

# Welcome to Rev Darren King's Bible Study – 19 May 2024

## THE HOLY SPIRIT POURED OUT FOR ALL

### Opening Prayer (please pray together)

Risen Lord, please draw us to you. Dry our tears, call us by name, and lead us to heaven where we may always be to you; you live and reign, one God, now and forever, Amen.

### Welcome 🙏

**Q 1 Have you ever had a strange warming of the heart, or a sense that The Holy Spirit was with you? Please share your experience.**

### Music Worship 🎵

As the deer pants for the water  
Al over the World, the Spirit is moving  
Give thanks with a grateful heart

### Word: Psalm 104.24-35

<sup>24</sup> How many are your works, LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup> There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number— living things both large and small. <sup>26</sup> There the ships go to and fro, and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there. <sup>27</sup> All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time. <sup>28</sup> When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things. <sup>29</sup> When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust. <sup>30</sup> When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground. <sup>31</sup> May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works— <sup>32</sup> he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke. <sup>33</sup> I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

<sup>34</sup> May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD.

<sup>35</sup> But may sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked be no more.

Praise the LORD, my soul. Praise the LORD.

### Word: Acts 2 1-21      The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. <sup>5</sup> Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. <sup>7</sup> Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup> (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!”

<sup>12</sup> Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

<sup>13</sup> Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

## **Peter Addresses the Crowd**

<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. <sup>15</sup> These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning!

<sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> ““In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. <sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. <sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

## **COMMENTARY**

**The Pentecost event signifies the birth of the church and also shows that God works in and through communities, and the Spirit works to unify communities.**

**The Spirit empowers us - the silenced, the confused, the marginalised and the broken find power through the Spirit to speak up as did the disciples. The Spirit also empowers others to raise a voice for the voiceless and the oppressed in the language of the people, in their native tongues, socially, culturally and contextually. Come, Holy Spirit, come and set our hearts afire with your love and compassion and power.**

**Q 2 Please imagine you were there at Pentecost and saw all cultures and different people praising God. Describe what you think it was like?**

**Q 3 “All Roads lead to Rome”. Isn’t it fascinating that when the Spirit came upon those first believers, the world was ready to hear the Good News. This power had arrived, the paths had been laid. Do you know that same power is available to us today?**

**Please discuss the types of power and how this is available to all.**

**Q 4 The unseen wind moves the ship – and so we draw our power from an unseen presence. Do you agree? Please discuss.**

## **Works**

Pray together for our planet that the Spirit gifts of patience, kindness and understanding would somehow influence the World’s leaders who seem hellbent on war, destruction and separation. Pray for all these leaders to be touched by the Holy Spirit.

**Ending Prayer** (please pray together)

Risen Lord, please draw us to you. May we ask for us your peace. Drive away all our doubts and fill our hearts with love and joy; you live and reign, one God, now and forever, Amen.

## **Shalom**

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