

THIS IS A
MOVE



When the day of Pentecost had arrived, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like that of a violent rushing wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were staying. ³ They saw tongues like flames of fire that separated and rested on each one of them. ⁴ Then they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them.

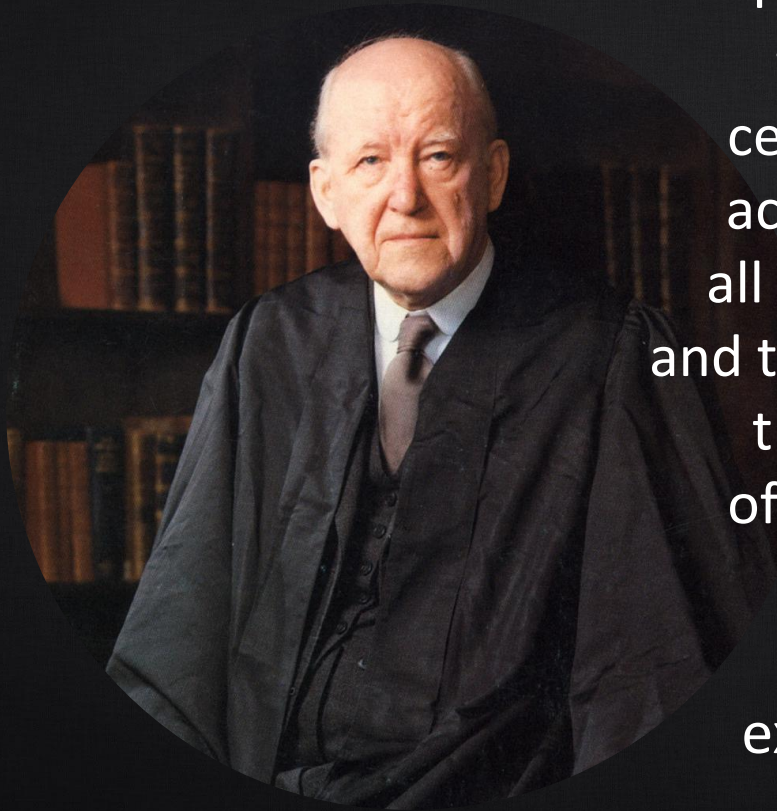
Acts 2:1-4 CSB

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“This is a reaction which is due, as we are told here so plainly in the context, to certain phenomena that may sometimes accompany revivals. There is no doubt at all but that it was the speaking in tongues, and the other phenomena which accompanied the outpouring of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost, that lead to this reaction....

Well now, in the history of revivals you will find, with practically no exception, the same kind of reaction.”

{Martyn Lloyd-Jones, from *Revival*}

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Evil spirits screamed
and came out of many
people. Many people
who were disabled or
who couldn’t walk were
healed. ⁸ So there was
great joy in that city.

Acts 8:7-8 NIRV

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“...whatever the weaknesses are, they are more than compensated for by thousands and thousands of people having had tremendous encounters with God, receiving inner healings, and being renewed.”
{James Beverly, 2014}





“The power of God hit me like lightning. I vibrated and screamed.... For seven days and seven nights after that I felt the presence of God so intensely that I was disabled. I was unable to walk, talk, or move.... Many people laughed.... There was nothing funny about it to me. It was a powerful and holy time.”

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“I don't talk about it now. It divides people. It splits churches. It is very controversial. But I'll tell you, I think the Toronto Blessing was a wonderful, wonderful thing.”

{Nicky Gumble,
from a 2000 interview}



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Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed to them: “Fellow Jews and all you residents of Jerusalem, let me explain this to you and pay attention to my words. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it’s only nine in the morning. ¹⁶ On the contrary, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel...”

Acts 2:14-16 CSB

When they heard this, they were pierced to the heart and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles: “Brothers, what should we do?”

³⁸ Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call.” ⁴⁰ With many other words he testified and strongly urged them, saying, “Be saved from this corrupt generation!”

Acts 2:37-40 CSB

So those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added to them.

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer.

Acts 2:41-42 CSB

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This is the Barvas community on the Island of Lewis, the Hebrides Islands, Scotland. The arrow is directed at the church building where over six hundred people gathered spontaneously from the surrounding area around 11:00 p.m. in November of 1949. Within five weeks 20,000 people came to Christ across the island.

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