

**General Topics :: "Fresh Power" by Jim Cymbala**

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5 out of 5 stars.

This is perhaps one of the best books I have ever read on the power of God, and how we should desire it for the callings God has placed on each of our lives. This book will perhaps make non-Pentecostals much more uncomfortable than the previous two books in this series... but at the same time it will probably challenge many Pentecostals/Charismatics as well.

As Cymbala walks us through the book of Acts, he calls us to earnestly seek the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and subsequent refillings. Cymbala says we should not focus on what manifestation occurs with the baptism of the Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures do not limit it to tongues specifically. Rather, what the Scripture was concerned about was a demonstration of the power of God. Legitimate demonstrations of that power... not the many things that are counterfeits passed off as God's power. This power is not to be confused with emotionalism. Rather, it is to be the power God uses to demonstrate that Christ is alive and on the throne today. A power that changes the lives of others.

It's a shame that this book hasn't received as much attention as Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire. This book is probably just as good as the first book of this series, if perhaps not better. Cymbala's comments regarding the Church Growth movement is especially insightful. I hope this book finds its way into many Bible Colleges, Pastors, and the traditional pew dwellers.

If you have enjoyed books by such individuals as Leonard Ravehill (author of 'Why Revival Tarries,' 'Sodom Had No Bible,' etc.), then you will greatly enjoy this book, and the entire 'Fresh...' series.