

Acts2:25 "For David says concerning Him:'I foresaw the Lord always before my face,For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken.

2:26 Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad;Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope.

2:27 For You will not leave my soul in Hades,Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

2:28 You have made known to me the ways of life;You will make me full of joy in Your presence.'

2:29 "Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

2:30 "Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne,

2:31 "he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption.

2:32 "This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.

2:33 "Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

2:34 "For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself:'The Lord said to my Lord,"Sit at My right hand,

2:35 Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."

2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

2:37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

2:38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

【From today's sermon】

Jesus spoke about the Holy Spirit as follows.

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit whom you will ask in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have said to you." (John 14:26)

Through the work of the Holy Spirit, Peter preached boldly. He showed that what Jesus had said was true through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit was as written in the book of Joel. Furthermore, Peter said that David also called Jesus "my Lord" and prophesied His resurrection.

The fact that David's words in the Psalms (Psalms 16 and 110), which seem to describe his own suffering and the help he received, were interpreted as referring to the suffering and resurrection of Jesus, greatly astonished those who heard him. His words, "You crucified and killed the one whom David called Lord," pierced the hearts of the people. With the insight of the Holy Spirit, let us read and understand the Bible, remember what the Lord has said, and strive to do good works this week as well.

"Whoever believes in me will also do the works that I am doing, and greater works than these will be done. ... I will not leave you orphaned; I will come to you. ... Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid."

(John 14)

Good morning, everyone.

Despite it being mid-June, when the rainy season has just begun, we have been experiencing days that feel like the end of the rainy season and the beginning of summer. I hope you are all doing well. It seems that the rainy season will return this week. Please continue to take care of yourselves.

Now, let's continue reading Peter's sermon given on the day of Pentecost.

Last week, Peter quoted Joel to emphasize that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit had been prophesied long ago and had now been fulfilled on this day. This was exactly as Jesus had foretold: "Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you men by power, by signs, and by wonders that God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This Jesus was handed over according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, but you, with the help of sinful men, crucified and killed him. But God raised him from the dead, having loosed the pains of death."

Peter powerfully declared that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit following the resurrection of the Lord was proof that Jesus was the righteous One sent by God, along with His mighty miracles.

And in today's passage, Peter quoted King David, whom all Israel respected, as a witness to Jesus.

2:25 David said about Jesus, "I always saw the Lord before me. He is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken."

2:26 Therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced. My flesh also will live in hope.

"I have always seen the Lord before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my tongue rejoices. My flesh also will live in hope.

This is a quotation from Psalm 16, which at first glance seems to be a poem expressing David's cry, trust, and comfort. That understanding is not entirely wrong, but Peter goes further.

2:27 You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, nor will you allow your Holy One to see corruption.

2:28 You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

If this refers to David, what then? Did not David live out his life and enter the grave? And did not his body decay? Peter addresses this in chapter 29.

2:29 Brothers, I can tell you with confidence that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is still here among us today.

2:25 David said about Jesus, "I always saw the Lord before me.

As stated in verse 25, the phrase "I always saw the Lord before me" seems to indicate that he was always conscious of the Lord, learned from Him, and tried to live by relying on Him. However, in the original Hebrew, this phrase means "I always saw the Lord before me, ahead of time." "Before me" means "ahead of time."

2:30 He was a prophet and acknowledged that God had sworn with an oath to raise one of his descendants to the throne.

2:31 Knowing beforehand that Christ would not be abandoned to Hades, nor would his body see decay, he said,

2:32 God raised this Jesus, and we are all witnesses of this.

2:33 Therefore, Jesus was exalted to the right hand of God and received the Holy Spirit promised by the Father, and he poured it out on us, as you yourselves are seeing now.

David looked ahead to the future. He was a prophet and knew in advance what would happen, "foreknowing" (verse 31) the things that were to come. Although David lived 1,000 years before Jesus was born as a human being, he was given the ability to see into the future. And he wrote about Jesus in this way because he knew in advance about Jesus' resurrection. And Jesus, who is powerful in word and deed, as we all know, suffered and was killed as he had foretold, rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, "was exalted to the right hand of God, and received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit, and poured it out on us. This is what you have seen and heard," Peter said logically.

2:34 David did not ascend into heaven. He himself says, "The Lord said to my Lord,
2:35 "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool."

David did not ascend into heaven. Now we have a quotation from Psalm 110.
"The Lord said to my Lord,
2:35 "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool."

The Lord said to my Lord. David did not say that it was said to him. It says that the Lord said to my Lord. Who is David's Lord? It is the Messiah, the Savior Christ, whom he saw in the future.

This quotation is also made by Jesus Himself and is written in the Gospels.
Matthew 22:41 When the Pharisees gathered together, Jesus asked them,
22:42 "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They replied, "David's son."
22:43 Jesus said to them, "Then how is it that David, inspired by the Spirit, called Christ 'Lord'?"
22:44 For David clearly says, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."'
22:45 If David himself calls him Lord, how can he be his son?"
22:46 No one was able to answer a word, and from that day on no one asked him any questions.

Jesus is a descendant of David, but God Himself testifies that He is the one whom David called Lord. That Jesus is the one who, as written in the Psalms, was told by God the Father, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool," and who is now at the right hand of God the Father.

2:36 Therefore, let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.

2:37 When they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

2:38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The words of Jesus spoken in Acts 1 were fulfilled in the disciples through the filling of the Holy Spirit.

1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Accurately testifying about who Jesus is brings people to a realization of their sin. People act arrogantly toward Jesus and do not acknowledge God as God. They make their own thoughts into God. However, God revealed Himself through Jesus. That is the redemption and forgiveness through the cross of Jesus. This is the love and passion of God revealed here. What we can do is repent from the bottom of our hearts. Through the merits of Jesus, we are baptized in His name, washed, cleansed, and receive the Holy Spirit as a gift, and our understanding becomes complete.

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

14:12 I tell you the truth. Whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do. And greater works than these will they do, because I am going to the Father.

14:13 Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14:14 If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

14:15 If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

14:16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, that he may be with you forever.

14:17 That is the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because he does not see him or know him. You know it, because it is in you and in me.

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

14:19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

14:20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

14:21 Whoever has my commandments and keeps them is the one who loves me. And the one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

14:22 Judas (not the Iscariot) said to Jesus, "Lord, why are you going to reveal yourself to us and not to the world?"

14:23 Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."

14:24 Whoever does not keep my words does not keep what I have commanded him. And what you hear is not my words but the words of the Father who sent me.

14:25 I have told you this while I am with you.

14:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom you will ask in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have said to you.

14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid.

With the hope that we will be empowered, comforted, taught, strengthened, understood, granted our desires, and enabled to do good works through the Holy Spirit, let us boldly move forward this week as witnesses of the Lord.

◇Prayer: Heavenly Father, we thank you for today's worship. We thank You that when we receive the Holy Spirit, we are given teaching, understanding, and the ability to act. Not only that, but we are taught that we are not alone, and we are given peace and the removal of fear. Please lead all those who are suffering into God's salvation and peace. Bless our families and those in our community. Use us. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.