

takes his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on High:—but what were all these facts, elements, and miraculous doings?—what were they before the descent of the Spirit?—what did the world profit by them while yet the Spirit was with the Father and the Son? Nothing was understood; nothing was realized; nothing was done in winning dying men to the life in Jesus. Everything was cold, and motionless, and dormant, and death-like, and fruitless.

But Pentecost came. The great day of triumph dawned. The Spirit as it rushed from heaven to earth set everything in motion—threw light on every dark mystery—clothed with life what was esteemed dead—brilliantly, powerfully, irresistibly demonstrated the truth of what was accounted fable—and justified Jesus and made his cause good in the face of his revilers, judges, and crucifiers. Such was the outpouring of the Spirit. such its nature, power, and glory when received on Pentecost by the apostles to fit them to plead their Master's cause for the benefit of a sinful world.

All language was given to the apostles by the Spirit with which to teach the nations their Lord's sacred lessons. They spake as the divine Spirit dictated to them and empowered them. It was Jesus speaking by the Spirit through the apostles. Then was fulfilled the Lord's word, "He that heareth you, heareth me." "When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you [apostles] into all truth; for he shall not speak of himself"—it was not the Spirit's office to testify of himself—"but whatsoever *he shall hear*, *that shall he speak*." "HE SHALL GLORIFY ME."

Sacred language!—spoken by our Lord, but conveyed to us by the Spirit, which has given us all truth. Jesus was glorified in the heavens without the Spirit's descent—the Spirit was not required to descend to justify and glorify him in the presence of the angels on high and crown him Lord of all: but the Holy Spirit did glorify him in the eyes of men. While the angelic host opened to him the everlasting gates to "let the king of glory come in," he was still "despised and rejected of men," and the curses and the indignity of the whole Jewish nation were upon him. The Spirit took his cause, pled it, made it good, enthroned, crowned, and glorified him before a frowning people and a scorning world. Hear Peter's testimony: "Being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has shed this" [the Spirit]—"therefore [since these things are so] let all the nation know certainly that God has made the same Jesus, by you crucified, both Lord and Christ." Thus the apostles prove to the Jews that the condemned Jesus was the