

THE DAY OF VISITATION

(Luke 19:44 KJV) And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

1. WHAT IS THE DAY OF VISITATION?
 1. God in the midst of us.
 1. Emmanuel - God with us.
 2. (Zep 3:17 KJV) The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.
 2. God speaking to His people.
 3. God moving in our behalf.
 1. Usually manifested by His divine presence and power.
 1. His presence brings sense of awe and awesomeness.
 2. Sense of His presence brings us to worship.

2. AN OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.
 1. (Isa 44:3 KJV) For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring:
 2. Joel - "Pour out spirit upon all flesh..."
 3. Day of Pentecost - "This is that which was spoken by prophet Joel..."
 4. A mighty demonstration of God's power.
 5. The anointing.

3. THE MANIFESTATION OF HIS POWER AND PRESENCE REQUIRES VESSEL OR CHANNEL; AND SUBSTANCE TO FILL OR FLOW THROUGH.
 1. The vessel.
 1. Earthen vessel
 1. (2 Cor 4:7 KJV) But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.
 2. God is looking for ordinary people who will be extraordinary.
 2. New vessel.
 1. Don't put new wine in old bottles; don't put new cloth on old garment.
 2. Need for "born again" experience.
 3. Clean vessels.
 1. Jesus rebuked the Pharisees for being clean on outside.
 2. Washed by the blood of Jesus.
 3. Continual washing by the water of the Word.

4. Vessel of honor or consecration - set apart.
 1. The attraction of the world grows dim.
 2. Love not the world; neither the things in the world.
5. Yielded vessel; dedicated; submissive.
 1. Not our will.
 2. God's will.
 3. The power of the will.
6. Where does desire or motivation come from?
 1. Payoff must be greater than cost or sacrifice.
 2. Falling in love with Jesus.
 3. Our desire is toward Him.
 4. Wrong motivation.
 - (1) Praise of men.
 - (2) Promise of attention; limelight; popularity; perception of success.
 5. True motivation.
 - (1) Only desire is to serve the Lord.
 - (2) Doesn't matter if ever get attention.
 6. True heart of love.
 - (1) heart of humility.
 - (2) Heart of serving; seek what is best for others.
 - (3) A man or woman after God's heart.
 7. That which motivates to ministry is love and compassion--because we see people hurting that need help.
2. The substance that fills or flows through vessel.
 1. The power of the Holy Spirit.
 2. The manifestation of the inner Christ.
 1. (Col 1:27 KJV) To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:
 2. (Gal 2:20 KJV) I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.
 3. (John 7:38 KJV) He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.(John 7:39 KJV) (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)
 4. (John 9:4 KJV) I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.
 5. (Acts 5:12 KJV) And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all

with one accord in Solomon's porch.

4. THE POWER OF IMPARTATION.

1. What we have we impart to others.
 1. (Acts 3:6 KJV) Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.
 2. (Mat 10:8 KJV) Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.
2. The power of laying on of hands.
 1. (Acts 8:18 KJV) And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,
 2. (1 Tim 4:14 KJV) Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.