

# Welcome to Rev Darren King's Bible Study – 21 July 2024

## PENTECOST 9

### LET GOD BE GOD

#### Opening Prayer (please pray together)




Spirit of Wisdom, guide our actions so they tell of God's love. Spirit of Truth, open our eyes to see the world as it really is. Spirit of Power, enthuse us to work for justice throughout the world. Spirit of Love, inspire us to respect the dignity of each person. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, Amen.

#### Welcome 🙏

**Q 1 This week we heard some really concerning news with the assassination attempt on Donald Trump. How did you feel when you heard the news?**

#### Worship; Read Psalm 89.20-37 together

- <sup>20</sup> I have found David my servant; with my sacred oil I have anointed him.  
<sup>21</sup> My hand will sustain him; surely my arm will strengthen him.  
<sup>22</sup> The enemy will not get the better of him; the wicked will not oppress him.  
<sup>23</sup> I will crush his foes before him and strike down his adversaries.  
<sup>24</sup> My faithful love will be with him, and through my name his horn will be exalted.  
<sup>25</sup> I will set his hand over the sea, his right hand over the rivers.  
<sup>26</sup> He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior.'  
<sup>27</sup> And I will appoint him to be my firstborn, the most exalted of the kings of the earth.  
<sup>28</sup> I will maintain my love to him forever, and my covenant with him will never fail.  
<sup>29</sup> I will establish his line forever, his throne as long as the heavens endure.
- <sup>30</sup> "If his sons forsake my law and do not follow my statutes,  
<sup>31</sup> if they violate my decrees and fail to keep my commands,  
<sup>32</sup> I will punish their sin with the rod, their iniquity with flogging;  
<sup>33</sup> but I will not take my love from him, nor will I ever betray my faithfulness.  
<sup>34</sup> I will not violate my covenant or alter what my lips have uttered.  
<sup>35</sup> Once for all, I have sworn by my holiness — and I will not lie to David —  
<sup>36</sup> that his line will continue forever and his throne endure before me like the sun;  
<sup>37</sup> it will be established forever like the moon, the faithful witness in the sky."

Sing  How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
 What an amazing God we've got  
 Gods Spirit is deep in my heart

#### Word; 2 Samuel 7.1-14                      God's Promise to David

7 After the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, <sup>2</sup> he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent." <sup>3</sup> Nathan replied to the king, "Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the LORD is with you."

<sup>4</sup> But that night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying: <sup>5</sup> “Go and tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in?’”

<sup>6</sup> I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling. <sup>7</sup> Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”” <sup>8</sup> “Now then, tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. <sup>9</sup> I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. <sup>10</sup> And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning <sup>11</sup> and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.

“The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you: <sup>12</sup> When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup> He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>14</sup> I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands.

**COMMENTARY**      **These promises relate to Solomon, David's immediate successor, and the royal line of Judah. But they also relate to Christ. God gave Jesus all power in heaven and earth, with authority to execute judgment. Jesus was to build the GOSPEL TEMPLE, a house for God's name; the spiritual temple of true believers, to be a habitation of God through the Spirit, establishing his house, his throne, and his kingdom for ever.**

**Q 2 Do you think we are ever tempted to domesticate God or try and box God?**

**Q 3 It may be humbling but God made everything in this universe without our help? How do we allow God to be God?**

**Q 4 David wanted to build the temple but God had other ideas. He wanted Solomon to build it. How do you think David felt?**

### **Works**

As a group, pray for each other; as individuals, pray for health and peace.

**Ending Prayer** (please pray together)

Lord, send us the gift of peace. And fill us all with your Spirit so that with one voice, throughout the world, we may cry out: Lord, send us the gift of peace, Amen.

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