

The Promise of the Spirit
John 7:32-39 (Page 78 in the BPB)
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Introduction

³²The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about Him,

“Muttering” 6:41, 61, 7:12,

“These things” 7:25-26, 31

and the chief priests (who were almost all Sadducees) (7:45; 11:47, 57, 18:3)

Acts 23:8 (3-10) “For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, nor an angel, nor a spirit, but the Pharisees acknowledge them all.”

and the Pharisees sent officers to seize Him.

“Officers” – (see v. 45-49); 18:3

“Servants or officers of the Sanhedrin”; “temple guards” Matt. 26:58

Jesus’ Statement

³³Therefore Jesus said,

“For a little while longer I am with you, (approximately 6 months)

then I go to Him who sent Me.

“For a little while longer” – John 12:35; 13:33; 14:19; 16:16-22

Jesus’ return to the Father – John 14:12, 28-29; 16:5-10; 16-22, 28; 20:17

³⁴“You will seek Me, and will not find Me;

and where I am, you cannot come.”

See John 8:21-24; 9:39-41; 15:20-25

The Jews’ Confusion

³⁵The Jews then said to one another,

“Where does this man intend to go that we will not find Him?

He is not intending to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks,

and teach the Greeks, is He?

Dispersion – “scattered/scattering abroad” referring to Israelites scattered throughout the Roman Empire. (Also 1Peter 1:1; James 1:1)

³⁶“What is this statement that He said,

‘You will seek Me, and will not find

Me; and where I am, you cannot come?’”

Like Nicodemus they don’t understand. – John 3:4, 9

(also John 6:63)

Jesus' Invitation & Promise

³⁷Now on the last day, the great day of the feast,

Feast of Tabernacles/Booths (7:2, 14)

Jesus stood and cried out, saying,

“If anyone is thirsty,

let him come to Me and drink.

Isaiah 55:1-2

Matthew 11:28-30

³⁸“He who believes in Me,

as the Scripture said,

Ex. 17:6; (Num. 20:11); Psalm 78:15-16; Neh. 8:13-18; 9:15;
(also 1 Cor. 10:1-4)

‘From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’”

John 4:10-14

John 6:35

John 6:63

John explains what Jesus meant.

**³⁹But this He spoke of the Spirit,
whom those who believed in Him were to receive;**

**for the Spirit was not yet given,
because Jesus was not yet glorified.**

John 12:16; 14:16-18; 16:7ff.

From start to finish the Christian life is life in and by the Spirit.

Acts 2:1-4

John 3:3-8; 6:63

1 Cor. 2:14

Ephesians 1:13-14, 5:18;

Gal. 3:1-3; 5:22-26;

1 Cor. 12:3-11