

wickedness to fulfil His own purposes of mercy and blessing. In man's own worst act of hatred and wickedness, at the cross God furnished the Sacrifice that was to meet man's deepest need, the Lamb whose precious blood could wash out the foulest stain of sin, even though it were the sin that spit in His face, or that drove the nails into His hands and feet, or the spear into His side. The resurrection of Jesus was at once the proof of man's awful guilt, and of God's grace to man. Man murdered Him, and thus sealed his guilt, and God raised Him from the dead, but raised Him and exalted Him to be a Prince and a Saviour.

Risen from the dead, Jesus tarried on earth forty days, showing Himself to His disciples on occasions, who were to be witnesses of Him, "Both in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth;" speaking to them also "of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God," instructing them also to tarry in the city of Jerusalem until they should be endued with power from on high. Ten days later, on the fiftieth day, or day of Pentecost. as they were all together in one place, suddenly there was heard a sound from heaven. It was like a rushing mighty wind, and filled all the house. Cloven tongues also, like as of fire, appeared and sat on each of them. What did it all mean? "The promise of the Father" was being fulfilled; the endueing with power from on high had taken place; "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit