

Acts 2:1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

2:3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.

2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

2:5 And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven.

2:6 And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language.

2:7 Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?"

2:8 "And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?"

2:9 "Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

2:10 "Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

2:11 "Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

2:12 So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?"

2:13 Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine."

Good morning everyone.

It is the morning of Pentecost (the day of Pentecost).

Pentecost was originally a festival seven weeks after the Passover, and was a day to celebrate the first harvest of the year. We also see the cute seedlings after rice planting grow bigger and bigger at this time. On this day in spring, when we rejoice and celebrate the Lord giving us the new first ears, wonderful things have happened as the Lord had promised.

1 The day of Pentecost came, and everyone was gathered together,

2 Suddenly, a sound like a violent wind arose from heaven and filled the house where they were all sitting.

This event fulfilled the promise that the Lord had once spoken.

1:4 And while they were eating together, He commanded them, "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of My Father, which you have heard from Me for a long time.

1:5 For John baptized with water, but soon you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

1:8 But when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

It was not known when it would be brought about, but it happened in His best timing, just as He had promised. It was the day of Pentecost.

Everyone was gathered together in Jerusalem, as the Lord had said, in one place, and on that day it happened with the roar of a violent wind. Suddenly a sound like a violent wind came from heaven and filled the house where they were all sitting.

John 3:5 Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth. John 3:5 Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and of the Spirit.

3:6 He that is born of the flesh is flesh, and he that is born of the Spirit is spirit.

3:7 Be not troubled, because I have said, Ye must be born again.

3:8 The wind blows as it pleases. You hear its sound, but you do not know whence it comes or whither it goes. So is every one that is born of the Spirit.

3:9 Nicodemus answered Jesus, "How can this be?"

How can this be?

In today's passage, too, there are many instances of human incomprehension.

"Everyone was astonished when he heard it.

"Amazed and astonished, they said.

"What is the matter with them?"

"How is it that these people hear in our own language the great works of God?"

All were astonished and bewildered, and said to one another, "What is the meaning of this?"

The wind blows as it pleases. You hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the spirit.

I say to you well and truly. I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and of the Spirit. He who is born of the flesh is flesh, and he who is born of the spirit is spirit."

We need to know that there are wondrous works that God initiates, and that He does wonderful things that are beyond our comprehension.

3 And a tongue like a flame of fire came out and stayed on each one of them, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in various other languages, as the Spirit caused them to speak.

The Holy Spirit appeared in the form of a tongue and divided like a flame, and stayed on each one of them.

Why did the Holy Spirit appear in the form of a tongue?

The Greek word "tongue" also means "language. In the past, the existence of people who spoke other languages was so mysterious that even if they tried to imitate them, they could not do so with their own tongues, and it may have seemed as if each person had a different tongue that made him or her speak a unique language.

Tongues of burning fire were given, and all were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke in various other languages as the Spirit caused them to speak.

Here, as "the wind blows as it wishes," the Holy Spirit gave the disciples the ability to speak fluently in a language they had never learned, as if a new tongue had been instantly and instantly given to them. This was unthinkable to man. Given tongues of burning fire, the disciples continue to speak of the Lord's great works with single-minded devotion.

5 Now in Jerusalem there came and dwelt faithful Jews from all nations under heaven,

6 And they were all astonished to hear the apostles speaking in the language of their native land.

7 And they were astonished, and wondering, saying, "Behold, are not all these men who are speaking now Galileans?"

8 How is it, then, that we each hear from them the language of our native land?

9 There are among us Parthians, and Medians, and Elamites; and Mesopotamians, and Judeans, and Kapadokians, and Pontians, and Asiatians; and Pentheans, and Pentherians, and Pentherians; and Pentheans, and Pentherians,

10 Some in Fulgiya and Pamphylia, some in Egypt and in the region of Libya near Crene, and others in Rome who are on a journey,

11 Jews and converts, Cretans and Arabians, how is it that we hear those people mentioning the great works of God in our national language?

From all nations under heaven. Today, there are said to be as many as 7,000 languages from 200 countries, but in this period, there may not have been that many separate languages.

However, there are so many names of countries in this list alone. There were Jews who were born and raised in these countries. The language of their homeland was no longer Jewish. There are missionary teachers from Hawaii, but second and third generation immigrants are gradually having difficulty speaking their original native language. We also know that people from many countries converted to Judaism and lived in Jerusalem.

In converting to Judaism, these people would have understood the language of Israel (Aramaic and Hebrew) when they heard teachings in the synagogues and readings from the Bible. They would have come from Gentile nations and would have tried to understand the national language of God's people. They would have adapted themselves to that language.

But surprisingly, on this morning of Pentecost, these foreigners heard the language of their birthplace in Jerusalem. And they heard words that glorified God's great work in the language of their native land.

They had long ago put their own language, culture, and thoughts behind them and forgotten them to become familiar with Jewish religion, culture, and language. But on this particular morning, we had no idea that we would be hearing the language of our birthplace from people with Galilean accents in that small town, even though we had missed it. They had never thought they would hear words of praise to God. That must have been their surprise as well.

John 4:19 The woman said to Jesus, "Lord, I see you as a prophet.

4:20 Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where we should worship is in Jerusalem."

4:21 Jesus said to the woman, "Woman, believe what I say. The hour is coming when you will worship the Father in a place that is not on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

4:22 Ye worship that which ye know not: but we worship Him whom we know. For salvation comes from the Jews.

4:23 But the time is coming when those who worship in truth will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. Yes, it is coming now. For the Father seeks those who worship in this way.

4:24 For God is a spirit, and those who worship him should also worship in spirit and in truth.

This is exactly what Jesus and the Samaritan woman talked about, "The time will come when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem, for salvation will come from the Jews. But the time had come, that the time would come when those who were true worshippers would worship the Father in spirit and in truth.

At the same time, this was a powerful fulfillment of the following events

1:8 Only when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power and be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

That worship is not confined to race, ethnicity, or language, but only by the Holy Spirit, so that only those who are born again of the Spirit and born of the Spirit are spirit, understanding those whom the Spirit seeks, understanding the will of God, worshiping the Father in spirit and in truth, walking in His ways, understanding what men have not understood, They believe, and the Lord's great and mighty works are shown to them one after another, and the way is shown to them so that they can advance in the midst of them.

2:12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What is the meaning of this?"

2:13 But the others laughed at him, saying, "They are drunk with the new wine.

John 3:7 Do not wonder, because I have said that you must be born again.

3:8 The wind blows as it wishes. You hear its sound, but you do not know whence it comes or whither it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.

If we too were not born anew in the spirit, we too would be going through life groping, wondering, not understanding, and moving left and right. But the Spirit has been poured out on us, and we have been made to understand the world according to the new will.

Everyone was astonished when they heard it.

"Amazed and astonished, they said.

"What is the matter with them?"

"How is it that these people hear in our own language the great works of God?"

All were amazed and perplexed, and said to each other, "What is the meaning of this?"

We, too, used to have our eyes closed toward God by our fleshly mind, but now our eyes have been opened by the Holy Spirit, and we are thankful that we have been allowed into the world of God's unseen works.

The Holy Spirit, who is a burning and shining tongue of fire, dwelt deeply in the hearts of the disciples, and by His burning tongue of fire, He powerfully led them through their mouths to walk as witnesses of Jesus Christ.

Luke 5:8 Seeing this, Simon Peter fell down on Jesus' knees and said, "Depart from me, O Lord! I am a sinful man.

5:9 For he and all who were with him were amazed at the great number of fish that were taken.

5:10 And the same was the case with James and John the son of Zebedee, Simon's companions. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will be fishers of men.

And the first fruits of that ministry would have been born on this day. With tongues of burning fire, receiving power and being equipped, to the ends of the earth. We hope to be used and advanced by the Lord this week as well.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for today's worship service. Thank you for teaching us today that the Lord's promises will surely come true. With a roar like the wind blowing through a house, tongues of burning fire rested on each of the disciples as they spoke of God's great works in a foreign language they had never learned. Many were amazed and said to each other, "What in the world is going on?" We thank God that He can do such a great work in our lives that we can be amazed and praise Him for His great work. This week, with tongues of burning fire, let us witness with passion and love the wonder of Christ the Son. Bless our families and the people in our community. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.