AN UPPER ROOM EXPERIENCE



"The significance of the Jewish economy is not yet fully comprehended. Truths vast and profound are shadowed forth in its rites and symbols. The gospel is the key that unlocks its mysteries. Through a knowledge of the plan of redemption, its truths are opened to the understanding. Far more than we do, it is our privilege to understand these wonderful themes." {COL 133.1}

"It is with an earnest longing that I look forward to the time when the events of the Day of Pentecost shall be repeated with even greater power than on that occasion. John says, "I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory" [Rev. 18:1]. Then, as at the Pentecostal season, the people will hear the truth spoken to them, every man in his own tongue.—6BC 1055 (1886)." {LDE 202.3}

"In visions of the night, representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people. Many were praising God. The sick were healed, and other miracles were wrought. A spirit of intercession was seen, even as was manifested before the great Day of Pentecost.--9T 126 (1909)." {LDE 202.4}

"Christ's ascension to heaven was the signal that His followers were to receive the promised blessing. For this they were to wait before they entered upon their work. When Christ passed within the heavenly gates, He was enthroned amidst the adoration of the angels. As soon as this ceremony was completed, the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples in rich currents, and Christ was indeed glorified, even with the glory which He had with the Father from all eternity. The Pentecostal outpouring was Heaven's communication that the Redeemer's inauguration was accomplished. According to His promise He had sent the Holy Spirit from heaven to His followers, as a token that He had, as priest and king, received all authority in heaven and on earth, and was the Anointed One over His people." — Acts of the Apostles Pages 38, 39.

Bible verses

- □ The Pentecost is fulfilled in the outpouring of the early and latter rains to ripen the first fruits and the second fruits respectively of the great harvest. Acts 2, Zech. 10:1, Rev. 18:1-5, James 5:7, 8.
- On the Pentecost about 3000 souls were won to Christ as the first fruits of the labours of the apostles. Basically this was the work of Christ. The apostles reaped where they had not worked for as such.
- □ The latter rain to ripen the spiritual harvest will be (is) in the days of the third angel when his message swells into a loud cry. Rev. 14:9-12, 18:1-5.

Let us read and receive and present to others the second chapter of the book of Acts. We need a deeper piety and the sincere meekness of the Great Teacher. I am instructed . . . that the whole book of Acts is our lesson book. All of us need to humble our own individual hearts, and be converted daily. (Letter 32, 1910)

The Early Rain -spoken by the Prophet Joel

Acts 2:16: But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

The former rain was to prepare the crops for the latter rain which then prepares them for the grand harvest. This implies that if the former rain does not accomplish its purpose, the latter rain will not be of any use or significance because the crops would long be dead or alive without fruits.