breath that uttered them. Promises are poor coin unless given by those who are both able and willing to fulfil them. How was it with Jesus?

It is the day of Pentecost. It is a week since Jesus ascended to the Father. Before He went up, and the shadowing cloud hid Him from their straining eyes, "He charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to *Wait* for the promise of the Father, which, said he, ye heard from Me". (Acts 1:4). His promise of the Spirit, then, was the Father's promise through Him. He represented the Father, and spoke authoritatively for the Father. Then He ascended, and they waited—waited in hope, waited in faith, waited in prayer.