

Welcome to Rev Darren King's Bible Study – 16 June 2024

PENTECOST 4

CHANGE AND BEING CHANGED

Opening Prayer (please pray together)

Lord God, our hearts are open for you to see and touch. Grant us love and peace to be a willing servant for your will, Amen.

Welcome 🙏

Q 1 “Attitude determines altitude”. Do you agree with this statement?

Worship 🎵

As the deer pants for the water
Spirit of the living God
Amazing Grace

Pray together the Serenity Prayer.

Dear Lord, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change.
The strength to change the things I can, and the courage to know the difference.

Word: Psalm 20

¹ May the LORD answer you when you are in distress;
may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.

² May he send you help from the sanctuary and grant you support from Zion.

³ May he remember all your sacrifices and accept your burnt offerings.

⁴ May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.

⁵ May we shout for joy over your victory and lift up our banners in the name of our God.
May the LORD grant all your requests.

⁶ Now this I know: The LORD gives victory to his anointed.

He answers him from his heavenly sanctuary with the victorious power of his right hand.

⁷ Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

⁸ They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm.

⁹ LORD, give victory to the king! Answer us when we call!

Word: 1 Samuel 15.34-16.13

³⁴ Then Samuel left for Ramah, but Saul went up to his home in Gibeah of Saul. ³⁵ Until the day Samuel died, he did not go to see Saul again, though Samuel mourned for him. And the LORD regretted that he had made Saul king over Israel.

Samuel Anoints David

16 The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”

² But Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.” The LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.”

⁴ Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, “Do you come in peace?”

⁵ Samuel replied, “Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶ When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed stands here before the LORD.” ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.” ⁹ Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the LORD chosen this one.” ¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The LORD has not chosen these.” ¹¹ So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?” “There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.” Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.” ¹² So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.” ¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

COMMENTARY **There is a contrast between Saul and David, Saul was part of a wealthy family. “Tall, handsome, the son of a wealthy family seemed to have everything — everything that is, except confidence in God and himself.”**

David, the shepherd boy, seemed to have nothing. David’s family didn’t even think of him, let alone call him to the lineup to be considered for kingship. The one that the family rejected became Israel’s King. While David’s family thought little of him and his time with the sheep, it seems that David’s time as a shepherd was just what was needed to prepare his heart. Kingship is something he was willing to embrace.

Q 2 In today’s reading Solomon has failed as a king and there needs to be change. Why do we struggle with change?

Q 3 Often when we are willing to change, God will do the rest. Have you ever experienced this in your life?

Q 4 David was one of Israel’s greatest kings as the Spirit of God was upon him . Many Psalms were written by David. When we put God first in our lives he can work through us in powerful ways. Do you agree?

Works

Who can we reach out to this week? Pray for each other, your friends and family.

Ending Prayer (please pray together)

Lord God, may we be willing to let you see us from our own heart. In your wisdom guide us onto the right path and let us stay there, working for your will only, Amen.

Shalom Rev Darren King (Roots on the web, The Message)