

Welcome to Rev Darren King's Bible Study – 7 July 2024
PENTECOST 7
ALL COMING TOGETHER

Opening Prayer (please pray together)

Come, Spirit of Wisdom, free us from the things of the earth, and give us the desire and the taste of the things of heaven. May we ask that blessings are given to all leaders of this world to unite in peace with your Son Jesus Christ, no more war, but peace, Amen.

Welcome 🙏

Q 1 We seem to have a crisis with leadership all over the world. Leadership is often sadly lacking. What do you look for in a good leader?

Worship

What a mighty God we serve 🎤

Stand up, stand up for Jesus 🎵

O for a thousand tongues to sing 🎵

Word: Psalm 48 Please read Psalm 48 together

¹ Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise, in the city of our God, his holy mountain.

² Beautiful in its loftiness, the joy of the whole earth, like the heights of Zaphon is Mount Zion, the city of the Great King.

³ God is in her citadels; he has shown himself to be her fortress.

⁴ When the kings joined forces, when they advanced together,

⁵ they saw her and were astounded; they fled in terror.

⁶ Trembling seized them there, pain like that of a woman in labour.

⁷ You destroyed them like ships of Tarshish shattered by an east wind.

⁸ As we have heard, so we have seen in the city of the LORD Almighty, in the city of our God: God makes her secure forever.

⁹ Within your temple, O God, we meditate on your unfailing love.

¹⁰ Like your name, O God, your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with righteousness.

¹¹ Mount Zion rejoices, the villages of Judah are glad because of your judgments.

¹² Walk about Zion, go around her, count her towers,

¹³ consider well her ramparts, view her citadels, that you may tell of them to the next generation.

¹⁴ For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end.

Word: 2 Samuel 5:1-10

David Becomes King Over Israel

5 All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, “We are your own flesh and blood. ²In the past, while Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns. And the LORD said to you, ‘You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler.’”

³When all the elders of Israel had come to King David at Hebron, the king made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.

⁴David was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years. ⁵In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

David Conquers Jerusalem

⁶The king and his men marched to Jerusalem to attack the Jebusites, who lived there. The Jebusites said to David, “You will not get in here; even the blind and the lame can ward you off.” They thought, “David cannot get in here.” ⁷Nevertheless, David captured the fortress of Zion—which is the City of David.

⁸On that day David had said, “Anyone who conquers the Jebusites will have to use the water shaft to reach those ‘lame and blind’ who are David’s enemies.” That is why they say, “The ‘blind and lame’ will not enter the palace.”

⁹David then took up residence in the fortress and called it the City of David. He built up the area around it, from the terraces inward. ¹⁰And he became more and more powerful, because the LORD God Almighty was with him.

COMMENTARY **There were 15-20 years between Samuel’s anointing of David and his ascent to the throne of Israel. From our perspective, that is a very long time, nearly a quarter of a lifetime. God wasn’t in a hurry to crown David king.**

We need to remember this when we consider the way God’s promises work themselves out in our lives. God will always keep His promises and He is always working, but He may take longer than we expect. We must always trust in God’s timing, God knows!

Q 2 David is anointed as king and makes a covenant with his people.

With God's help, David continues to grow in power and greatness.

He knew that his strength and guidance came from the Lord. Please discuss

Q 3 How do you think a good leader is shaped?

Q 4 How do we understand the qualities that make good leaders?

Works

Which leaders can we pray for? Should we pray for bad leaders to become good leaders?

Ending Prayer (please pray together)

Lord God, you sent the Holy Spirit to your Church, to guide it, confirm it and sustain it.

Send your holy gifts upon the leaders of this world so that they can joyfully travel the road of Salvation with Jesus Christ, no more war, but peace, Amen.

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