

The Promise of The Spirit (John 7:37-52)

On the final day of the Feast of Booths, Jesus promises that believers will receive the Holy Spirit (at Pentecost) after His death. Jewish leaders and the populace hold sharply different opinions regarding Jesus. Truly, “no one ever spoke like this man” Jesus; His teaching exceeded all human expectations, imparting grace to those who heard. His words came directly from our heavenly Father.

Pre-Class Questions

1. How will the rivers of living water” flow from the believer?
2. Was the Spirit not given in some measure prior to Jesus’ glorification?
3. What criteria did the Pharisees use to judge the validity of Jesus’ teachings?

Paraphrase

Summary

Prayer

Outline of Chapter Seven

- II. The Word Manifested to the Jews and their rejection of Him,
 - D. Public Ministry, Third Year
 - 2. Later Judean Ministry, 7:1-10:21, The Feast of Tabernacles
 - a. Jesus' unbelieving brothers advise Him, 7:1-9
 - b. The Multitudes in Jerusalem have varying ideas about Him, 7:10-13
 - c. The old Sabbath controversy renewed, 7:14-24
 - d. Mixed emotions concerning Jesus at the feast, 7:25-36
 - e. Discourse on the Living Water, 7:37-52

In-Class Questions

1. How important was the Feast of Tabernacles to the Jews?
2. What was the most significant part of the ceremonies connected with this feast?
3. Name four Old Testament passages which speak of "living water."
4. What is the "living water" within believers and how does it flow out from within them?
5. What measure of the Holy Spirit was not given prior to Jesus' glorification?
6. Why could the Holy Spirit not be given before Jesus was glorified?
7. What law was the Pharisees violating in their accusations and actions against Jesus?