

LESSON FIVE

THE PENTECOSTAL REVIVAL

The Pentecostal Revival traveled with tremendous speed across the United States, Canada and around the world. It seemed that also everywhere the Holy Spirit was poured out and the speed in which the Pentecostal fire spread was a phenomenon in itself. It would be impossible to deal with a complete study of this in one unit of study. However, we shall mention briefly a few places upon the North American continent.

A. CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

In the summer of 1906 a group from Azusa Street came to Chicago with the Pentecostal Truth. Crowds assembled in both Chicago and Zion City to hear the Pentecostal Message, and many were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Pastor W. H. Durham of the North Avenue Mission went to Azusa Street, Los Angeles, and on March 2, 1907, received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Following this the Pentecostal Revival spread throughout the entire area.

In the North Avenue Mission two men who became prominent in the Pentecostal movement received the Holy Ghost: E. N. Bell, a Baptist minister from Fort Worth, Texas, who became the first chairman of the Assemblies of God; and A. H. Argue, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

In 1910, Andrew D. Urshan received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. He had come to America from Iran in 1902 when he was eighteen years of age. He had been attending Moody Church and had been given a room to hold services with some Assyrian converts. Here the Pentecostal power fell and they were compelled to leave the Moody Church.

B. PORTLAND, OREGON:

Another person who received the Holy Ghost at Azusa Street was Florence L. Crawford. She came to Portland in 1907 and established a strong work. This movement established in the Northwest was known as "The Apostolic Faith." This was the same name as that used at Topeka, Kansas, and Azusa Street, but there was no connection from an organizational basis.

C. AKRON, OHIO:

One of the first to receive the Holy Ghost at Azusa Street was Miss Iva Campbell, from Akron Ohio. She returned home and testified to C.A. McKinney, pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church. The pastor and many of the congregation were filled with the Holy Ghost.

From here the Pentecostal Revival spread to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and to Cleveland, Ohio.

Conventions and camp meetings spread the Pentecostal Truth everywhere. One who witnessed these scenes reported that upon one occasion in 1908 he saw from fifty to seventy-five people slain under the power of God at one time.

D. NEW YORK:

In Rochester, New York, there was a small Bible School known as the Rochester Bible Training School. In June 1907, God sent a mighty visitation of Pentecostal power. Many were filled with the Spirit, and many were healed. There was speaking and singing in tongues and prophesying. Singing in the Spirit was one of the thrilling experiences of those days of Pentecostal Revival.

E. TORONTO, ONTARIO:

At 651 Queen Street East, Toronto, there was an independent mission under the leadership of Pastor and Mrs. A. Hebden. They had not met anyone who had received the Pentecostal baptism, but in their hunger for revival, they gave themselves to prayer. In November 1906, Mrs. Hebden was filled with the Holy Ghost. In the matter of a few months their mission had become a Pentecostal center.

The revival continued night and day. People of all religious denominations came to the Mission and were filled with the Spirit.

It was in the Hebden Mission that many prominent leaders and pioneers in the Pentecostal Revival received their personal Pentecostal experience.

F. WINNIPEG, MANITOBA:

In Winnipeg there lived a young businessman, A.H. Argue. He heard about the Pentecostal Revival and went to Chicago to tarry for the baptism. In Pastor Durham's North Avenue Mission, Brother Argue received what he had traveled to Chicago for. He took the next train for home.

People heard about his experience and began to come to his home to tarry for the Pentecostal experience. In May 1907, the power fell and a revival broke out. A hall was secured and crowds gathered. People spoke in tongues and were understood by that nationality. During 1907 hundreds were baptized with the Holy Ghost and the Revival spread throughout western Canada.

Among those who were filled with the Holy Ghost in this revival was A.G. Ward and Frank Small. In 1921 Frank Small founded the Apostolic Church of Pentecost.

G. EASTERN ONTARIO:

R. E. McAlister was a young Holiness preacher who heard about the Pentecostal Revival in Los Angeles. He traveled to Azusa Street where he was baptized in the Holy Spirit in 1906. He returned to Ontario and preached the Pentecostal Truth everywhere. He published a Pentecostal paper called the "Good Report." He established a Pentecostal church in Ottawa and later in Kinburn where one of the first Pentecostal church buildings was erected.

About this time the Pentecostal Revival spread to Athens, Lynhurst and Lansdowne. It was near Lansdowne where the oldest Pentecostal campgrounds on the North American continent was established, Outlet Camp. One who received the baptism during this period of time was Clarence L. Cross, who pioneered the Outlet Camp Meeting.

H. HAMILTON, ONTARIO:

Before a Pentecostal preacher brought the message to Hamilton, God had already poured out the Holy Ghost upon hungry hearts.

The writer remembers being told the story by one of the Pentecostal pioneers in that city. A group of Holiness people was conducting prayer services in a home. One of the brethren attended a church service in the Methodist church and there God filled him with the Holy Ghost with the initial evidence of speaking in tongues. The Methodist people put him out but he carried the testimony of the experience back to the prayer services. Soon a revival broke out and many received the Pentecostal experience.

Later, when a Pentecostal preacher brought the message to Hamilton, a Pentecostal assembly was already waiting. When they heard the preacher tell about Pentecost, they were able to say, "This is what we have already received."

The writer of these Bible notes mentions this to illustrate just how spontaneous this Pentecostal Revival was and how rapidly it spread.

COURSE: HISTORY OF PENTECOST

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SELF HELP TEST

Fill in the blanks with the correct word.

1. _____ testified to C. A. McKinney.
2. _____ was pastor of North Avenue Mission.
3. _____ established a strong work at Portland, Oregon.
4. _____ received the Holy Ghost in 1910.
5. _____ received the Holy Ghost in Chicago.
6. _____ was the pastor of the North Avenue Mission.
7. _____ received the Holy Ghost at Azusa Street.
8. _____ received the Holy Ghost in the Hebden Mission.
9. _____ pioneered the Outlet Camp Meeting.
10. _____ was a Baptist minister from Fort Worth, Texas.
11. _____ was a Christian and Missionary Alliance minister.
12. _____ founded the Apostolic Church of Pentecost in 1921.
13. Andrew Urshan came to America when he was _____ years of age.
14. The _____ was located at 651 Queen Street East, Toronto.
15. Florence Crawford used the name _____.

List of words to use:

R. E. McAlister
Frank Small
A. H. Argue
Mrs. Hebden
Andrew Urshan

Florence Crawford
Hebden Mission
C. A. McKinney
Clarence Cross
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W. H. Durham
E. N. Bell
Miss Iva Campbell
Apostolic Faith
W. H. Durham

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