

## What God Desires the Most (Ac. 1:1-14)

Today's message is entitled what God desires the most. There are many things that God desires; however, you cannot do it all. That is why you must never lose hold of what God desires the most. This is where the answer to your life lies and if you just simply hold to the covenant without praying God will answer you. If this takes place inside of you but you fervently pray then it will become a religious life for you. You have no choice but to suffer because you are so fixated on your prayers rather than to hold to the covenant. May the blessing be upon you so that this comes inside your heart. Of course it cannot take place according to your heart. I have experienced many times to the extent that I struggled within that but to that extent God has allowed me to spiritually grow. That is why I am able to boldly testify before you but yet you must head towards what God desires the most. That is how you will be able to live a free life inside of the gospel, not only that you will live a true christian life. Yes, you have been saved but without the covenant you will live a life of effort. Many people say they live their life with prayer but you must really check to see if they are living the life of prayer that enjoys or lives life by their own efforts. Today's bible passage records the very important aspect of what God desires the most. May we all come to this answer. May we live life to the extent that we just simply stay put and God answers us. You must be able to have the joyful heart to serve the church and partake in the evangelism and mission movement. You must all be that person. May that blessing be upon us all. At this time of worship we must hold to the covenant. Satan will perish and the doors to your life will be open. You must experience this and come to the answer. This year is our 20th church anniversary. The church was pioneered in 2002 and we were able to keep this church going for 20 years. By God's grace many have received salvation through the church. We have prayed so much for the world and the churches of America that have lost the gospel. We are truly thankful that God has opened many doors for us. God has opened up many doors through the four covenants that he has given to the church. Also he has given us many evidences of the Latin America mission not only that we are in the true start of the journey that God will do through us. I do believe that God will raise many of the Latin America disciples and open up many doors of Latin America through the Latin America report that we have witnessed every week. I do have firm faith that God will bless us to the extent that we can go and save Latin America to the very ends. I do have the thought that God will open many doors to save Latin America as well. There's not so much evidence upon the churches of America that God has opened up for us to go and save them as well as America. I do believe that the very first field that we must save is America. However, there are not many American churches that truly have been relayed of the gospel and

evangelism. It is a sure fact that many of the churches in America are facing spiritual problems, not only that, they have lost hold of the gospel. They have lost hold of the gospel to which they don't have the spiritual strength to overcome the politics and the work of satan. If only the churches of America held onto the power of the gospel they would be able to overcome all the things that have taken place in this world. Right now we can see the reality of what is taking place in the society of America but yet the churches of America are not able to do anything about it. That is how the churches of America are accepting the changes taking place in this world. In my personal point of view they accept the changes that have taken place in the world to which they cannot win over and that is taking place even in seminary schools. Many of the churches in America have lost hold of the gospel to which there is no power for them to overcome the political powers. It is because satan is plowing in through the political powers to break and crumble all the churches in America. Even if this is all taking place in the churches of America I do have firm faith that God has placed the hidden disciples within the church and not only that the pastors that will stake their life for the gospel movement. I do believe that this is the start that God will open up the doors of America as well as the Indian reservations. I do hope that many of the churches of America, especially the pastors, will be raised as disciples to do this movement. I do hope that many of the disciples that will stake their life for the sake of the Indian reservations will be on the rise. If there are any remnants or young adults that will stake their life for the sake of saving America we will fully support them. For the sake of this work there is something that we are truly thankful to God for. We are thankful that God has attached many disciples to us and given us to ability to nurture those that were attached. We are thankful that God has given us the answer to the extent to which this can become a systematic evangelism. Holding onto that, we are celebrating the 20th anniversary of our church. Within the time schedule that God has permitted, what is the prayer topic that you must hold to. What resolution must you come to? May you deeply think of it. We must prepare well for the 20th church anniversary. I do hope that it will be the anniversary that is focused on evangelism and mission.

### 1. What God desires the Most

Today's passage records of Jesus Christ who has resurrected and spent 40 days with his disciples as he ascends to heaven. Before his disciples, Jesus was taken up to heaven. How would you feel if you were at that place to witness this? Imagine if you are talking to Jesus as he is ascending to heaven. To the very end, he explained that he is the Christ, that he is God, himself. After that, they entered the Mark's Upper Room to which the Holy Spirit came upon them. The Holy Spirit came upon them on behalf of Jesus. You must come to the answer of what God desires the

world. The standard of the world is God. The standard is God's plan and the gospel. There are many that do not like this, but it does not matter because this is the standard. There is something that God desires. There are many things, but you must never forget what He desires most. It is His absolute plan. God's plan is unchanging. This is what you must do. Matthew 6:33, do what he seeks after, and everything will be added to you. When you are able to uncover what God desires the most, then you have come to the answer. Automatically, you will be able to resolve in your heart. This is the start of the life of a children of God. Today, through the bible passage, Jesus speaks of four things that he desires the most. Verse 1-2 is Jesus Christ, Verse 3 pertains to the things of the kingdom of God, Verse 8 is to stand as a witness and the power of the Holy Spirit, and Verse 14, in one accord they prayed together. Verse 1-2 speaks of Luke. The author of the book of Acts is Luke. To Luke, the book of Acts is what comes before the book of Luke. It says "In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach." It speaks of the content that Jesus is the Christ. What God desires the most is Jesus Christ. It is for all mankind to believe in Jesus Christ and be saved. It is for all mankind to enjoy Christ and receive answers. When you are able to receive answers, you will be able to overcome all curses. And if you do not receive answers, no matter how much you cry out, you cannot overcome curses. It is what God desires the most, for you to receive answers to stand as a witness and conquer all things. And Jesus Christ is the fundamental of the three promises that he desires the most. Jesus Christ is the fundamental of God's kingdom. Without Jesus Christ, there is no kingdom of God. The things pertaining to the kingdom of God are evangelism and mission. And the content of evangelism and mission is Jesus Christ. And the kingdom of God is promised inside of Christ. Without Christ, you can never enjoy the kingdom of God. And it is impossible to be filled by the Holy Spirit without Christ. For you to be filled by Christ is to be filled by the Holy Spirit. There are many side effects that come with enjoying the Holy Spirit without Jesus Christ. Many might confess Jesus Christ with their lips, but it is all by the work of the Holy Spirit. It is likewise in Verse 14 when they pray in one accord. The conclusion of Matthew 6:33 is that "I am your covenant, and I am your promise. He is the content to the prayer to which the prayer is at work. He is the covenant to which power comes upon our prayer. So when you hold onto Jesus Christ as your covenant and enjoy, the covenant will be at work. And that is when the things pertaining to the kingdom of God will be done. That is when all the work of Satan's dominion will be crumbles and God's kingdom will be established. And you will be filled by the Holy Spirit. It is very simple and easy. If you put in your own strength and effort to be filled by the Holy Spirit, it will be very hard for you. It is because that is not the way. You can never go straight to the filling of the Holy Spirit. You must go through Christ. For those who do not have Christ, they can never be filled by the Holy Spirit.

It's far easier for you to be filled by Christ, and then the Holy Spirit. Then, there isn't a reason for you to have to be filled by the Holy Spirit. You are already filled by the Holy Spirit. We all want to be filled by the Holy Spirit. But you can never be filled by the Holy Spirit without Christ. That is why we say that the Holy Spirit is the spirit of Christ. And for those who enjoy Christ, they are able to in the deep mystery of prayer. The 120 who gathered at Mark's upper room came to the conclusion of Christ. With that covenant, they prayed. That is when the Holy Spirit came upon them. This is what God desires from us, too. And out of the four points I shared with you, God desires Christ the most. Inside of Christ pertains the kingdom of God and the Holy Spirit. Without Christ, you cannot go into the depths of prayer. It is only Christ who is the covenant, Christ who has crushed the serpent's head. Without Christ, if you go in the depths of prayer, who would you meet? You meet Satan who is waiting for you. May Christ be your covenant once again.

## **2. Have the Limited Concentration**

The second point we'll look at is, "Have the Limited Concentration." You might've heard these terms in Reverend Ryu's messages. Twenty years before using "limited concentration," he used the words "narrow-minded ones." Reverend Ryu's uncle is a pastor. His uncle was persecuted by the family because he wanted to take the path to become a pastor, and after he graduated, he became the first pastor. And Reverend Ryu himself said that his uncle was a very renowned pastor. Every time Reverend Ryu gave a sermon, so many people would gather to listen. So, one day, his uncle asked him, "How do you gather so many people to listen?" Reverend Ryu replied, "Uncle, you do many things, yet because I am a narrowminded person, I only focus on one thing." And now he has changed that word and utilizes "limited concentration." It is to concentrate on one thing rather than everything. You must live your life with limited concentration. You must understand this. This must take place out in the field. Then, you'll live life similar to the Bible. You all desire to live a life similar to the Bible. If you desire this, then may you go inside this promise. We have countless thoughts. May you not have that anymore. May you concentrate on one thing. Then, you'll succeed with God's power alone. It means that you will receive answers when you concentrate on what God desires the most. There are many works that must be done. And there are a variety of occupations. And you may have many plans for the future. And of course, these should be achieved. There are those with many thoughts and plans. But take a look at the past. What happened to those plans? You may be the one to plan, but God is the one who fulfills it. We may do many things, but there should be only one thing we are concentrated on. If you concentrate on the incorrect things, everything else you do is in vain. We are all humans. We are God's creation. Then what must we do? We must do what God desires. That is

how you live a victorious life. God is not a being you should compete with. You must obey Him. You must lay yourself down before him. That is what is beneficial for you. When I first came to America, I was conned by an American. And I for myself did not know the American ways, and I was such a fool at the time, doing foolish things. However, that person was very wicked. He did something that should never be done. I'm not sure if I'm still stuck in that. So, why do I share this with you? As we live our life, there are many cultures in America that we must learn. But there are also many things we should never learn from America. One thing I see that I do not agree with individualism. Of course, you should respect one's right. But in most cases, when we share the Gospel, there are times when they would follow and listen to you, and in the end, have the heart and mentality that goes against God. If it does not align with their own assertions, they don't even look that way. And it has become such a culture that it is so right of them to have that mindset. But that is incorrect. That is something that will bring trouble. It will lead one to perish. One may fall into their own assertions, full of false ideologies and theories they believe in. Later on, they have no choice but to perish. I am sorry to say this, however, if you are not able to break your own mindset and ideology you hold onto so much, you will perish. Amongst us, there are those who are arrogant. If they are arrogant before others, they will be arrogant before God. I myself may be arrogant at times. We must change that. That will only put us to death. All mankind must obey God's word. There is no reason or excuse, you must be aligned to God's word and obey it. People must do what God desires most, that is the answer to your life. Everything other than the gospel is religion. They have been greatly deceived. In the end, they will be defeated by Satan. They may yield to others, however, they will not live a victorious life. They will simply live their lives and die. Daniel 1:8, says that Daniel resolved in his heart. That means he concentrated. That does not mean he did not do anything else, he later became the governor of a huge nation. He came to resolve in his heart that he will do what God desires most. That is what it means to resolve in your heart. We all know 2 Kings 2:9. Elisha resolved inside of his heart to ask for the double portion of God's spirit. He came to the answer. He is the one who did only. He came to the answer to the extent that he was able to have limited concentration. This was because he knew the answer. Many people simply know of it but do not hold to only. You must know it. There are many renowned sermons out there but I am not like them. May you come to the answer. I myself have not completely come to the answer but by God's grace, I am in the process. After many years of struggling inside the gospel, God has given me much evidence. I have the confidence that if God attaches me to a disciple, I will be able to raise them and nurture them as my disciple. As I struggled within the gospel to come to the answer, I questioned God to the extent that he answered me. For Joseph, his covenant was his life's dream. Do you think he would ever forget it? No, he was able to

fully concentrate on his dream. Hannah prayed for a son, but God gave her the covenant of a Nazarite. It was the covenant that she will never forget. Rightfully so, she concentrated on that covenant. Even after she sent her son to the temple, she concentrated on that covenant. She went all in. There are many examples we can think of. May you ask before God and yourself, who am I? As we live this age, we must have limited concentration. This concentration must be on Christ. It is God's kingdom, the filling of the holy spirit, and prayer. In other words, it is 237, healing, and summit. In other words, it is the four resurrection messages. You must have limited concentration on this. All of this is contained inside of Christ. You must have limited concentration on this. There are many things you must do, but you should not concentrate on that. You must have limited concentration on this. The reason why you may not have it is because of the work of Satan. That is why you hold onto Christ as the covenant to bind the forces of darkness. Rightfully so, with your strength, you may resolve it. You must not concentrate on the problem. At times, because of interpersonal relationships, you may be repressed by the words of others. This is not something you must concentrate on. You must be able to accept, transcend, and overcome it. You must discard all the useless thoughts. May you concentrate on one thing. That is what we call limited concentration. Revered Ryu expressed in the past that he was such a narrow-minded person. When you have limited concentration, all forces of darkness will crumble. God's kingdom will be upon you and your prayers will be answered. Your life will be strengthened. You will live a life that accumulates answers. It is not the answer that simply ends with receiving it once. It is not evangelism where you simply share the gospel with one person. You must accumulate evangelism. To the extent that you will have power upon your life, conquer the region, and conquer your own life. May this blessing be upon you. May we all be the person of prayer that seeks after God 24 hours as he has attached the disciples to you.