

Wait For the Power

Luke 24:49 AMPC

[49] And behold, I will send forth upon you what My Father has promised; but remain in the city Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high.

Luke 24:49 KJV

[49] And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

The atmosphere of Jerusalem:

- ✘ It was nothing like today's celebration as a religious holiday.
- ✘ It was a time of great fear because both the Jewish leaders and Roman authorities had just killed Jesus in the most inhuman way.
- ✘ They were looking for His disciples who were in hiding while tarrying for the Holy Ghost.
- ✘ Jesus was gone and separated from His followers because of Calvary. So, not everyone believed He had risen from the grave.
- ✘ After all if Jesus is dead you now expect us to go to Jerusalem and wait for Jesus to return. When there are people out here looking to kill us if they see our face.
- ✘ There was division between the Jewish leaders and the Nazarene Disciples of Jesus.
- ✘ Rome occupied Jerusalem and brought oppression on the Jews.
- ✘ The Jewish Zealots we're ready to take up arms to defend their national identity at any cost.

Why do we have to tarry and wait for God's power?

- ✘ To clear the clutter of life's cares from our minds. We take in 33 gigabytes of words and information every day. That's 105,000 words a day or 23 words a second for a 12 hour day. So we have to tarry to defrag the human brain from the atmosphere of Jerusalem around us.
- ✘ To get our hearts ready for His power to fill and refill us.
- ✘ To get our minds off the things Satan is throwing at us. He wants your mind filled with problems, issues so you can keep replaying them over in your head throughout the week.
- ✘ This kills our desire for worship. It zaps our strength to fight, because Jerusalem is filled with distractions. It takes tarrying worship to be endured with power from on High.
- ✘ Without tarrying and waiting, we treat the move of God as second nature. We treat God common. So we tarry to show God the attitude of repentance. That in the fear of the Lord I deeply appreciate it when the fire falls with Your power.
- ✘ God also allows circumstances and relationships in your life to make you thirsty and hungry for Him. This causes us to tarry for Him.
- ✘ Tarrying kills impatience and attention deficit when we get a persistent attitude of praise and worship for His spirit to fall.
- ✘ To tarry for the power to come is really telling God we believe only your power can bring conviction, unction, and anointing into an atmosphere.
- ✘ Tarry until the power comes because only your power can motivate, the unmotivated.
- ✘ Tarry until the power comes because only your power can break yokes and mind sets off of people.
- ✘ Only your spirit God can heal relationships. So the Spirit and the bride says come Lord!!

- ✘ Only your spirit can bring unity and peace where there is division and hopelessness. I don't want to see carnality, egos, and selfishness rule in our relationships any longer. **They were all in one accord as different nationalities.**

The great revivalist Charles Finney was always preceded, in every campaign, by a man named Daniel Nash. Nash joined Finney as a 48 year old preacher who had experienced little success as a pastor. Nash, who was called "Father Nash", would come to town 3 or 4 weeks ahead of Finney and would find a hotel room where he could stay. He would hole up in that room and call on God for power for Finney until the meetings were ended. He rarely went to the services because he felt he better served the need by being in prayer. Nash died in 1831, and within 4 months, Finney had stopped his revival services and had taken up pastoral work. He didn't have the same success without Nash. Without the man who was willing to tarry on the Lord.

Tarry until you be endued with power:

1. To live unselfishly with my family members
2. Power to love unlovable people.
3. Power to build boundaries with dysfunctional abusive family members
4. Power to walk in joy around depressing circumstances
5. Power to press through emotional and spiritual oppression around me
6. Power to lay hands on the sick and the hurting for healing and salvation.
7. Power to face the devil and rebuke his devour against me.
8. Power to love myself from low self-esteem and a cluttered life.
9. Power to experience His love over your hurts and wounds.
10. Power to forgive
11. Power to submit to spiritual authority
12. Power to overcome the spirit of fear

Jesus moves best in a Jerusalem atmosphere:

- ✘ Are you willing to tarry for what He said He would do for you and your loved ones?
- ✘ This requires an attitude of humility and repentance.
- ✘ An attitude of worship and persistency
- ✘ An attitude of thanksgiving.
- ✘ An attitude of desperation and hunger.
- ✘ This is why we tarry- to break and press through these areas.

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