

I. Introduction

- A. There's more to this world than meets the eye. There's more to your life than meets the eye. There's more to love and success and career and happiness than all the math and science and physics in the universe can describe.
- B. And there's more to your mental health and emotional health than therapists could ever fully understand.
- C. We live in a world of transcendent wonder. I am preaching today to remind you of a Father in Heaven who wants to bring some magic back into your life.

II. Welcome

- A. I am so glad you are here today. If you are joining us online, or if you walked through those doors carrying a heavy weight of fatigue, or skepticism or doubt—welcome. If you walked in already full of faith, welcome.
- B. My message today is part of a series called: **BIRTHRIGHT: One Festival After Another.**
- C. To discover this birthright of yours, we have to wind all the way back to the third book of the Bible—a strange book called Leviticus.
- D. Leviticus is the place where most Bible reading plans go to die.
- E. It looks like a dusty manual of animal sacrifices, weird dietary laws, priestly activities, and restrictive rules.
- F. But what if Leviticus isn't a list of rules to control you, but a treasure map to free you?
- G. Leviticus is one of the five books of Moses. Together, they are called the Law or the Torah.
- H. The Law of Moses lays out seven annual festivals.
- I. For God's people, these were not empty, boring religious rituals. They were an unbroken cycle of reminders of the love and grace of God. They were three dimensional rituals and routines with powerful symbolic meaning.
- J. All of it was intended to hardwire grace into a person's soul.
- K. You are not defined by your labor. You are not defined by your past. You are defined by the Father as a member of the royal family of God, with rights and powers and privileges nobody else has. This is your birthright.
- L. Once you discover your Birthright and actually start believing it, you have to face a massive, life-altering question:
 - 1. **What miracles would happen in your life if you really believed you are who God says you are, and you really embraced what God says you have?**

M. Today, we are looking at festival number four: **The Feast of Pentecost.**

N. Take a look at how this ancient festival is set up in Leviticus:

- 1. *"And you shall count for yourselves from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering: seven Sabbaths shall be completed. Count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall offer a new grain offering to the LORD."* (Leviticus 23:15-16)

O. And now, watch what happens when the countdown hits zero fifteen hundred years later in the New Testament. This is what happened on the first Day of Pentecost after Jesus died and rose again:

- 1. *"And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them."* (Acts 2:2-3)

P. Strange stuff, don't you think. Don't worry. It gets stranger.

III. The Feast Behind the Fire

- A. Feast number one on the calendar was the Feast of Passover. That one settled your glorious STATUS as a royal child of God.
- B. Feast number two was the Feast of Unleavened Bread. That one settled your DOMINION as a royal child of God, and invited you into an inner emotional and mental state that we said was UNBROKEN.
 - 1. That's an invitation to heal and break the chains of a slavery mindset so you can live free, for real, forever.
- C. Feast number three was the Feast of Firstfruits, an invitation to live and think and feel UNREJECTED.
- D. Now, we're at feast number four.
- E. God told Moses to count seven full weeks—forty-nine days—from the morning after the Sabbath that followed Passover.
- F. On the fiftieth day (which is what Pentecost literally means), the countdown hit zero.
- G. This is what God commanded for this specific day:
 - 1. *"You shall bring from your dwellings two wave loaves of two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour. They shall be baked with leaven. They are the firstfruits to the LORD."* (Leviticus 23:17)
- H. Two loaves of fine flour, baked WITH leaven. That's a big deal. Yeast, or starter dough.
 - 1. In feast number two, they had to offer UNLEAVENED bread to God. No yeast. So it's flat bread or crackers. They actually had to purge the whole house of leaven on that day.
 - 2. But now, now, they're baking bread with leaven and presenting it before God.
- I. Back then, they didn't have neat little packets of commercial yeast. They used a sourdough starter. It was a pinch of yesterday's sour, fermenting, dough kneaded into today's fresh flour.
 - 1. That dough from yesterday symbolized their 430 year history as slaves.
 - 2. It represented their past. It represented an unbroken chain of parasitic fermentation passed down through generations.
- J. At the Feast of Unleavened Bread, God said to get rid of it. Make a clean break from it... not just physically but mentally too. Get rid of the slave thinking, the stuck patterns, the broken instincts of your pre-saved days.
- K. But on this day—the Feast of Pentecost—God says the opposite: Bake it with the yeast still in it.
 - 1. The old, bubbling, fermenting starter stays in the dough.
 - 2. Why?
- L. Because the loaves of bread represent the real, breathing, unpolished human beings who are already part of the family of God.
 - 1. You look at yourself and say, I'm a mess.
 - 2. God says, "Yes, I've noticed."

3. It's like having a baby who throws up on you and makes snot bubbles on you and you still love them anyway.
- M. Yes, you're still imperfect. You've still got old habits, old patterns. Your freaked out, wounded, angry past self still calls the shots. You still carry the old starter dough from your crazy upbringing. Still carrying your history. Still working through the old neural pathways, the old anxieties, and the raw human messiness of your daily life. You are still fermenting in places.
- N. And this is the first wonder of Pentecost:
 1. **God does not wait for you to be perfect before he embraces you as his own.**
- O. If you think God's love is conditioned on you purging every single crumb of weakness, anxiety, or struggle from your life before He can save you, bless you, grow you, or use you, you are living in an exhausting psychological prison. It's called "typical religion." You are bartering for acceptance.
 1. But all along, God is saying: "Let's hang out. Just as you are."
- P. The priest waves leavened bread before the Lord. But that's just the start.
- IV. The Day of Pentecost
 - A. Fast forward 1,500 years. The scene is a mud and stone house with a second floor room. One hundred twenty people sit in a cramped room. This scene is described in Acts chapter 2.
 - B. These are the ones who believed in Jesus.
 - C. No spiritual giants here. These are uneducated fishermen, outcasts, and ordinary citizens. They are tired, confused, they are probably anxious, and they are waiting.
 - D. These are all the known believers in Jesus, in Jerusalem. They are waiting because Jesus told them to.
 - E. Just one chapter earlier, Jesus having died, and risen again, is with the believers talking. All of a sudden, he turns on his resurrection-body anti-gravity powers and starts lifting up off the ground.
 1. As a parting comment, he tells the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for power from on high. See, Jesus has a countdown clock running, and when he sits down on the throne of heaven in glory, something big is going to happen on earth.
 2. The clock started 50 days earlier...
 - a) Day 1: Feast of Firstfruits. On that day, Jesus rose from the Dead. (1 Corinthians 15:20)
 - b) Day 40: the Ascension. (Acts 1:3 explicitly says it was 40 days after his resurrection, and the disciples gathered in that upper room, and talked and prayed and waited).
 - c) Then he ascends through the skies, through the clouds, into heaven. Is welcomed into heaven, and is officially seated on his glorious throne.
 - (1) *"But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified."* (John 7:39)
 - (2) When Jesus sat down on that throne, the choirs of angels sang and the trumpets of heaven blew and the celestial beings gathered round the throne and bowed down, because, for the first time since Jesus left heaven to be born of a virgin, he stepped back into his glory.
 - (3) Only this time, he stepped back, not only as God the Son but also as the Son of God, born of a woman, born of God.
 - d) When that glory happened in heaven, this glory happened on earth:
 - e) Day 50: Countdown complete. Fireworks.
 - (1) **Your waiting around never implies that God's waiting around... he's always moving the chess pieces, orchestrating something bigger, better, and more mind-blowing than you can imagine.**
 - F. In heaven Jesus sits down, and in that cramped upper room, this happens:
 1. **SOUND**
FIRE
LANGUAGES
TESTIMONY
 2. SOUND: Suddenly, a sound like a freight train roars through the space. Not a gentle breeze—a violent, rushing wind that doesn't just blow through the windows; it fills their very lungs.
 3. FIRE: Next comes the fire. But it is a strange fire, a supernatural one. It doesn't burn them. It doesn't consume them. It simply sits, resting right on top of every believer's head.
 4. LANGUAGES: And then before anyone can even process what is happening, those uneducated fishermen open their mouths and start fluently speaking languages they have never heard before.
 5. TESTIMONY: They spoke flawless dialects of Egypt, Persia, and Rome. These nobodies from Galilee, the land of unschooled hillbillies, are suddenly declaring the wonders of God in the mother tongues of every nation gathered in the city for the feast of Pentecost.
 - a) The title of my sermon today is: **Multidimensional**
 - b) If all you have is your physical circumstances and your mental health, you're living a flat, two-dimensional life. Pentecost was God's roaring declaration that you are a multidimensional being with access to the riches of heaven every single day in every single situation of life, even after you fail.
 - G. It looks like magic.
- V. The Wonder
 - A. But it is not magic. It is the invisible, transcendent realm of heaven crashing through the roof of the three-dimensional world of earth.
 - B. How do you view the totality of your reality?
 1. Most people live their entire lives trapped in two realms.
 - a) **The Outer World of the Streets.**

- (1) It is the realm of the five senses. It is what you can see, touch, measure, and deposit in a bank account. Philosophers call it Empiricism. It is the realm that says, "Trust the science."
- b) **The Inner World of the Soul.**
 - (1) It is the realm of human reason, psychology, and emotion. It is the place where your anxiety lives. It is the place where you overthink your future at two in the morning. Philosophers call it Rationalism. It is the realm that says, "Trust your heart."
 - (2) If you only live in those two realms, you don't have a very good life. You can be a good person and achieve great success.
- c) But you will find that something is missing. You were made for more.
- d) Because there is a third realm.
- e) **The Invisible Realm of the Heavens.**
 - (1) It is the heavenly places. It is the transcendent, supernatural reality of Almighty God, and it is more real than the chair you are sitting in right now.
2. When Jesus ascended through the clouds on day forty, He didn't just float away to play a harp. He opened a portal between the realms.
3. He stepped into the transcendent reality of heaven—the vast domain that has always been his possession.
4. He sat down on the throne of the universe, and when he sat down, He sent the Holy Spirit down through the portal with a fullness and power that God always wanted the world to see.
 - a) That rushing wind? That was the atmosphere of heaven blowing into the room.
 - b) That fire? That was the glory of the transcendent God resting on human beings.
 - c) Those languages? That was the miracle influence of heaven proving that the God of the universe is not limited by human boundaries, human education, laws of nature, science, chemistry and math.
- C. God was making a statement:
 1. The transcendent realm is open for business.
 2. In fact, it always has been for anyone who has read the Scriptures and believed.
 - a) *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ."* (Ephesians 1:3)
 3. Look at that verse. Look at where your blessings actually originate.
 - a) They are not only in your bank account.
 - b) They are not only in your career trajectory.
 - c) They are not only in your health and wealth.
 4. **God the Father is beaming your blessings down to you from the heavenly realms every single day.**
 5. The transcendent realm is not some spooky, weird, mystical fog. It is the headquarters of your life. It is where your identity is secured. It is where your massive, unsearchable spiritual portfolio is held.
- D. The devil wants to keep you locked in the first two realms.
 1. He wants you staring at your physical problems until you are paralyzed.
 2. He wants you ruminating over your psychological questions in endless loops, until you accept dysfunction as your false normal.
 3. He wants you to believe that what you see with your physical eyes is all there is.
 - a) But Pentecost is God's dramatic, roaring declaration that you belong to a higher dimension.
- E. You are not just a biological organism reacting to stimuli. You are not a victim. Not a loser. Not a tragedy. Not a speck of driftwood floating on the ocean of random chance.
- F. You are a born-again, Spirit-indwelt, royal child of the Living God.
 1. *"And raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus."* (Ephesians 2:6)
- G. That is not a metaphor. That is reality. It is your reality, if you're saved. When Jesus sat down on the throne, He brought you with Him.
- H. You are seated in the transcendent realm. That means the supernatural influence of heaven is available to you on a Tuesday morning when your boss is disappointed in you, your coach is barking at you, and your kids are mad at you.
- I. That influence of heaven is available to you when the doctor walks in with bad news.
- J. It is available to you when your marriage feels like it is hanging by a thread.
- K. You do not have to fight those battles with only human energy and human psychology. You have agency from heaven. You have dominion from heaven. You have the Holy Spirit of God living inside of you, bringing the power of the heavenly places right into the messiness of your daily life.
- L. Why are you still letting your circumstances rule your soul? Why do you let a bad day at work steal your peace? Why do you let a stronghold of anxiety write the script for your future? You have been given access to the third realm.
 1. So keep swinging the bat. One of these days you'll actually get a hit.
 2. Start the business. Enroll in the college. Go on the mission trip.
 3. Above all else, tell somebody you know about Jesus. He is the life-saving power you have to share.
 4. Ask a woman out on a date. Go get prayer when she says no. She's the one missing out, right?
 5. Start the business. Enroll in the lessons. Jump neck deep into the mess of cluelessness.
 6. Because no matter how things pencil out on paper, you have a multidimensional God and you're living a multidimensional life. No one can predict that math.

- M. The fire of Pentecost didn't fall so you could have a cool religious experience on a Sunday. It fell so you could walk into the pain and chaos of your everyday world carrying the indestructible life of heaven. The power of God has pitched a tent in your life. And the moment you actually believe that, everything changes.
- N. I gotta emphasize that last part: the moment you believe that, everything changes
 - 1. *"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by FAITH in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."* (Galatians 2:20)
- VI. The Collision of Two Realms
 - A. The Feast of Pentecost is God's quiet, blazing announcement that this world is not all there is. Heaven is real. Glory is real. The unseen realm is not a fantasy, not a metaphor, not a religious mood. It is the deepest reality in the universe.
 - B. God told Israel to count fifty days, and when the count was complete, the transcendent realm broke through the roof and landed on ordinary people.
 - C. And that is the wonder of Pentecost. God did not wait for perfect people. He did not wait for polished people. He did not wait for people who had it all together.
 - 1. **God embraced the leavened bread, the fragile people, the trembling hearts, and filled them with heaven.**
 - D. And God used THEM to see 3,000 souls saved on one day in the history of the Church (Acts 2:41).
 - E. So do not live as if the visible world is all that matters. Do not live as if your pain is final, your fear is final, your diagnosis is final, your failure is final. Pentecost says there is a higher throne, a deeper power, and a glory that does not fade away.
 - F. Leave room for wonder, for divine magic, and for a miracle of grace and truth in your thinking.
 - 1. When you walk into your office on Tuesday, the transcendent realm walks in with you.
 - 2. When you sit by a hospital bed and hold a loved one's hand, the transcendent realm sits down too.
 - 3. When you feel the urge to pray over your kids before they leave for school, that is not just a nice religious habit—that is the agency of heaven operating through your voice.
 - a) When you're down in the fourth quarter with less than a minute left, and you can only call the toughest play in your playbook...
 - b) when you're sick, but you have to go to work and stand and deliver anyway...
 - c) when you're flying high, or when you're just limping along, it makes no difference.
 - (1) My job is faith. God's job is outcomes. And nothing is ever going to make that change.
 - G. Now take hold of your birthright, and pray great prayers, take your shot and watch the power of God flood in when you least expect it.