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The Next Pentecost

I think it is fair to say that God speaks to people in their own language. But it is more than that. He speaks to them in their culture, their circumstances, their times. That being the case, if He were doing today some of the things He did in the first century, I suspect He would do them entirely differently. For one thing, if He were doing it here, He would do it in English and the gift of tongues would be of little help. When you think about it, if the events of Pentecost had taken place a few hundred years earlier, the gift of tongues would have been of no value. Everyone present would have spoken Hebrew. It was the diaspora that brought Jews back to Jerusalem from places where other languages were spoken.

And I am not sure He would give us the tongues of fire thing either or the sound of a rushing mighty wind. I suspect we would be just as surprised as the boys were on that Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came on them in power.

We are looking back through 2000 years trying to understand, and we can only do so much with it. It is also possible that some of the agricultural overtones of the festivals might be different. Most of us aren't farmers, and a lot of the agricultural imagery of the biblical festivals goes right by us.

But then all that raises the question, how would God speak to us in this generation? And how would He inspire the Church? What gifts would He give to empower us now? I feel quite

certain His solution would be very different from the first century solution.

If God were to call His angels together and ask for a report on how we are doing and what we might need, how would they answer Him? What sort of report card would we get? And most important, what would they tell God we needed most to energize us, to empower us in the way He empowered those first disciples.

I feel safe in saying that we would no doubt be just as surprised as Peter, James, and John were on that Pentecost. And it is not good asking for another one just like that one. There is nothing to be gained by trying to imitate what they did. That was then. This is now.

In a recent sermon, entitled "The Next Pentecost," I speculated a little about a conversation

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between God and His angels about us. I wondered what they would say that we needed most. Where are we strong? Where are we lacking. I would love to send you a free cassette tape of that sermon. If you would like to have one, just check the box on the enclosed card and send it back to us. The tape is *free* with no obligation, thanks to the tithes and offerings of our friends.

Somehow I feel that between now and the return of Christ, God will empower us in ways we have never seen before and cannot possibly anticipate. God haste the day.

Hanging in there with you,

Ronald L. Dart

Large Print Spiral Bound Hymnal

Song leaders, pianist, visually impaired, or anyone else who would like to have an 8 x 11 spiral bound hymnal, we're now offering it for only \$9.95 plus postage. It is a companion to the beautiful new red songbook that has been revised and improved. If you don't already have your hardback copy of the new hymnal you can still get one for the low price of only \$8.95 plus postage. Forty-seven new hymns are included in this new publication. Call 1-888-BIBLE 44 to order.

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How to Reverse It

One of the front page headlines in today's Tyler Morning Telegraph reads, "Nearly 1.4 Million More People in Poverty." Is this poverty brought about because of the present recession? Is it because so many people are unemployed? What age group is most likely to be poor, and why? What would it take to turn this around in your family?

According to this article, "About 6.8 million households in 2002 received Food Stamps, up from 6.4 million in 2001.

"The number of people employed in the manufacturing industry dropped by almost 5 percent, or 830,000, to under 17.1 million. There were also slight decreases in the retail trade, information, and transportation and warehousing industries.

"There was roughly a 4 percent rise in the number of people working in the fields of education, health or social services to nearly 27.1 million. An increase was also seen in the arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services category.

"While the poverty rate for children rose, it decline(d) for people 65 and over, from 10.2 percent to 9.6.

"Older Americans have become more immune to economic downturns because of Social Security, Danzinger said.

"And even though the stock market swoon of recent years wiped out many retirement accounts, today's 65-and-over crowd overall have larger retirement nest-eggs from which to draw on than previous generations."

Of all age groups, children are the most likely to be poor. Why? Because of our modern day family structure. Single-parent families are six times more likely to be poor than married-couple families with children. What does this say? "The best anti-poverty program for children is a stable, intact family. . . .

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“About 50 percent of all unwed teenage mothers go on welfare within one year of the birth of their first child. More than 75 percent go on within five years” (*The Index of Leading Cultural Indicators*).

We have President Lyndon B. Johnson to thank for perpetuating poverty with his “War on Poverty.” Before this social and morally crippling “Great Society” program was launched nearly one-third of all poor families were headed by adults who worked full-time. Forty years later only 15 percent of all poor families had working heads of households. Half of poor, non-elderly adults don’t work at all. Qualification requirements to receive welfare are passive in nature and require no action except to apply. For a single mother to qualify for welfare she must not work, and she must not be married to a male who is employed. To say the least, this does not motivate the indolent, slothful, slow going, work-shy woman to find a job. And of course, these are women with children who see her example and grow up thinking that receiving welfare is the norm. So the system is perpetuated.

You may not be able to change our nation’s system that ensures a high poverty rate, but the following are some proactive things you can do to see to it that your children are not in poverty:

1. Teach your children that sex out of wedlock is the single greatest cause of poverty in America – it’s the fast track to becoming poor.
2. Teach your children to be responsible with money. They should avoid debt like the plague. The only two things they should ever go in debt for are basic transportation and basic housing.
3. Teach your children the principle of deferred gratification. That means that a person waits until he can afford something – pay cash for it – before he buys it.
4. Make sure your children fully understand the credit card trap, that they can find themselves paying only on the interest and never lowering their debt service.
5. Ingrain good work ethics in your children. Teach them to be responsible and always do more than is required of them.
6. Teach your children to consistently save a portion of their paycheck every month even though it may be small.
7. Teach your children the pros and cons about stocks and bonds and investing in real estate.

But teaching only physical principles falls far short of what a Christian parent should do. To give yourself and your children a competitive edge against poverty Call 1-888-BIBLE 44 and order Ronald L. Dart’s *free* booklet titled, *The Lost Keys to Financial Security*. Read it from cover to cover. Explain these keys to your

children often. Proactively teaching these things to your children can mean the difference between poverty and wealth for them and their children.

- Allie Dart

Your Letters

“We are really excited about working with YEA this year. Ya’ll have really done some tremendous things with that program. CEM has really become a model to look to for bible programs.”

- Jackson, MS

“The little I do is nothing compared with all you do every day for others. I wish I could do more, and I will as God makes it possible. Just wanted you to know that all your work of service is greatly appreciated. You really make a difference in people’s lives.”

- Mount Ida, AR

“We want to express our appreciation for your visit for the “Meet the Teacher” and the fifth Sabbath. Everyone we have talked to enjoyed the day. We learned some ideas about building relationships and following up on contacts. We were talking with Allie during dinner . . . and she was very helpful.”

- Paris, TN

Daily Radio

The *Born to Win* broadcast can be heard daily on these stations:

- Birmingham, Alabama**
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- Huntsville, Alabama**
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- Mobile, Alabama**
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- Montgomery, Alabama**
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WFAM 1050 AM
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- Denton, Maryland**
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WKDI 840 AM
- Jackson, Mississippi**
7:00 a.m. daily - WTWZ 1120 AM
- Omaha, Nebraska**
3:30 p.m. daily - KLNG 1560 AM
- Buffalo, New York**
4:30 a.m. daily - WDCX 99.5 FM
- Asheville, North Carolina**
4:00 p.m. daily - WSKY 1230 AM
- Portland, Oregon**
12:30 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. daily
KKPZ 1330 AM
- Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**
4:30 p.m. daily - WWNL 1080 AM

Calendar Of Events

October 10-18th - Feast of Tabernacles - Ft. Walton Beach, Florida
CEM is sponsoring the Feast of Tabernacles in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida from October 10th through October 18th at the new Emerald Coast Conference Center. For more information please call Larry Watkins at 1-888-BIBLE-44.

November 22nd - Thanksgiving Meeting - Terrell, Texas
Ronald L. Dart will be speaking in Terrell, Texas for a Thanksgiving get-together on November 22nd. We will be meeting for services and a Thanksgiving theme potluck meal at the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church, 503 W. College, in Terrell. Services will begin at 1:00 p.m. and the meal will immediately follow services. If you need more information, please contact either Ralph Collins, in Fort Worth, at (817) 246-1874 or Faye Brown at the CEM office at 1-888-BIBLE-44.

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October 18 - October 24

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November 8 - November 14

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November 15 - November 21

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