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1. Introduction

In a world filled with noise and confusion, there is no one as vital as an Apostolic Pentecostal preacher, second only to Jesus Christ. These unique individuals serve as messengers of God, carrying the divine message to those in need. Their calling is not merely a profession; it is a sacred duty to proclaim the gospel and lead souls to salvation.

2. The Role of the Apostolic Pentecostal Preacher

A Divine Calling

The Apostolic Pentecostal preacher is a man or woman chosen by God to carry the key to your destiny. They deliver prophetic messages, providing guidance and insight into God's will for your life. You will recognize these preachers by their unwavering commitment to holiness, their deep prayer life, and their ability to discern the needs of the congregation.

Illustration: The Lighthouse Keeper

Imagine a lighthouse keeper who stands watch over a rocky shore. His light guides ships safely to harbor, preventing them from crashing against the rocks. Similarly, the Apostolic Pentecostal preacher shines the light of God's Word, guiding souls safely to salvation.

The Anointing

The anointing of the Holy Ghost is what sets these preachers apart. When they speak, it is not just words; it is a powerful declaration from the throne of God. Their sermons are infused with the Holy Spirit, resulting in transformation, healing, and deliverance. The supernatural becomes a reality, and lives are forever changed.

3. The Chemistry of Apostolic Pentecostal Preaching

The chemistry of Apostolic Pentecostal preaching lies in the supernatural power of the Holy Ghost, evidenced by speaking in tongues. The preacher embodies prayer, fasting, holiness, and separation from the world. They submit to authority, understanding that their effectiveness is rooted in their relationship with God and their obedience to His Word.

The Apostolic Pentecostal preacher doesn't just pray with the Spirit; he preaches in the Spirit. Baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire, he preaches with supernatural power and authority. He has the power to bind and loose, preaching in Jesus' name—the name above every name in heaven, earth, and under the earth. Every knee will bow and confess that Jesus is God manifested in the flesh. He preaches with the mind of the Lord Jesus Christ, as stated in Luke 4:18, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me," with the evidence of speaking in tongues (Acts 2:4).

4. The Power of Apostolic Pentecostal Preaching

Transformation and Deliverance

Through the preaching of the Apostolic Pentecostal preacher, people experience profound transformations. Addictions to drugs, alcohol, and other vices are broken. The sick are healed, the blind see, and the brokenhearted are mended. The power of the Holy Ghost flows through their words, leading to repentance and a renewed relationship with Jesus Christ.

Fable: The Broken Pot

Once, a water bearer had two pots. One pot was perfect, while the other had a crack. The perfect pot proudly delivered its full share of water, while the cracked pot felt ashamed, leaking water all the way to the house. One day, the water bearer said to the cracked pot, "Look at the flowers along the path. I planted them there for you. While you may feel flawed, you have nourished them with your leaks." Just like the cracked pot, those who feel broken can still bring beauty and healing to others through the power of God's love. Water Baptism in Jesus' Name and the Baptism in the Holy Ghost and Fire with the Evidence of Speaking in Tongues

Baptism in Jesus' name and receiving the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues are cornerstones of Apostolic Pentecostal faith. These experiences signify a new birth, as outlined in Acts 2:38. The preacher plays a crucial role in guiding individuals through this transformative process, leading them to the waters of baptism and into the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

5. The Psychology of Apostolic Pentecostal Preaching

Anointing vs. Education

While education and knowledge of scripture are important, they cannot replace the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Many great preachers may not have formal theological training, yet they possess a profound understanding of God's Word through divine revelation. Their effectiveness comes not from human wisdom but from the Spirit of God that empowers them to preach with authority.

Healing the Soul

The Apostolic Pentecostal preacher reaches deep

into the hearts of men and women, addressing their spiritual and emotional needs. They are equipped to heal the brokenhearted and set the captives free. The anointing enables them to speak into the lives of individuals, providing hope, encouragement, and direction.

Tale: The Healing River

In a village, there was a river known for its healing properties. People traveled from far and wide to bathe in its waters, seeking relief from their ailments. One day, a wise elder said, "The river does not heal; it is the faith of those who enter it that brings healing." Similarly, the Apostolic Pentecostal preacher acts as a conduit for God's healing power, encouraging faith in those who seek restoration.

6. The Call to Preach

Born Again of Water and Spirit According to Acts 2:38

To preach effectively, one must be born again of the water and the Spirit. This essential experience is not merely a doctrine but a vital part of the preacher's identity. Those who attempt to minister without this experience lack the spiritual authority that comes from being filled with the Holy Ghost.

The Importance of Holiness

Apostolic Pentecostal preachers are called to live lives of holiness and separation. Their lifestyle reflects their commitment to God and serves as a testimony to others. This dedication to holiness is not just a personal choice; it is a reflection of their calling and an integral part of their ministry.

7. Conclusion

The Apostolic Pentecostal preacher is a vital instrument in God's hands, equipped to bring about change and transformation in the lives of many. Their unique calling, anointing, and commitment to holiness set them apart in a world that desperately needs the truth of the gospel.

The Apostolic Pentecostal preacher has signs following, as stated in John 14:12: "The works that I do shall you do also, and greater works than these shall you do." The promise of Apostolic Pentecostal power is upon all believers (Acts 2:39; Luke 24:47-49). The promise of the baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire, with the evidence of speaking in tongues, is fulfilled in 2 Corinthians 4:7, which reminds us that it's not of us but the power of the Holy Ghost that works in us. The Holy Ghost is the Lord Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 3:17). The spirit of sonship is evidenced by speaking in tongues, as stated in Mark 16:17: "These signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues." In John 14:16-20, Jesus says, "I in you," indicating that He is the Holy Ghost. God is a Spirit, and Jesus is 100% God in His deity. The Holy Ghost is a title for God, but the name of God is Jesus. The name of the Holy Ghost is Jesus (John 14:26).

Jesus, in His deity, is the Holy Ghost; the Holy Ghost is not the third person of the Godhead. That notion is false doctrine and would imply another God. Acts 2:17 states, "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh." This is not another divine person or deity; it is the Spirit of God, not a separate entity, which is a false Catholic pagan doctrine.

8. Final Thoughts

In a time when the world is searching for answers, the Apostolic Pentecostal preacher stands as a beacon of hope. Their ministry is a testament to the power of God to change lives, heal the broken, and set the captives free. Let us cherish and uplift these anointed individuals as they continue to carry the message of Jesus Christ to a lost and hurting world.

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Preachers Pulpit Commentary

P.S. I love fivefold Apostolic Pentecostal preachers. I have heard the greatest preaching in my lifetime and have been around the greatest in the Apostolic Pentecostal movement, many of whom are in heaven today. I have been in Pentecost since I was 13 years old. The Apostolic Pentecostal movement has been good to me; Pentecost has done me no wrong. I have nothing but good to say today. I know there are flaws and problems we have to deal with from time to time, but there is no other way of truth than Apostolic Pentecost (Acts 2:38)—one God and His name is Jesus, with a message of holiness within and without, and separation from the World.

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P.S. I want to clarify that I am not making comparisons or competition; rather, I am honoring the great elders in the fivefold ministry. To me, my hero is Elder Vaughn Morton, who was instrumental in bringing me out of the Trinitarian Pentecostal belief to the truth of God's Word. I saw the truth of God, and His name is Jesus, along with the Acts 2:38 message when I was a teenager in a Trinitarian Pentecostal church.

I am so thankful for Elder Vaughn Morton's life. God used him powerfully during a revival at Truth Tabernacle alongside Keith Clark. I remember saying to myself, "I have read this in the Bible; these are the questions being answered that I had asked Trinitarian preachers." They had told me that I was "Oneness" in doctrine, a term I had never heard before. But I saw the truth, and the next day, I was baptized in Jesus' name.

Years later, I had the privilege of having Elder Morton re-baptize me in Jesus' name because I had received a greater revelation of the truth revealed to me. His influence and dedication to the truth have profoundly impacted my life and faith.