

10-With One Voice

6/30/24

INTRO:

I. → Numbers 11:11-29

11 And Moses said to YAHWEH, “Why have you brought this trouble on your servant? Why have I not found favor in your eyes that you put the burden of all these people on me? Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your arms, as a nurse carries an infant?’”

→ 14 “I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me. If this is how you are going to treat me, please go ahead and kill me for good—if I have found favor in your eyes—and do not let me see my own ruin.”

→ 16 YAHWEH said to Moses: “Gather to me seventy of Israel’s elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the tent of meeting, that they may stand there with you. I will come down and speak with you there, and I will **divide some of the Spirit** that is upon you and put it upon them. They will **share the burden** of the people with you so that you will not have to carry it alone.

→ 24 So Moses went out and told the people what YAHWEH had said. He gathered together seventy of the elders of the people and had them stand around the tent. Then of YAHWEH came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and **divided from the Spirit** that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And when the Spirit rested on them, **they prophesied** and did not cease.

→ 26 However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit **also rested on them**, and they prophesied in the camp.

→ 27 A young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses’ aide since youth, spoke up and said, “Moses, my lord, forbid them!” But Moses replied, “Are you jealous for my sake? O that YAHWEH would give **all of people as prophets**, and YAHWEH would **put his spirit upon them.**”

II. SEVENTY GENTILE NATIONS (72 WITNESSES—LUKE 10)

BODY:

I. Distribution of the Spirit

17 I will **divide** some of the Spirit that is upon you and put it upon them.

A. The Holy Spirit is not bound by ethnicity or denomination.

1) **Acts 10:34-35**

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right."

2) Heb (*atsal'*) to separate out, hold in reserve

3) **DIVIDING OF THE TONGUES AT PENTECOST**

B. Only the Lord determines how the gifts are distributed.

1) **1 Corinthians 12:11**

All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

2) **THE SURPRISE OF AZUSA STREET**

II. Delegation of the Spirit

They will **share the burden** of the people with you so that you will not have to **carry it alone**.

A. God's mission is too big for any one person to accomplish.

1) **Acts 6:3-4**

"Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."

2) **ONE LEADER NOT HELPING TO ROW**

B. The Spirit is determined that no one is left behind.

1) **Joel 2:28**

*"And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on **all people**. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions."*

- 2) Eldad and Medad prophesying in the camp
- 3) **CAMP LEADER IN THE WHEELCHAIR**

III. Declaration of the Spirit

- A. It is with one voice that we declare the glory of God.
 - 1) **Acts 2:7-11**
Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native dialect? . . . we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"
 - 2) **DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE**
We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.
 - 3) **OUR INDEPENDENCE DAY!**

- B. The Holy Spirit is calling us to come together with one voice.
 - 1) **Romans 15:5-6**
*May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and **one voice** you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*
 - 2) **UNITED VOICES AFTER 911**
 - 3) "We must, indeed, all hang together or, most assuredly, we shall all hang separately."—*Benjamin Franklin*