

# Welcome to Rev Darren King's Bible Study – 13 October 2024

## PENTECOST 21

### WHERE ARE YOU GOD?

Welcome 🙏

**Opening Prayer** (please pray together)

O God, your divine wisdom sets in order all things in heaven and on earth. Put away from us all things hurtful and give us all things that are beneficial for us; through Jesus Christ, Amen.

**Q 1** As we think of what is going on in the world today do you ever stop and ask Where are you God?

**Music Worship** 🎵

Sing 🎵 Amazing grace

The Lord is my shepherd

Were you there when they crucified my Lord

**Read Psalm 22:1-15** together

<sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?

<sup>2</sup> My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest.

<sup>3</sup> Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises.

<sup>4</sup> In you our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them.

<sup>5</sup> To you they cried out and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

<sup>6</sup> But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people.

<sup>7</sup> All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads.

<sup>8</sup> "He trusts in the LORD," they say, "let the LORD rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him." <sup>9</sup> Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you, even at my mother's breast. <sup>10</sup> From birth I was cast on you; from my mother's womb you have been my God. <sup>11</sup> Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

<sup>12</sup> Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.

<sup>13</sup> Roaring lions that tear their prey open their mouths wide against me.

<sup>14</sup> I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted within me.

<sup>15</sup> My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.

**Word:**  **Job 23:1-9 & 16-17**

23 Then Job replied: <sup>2</sup> "Even today my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy in spite of my groaning.

<sup>3</sup> If only I knew where to find him; if only I could go to his dwelling!

<sup>4</sup> I would state my case before him and fill my mouth with arguments.

<sup>5</sup> I would find out what he would answer me, and consider what he would say to me.

<sup>6</sup> Would he vigorously oppose me? No, he would not press charges against me.

<sup>7</sup> There the upright can establish their innocence before him, and there I would be delivered

forever from my judge. <sup>8</sup>“But if I go to the east, he is not there; if I go to the west, I do not find him. <sup>9</sup>When he is at work in the north, I do not see him; when he turns to the south, I catch no glimpse of him. <sup>16</sup>God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me.

<sup>17</sup>Yet I am not silenced by the darkness, by the thick darkness that covers my face.

### **Word: Mark 10.17-31 The Rich and the Kingdom of God**

<sup>17</sup>As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

<sup>18</sup>“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honour your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup>“Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”

<sup>21</sup>Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

<sup>22</sup>At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup>The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again,

“Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

<sup>26</sup>The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?”

<sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.” <sup>28</sup>Then Peter spoke up, “We have left everything to follow you!”

<sup>29</sup>“Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel <sup>30</sup>will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

**COMMENTARY** Job speaks in all his anger, pain, grief, and despair because he knows that God is big enough to handle it. He holds on to God with a fierce faith and calls on God to help him. Through his lament, something like hope is born.

**Q 2** Have you ever felt like Job when things are going wrong and you feel like the whole world is against you? Can you imagine his friends unhelpful accusations, that he must have been a sinner to have suffered so much. Please discuss

**Q 3** Job is in deep darkness and wishes he could find God. Have you ever experienced this?

**Q 4** Many of us forget that there is a bigger picture. God often has a plan that includes this life and the next. Please discuss

**Works** 🙏

Who can we phone or visit this week that may be in a “Job’ situation.

**Ending Prayer** (please pray together)

We praise you for your freely given love and the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, Amen.

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