

Exodus 40:34

“Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.”

What the church needs today more than anything else, is a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit; like the one received on the day of Pentecost, and the day the Tabernacle was erected. For both, Israel and the church, divine power and direction were directly related to the presence of God. While we cannot manufacture a work of the Spirit of God, we can learn a valuable lesson from the events that transpired on the day the Tabernacle was first constructed.

Exodus 39:42

“According to all that the Lord had commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did all the work.”

God gave detailed instructions regarding how the Tabernacle would be built and operated. When Israel followed these instructions, it resulted in the outpouring of the presence of God. The same was true of the early church. Jesus instructed His followers to wait on the Lord, and pray for the baptism of the Spirit. When they did, God responded by fulfilling His promise. This is not a formula or a recipe, as much as it reveals that God has designed His church to function in a particular way. When we decide to trust the promises of God, and seek Him for a work of the Spirit, He will fulfill those promises.

Take some time to pray that God would pour His Spirit out on you and your church.
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