

The ancient Israelite priests found it necessary to periodically cleanse the Temple from the debris brought into it by the massive crowds. They had to do more than remove the ashes from the altar of sacrifice and wash the furnishings. The atmosphere of the Temple needed to be cleansed as well. They accomplished their task by walking through the House of God quoting Psalm 91. They believed that verbally releasing the Word of God into the air drove out every evil influence. Psalm 91 became known as "The Psalm that makes the demons flee."

John Parish in *The Goshen Factor*

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**MODERN DAY TESTIMONY OF
THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT**

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The following is part of the testimony of Jay Atkinson of *The Latter Rain Ministry*:

"Part of the restoration process is unity in these last days. If we as Christians cannot speak as one, the world will not believe our report. Jesus will not come until we come together and that is soon to happen. The concept of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit is another one of those mysteries that has been used to divide the church. Most believe that they are spiritually superior to other Christians, a kind of super-saint. So before I relate my study of the issue I would like to share with you my personal experiences with prophecy, glossolalia, and the baptism with the Holy Ghost in order to give you a clear understanding of my calling and how I arrived at my conclusions.

"The Baptism with the Holy Ghost came for me in the late sixties through the reading of the scriptures. It wasn't through intercession (although my mother prayed) or tarrying or laying on of hands, even though they can be valid as well. Although a nominal Christian and thought I loved the Lord, signs and wonders were not experienced within me until I found by the reading of the Word that my life was sinful. I simply and sincerely reached my hand up and said, "I'm sorry." God suddenly and profoundly engulfed me with a touch of the spirit that I had not known existed. My whole being was effected-looking back it seems like every molecule and nerve ending in my body was suddenly aglow to this new experiential truth. It was a total surprise; I hadn't worked myself into anything at all. In a split second I felt

that I had just been given the keys to the greatest answers in history and knew everything I ever needed to know about the meaning of life and the secrets of the ages. I also received a glimpse of the future and have since believed that I would be part of end time events. And for the first time, I praised the Lord.

“No power in earth, heaven or hell could ever dissuade me from the fact that this was an authentic spiritual glory in my life; it was too real, too profound...”

Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy
Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty
And we lift our hearts before You as a token of our love;
Holy, Holy
Holy, Holy.

Gracious Father, Gracious Father
We're so blessed to be Your children, Gracious Father.
And we lift our hearts before You as a token of our love.
Gracious Father, Gracious Father

Precious Jesus, Precious Jesus
We're so glad that You've redeemed us.
Precious Jesus.
And we lift our hands before You as a token of our love.
Precious Jesus, Precious Jesus

Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,
Come and fill our hearts, Holy Spirit
And we lift our voice before You as a token of our love
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit.