

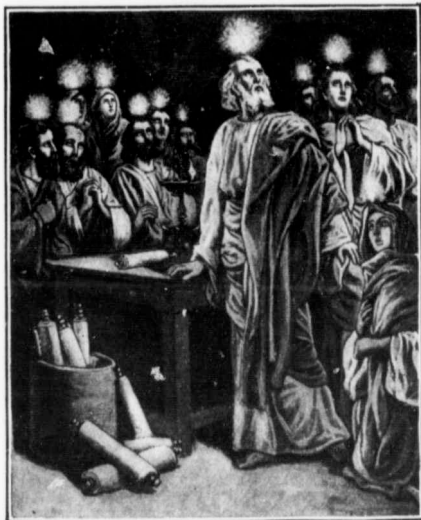
Lesson II.

THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

January 9, 1916

Acts 2 : 1-13. *Scripture Memory Verses, Ex. 2 : 3, 4.

Golden Text—Know ye not that ye are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?—1 Corinthians 3 : 16 (Rev. Ver.).



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1 And when the day of Pen'tecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5 And there were dwelling at Jeru'salem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galile'ans?

8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

9 Par'thians, and Medes, and E'lamites, and the dwellers in Mesopota'mia, and in Judæ'a, and Cappado'cia, in Pon'tus, and A'sia,

10 Phryg'ia, and Pamphyl'ia, in E'gypt, and in the parts of Lib'ya about Cyre'ne, and

strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,

11 Cretes and Ara'bians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

13 Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The people who go from one place to another to tell others about Jesus are called missionaries, which means people who are sent on an errand. The missionaries' errand is to tell about Jesus. We are to hear in the lesson how God gave the very first missionaries power to preach and teach and heal in Jesus' name. The twelve men whom Jesus had trained to be His apostles or messengers had watched their dear Jesus being taken up into heaven, and then they had sorrowfully gone back to Jerusalem to wait there, as Jesus had told them to do, till God sent the Holy Spirit upon them.

It was the harvest time. The wheat had

been cut with big, hooked knives, called sickles, and the people gathered in Jerusalem from all parts of the country to go to a great service at the temple, called the Feast of Pentecost. At this great feast they praised and thanked God for giving them the wheat harvest. The feast lasted several days, and every day crowds walked up the hill to the temple, each bringing his offering with him.

One day, at the time of this feast, Jesus' apostles and other followers of Jesus had met together in Jerusalem. There were a hundred and twenty in all. One disciple named Matthias had been chosen to take the place of Judas, who had betrayed and forsaken Jesus. While

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