***God Will Not Dwell in a Man-Made House***

““Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as He appointed, instructing Moses to make it according to the pattern that he had seen, which our fathers, having received it in turn, also brought with Joshua into the land possessed by the Gentiles, whom God drove out before the face of our fathers until the days of David, who found favor before God and asked to find a dwelling for the God of Jacob. But Solomon built Him a house. “However, the Most High does not dwell in temples made with hands, as the prophet says: ‘Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool. What house will you build for Me? says the Lord, Or what is the place of My rest? Has My hand not made all these things?’

When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with their teeth. But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and said, “Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!”

and they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul. And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not charge them with this sin.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.”

Acts 7:44-50, 54-56, 58-60 NKJV

Sharing these narratives again to continue to bring home to us the importance of not only being filled with the Holy Spirit, but more so understanding the WHY we need to be filled with Holy Spirit. The empowerment of Holy Spirit gives us boldness to be unafraid to speak the heart of God even unto death!

We are emboldened to trust Him, to fearlessly speak faith and rightly represent the God of our Lord Jesus, and to reflect the image of God and His likeness in the way we live!