

Readings for the week of June 5th 2022

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:14-17

In John chapter 14 verse 16 Jesus says, “**And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever.**”

In verse 26, Jesus says, “**But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.**”

Luke records these words of Christ in Acts 1:8 “**But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.**”

Jesus gave the promise that the Holy Spirit would come and empower them. They were to wait in Jerusalem until that day.

It was about ten days later when they all gathered in the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, Andrew, Phillip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James, also the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers (Acts 1:13&14), along with others numbering about one hundred and twenty people.

As they sat together waiting in the house, the scripture tells us that **suddenly** there was a sound from heaven, as of a rushing, mighty wind, that filled the whole place where they were sitting.

Imagine yourself there sitting with the one hundred and twenty. Praying and waiting.

Suddenly!

Not only did they hear this loud noise, this wind, but the scripture tells us that divided tongues of fire rested upon each one of them. What did that look like? It might cause you to gasp, or even laugh, it might even be a bit scary at first.

Suddenly's have a tendency to do that. However, I mustn't let my imagination take control. This was the blessed promise! The Comforter had come!

Then they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues.

Each one of them speaking a language that they hadn't learned! Fluently!

Outside in the streets, Jews, devout men from all over the known world at the time, were gathered in Jerusalem, for the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost).

They hear the sound and they hear these 'Galileans' speaking in the languages they were born into. Speaking the the wonderful works of GOD! Some mocked and said they were drunk.

But Peter, **stands up** with the eleven! There is a new boldness in Peter, an empowering in his spirit!

He says, "These men are not drunk as you suppose but this is the promise, spoken by the prophet Joel. (Joel 2:28-32).

This promise is an ongoing promise.

Our Heavenly Father has given **us** (you and me), His Spirit, the third person of the Godhead. He is the One who hovered over the waters at Creation. He is the One who inspired the writers of the Word of God. He is the very Breath of God. He has come to empower, fill, teach and, draw men to Jesus.

He has come to fulfill His purpose in the earth.

Thank You Father for sending us Your son, Jesus! Thank You Jesus, that you came! Thank You Holy Spirit that you remain until all things are complete!

Amen!