Spirit's Day Studies
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Shake, shake your earthly dust away
Now it's the Spirit's Day,
that will admit of no delay.
The Eight Worlds

16) Promise of the Father: In The Utmost Salvation (60P01, Pt 2), you said that it's possible to receive the Son without yet receiving the Promise of the Father. Not sure what you are saying.

It's possible to demonstrate repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ—yet not receive the *Promise of the Father*. There are several examples in the Bible. In the Book of Acts, for example, Paul asked the Ephesian believers, *Have you received the Holy Ghost SINCE you believed?* They were indeed converted to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, yet they had not even heard of the Holy Ghost. Paul then laid hands on them and they received the *Promise of the Father*.[1]

This is controversial for Christians. Jane Lead stated that the absence of the Holy Spirit in the Church *is the Great Apostasy;* for not only was it banished *from* the Church—it was banished *by* the Church![2] Who banished it? Christian leaders in particular![3] And as the Jewish leadership turned away Jesus 2,000 years ago, so today the pastors, teachers, and evangelists have turned away Jesus *as the Holy Spirit*![4] This subject is covered in more depth in *The 60 Propositions Series,* Prop. 2-Pt.2, Ichabod, and Prop. 2-Pt.3, The Mystery of the Great Comma.

17) Madame Guyon: I see on your website that you admire Madame Guyon. But Guyon was a mystic who never renounced the corrupt dogma and institution of the Roman Catholic Church.

French mystic Madame Jeanne Guyon (1648-1717) lived in a truly dark age, in a system that held such power over its people—even to the point of forbidding private extemporaneous prayer. But this was the only church Guyon knew. And while she recognized its flaws, she truly loved her people, and submitted herself to those in authority. Her writings were carefully worded in a way to help those who desired to know God intimately, yet without attacking the system that kept them in chains. Still, the RCC found reason to throw her into prison—which God turned into a blessing. For out of the confines of those harsh prison walls came forth one of the most beautiful testimonies ever written concerning the interior life: The Autobiography of Madame Guyon.[5]

How Guyon could stay in such a dark and corrupt organization? Recall that the Prophet Daniel remained in Babylon (a "type" of the corrupt church *system*)—even after the Jews were released from captivity. He continued to serve the Lord *in Babylon* as assigned. Joseph (a *type* of Jesus Christ), remained in Egypt long after he was promoted to the second highest position in the land, serving *both* his own people and the Egyptians as well. Joseph died in Egypt, yet his heart's desire was to be buried in his homeland. Four hundred year later, when Moses led the Children of Israel out of Egypt, they carried with them the bones of faithful Joseph.[6]

Madame Guyon was given as a gift to the Catholics. For 300 years her writings have led many devout souls of *all* denominations to find the Lord in the innermost parts of their being; for as the Lord Jesus Christ said, **The Kingdom of God is within.**[7]

18) The Indwelling: In response to 60P02: Ichabod, my understanding is that when we repent, believe on Jesus and are saved, He comes in our heart (we are indwelt by His Spirit at that time); and that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a separate experience.

In the beginning of the Church many were baptized with the Holy Spirit immediately or soon after they believed. However we see this experience began to wane; for the Gift then had to be imparted by the laying on of hands. Today that's extremely rare—if it exists at all. Jane Lead wrote of this disappearing Holy Spirit, and how at the end of the Church age it would return—but not in the same way as before. Back then it came down as a "shower." But it will now come as a "birth within."[8]

Each denomination has its own "doctrine" on the Holy Spirit. The Evangelicals and Fundamentalists tend to ignore the Holy Spirit as a phenomenal, secondary event—teaching that a Christian is immediately baptized into the Body of Christ at conversion. The Pentecostals and Charismatics teach it as a secondary event; but tend to exaggerate its reception, and dramatically over-emphasize certain "gifts" of the Spirit. The truth lies somewhere between all the various camps.

First: The Scriptures do not state that the new convert must immediately receive the Holy Spirit upon demonstrating repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. It was ALWAYS a secondary event—even though 2,000 years ago for many it happened immediately *after* their conversion. Conversion ALWAYS comes first—THEN the Gift of the Holy Ghost. They are not one and the same event or experience. And the Bible never states that they are.[9]

Second: The Promise of the Father was ALWAYS described as something uniquely different, something that was *added* to the Christian experience; and was given to those who walked faithfully with the Lord Jesus Christ. Acts 5:32 tells us that this Holy Spirit of Promise is given to them that OBEY Him. But this cannot apply to the newly converted Christian—for his salvation is based on repentance and faith alone—not through obedience.[10]

Third: The close disciples of Jesus were *already converted* men: for they had faith—first in the Father—then in the Lord Jesus Christ. And yet all the time they walked with Jesus on Earth, they had no Indwelling Holy Spirit, for Jesus had not yet died and resurrected.[11]

Fourth: Jesus said that the Holy Spirit was already *with* the disciples while they walked with Him—yet another proof that the saved can walk with Jesus and not have the *Indwelling* Holy Ghost.[12]

Fifth: Before His death, in His great intercessory prayer for the disciples, Jesus reminds the Father that 1) they *already* belonged to the Father, and 2) Jesus kept them in the Father's Name.[13]

Sixth: Consider all the Old Testament saints who believed in Jehovah, and walked with Him faithfully. They were saved—without any permanent indwelling Holy Spirit![14]

Seventh: The Indwelling Spirit of the Resurrected Christ is given in order to recover the lost life we had in Adam. Its purpose is to get us back into Paradise![15] But this could never happen to the Old Testament saints; or to the New Testament Christian—without the Promise of the Father.[16]

Eighth: In Jane Lead's Heavenly Cloud and Revelation of Revelations she tells *Christians* not to even begin the interior path toward the death to the Body of Sin—UNTIL THEY RECEIVE THE INDWELLING HOLY SPIRIT; for it is this Spirit alone that can perform the mystical death and conquer the Body of Sin! Jane acknowledges that some may be saved (converted)—and not yet receive the Indwelling Spirit of the Resurrected Christ—and that they should wait for that.[17]

The above points illustrate that a person can be truly converted—and not yet have the Promise of the Father, as a *Permanent* and *Indwelling* presence. Everyone must decide for themselves, but only after serious and prayerful investigation; for it will turn your faith upside down—as it did mine.

19) Spirit of Christ: Concerning your explanation of the Indwelling in 60P02: Ichabod, according to 1Pet 1:10-12, the Old Testament believers indeed had the Spirit of Christ.

In that passage Peter tells us it was the *prophets* who had this Spirit of Christ. The Bible shows that in the OT the Spirit was only given to prophets, priests, and kings; at certain times and seasons, but not as a permanent indwelling possession. The Spirit *came upon them*—then left when the specific work was done. Also, what they received was the Spirit of Christ *before* His death and resurrection, and therefore could not be made *perfect* (Body of Sin destroyed) as is possible for Christians today.[18]

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20) Jane's Death: Is it known what disease Jane Lead suffered from before she died?

Jane lived a full life and suffered the physical ailments that are common to our human condition. But she also experienced certain ailments and experiences that were quite extraordinary. She lost her vision at age 71 due to cataracts, which today can easily be remedied through laser surgery. Her son-in-law Francis Lee suggested, however, that it was due to *the intense exercise of her head in visitations, recollections, and writing.* (See *God's Healing Angel* by Joanne Magnani Sperle.)[19]

At age 79, Jane suffered a fall which nearly took her life.[20] There is no mention in the Sperle account of any other illness at the time of her fall. Jane died at age 80, after a devastating illness that included daily internal pain, high fevers, and vomiting. Sperle suggests it was cancer of the stomach.[21]

Sperle gives a detailed bibliography. Her primary sources for that aspect of Jane's life were the personal letters of Francis Lee—many of which are not available in English. There is also a work titled *The Last Hours of Jane Lead, by an Ear and Eye Witness,* which Lee published in 1704.[22] For many years it was available only in German. But there is now an English translation located at the Williams Library in the UK. In 2006 I requested a copy but was informed they did provide that service, and that one would have to visit the library in England in order to read it.[23]

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21) Mystical Death: You've stated that the Heavenly Cloud is the best to place begin as far as the Mystical Death process. Does Jane go into more detail as to any physical or spiritual symptoms of this Mystical Death?

Jane writes of the mystical death process throughout her books; however perhaps her most concise description of the symptoms is in Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 2.[24] She lists certain rules by which the soul can know whether its approaching "end" is near. She parallels it with the Death of Moses, when God separated him from the rest of the people of Israel, and led him up to Mount Nebo to die.[25]

In brief the signs are: 1) A knowledge or understanding that the time is near; 2) An active desire to seek the total death and destruction of the indwelling Body of Sin; 3) A deadness in our spirits toward anything that has its root from this degenerated principle; 4) A loss of appetite—and even disgust—for the things of this world; and 5) A feeling that the Life-Breath is pent up and stopped.[26]

But the key to understanding where we are in this process is to determine whether we have received the Spirit of our resurrected Lord as a "birth" within, as Jane advises, *Do not set out till Christ your Life and Strength be risen, as a Giant refreshed, to run out this conquering race*.[27] This birth of Christ is not commonly received at conversion, but typically happens much later in the Christian walk, after a long period of intense spiritual struggle. For it given to those who have walked faithfully with the Lord for some time, and who, by steady perseverance, are now ready to enter into a new state. And whereas the early disciples received the Holy Ghost as a "shower," Jane tells us that those who shall now be endowed with this signal blessing must have it by way of a "birth" in them.[28] There must also be a period of waiting for this gift, as the Apostles and others were instructed to wait at Jerusalem.[29] Jane more fully describes this inward birth and its various states in Fountain of Gardens Vol.1, Chapters 9-10. ✝✝✝

NOTES & SCRIPTURES

Scriptures are from the KJV. Unless otherwise noted all references to JL's writings are Spirit's Day Abbreviations.

1 Acts 19:1-7.

2 *Third Message to Philadelphian Society*. (3M P:4)

3 Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. (Mat 12:31)

4 Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. (Act 7:51)

5 Autobiography of Madame Guyon at Christian Classics Ethereal Library (CCEL).

6 By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones. (Heb 11:22)

And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him: for he had straitly sworn the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry up my bones away hence with you. (Exo 13:19)

7 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you. (Luk 17:21)

8 *Revelation of Revelations.* (RR 1:2)

9 See 60 Proposition Series (60P02-Pt.3), *The Mystery of the Great Comma.*

10 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: (Eph 2:8)

11 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (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. (Joh 7:37-39)

12 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth **with you**, and shall be **in you**. (Joh 14:16-17)

13 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. (Joh 17:6)

14 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect. (Heb 11:39-40)

15 *Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 1* (1F 20:2).

16 (Heb. 11:39-40)

17 *Heavenly Cloud Now Breaking* (HC P:1); *Revelation of Revelations* (RR E:15)

18 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. (Rom 8:10)

19 Joanne Magnani Sperle, *God's Healing Angel, A Biography of Jane Ward Lead*, 1985, unpublished thesis, Kent State University, p. 90).

20 Sperle, pg. 40.

21 Sperle, pg. 41.

22 Jane Lead: Dictionary of National Biography.

23 I again (10/2024) requested through my local library but they were unable to obtain a copy.

24 *Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 2* (2F 3:1-12).

25 Deuteronomy, Ch. 34.

26 See Spiritual Death Symptoms excerpt on the JL website.

27 *Revelation of Revelations* (RR E:15).

28 *Revelation of Revelations* (RR 1:2).

29 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. (Luk 24:49)