

Cloud and Fire  
I Kings 8

Review:

1. God filled His Temple with His glory cloud, keeping His promise to dwell among His people
2. God once again filled His Temple, the Church, with the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost
3. But instead of driving those who trust in Christ out of God's presence, the Holy Spirit makes us fit to live with Him forever

Reflect:

1. How close do you feel to God today? Is there something in your life that makes you think you are unworthy to be in the Lord's Presence? Pray about that.
2. The Holy Spirit fills all those who trust in Christ. Is that assuring to you? Why or why not?

Go Further: Read Acts 2:14-41

1. In verse 14, to whom does Peter address his sermon?
2. In verses 17-21, Peter quotes from Joel 2:28-32. In verse 17, when does God say He will pour out His Spirit? On whom will the Spirit be poured out?
3. What does God say the Spirit will enable people's sons and daughters to do?
4. What will the Spirit enable young men and old men to do?
5. How does verse 18 describe those who will receive the Spirit of God?
6. What signs do verses 19 and 20 say will precede the Day of the Lord?
7. Who does verse 21 say will be saved on the Day of the Lord?
8. What evidence does verse 22 cite to prove Jesus' identity? Who does Peter say knows these things?
9. According to verse 23, Who planned to put Jesus to death? Who carried out these plans?
10. According to verse 24, what did God do after Jesus died? Why did this have to happen?
11. In verses 25-28, Peter applies Psalm 16:8-11 to Jesus' experience. How does verse 25 describe Jesus' relationship with the Father?
12. According to verse 26, how did Jesus feel about this relationship?
13. According to verse 27, what was Jesus sure the Father would not let happen to Him?
14. According to verse 28, what was Jesus sure would happen to Him instead?
15. Why does Peter insist in verse 29 that verses 27-28 don't apply to David?
16. How does Peter describe David in verse 30? What promise did God make to David?
17. According to verse 31, which of David's descendants was he really talking about in verse 27?
18. In verse 32, what did Peter say that he and the rest of the apostles had witnessed?
19. What two reasons does verse 33 give for Jesus' ability to pour out His Spirit?
20. Describing Jesus' ascension into heaven in verses 34 and 35, Peter quotes from Psalm 110:1. Who does David call "My Lord?" What does the Lord tell "My Lord" to do and for how long?
21. What two titles does verse 36 say God gave to Jesus? What did Peter's listeners do to Jesus?
22. What effect does verse 37 say that Peter's sermon had on his listeners?
23. What question did Peter's listeners ask him?
24. In verse 38, what two things does Peter tell his listeners to do? What promise does he make them?
25. For whom does verse 39 say the promise of God is valid?
26. How many people does verse 41 say responded to Peter's call?

Summary and Application:

1. Verses 17 and 18 state that God's spirit will be poured out on both men and women. Given the state of modern American culture, why is this especially important?
2. Compare verses 19 and 20 with Mark 13:24-27. What do you expect to happen on the day that Christ returns? What do you need to do to get ready for that Day?
3. Given verse 23, how do you understand the connection between God's sovereign plans and man's responsibility for his own sinful actions?
4. Why is it significant that Peter quotes from the Old Testament so many times during his sermon?