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*"Looking to Jehovah-Jesus, by the Power of His Spirit"*  
Zechariah 12:10-13:1

I. *The pouring of the Holy Spirit –*

"And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication... (Zechariah 12:10A NKJ)

1. *Pouring of the Spirit implies something dramatic, pouring implies abundant grace –*

A. *The Spirit was present in Old Testament times –*

**Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. (Psalm 51:11 NKJ)**

B. *Yet, He would not be truly GIVEN to us until Jesus was glorified, not until our sins were paid for and we were cleansed, as Jesus cleansed the temple, so He cleanses us as the Temple of the Holy Spirit –*

**On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink."<sup>38</sup> "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."<sup>39</sup> But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. (John 7:37-39 NKJ)**

C. *This abundant "pouring" of the Spirit took place at Pentecost –*

**When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.<sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.<sup>3</sup> Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.<sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts 2:1-4 NKJ)**

**And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. (Acts 2:17 NKJ)**

2. *This pouring of the Spirit produces certain wonderful results –*

A. *The Spirit of GRACE –*

- *He is given (poured out) by grace, as is salvation; spiritual awakening is not brought about mere human conscience, nor by fear of Hell or wrath or by human deeds, nor by emotional music --- the Spirit of grace is a Gift of Grace!*

- *He is a Spirit of grace inside us –*

**But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,<sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. (Galatians 5:22-23 NKJ)**

B. *He is the Spirit of supplication / PRAYER –*

**For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." (Romans 8:15 NKJ)**

*When we are born alive, we cry, and eventually we say "mommy" and "daddy" When we are born of God we PRAY! We have a relationship with our Heavenly Father / Abba means daddy!*

*"You may as soon find a living man without breath as a living saint without prayer." Matthew Henry*

II. *This pouring of the Spirit results in a right viewing of Christ and His cross, a looking –*

**"then they will look on Me whom they pierced..." (Zechariah 12:10B NKJ)**

1. *Notice "Me" Whom they pierced is God, Jehovah-Jesus "ME" here equals God(the Father, Son & Holy Ghost)*
2. *Mourn for Him (Jesus) shows distinction of Persons in the Godhead*
3. *We are called to look*
4. *Notice the "then" this tells us the Spirit's work was / is necessary, even prerequisite to right LOOKING and SEEING JESUS!*

**Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3 NKJ)**

*Note the Topic of 1 Corinthians 2 is the cross of Christ –*

**For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. (1 Corinthians 2:2 NKJ)**

*The glories and salvation gained by the cross are not SEEN by the natural man -*

**But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." (1 Corinthians 2:9 NKJ)**

**But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned. (1 Corinthians 2:14 NKJ)**

*ALL of Scripture tells us we need to look to Christ's cross for salvation –*

**"Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I *am* God, and *there is no other.* (Isaiah 45:22 NKJ)**

**"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> "that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:14-16 NKJ)**

<sup>4</sup> Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way. <sup>5</sup> And the people spoke against God and against Moses: "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For *there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread.*" <sup>6</sup> So the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup> Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery *serpent*, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live." <sup>9</sup> So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived. (Numbers 21:4-9 NKJ)

*Looking at the serpent, the people who looked lived, looking at Jesus, with a believing look- we live spiritually!*

*III. This looking must include a mourning for sin –*

**"... Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for *his only son*, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. <sup>11</sup> "In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. <sup>12</sup> "And the land shall mourn, every family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves; <sup>13</sup> "the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of Shimei by itself, and their wives by themselves; <sup>14</sup> "all the families that remain, every family by itself, and their wives by themselves. (Zechariah 12:10-14 NKJ)**

*Mourn for sin / repent of sin / treat it as evil, deep within –*

**"If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast *it* from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. <sup>30</sup> "And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast *it* from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. (Matthew 5:29-30 NKJ)**

**Blessed *are* those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. (Matthew 5:4 NKJ)**

*IV. Finally, there is the cleansing, the washing in the blood of Jesus –*

**"In that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness. (Zechariah 13:1 NKJ)**

There is a fountain filled with blood  
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,  
Lose all their guilty stains.

William Cowper