

INTRODUCTION: Message - "1901 Topeka Outpouring" (Luke 11:13)

The 1901 Topeka outpouring is widely known in Pentecostal assemblies as the beginning of the modern day Pentecostalism movement. This movement is also known as the charismatic or holiness movement with emphasis on the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

PARTIAL SOURCES:

- 1) The Topeka Outpouring of 1901: 100th Anniversary Edition (Paperback)  
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<http://www.amazon.com/Topeka-Outpouring-1901-100th-Anniversary/dp/096462897X>
- 2) Pentecostalism: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pentecostal>
- 3) International Pentecostal Holiness Church - Historic Timeline  
Pre-1911: [http://arc.iphc.org/timeline/pre\\_1911.html](http://arc.iphc.org/timeline/pre_1911.html)  
Post-1911: [http://arc.iphc.org/timeline/post\\_1911.html](http://arc.iphc.org/timeline/post_1911.html)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) Charles F. Parham's writings say that he was miraculously healed of two major infirmities after renewing his covenant with God. How do you suppose those incidents influenced his belief that the use of doctors and medicines were not biblical? What are your beliefs regarding divine healing and modern medical practices?
- 2) Read Luke 18:17-30. Those who wanted to be students of the Bethel Bible School had to likewise sell everything and own nothing. Do you agree/disagree with this requirement? Is this what Jesus was teaching?
- 3) Parham believed: 1) Holy Ghost baptism is evidenced by speaking in other tongues, 2) The gift of tongues are always known languages (xenoglossy), and 3) Dancing, jumping, screaming and similar physical manifestations are of the flesh and not of the Spirit. How does Parham's beliefs compare to yours today? Do you believe there is other evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost?
- 4) Parham believed that missionaries could use their divine gift of tongues to minister and NOT have to learn the native language. Some sincere Bethel Bible School missionaries traveled to other countries to put this belief into practice. But in many instances, the natives did not understand them. This led to much disappointment of the missionaries and they "left their field of labor" and returned bewildered. Does this diminish Parham's teachings that tongues should always be known languages?

SO WHAT?:

The 1901 Topeka, Kansas's outpouring was the catalyst behind a Pentecostal movement that would reach far into other countries. This was the beginning of coming historic revivals.

THINK ABOUT IT:

"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke 11:13, KJV)