Truly Great When Christ Comes Again

5.8 Full of Power

Bible Verse: Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Proclaim: When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we have mighty strength.

Truth: God's will is that we be Spirit-filled so as to become strong disciples with the power to be the Lord's witnesses to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Scripture Reference: Acts 2

Lesson: (1) To intimately know God's presence – How wonderful it is that the Lord Most High should come to be among men, reconciling us to God so that we can know and experience Him. Once, while in Galilee, "Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, 'If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.' " This is referring to the baptism of God's Holy spirit. In this way, those who believe can experience God's intimate presence. (John 7: 37-39)

- (2) Great joy and strength in the Spirit On the day of Pentecost, "suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them, and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Thereafter, the Holy Spirit also filled the gentiles, enabling them to speak in tongues and praise God. They were endued with love and boldly testified about the Lord's resurrection, and His mighty miracles. Many sold their lands or houses and gave to the poor. (Acts 2:1-4, 2:43-47, 4:32-35, 10:44-46)
- (3) Confess to God and be cleansed totally The Bible states: everyone must repent and turn to God, confessing all wrong doings and be cleansed. We must confess to God our anger, bitterness, hatred, etc. Other examples: gossiping, telling lies. (1 John 1:9)
- (4) To affirm and proclaim God's words When Satan tempted Adam and Eve, he subtly caused them to agree with his words. They fell into the deception and departed from God's will. God's words are our weapons against deceptions. Thus we must declare and teach God's words to others. According to Revelation 12:11 we can overcome our enemies with the words of our faith. Therefore, let us speak only edifying words, not filthy language. (Genesis 3:3-6, Isaiah 59:21, Ephesians 4:29)
- (5) To experience the Lord's resurrection power— "God's love always protects, always trusts, always hopes and always perseveres." And God's love is powerful—it can touch hearts and remove hatred. Therefore, one who has God's love is strongest. The Lord God moved mightily with His great, love, raising Jesus from the dead. Today, God wants to fill us with His love, enabling us to be full of power. (Ephesians 1:19-21)

Conclusion:

What we always say, we will become. Hence we should not speak carelessly but as God is working in our hearts, let us speak and proclaim God's truths so that others can know God.

| You Will Need: | A BIBLE; VISUAL AIDS - Lesson Title and Memory Verse 《God's Love》 & 《Supernatural Power》 Visual Cards |
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| TRUE STORY | A Mother's great love (Show the 2 Visual Cards) |
| SHOW & TELL | The Korean mother suffered & gave up her life to save her child. Her selfless love had amazing power A person who has much love has more power God's will is that we grow in love and become full of power |
| PRAY | Ask Holy Spirit to fill our lives and enable us to have the power of love |

