***Day 37 – “Walk with Me in White”***

**Open Heaven**

***“And he preached, saying, “There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. “I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” It came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove. Then a voice came from heaven, “You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” Mark 1:7-11***

The heavens were opened the day our Lord Jesus Christ submitted Himself unto the Father in water baptism in the river Jordan. Baptized somewhat reluctantly by the John the Baptist because he thought Jesus should baptize him, Jesus convinced John that they were following the Father’s perfect plan of redemption, “We must do all things righteously”. Jesus, though sinless, would have to be cleansed, washed, and immersed in the waters *as the perfect lamb without blemish, wrinkle or spot.*

The Father’s pleasure in His Son’s obedience and life sounded forth from heaven as His heart boldly and audibly spoke, “You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” He audibly confessed His acceptance of this lamb. The Lamb of God who would take away the sins of the world.

***“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! “This is He of whom I said, ‘after me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.’ “I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water.” And John bore witness, saying, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. “I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ “And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.” Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, “Behold the Lamb of God.”” John 1:29-36***

The heavens were opened as Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus. The Father’s heart of love opened the heavens in order for precious Holy Spirit to fill and rest upon Jesus in fullness.

***“There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse [from the lineage of David], and a Branch [Jesus] shall grow out of his roots. The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. His delight is in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears; But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, and faithfulness the belt of His waist.” Isa. 11:2-5***

The fullness of Holy Spirit and all His attributes, roles and functions would REST upon Jesus. The fullness of God’s pleasure would REST upon His Son. Jesus in His obedience opened the heavens and made a way for mankind to return to the Father and to be filled with Holy Spirit. Jesus Himself would be the ONE who would baptize His disciples in the Holy Spirit.

The Father’s will is for the heaven to remain open over those who call upon His name. Living under an open heaven means the Holy Spirit is Lord. God’s children choose to live without hindrance and they choose to obey God placing no ‘lid’ -their own standards or traditions - over their lives.

Living under an open heaven God gives His children access to His throne; access to His heart; access to glory through the Holy Spirit by the blood of Jesus.

When the heaven is open, prayers are answered; the kingdom comes in power and demonstration and love is perfected in His children.

God established His government in His Son Jesus.

***“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.” Isa. 9:6, 7***

“OH, righteous Father, we exalt You and glorify You today and thank You for sending Jesus Christ, Your only Son, into the world to save us! Thank You Father for opening Your heart and the heavens and giving Holy Spirit to us through Jesus in order that we might live in the fullness of Your presence as You establish Your government on earth. “Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven!” Rest upon us oh Lord in power and Holy Spirit. Rest upon us oh Lord in fullness. Rest upon us oh Lord. Jesus, consume us, fill us, and baptize us in Holy Spirit. We choose to live under an open heaven and we place no limits or lids over ourselves as we willfully surrender to the fullness of Holy Spirit! We honor you Father! We honor you Jesus. We honor You Holy Spirit!” Amen.

**Scripture Reference:**

John 1:50-51; 3; Matthew 6; 10:1-8; 15:1-14; 23; John 14-16; Deut. 28; Joel 2; Malachi 3:9-12; Acts 1, 2, 4; 10:11; I Cor. 2:1-5;10-16; Heb. 4:16; Rev. 1:4; 19:11;