

## GOLDEN TEXT

**Acts 2: 39.** The promise is unto you and to your children.

## DAILY READINGS

M. — Acts 2: 1-21. The promise of power fulfilled.  
 T. — Acts 2: 22-36. Peter's testimony.  
 W. — Joel 2: 21-32. The prophecy.  
 Th. — Rom. 1: 9-16. Power of the Gospel.  
 F. — Rom. 8: 1-14. Life by the Spirit.  
 S. — Eph. 3: 13-21. The Spirit of might.  
 S. — 1 Cor. 12: 4-13. Gifts by the Spirit.

## CATECHISM

**Q. 2.** What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

**A.** The word of God, which is contained in the

Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

## TIME AND PLACE

Ten days after the lesson of last Sabbath, May 27 or 28, A.D. 30, Pentecost; in the upper room at Jerusalem.

## LESSON PLAN

**I.** The Holy Ghost and the Gift of Tongues, 1-4.  
 The Holy Ghost sent as promised, in tongues of fire.  
**II.** The Apostles and the Multitude, 5-11.  
 With the new gift of tongues the apostles proclaim the gospel, and the crowds marvel.

## LESSON HYMNS.

Book of Praise, 114 (Ps. Sel.) ; 532; 105; 551; 107; 232.

## FOR FURTHER STUDY

**Juniors—1** After the Ascension, when did the disciples meet? (Luke 21: 33; Acts 1: 15.) For what purpose? How many were in the upper room meetings? What feast was being celebrated? Name the three great Jewish feasts.

**2-4** What was heard? What was seen? What did this mean? By what organ was the Gospel to be spread? What was the result of the descent of the Spirit? Of whom had similar language been used? (Luke 1: 41, 67; 1 Sam. 10: 10; Joel 2: 28.)

**5-8** Who were in Jerusalem? How were they affected? What caused the surprise?

**9-11** About what did the apostles tell? From what countries did their listeners come? Who preached the first Christian sermon on record? (Vs. 14, etc.) How many were added to the Church that day as a result? How can we best do our work? (Zech. 4: 6.)

**Seniors and the Home Department—1** What Jewish feast observed ten days after the ascension of our Lord? What does "Pentecost" mean? By what three other names known? (Num. 28: 26; Ex. 31: 22; Ex. 23: 16.) What two remarkable events marked this Pentecost?

**2, 3** What symbols of the Holy Spirit here used? What other emblems mentioned in the Bible? (Ps. 45: 7; Ps. 72: 6; Matt. 3: 16; Isa. 6: 8.) Of what is the "tongue" an index? (Matt. 12: 35; Luke 6: 45.) In what form did the Spirit descend? Upon how many? (Acts 1: 15.)

**4** What was the effect? Of what was this effect the result? What work is done by the Holy Spirit? (John 14: 26; 16: 7-11, 13, 14; Acts 13: 9; 1 Pet. 4: 11; Rom. 8: 11; 2 Cor. 3: 17; Eph. 3: 16.)

**5, etc.** Why, likely, did the descent of the Spirit take place on Pentecost? Into what two classes were the

hearers divided? In Peter's sermon what were the two main points? What was the outcome?

**Prove from Scripture—That united prayer is commended.**

**Practical Points—1.** The whole country about Jerusalem was waving with fields white to the harvest; and as we shall see, it was to be a harvest time of souls also.

**2.** When all God's people, and all of one accord wait upon Him in prayer, the very heavens will be rent that blessings may descend.

**3.** The Holy Spirit never consents to half fill a heart. He must have all; and as we yield freely to His incoming our hearts grow in capacity to receive more of His presence.

**4.** God is a good general. He chose the time of the greatest multitude for the greatest manifestation of His power and grace.

**5.** We are but organs mute, till a Master touches the keys—

Verily: vessels of earth into which God poureth the wine;

Harpers are we, silent harps that have hung on the willow trees,

Dumb till our hearts strings swell and break with a pulse divine.

**6.** There are always some to disbelieve and mock; and there will, alas! stand a great company outside heaven's gate, as well as within.

**7.** Mockers easily lose their balance. Here they are accusing a whole band of men of drunkenness when, as Geikie remarks, "in the East men drink only in the evening, so that no drunken person is ever seen by day."

**8.** Men often get better than they deserve. To these wonderers and mockers Peter preaches the gospel of salvation (v. 21).

## FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Tell about the Feast of Pentecost.

2. What was signified by the "fire," the "cloven tongues"?

3. What different effects had the miracle of the tongues on the multitude?