

DAY 12:

TO RECEIVE A FRESH OUTPOURING OF GOD'S SPIRIT

Psalm 51:2: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Psalm 51:7: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Mark 2:22b: But new wine must be put into new wine skins.

John's gospel states clearly the sending of the Holy Spirit, 'the Comforter,' for encounter not only with us but to dwell (live His life) in us.

There are many word pictures or descriptions of the Holy Spirit; one is water.

Notice the request from Psalm 51 is for 'another' to wash, cleanse, and purify us. The very work of the Spirit invokes the idea of cleansing or purifying by literally being the 'Living Water' flowing in power from within.

Also, Ephesians speaks of Christ and His bride "that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word." The living water and living word are ever present to do their work; we simply must say "yes" to His will and way in us and through us!

The new wine skins spoken of in Mark can refer to what happens when we give ourselves over to the Lordship of Jesus. We have a greater awareness of Christ's promises, a fresh outpouring, 'New Wine' will follow. When new wine comes, 'times of refreshing' overtake us with breakthrough in all aspects of our lives and those we influence... as it did on the Day of Pentecost and throughout the book of Acts.

Jesus started the church the way He wanted it; now He wants the church the way He started it! He wants us saturated with fresh outpouring!

We must be aware of His presence more than our sin.

PRAYER:

Lord, I pray for times of refreshing as Your Word and Holy Spirit's presence cleanse and renew me. I pray that I will be spiritually-minded and that I will say yes to Your way and will through me. Thank you for Your faithfulness to me! I pray that my spiritual family will receive a fresh outpouring of Your Spirit!