

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."

[From today's sermon.

It is the 50th day after the Passover meal. Pentecost is one of the three major Jewish festivals. It is a day of thanksgiving for the spring harvest and a day of celebration commemorating the giving of the Ten Commandments to Moses at Mount Sinai 50 days after the Exodus. The Lord's promise was fulfilled at the very time when the dispersed Jews from all over the world gathered and converts from all over the world gathered at the Temple in Jerusalem.

Jesus once breathed on His disciples and told them to "receive the Holy Spirit" (John 20:22). He also said, "Rest! Rest in peace. Whose sins you forgive, they will be forgiven; whose sins you leave unforgiven, they will remain.

The stage was set. Suddenly, a sound like a violent wind came from heaven and filled the house where they were all sitting. And tongues like flames broke out and stayed on each one of them. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in various languages, as the Spirit caused them to speak. The content of what was spoken in each language was about God's great and omnipotent work.

The curtain finally fell on world evangelism. This teaching is no longer for the Jews alone, nor for the disciples alone, but for the world.

Good morning everyone.

The weather is still very cold and warm, but I hope you are doing well.

Today is Pentecost.

Luke 24:49 Behold, I present to you the things which my Father has promised. Therefore remain ye in the city until ye are endowed with power from above.

The event of "power from above," of which Jesus spoke, finally took place.

Acts 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.

The Holy Spirit's outpouring at Pentecost, which is "power from above," was given for what purpose, I hope you will learn from the Bible with me today.

It is to "be my witness," to be a witness for Jesus Christ.

Luke 24:45 Then Jesus opened their hearts that they might understand the Scriptures.

24:46 And He said, "Thus it is written. Christ will suffer, and on the third day he will rise from the dead.

24:47 And repentance shall be preached in his name for the remission of sins unto all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

24:48 And ye are witnesses of these things.

And to bear witness to Jesus Christ, it is our testimony and communication that He is the Savior of us all. He has made atonement, and the repentance that makes forgiveness of sins possible in His name is communicated to the whole world. We are to tell you this.

John 20:21 Jesus also said to them, "Rest! As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

20:22 And having said this, He breathed on them, and said, "Receive ye the Holy Spirit; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

20:23 Whose sins ye forgive, they are forgiven; and whose sins ye leave unforgiven, they remain.

It is a testimony that proclaims the forgiveness of sins. Jesus went to the cross to make atonement for everyone in the world. We have received the Holy Spirit to share this truth with the world.

John 14:11 Believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. If you cannot believe it, believe by works themselves.

14:12 I say unto you well and well. He who believes in me will also do the works that I am doing. Not only that, but he will do greater deeds. 14:13 For I am going to the Father, and the Father will be with me.

14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, I will give it you. 14:13 For the Father will be glorified through the Son.

14:14 For whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, I will give it you.

14:15 If ye love me, ye shall keep my commandments.

14:16 I will ask the Father, and he will send me another helper. 14:16 I will ask the Father, and he will send another Helper to be with you for ever.

14:17 It is the Spirit of truth. The world cannot receive it, because it neither sees it nor knows it. You know it, because it is with you and will be with you. For it is with you and in you.

14:18 I will not leave you as orphans. I will return to you.

14:25 These things I have already told you when I was with you.

14:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I have spoken.

14:27 I leave you peace. I will leave my peace with you, and I will give you my peace. I will give you my peace, and it will be different from what the world gives. 14:28 Be not troubled, neither be ye dismayed: for I am going away.

14:28 You have heard that I said, "I am going away, but I will return to you again. If you love me, you will be glad that I am going to the Father. For the Father is greater than I.

The Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness, enlightening us to God's will, filling us with peace and power, and enabling us to do the teachings of the Father that He has commanded us to do. This Helper is with us forever, teaching us all things and reminding us of everything Jesus said. He says, "You will do the works that I am doing. And he will do even greater deeds.

Let us read in order what happened to the disciples on the day of Pentecost.

2:1 The day of Pentecost came, and everyone was gathered together,

2:2 Suddenly there came a sound from heaven like the blowing of a violent wind, and it echoed throughout the house where they were all sitting.

2:3 And something like tongues appeared, dividing into flaming tongues, and they stayed on the lone beggar.

Suddenly a sound like a violent wind arose from heaven. It was a roaring sound. It was a wind from heaven.

John 3:5 Jesus answered, "I tell you well. 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 it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.

We receive the fullness of the Spirit. It means that we are no longer those who live according to our natural nature. We are those who live in the spirit and "know not whence we come, nor whither we go: for we are all born of the Spirit. All who are born of the Spirit are the same," as Jesus said, and they live not by our thoughts, but are led in the will of God.

And they have gained a "tongue" by a new example. It is also a new language.

Exodus 3:10 Now I will send you to Pharaoh to lead my people, the people of Israel, out of Egypt.

3:11 Moses said to God, "Who am I? Am I to go to Pharaoh and lead the Israelites out of Egypt?

4:10 And Moses said unto the LORD, O LORD, I am not a man of words, neither before, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant. For I am heavy of mouth and heavy of tongue."

4:11 And the LORD said to him, "Who has given a man a mouth? Who is he that speaketh not, neither can hear, neither can see, neither can see? Is it not I, the LORD?

4:12 Go therefore, and let your mouth be with me, and I will be with your mouth, and I will be with you. I will be with your mouth, and I will teach you what you should say.

Nothing is impossible with God. He opens the mouth of the man whose mouth is heavy and whose tongue is heavy, and He loosens his tongue and makes him speak what he ought to say.

Daniel 5:1 King Belshazzar set up a grand feast for his 1,000 ministers, and they were drinking wine before his 1,000 men.

5:2 When the wine was advanced, Belshazzar commanded that the vessels of gold and silver, which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple in Jerusalem, should be brought.

5:3 And the king and his ministers, and his wives and his maidservants, were to drink with it; and the king's wives and maidservants were to drink with it.

5:3 So the men brought the vessels of gold and silver that they had taken from the temple of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his ministers, and his wife and his maidservants, drank therewith.

5:4 And they drank, praising the gods of gold, silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone.

5:5 And suddenly the fingers of a man's hand appeared and wrote on the painted wall of the king's palace opposite the candlestick. The king looked at the tip of the hand that had written the thing.

5:22 O Belshazzar, thou art his son, and knowest all this, and yet thou hast not lowered thy heart,

5:23 Instead, you have exalted yourself to the LORD in heaven, and brought before you the vessels of his temple, and you and your ministers, and your wife and your maidservants, have drunk wine with them; and you have praised the gods of gold, silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone, whom you cannot see, nor hear, nor know their substance 5:24 Therefore before him, therefore, did the Lord your God take your life in his hand, and did not glorify him who is in charge of all your ways.

5:24 Therefore out of his presence came forth this hand, and these letters were written.

5:25 And the letters which were written were these. Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin.

5:26 The revelation of the thing is this: Meneh is that God counted your reign and brought it to its end.

5:27 Tekel is that thou wast weighed with scales, and thy insufficiency was manifested.

5:28 Perez means that your kingdom will be divided and given to the people of Medea and Persia.

God intervenes in the world, expressing words of warning to men with the fingers of His hand and pouring out the Holy Spirit with the tongue, telling men to speak what I desire.

The Holy Spirit is the tongue, and the Holy Spirit is God's power to make us speak. The Holy

Spirit is the Word, and He gives us words to speak.

Mark 13:5 Then Jesus began to speak, "Take heed that no man deceive you.

13:6 For many shall come in my name, saying that they are it, and shall deceive many.

13:7 And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be in haste. For it must come to pass, but it is not yet ended.

13:8 For people shall rise up against people, and nation against nation. And there will be earthquakes here and there, and crises. These are the beginning of birth pangs.

13:9 Take heed to yourselves. For my sake ye shall be brought before the assemblies, and ye shall be beaten in the synagogues, and ye shall stand before judges and kings, and ye shall bear witness against them.

13:10 Thus must the gospel first be preached to all the people.

13:11 And when they take you away and deliver you, do not be anxious beforehand what you will say. 13:11 And when they take you and lead you away, do not be anxious beforehand about what you will say, but speak what will be revealed to you. 13:11 And do not be anxious beforehand what you will say when they take you away, but speak what will be shown to you.

13:12 And a brother shall give his brother, and a father shall give his son to slay; and a son shall stand against his parents, and shall have them slain.

13:13 And ye shall be hated of all men because of my name. But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

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

2:5 Now in Jerusalem there lived faithful Jews from all nations under heaven,

2:6 And they were all astonished to hear the apostles speaking in the language of their native land.

2:7 And they were astonished, and began to wonder, saying, "Behold, are not all these men who are speaking now Galileans?

2:8 How is it, then, that we each hear from them the national language of our native land?

2:9 For there are among us Parthians, and Medians, and Elamites; and Mesopotamians, and Judaites, and Kapadokians, and Pontians, and Asiatics; and there are among us Pentheans, and Medians, and Elamites,

2:10 Some in Fulgiya and Pamphylia, and in Egypt, and in the region of Libya near Crene, and others, and Romans who are on a journey,

2:11 Jews and converts, Cretans and Arabians, how is it that we hear those people mentioning

the great works of God in our national language?

2:12 All were amazed and perplexed, and said to one another, "How can this be?

God breathes on us with his mighty power and breath, gives us the Holy Spirit, gives us tongues, gives us words, and the Holy Spirit causes us to speak the testimony of Jesus Christ that brings us the forgiveness of sins. These great events are etched in the history of our world. It is also etched in the history of the Church. The curtain of world missions has been cut off in such a spectacular way, and the reality that we can speak with the tongue of the Holy Spirit has arrived.

Tongues have been given and we are ready to speak. That is Pentecost.

John 3:8 The wind blows as it wishes. You hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with all who are born of the Spirit

Thus guided by the Holy Spirit, who blows as he wills, he is led right and left, back and forward, east and west, north and south, and there he speaks by the Holy Spirit. He speaks of God's almighty works and of the forgiveness of sins through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. This is why the Holy Spirit was given to us.

2:13 But the others mocked and said, "They are drunk with a new wine.

What kind of new wine is this? It brings enjoyment at the time of drinking, but thirsts again, and there is a peace and joy here that neither wine nor food can give, and that will never disappear.

Romans 14:17 The kingdom of God is not food and drink, but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.

John 7:37 On the last great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "Whoever is thirsty, come to me and drink.

7:38 Whoever believes in me, as it is written in the Scriptures, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

This was said in reference to the Spirit that those who believe in Jesus are about to receive. That is, the Spirit had not yet descended on Jesus because He had not yet been glorified.

John 4:13 Jesus answered the woman, "Whoever drinks of this water will wither again.

4:14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a fountain, and shall flow forth unto everlasting life.

Let us rejoice to share this joy, a joy that will not wane for ever.

Luke 21:33 Heaven and earth will perish. But my words shall never perish.

Isaiah 40:6 A voice is heard, saying, "Call me! I said, "What shall I call you? All men are grass. All their beauty is as the flower of the field.

40:7 When the breath of the Lord blows on them, the grass withers and the flower wilts. Indeed, man is grass.

40:8 The grass withers, and the flower wilts. But the word of our God will never change.

40:9 He that bringeth good tidings unto Zion, mount up on a high mountain. 40:10 Lift up your voice, O ye that bring good tidings to Jerusalem; lift up your voice, and be not afraid. Say to the cities of Judah, Behold your God.

Prayer; Heavenly Father, thank you for today's worship. The Holy Spirit was given to the disciples as the Lord had promised, "You will be covered with power from on high," and they spoke boldly of God's great works in a variety of foreign languages they had never learned. At last this teaching was no longer for the Jews alone. It is not just for the disciples, and it is not just for the church. How great the works of our God are must be told to all the people of the world. Please allow us to witness this week. Please lead all sufferers into God's salvation and peace. Bless our families and our community. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.