

PENTECOST – PETER’S SERMON – ACTS 2:22-33

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A CHURCH IS BORN - Acts 2:22-47

The best way to understand Pentecost is not through the prophecies in the Old Testament, but through the New Testament fulfillment, not through Joel but through Jesus. Notice as Peter summons the men of Israel to listen to him. He goes on and tells the story in six stages (vs. 22-41):

- Jesus’ life and ministry (v. 22)
- Jesus’ death (v. 23)
- Jesus’ resurrection (vs. 24-32)
- Jesus’ exaltation (vs. 33-36)
- Jesus’ salvation (vs. 37-39)
- Jesus’ new community (vs. 40-41)

Keep in mind that Peter was not preaching the Gospel of the cross as we preach it today. He was accusing Israel of a great crime (*Act 2:23*) and warning them that they had rejected and crucified their own Messiah (*Act 2:36*). Peter was giving Israel one more opportunity to receive Christ. They had slain John the Baptist and Jesus, but God was now giving them another chance. The resurrection of Christ was the promised “sign of Jonah” that proved He was the Messiah (*Mat 12:38-40*).

PETER’S SERMON AT PENTECOST

(Act 2:22-33) "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know— [23] Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; [24] whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. [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. [26] THEREFORE MY HEART REJOICED, AND MY TONGUE WAS GLAD; MOREOVER MY FLESH ALSO WILL REST IN HOPE. [27] FOR YOU WILL NOT LEAVE MY SOUL IN HADES, NOR WILL YOU ALLOW YOUR HOLY ONE TO SEE CORRUPTION. [28] YOU HAVE MADE KNOWN TO ME THE WAYS OF LIFE; YOU WILL MAKE ME FULL OF JOY IN YOUR PRESENCE.' [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. [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, [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. [32] This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. [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.

[22] "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—

- He calls their attention once again. *"Men of Israel, hear these words:* He identifies them first of all of the subject: *Jesus of Nazareth,*

- **The second thing, He was: a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know--** Peter picks this up. He said He was attested or proved to be of God because of the signs and wonders of all that He did of which you are all aware.

[23] Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; [24] whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.

- ***Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death;*** So, the third thing, the crucifixion of Jesus. Now, he points out the crucifixion of Jesus was not just an accident. It was not man out of control. It was not a mob kind of situation, but it was the plan of God. It was something that God had planned all along. Now that is a very easy point to prove.
- **It is proved by the fact that it was prophesied throughout the Scriptures.** Take *Psalm 22 - My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?* The very cry of Jesus from the cross. *They that see Me ridicule Me: They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying "He trusted in the Lord, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!"*
- **In Isaiah 53, you have the account of God's Suffering Servant.** You read *He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.* Even the scourging was prophesied. *All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, everyone, to his own way, and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.* It goes on to describe how He was numbered with the transgressors, how He made His grave with the wicked.
- **These things being prophesied in advance prove** that it was the plan of God. He spoke about it five hundred to a thousand years before it actually took place. It is God's determined plan or counsel. It was something that God decided. And that is why it is such a mute and foolish argument as to try to place the blame for the crucifixion of Jesus on the Jews. A position that the church, historically, has tried to blame the Jews and unfortunately, there have been many times where the Jews were persecuted by the church because they called them the Christ killers. That is so wrong! If you want to find the blame for Jesus Christ, look in the mirror! It was for your sins that Jesus died. Peter speaks to them of the death or the crucifixion declaring it was by God's determined purpose and foreknowledge, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death.

[24] whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.

- **But now we get to the heart, whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.** It was not possible that death could hold Jesus. Death could not keep its prey, Jesus, My Savior. He tore the bars away. Jesus, My Lord. It was not possible that He could be held by it. It was not possible for death to hold Jesus. Death could not keep its prey, Jesus, My Savior. He tore the bars away. Jesus, My Lord. It was not possible that He could be held.
- He then turns to the Scriptures to verify from Scripture the things he is declaring concerning the resurrection of Jesus Christ. I want you to note how familiar Peter was with the Scriptures. He had a good working knowledge of the Scriptures as he is speaking. He starts out quoting a good portion of the passage of Joel 2. I do not think he said, hand me the scroll of Joel, let us see, and he read it. No, he had it in his heart.
- **Now he is quoting from the Psalms, and he has a good working knowledge** of the Scriptures. Now he begins to give them the Scriptural foundation and basis for the belief and

the resurrection of the Messiah.

[25-28] 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. [26] THEREFORE MY HEART REJOICED, AND MY TONGUE WAS GLAD; MOREOVER MY FLESH ALSO WILL REST IN HOPE. [27] FOR YOU WILL NOT LEAVE MY SOUL IN HADES, NOR WILL YOU ALLOW YOUR HOLY ONE TO SEE CORRUPTION. [28] YOU HAVE MADE KNOWN TO ME THE WAYS OF LIFE; YOU WILL MAKE ME FULL OF JOY IN YOUR PRESENCE.'

- ***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.[26] Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope.[27] For You will not leave my soul in Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.[28] You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.'***
- **So having quoted this portion out of Psalm 16**, which they recognized to be a Psalm concerning the Messiah.

[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.

- ***"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.*** Even to the present day you can go to Jerusalem and in the area where they call it the upper room, up on Mt. Zion, in the room down below the upper room, there is a large silver casket and the Jews believe that David's remains are there in that casket. You will see them in their burning candles and praying at the tomb of David, there on Mt. Zion. Peter said his tomb is with us to this day.

[30-31] 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, [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.

- ***Therefore, being a prophet, speaking of David, 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, [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.*** He gives them the Scripture concerning the resurrection. You will not leave My soul in Hell. When the Jews asked Jesus for a sign that He was the Messiah, He said, a wicked and an adulterous generation seeks after a sign, but no sign will be given except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.
- **Paul the Apostle tells us that He who has ascended, that is Jesus**, is the same One who first, descended into the lower parts of the earth. When he ascended, he led the captives from their captivity.
- **Peter tells us that he went and He preached to the souls that were in prison.** But the prophecy of Isaiah is that He would open the prison doors to those that were bound. When Jesus died, His soul descended into Hades. There He preached to the souls that were there in prison, Abraham and those that were being comforted by Abraham. And when He was raised from the dead, He led the captives from their captivity. So here Peter is affirming from the Scriptures, saying that David was not talking about himself. He is dead. He is buried. We still have his tomb. But he is making reference to the Messiah that would be out of David's descendants.

[32] *This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.*

- ***This Jesus*** (having given them the Scriptural background, he affirmed that he was speaking of the resurrection of the Messiah, His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption), *God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.* We are all witnesses. We saw it! We were witnesses of the resurrection. We saw Him after the resurrection.

[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.*

- ***Therefore, being exalted to the right hand of God,*** so not only was He resurrected but He has ascended into heaven where He is 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.* So, the other three aspects, he is at the right hand of God exalted. He received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, which He now has imparted unto us. And this is what you see. This is what you are hearing is the Holy Spirit, who has been imparted to us by the resurrected Christ. You remember Jesus said to them in the 14th chapter of John. And I will pray the Father and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither see Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. He received the Holy Spirit from the Father, imparted It to the church, this which you now see and hear

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THE LOVE OF GOD - Phelps, Penrod & Gardner (4:24)

*The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell
It goes beyond the highest star and reaches to the lowest hell
the guilty pair bowed down with care God gave his son to win
His erring child, he reconciled and pardoned from his sins*

*Refrain: O love of God How rich and pure! How measureless and strong
it shall forever more endure the saints and angels song*

*Could we with ink the ocean fill and were the Skies of parchment made
were every stone on earth a quill and every man a scribe by trade
to write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry
nor could a scroll contain the whole though stretched from sky to sky*