



## Today's Assignment: **A Good God Answer**

**Promise:** The Holy Spirit is coming

### **Acts 1:4-5**

And while staying with them he (Jesus) ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

**Luke 3:16** - John the Baptist promises baptism with the Holy Spirit and fire

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**Power:** The Holy Spirit will empower

### **Acts 1:7-8**

He (Jesus) said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

### **Acts 1:9-11**

And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

**John 16:5-11** - It is to our advantage that Jesus returns to heaven and the Helper comes

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**Prayer:** The Holy Spirit will guide

### **Acts 1:14; 24-25**

All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place."

**Matthew 1:18** - The Holy Spirit's role in the birth of Jesus

**Psalms 51:11** - The Holy Spirit's role in the life of David

**Psalms 69:25** and **109:8** - The Holy Spirit's role in inspiring Scripture

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**Preparation:** With the Holy Spirit's help, what are we to do now?

**I Peter 3:13-16**

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

**Luke 12:11-12**

(Jesus is speaking) "And when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious about how you should defend yourself or what you should say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say."

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As you reflect on Acts 1, consider the following:

*Promise:* Believers have been promised the Holy Spirit; he's HERE.

*Power:* Believers have been promised POWER to WITNESS.

*Prayer:* Believers may seek guidance from the Holy Spirit through prayer. He will LISTEN and he will RESPOND.

*Preparation:* Be ready to answer anyone who asks you the source of your hope. And when you lack the right words? The Holy Spirit will teach you what to say.