

The Door (Acts 2:5-13)

There is spiritual authority in worship. It is not your average worship, during the time of worship the spiritual authority is given to you. Rightfully, Satan is bound on the doors to your life. May you never forget this. The doors to your life will be opened. May you hold to the personal covenant and give worship then the doors are bound to be opened. The doors to receive answers will be opened and this is worship. May the word come inside your heart and be the covenant to your life. Satan will endlessly attack you. That is why you must bind the work of Satan. When the word comes inside of your heart your spiritual eyes are bound to be opened. That is when you don't even have to pray and the work of Satan will diminish. For you to uncover the work of God will be your own personal word. That is the basic and the fundamental. It is not an exaggeration to say that it is the only way. Of course, if you have a heavenly mandate nothing matters. It does not matter if there is hindrance or others bothering it is of all no use. For Moses he received the heavenly mandate when he was 80 years old. How old do you think elder Jethro was at that time. Of course, he was over 100 years old and his daughter married Moses. May you think of the work that elder Jethro has done. Your age doesn't matter. That is why for those who possess the gospel, you are the platform to your life. When you are enjoying the gospel, the gospel will plan and design your life. When you are faced with situations or problems that gospel will design your life for you. When you enjoy the gospel this will naturally take place. If you do not enjoy the gospel you think of planning your own life on your own. Of course, that should not take place. When you take a look at your past you will be able to see many works that have been arising within you. That is why before you give worship to God may you confirm the gospel once again. The gospel is God's promise. What promise is it? It is God's promise that protects you against Satan. Genesis 3:15 explains the very first reason for the gospel. It speaks about Jesus Christ who is to come to crush the serpent's head. This is the gospel to mankind. Christ has died for you on the cross regarding original sin and all curses that come from it. Those who believe in this will be saved. Those who enjoy this promise will see evidence. Of course, you may pray for God to answer you however, if you enjoy you will see the evidence. When you go in the depths of this enjoyment one day you will connect with God's desire. You will connect with his desire for world evangelization. Today's message is entitled the door. The very first work that the Holy Spirit did was open the doors. The Holy Spirit opened the doors to fifteen nations to testify the gospel. This is a very significant message for you. For those who desire to receive answers this is a very important message to you. The fundamental is Christ but what is it that you must do next. The very first work that the Holy Spirit did has been recorded today. That is why when you go in the depths of enjoying Christ you will be able to conquer your life. Many people are oppressed by their own lives. You must be able to conquer your life and take advantage of it. Many are oppressed by their financial difficulties. You must over step that and enjoy the economy. Of course, this is possible for you. Mankind can be set free from curses. Not only will they be set free from the background of hell but they will be set free from all life problems. Rightfully so, they will be able to conquer it all. That is the authority of Christ. That authority has been given to you. It is the

time of worship that you confirm, enjoy, and confess it. That is why all mankind must follow the promise and they must live for the promise. This is the commission but also this is the answer to life. For those who live according to this way will be blessed by God. There are many people who are spiritually dead who do not know this promise. That is why God sees those who testify this promise to others as very precious beings. We have seen many times the changes that have taken place for those whom we have shared the gospel to. We ourselves have received much grace and experienced it as well. In the past, it was very difficult for us to receive one answer to prayer but now it is completely different. I ask myself from time to time what would've happened to me if I did not know the gospel. God's covenant protects you from all the work of Satan. It's not to that extent you will have complete conquest. You must be able to hold to the covenant, give worship, and enjoy it. It's simple. That is how you have been set free from all curses and have complete victory and conquest over all. May you confirm God's promise once again as you give worship.

1. The Door

Today's passage records the coming of the Holy Spirit. Of course, this was not the start of the working of the Holy Spirit. All the spiritual work that arose in the Old Testament was the work of the Holy Spirit. In theological terms, it might be lacking to explain, but today's passage states, the coming of the Holy Spirit and the age that opened. It was the fiftieth day after the Passover. It must have come on the 49th day of the Sabbath, but it came on the day of the Pentecost. It is not the age of Passover, but is the age of Pentecost of the resurrection of Christ. Each time they kept the day, it was always on the 50th day. Starting from the Old Testament, it was explained that the Holy Spirit would come on the 50th day. Christ resurrected and stayed with the disciples for forty days and then the Holy Spirit came. There are five messages if you look at Acts 2. It is separated into five parts. The first part is when the disciples gathered and were filled by the Holy Spirit. The second was when the door was opened. The next passage is when Peter explains the word fulfillment. After that, 3,000 disciples arose. They sold all their belongings and built the temple. That is the fifth point. When the Holy Spirit was at work, there was a miracle. That is when they were able to speak in tongues. In the present time, we think of tongue in which you can't understand what they are saying, but yet they were able to speak in tongue in their own native language in which they were able to understand. Pastor Matsuda is Japanese, however when he went to early morning prayer, he was able to understand Korean. He never learned Korean, but was able to suddenly understand it. They were able to understand tongue. So those in 15 nations were able to receive the gospel. Verse 11 states, "we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." What are the mighty works of God? It is the working of Jesus Christ and the resurrection. There is something important. The Holy Spirit came to do the public work, but the first thing it has done is for them to speak in their own native language for the sake of the gospel to which the door has been opened. It is truly amazing. What is the reason the Holy Spirit came? Was it for us to speak in tongue or for us to be filled with the Holy Spirit? No that is not it. The Holy Spirit came to open the door of world evangelism. Why did the Holy Spirit come? The Holy Spirit came to continue the work of Jesus Christ. Isn't this

obvious? What is God's desire? There is no need for an explanation. You desire to receive answers, especially for the evangelists. Fundamentally, you must enjoy Christ. Nothing can be done without Christ. Once you are fixated to this, you can live a grand life. To be honest, I have said all that I want to relay to you. You must be able to receive this in your heart. If you don't, then you will live a life full of conflict and questions to God. If you possess this in your heart, no matter what takes place, it does not matter. At that moment, He opened the door to 15 nations. What about last week's Sunday message? The moment the Holy Spirit came upon them, they entered the land of Canaan. We said this countless times that God does not yield to anything except for Christ. It is the greatest answer of all answers to which the Holy Spirit has come. You must not end with that, but must ask for what reason he came. The three other points of the book of Acts explains the word fulfillment. It explains the 3,000 that were raised. It is the result of all those that sold their belongings for the temple. How come these results took place? What is God's main point? Is God's point to reveal the result? No, that is naturally taking place. What does God desire to explain. It is the Holy Spirit that came upon them. You must connect to God. If you want to live a biblical life, may you connect with God. If you think you do not know Christ well, may you start anew today. This is the word you must hold onto as your covenant. This is the very first work the Holy Spirit has done. This is the work you must place inside of your heart. The answer is simple. It is not as easy as it is said. That is why we emphasize Christ. You must enter into Christ. It is not to the extent to which you testify of Christ, you must stake your life for Christ. This is God's desire. This is what He desires the most. That is why this is the first work of the Holy Spirit. The work of the Holy Spirit heals you and changes you. This is the very first work. He has opened the doors of world evangelism. The time schedule for the church is to open the doors of Latin America and the Americas. It is the door to save the American churches and to find the disciples. This is God's only desire. If this is truly your own, you do not need to fervently pray for anything else. Most of all, we need to seek the pastors of the American churches. And Latin America is a golden fishery. Anyone who possesses the Gospel and goes out to the field will be able to see the door be opened for them. Latin America is filled with evangelists, pastors, ministers, business people, and the remnants. And especially, the Latin Americans, they have a lot of children. To be honest, Koreans don't conceive many children. For Elder John himself, he has three children, but if he didn't have twins, it would've ended at two. We hold onto the prayer topic of establishing the hundred regional churches and hundred mission teams. For the sake of this, we are holding onto the covenant of the church officers, the regional church, and raising the remnants. We must raise many regional churches and especially the disciples that see the importance of it. We need those who do not simply do it yet have open spiritual eyes to connect with God first. They are not merely church officers. They are a church officer of the 70 workers. I hope that many of these figures will be raised within our church. It is not a coincidence that you live in America. There is no such thing as a coincidence in this world. Regardless of the reason, you being in America is God's absolute plan. I believe God will answer you when you pray. Christ allows you to have complete victory and conquest in our life. That is

why our church must play the pivotal role of the Antioch church that will be able to save America and Latin America as we hold onto this. That means that we will be the platform that will save America and Latin America. And the reason why God has given you this commission is because he has entrusted the accurate Gospel to you. And it is our commission to testify the accurate Gospel because many of the American churches have lost hold of the true Gospel. And God has given us the important message, "After I have sent my son, I have sent the Holy Spirit for his stead, and you must be able to see that." And God says, "You must be able to open your spiritual eyes and place inside of your heart the work that the Holy Spirit has done. And you must be able to do according to that. I possess all authority over heaven and earth, and I am with you." That is the message God gave today. May this be your covenant once again. This is not only your commission. It is your answer.

2. How Will the Door Be Opened?

The second point is, "How Will the Door Be Opened?" You can never open the door. God will open the door for you. To be honest, there is nothing you can do to open the door. That is how you must perceive it. The only thing that you can do for God to open the door for you is to enjoy the Gospel and enjoy that in prayer and be happy with it. And when you enjoy the Gospel, Satan will be bound and God will open the door for you. That is how you give glory to God. That is what you must do. If there is one thing you must do, it is to hold to the covenant and pray. And if you enjoy the blessing that God has given to you, one day, He will give you His mission. In the beginning, all you have to do is enjoy Christ. But when God entrusts His mission to you, you must be able to pray. As you pray and devote yourself, you will be much more content. In the past, when you had to devote yourself with your own efforts, there were calculations behind it all. But once it becomes your own commission, you are thankful for that and enjoy it. And as time passes by, you will be able to resolve in your heart. "God, I will give my entire life to You." May we all be like this. As you live, you must be centered on the things of heaven, not on things of earth. If you are focused on heaven, all the excuses and reasons will diminish. Of course, there is God's time schedule behind this too. So, may you hold onto the covenant firmly and pray. May you enjoy, give all glory, and praise God as you wait. To be honest, there is nothing you can do for evangelism and mission. More accurately, if you possess what God desires, He will be bound to open the doors of evangelism and mission to you. So there is no need to force yourself for anything. Yet, be in thanksgiving as you tell God to wait. That is why on the coming of the Holy Spirit, the content was the same as Christ. You must first hold onto Christ as the covenant, and then you can pray for the working of the Holy Spirit. In Verse 11, it said, "Telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." This is the content of the Bible passage. It says that "We are able to hear each of us in his own native language," but what do they speak of? The resurrection of Christ, the working of Christ on the cross. And what is the content for the Holy Spirit to come on Earth? It is to continue the work of Christ, the work that He has completed on the cross. And of course, the very first thing that the Holy Spirit must do on earth is of Christ. That is how it is explained in today's verse of the mighty works of God. It is so

rightful of you to do the same, which is to hold to Christ. May the grace be upon you so that you can enjoy Christ. If you are unable to enjoy Christ, there is a time schedule for you to struggle in that. Many of us may be selfish and desire and ask God why this is taking place for us. It may seem like it is not taking place for you but as you look back, you will be able to see that it is taking place. You may seem so lacking and weak, but as you look back you will see the works of God. You are truly thankful for this. This is how it will continuously be done. Within your weak and lacking state, there is a prayer that God has given to you. God said that when you pray, you will receive answers. For those who have resolved in their hearts, do not pray for anything else. Pray for this first. This is what you must do first. You must pray for Christ and world evangelism. That is why before you pray for your own personal prayer topics, may you pray for this first. By God's great grace, God has allowed me to be in the prayer of confessing Christ. For many years I prayed, God how come I am unable to enjoy Christ? When I first received it, I was so thankful to God. When I see the answers to the results, it was all because of Christ. I questioned God, how come I do not have the prayer realm in which I am unable to enjoy Christ? Whenever I tried with my own confessions through my mouth, it was all in vain. One day, unexpectedly, it took place. It was not a special day, it just took place for me. I was truly thankful for that. As I continuously enjoyed Christ in prayer, God gave me another heart to pray. Pastors always pray for the church and the believers. In my heart, I had the yearning heart to truly pray even to the extent where I would stake my life for this. It correlates to world evangelism. I am able to kneel down before God and confess as I pray. God, please open the doors of evangelism for me as well. That is something that I really pray for before God. I do have the full conviction that God is bound to open the doors of world evangelism because of the covenant he has given to me. Along with the covenant, God has allowed me to go into prayer, and that is what I do. It does not take a long time. It only takes up to a minute or three minutes. I am not at the level where I am able to have a deep concentration in prayer. My state of deeply confessing Christ has completely changed, yet, I am not in the state of deeply praying for more than ten minutes. However, I see that God is allowing me to be in that state. I am thankful for that. Why is it taking place for me? It is taking place because I hold to Christ. Why did the holy spirit come? What is the first work that the holy spirit had done? It is obvious that God will never give up on this task. You must surrender yourself and enter into God's desires. You must surrender, you must never have God change himself for you. In Mark 9:29, "And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."'" This is the work that has taken place after healing. This does not only apply to healing. God has given you the answer and that is prayer. It is the prayer in the covenant. The only thing that mankind is able to do that God has allowed them to do is prayer. That is worship. May this be your covenant. Even if it is not taking place for you, you have great evidence. God has given you great evidence. Even if it does not take place for you, you have the gospel. It is one of the great pieces of evidence that God has given to you that regardless of whatever you are facing, as long as you are in the gospel, God will take care of everything else for you. I see very precious those individuals who even if they are suffering, they solely hold onto

the gospel and never let it go. They are bound to come to the answer of the gospel. Even myself, I faced many difficult times. I was only able to mask myself. Everyone needs this process in their lives. That is how they will truly become a person of the gospel. That is how they will be the person to truly give their all to God. That is why hardships and suffering are a blessing. The condition lies for you to remain in the gospel. God will overturn everything for you. It will be done. We must open the doors of world evangelism. We must continue on the mission and evangelism. May you poise your heart into it. God's will will never change. In last week's sermon, we spoke about how God is fearsome and never gives up world evangelism to the extent that his people died in the wilderness. Even today, God shows it to us as evidence. All of them were able to see the filling of the holy spirit that took upon them. They were not seeking only the filling of the holy spirit at the time. God would question why they sought after the holy spirit. God desired all of the disciples to seek the holy spirit in order to open the doors of evangelism. In the past, it was recorded and prophesied of the word fulfillment that is to come. When the doors of evangelism arose, 3,000 people were added to that. Many doors of evangelization were opened. Many of the disciples were so touched that they were able to sell all their belongings for the sake of this work. This is the reason why they were so filled by the holy spirit. Many times we had misunderstandings regarding the filling of the holy spirit. What is the point of receiving the holy spirit, so you can end with the answer? Answers have no choice but to come to you. May you look upon yourself once again and truly connect with God's will. May you be the historical figure of this age where you will give your life to the Lord. God is bound to give you the answers worth a hundred years.