

Apostolic Prayers – Luke 24:49-50

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I. Book of Luke Context

- a. The book of Luke is a Gospel Narrative written by Luke a Gentile Apostle and physician somewhere between 59 A.D. and 80 A.D.
- b. Luke was not an original disciple of Christ but could have been one of the 70 disciples appointed by Jesus in Luke 10. This Gospel presents the works and teachings of Jesus that are especially important for understanding the way of salvation. It is arranged very orderly, appealing to both Jews and Gentiles and is characterized by literary excellence.

II. Basic Outline of the Apostolic Prayer

- a. And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you
- b. But you are to stay in the city until clothed with power from on high
- c. And He lifted up His hands and blessed them

III. Chapter 24 Verse 49-50

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(NIV), “49 And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” 50 And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them.”

(AMP), “49 Listen carefully: I am sending the Promise of My Father [the Holy Spirit] upon you; but you are to remain in the city [of Jerusalem] until you are clothed (fully equipped) with power from on high.” The Ascension 50 Then He led them out as far as Bethany, and lifted up His hands and blessed them.”

(TPT), “49 And I will send the fulfillment of the Father’s promise to you. So stay here in the city until the mighty power of heaven falls upon you and wraps around you.” 50 Jesus led his disciples out to Bethany. He lifted his hands over them and blessed them in his love.”

a. Key Words

- i. **Clothed** - *Enduo* – To enter, to put on, furnished and adorned with a virtue as if clothed with a garment, To become so possessed by the mind of Christ as in through, feeling, and action to resemble him and as it were reproduced in the life he lived.
- ii. **Power** - *dynamis* - power; strength, ability, force, miraculous power (Translated 7 X in the bible as Miracle).

- b. And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you – He is most clearly speaking about the Holy Spirit here. This is also a doubtless reference to the prophecy from Joel 2 (and later Acts 2).

(Matthew 10:19 NASB), “But when they hand you over, do not worry about how or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given you in that hour.”

(John 14:16-17 NASB), “16 I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, so that He may be with you forever; 17 the Helper is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him; but you know Him because He remains with you and will be in you.”

(John 14:26 NASB), “26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and remind you of all that I said to you.”

- c. You are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power – The KJV says “Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem...” Jesus commands them to wait and pray before going out. Power beyond measure was about to fill the apostles and stamp them with divine authority and empowerment to fulfill the great commission. Actively waiting in the place of prayer will always precede breakthrough and outpouring.
- d. And He lifted up His hand and blessed them – Jesus blessed them and then Ascends to Heaven and the disciples are so filled with Joy they begin to worship right there. They then find themselves continually in the temple praising God and then 10 days later Pentecost happens.
- e. I really think there are two main ways to turn this into a prayer
 - i. Lord, give us grace to wait and pray (Give us the Spirit of Prayer).
 - ii. Lord, hear our prayers and fulfill your promise to pour out your Spirit beyond measure.