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The following sermon is based on Acts 2:32 and includes sermon outline and sermon illustrations.

## HEAVEN'S NIAGARA--THE OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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**INTRODUCTION** -- The Niagara River drains 255,000 square miles of mid-continental North America. Located on the border of New York State and the Ontario Province, it is the largest waterfalls in North America.

20% of the world's fresh water lies within the Great Lakes region and most of it flows over Niagara Falls.

One and a half million gallons of water flow over the Niagara Falls every second, which is the equivalent of one cubic mile each and every week.

**ILLUS**- Annie Edson Taylor, a schoolteacher, was the first person to survive a trip over Niagara Falls in a barrel in 1901, was 63 years old when she performed the stunt.

What in the world would move a 63 year old woman to go over Niagara falls in a barrel?

**TRANSITION:** There is another river that flows and has been pouring out of heaven into earth for almost 2000 years. I am speaking of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

There is something in each of us, that calls us for us to dive in and be swept away by its power and onward by its flow.

We all need to experience the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

**ILLUS** - "If you have the Word without the Spirit, you'll dry up.

If you have the Spirit without the Word, you'll blow up.

If you have both the Word and the Spirit, you'll grow up." --Derek Prince

Let's look at some of what the Word says about the Spirit:

Acts 2: <sup>32</sup> This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. <sup>33</sup> Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

Acts 10: <sup>44</sup> While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. <sup>45</sup> And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. <sup>46</sup> For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.

Romans 5: Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been **poured out** in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Titus 3: <sup>5</sup> not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

#### **TEXT WE SHALL STUDY TODAY:**

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#### **1. Resurrection and Ascension**

<sup>32</sup> This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.

WE HAVE RESURRECTION POWER AND PROMISE  
WE HAVE ACCESS TO ASCENDED LIVING

#### **2. Exaltation at God's Right Hand**

<sup>33</sup> Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God

WE HAVE RIGHT HAND BENEFITS

As Jesus is seated at the right hand of God, so are we seated in Him. aS such we now have the benefits of being at the Right Hand

- A. Authority—Matthew 28:18
- B. Power – Acts 1:8
- C. Favor – Luke 4

As Jesus was Exalted the Spirit was poured out. It still works this way when we begin to exalt Jesus, the Holy Spirit begins to do powerful things in the hearts and lives of people.

#### **3. Jesus Receives the Promise of the Father**

and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit,

WE TOO ARE TO RECEIVE THE PROMISE

#### 4. The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit

He poured out this which you now see and hear.

**TESTIMONY OF A. H. Hussey**, -- "I remember the step of faith in the dark. I said, 'I give all to Christ; I yield all, everything I have.' Then I received the Lord Jesus as my Sanctifier. No special feeling took possession of me, only more rest in God, more of the consciousness I was not my own. No definite feeling came until making a public confession. I said, 'I am Christ's; everything I possess is His.' Peace and glory filled my soul. I began to teach this gospel truth, but I had not the power I desired. After this I sought definitely the enduement of power from on high. In an upper room alone I cried out to God. While I was praying a strange feeling came over my body, a strange moving in my heart. I said, 'Come, Lord, come in Thy power; come, Holy Spirit, come.' My heart was filled with glory, and I shouted, again and again, 'Glory to God!' Oh, it was real! Then I felt this Spirit of God permeating my being from the crown of my head to the soles of my feet, and I was cleansed from all sin; the fire of the Holy Spirit was burning through my soul, and destroying everything of a corrupt nature; and the power was so great I lay prostrate for three hours all alone; and I saw how Jesus died for my sin as never before, and received a wonderful illumination of the Scriptures, so that I could comprehend what God designed for us to make us perfect in Christ Jesus, and that we should live wholly, entirely and altogether for Him, and serve Him with a perfect heart and a willing mind. That joy and peace and thrill continued for hours. During the whole night, when I could not sleep for joy, every insect seemed to say, 'Glory to God,' the clock seemed to say, 'Praise God.' And that continued for days. This was fifteen years ago. The thrill did not remain, but peace and joy have filled my soul from that day to this."

**ILLUS**—Praying John Hyde received a note on his way to India, "Are you filled with the Holy Spirit?" He was offended at first but then became convicted and cried out to be filled with the Holy Spirit and went on to impact a nation.

**CONCLUSION:** Heaven's Niagara is flowing. Position yourself at the feet of Jesus and let the blessing of his right hand and the promise of the Father change your life.

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