

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of April 7, 2024**

**THEME: "Pentecost"**

**DAY OF PENTECOST**

**Sunday .....Read: Acts 2:1-10**

*"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place."* Most families keep a calendar to remind them of upcoming events. It serves as a great reminder for proper planning! God's calendar is the most important calendar in the universe. It started with the creation right up through the coming millennial kingdom. The Old Testament records the slavery of His people in Egypt and the Exodus to the Promised Land. It goes on to the establishing of the Kingdom Age and the Age of the Prophets. The New Testament details the life of Christ up to His crucifixion and resurrection. It then details the final days before His departure. Before leaving, Jesus assured His people that the Holy Spirit would come to give them power to be His witnesses. That coming occurred on the Day of Pentecost!

**DIVINE POWER**

**Monday .....Read Acts 1:6-9**

*"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."* When Jesus was going to leave earth after having completed His mission, He told the followers that they should be His witnesses. He would rely on them to complete the work He had begun, that being the building of the church. He wanted the Gospel message to spread throughout the whole earth. The church started in Jerusalem, and we know from Paul's letters that it spread to Galatia, Ephesus, Philippi, and Colosse. We know from John's reporting in Revelation that the gospel went as far as Laodicea in Bible times. To share the good news of salvation, believers are empowered by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Working together with the Holy Spirit, souls are brought into the family of God.

**PERSONAL GIFTS**

**Tuesday .....Read I Corinthians 12:1-4**

*"Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit."* The church is made up of a number of people with different talents and abilities. God knows the needs within each of the local assemblies, and He will direct His people to local churches to meet those needs! We have that assurance from what we read in I Corinthians 12:3: *"Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost."* It is important for the believers in the local church to pray to keep them on the same wave length as God in lining up the personnel needed in the church. God knows the personalities and will bring the right people. All are needed to fulfill the plans God has for the church!

**CONVERSATION**

**Wednesday .....Read: Malachi 3:16-18**

*"Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed his name."* This passage of Scripture points out the

importance of believers to engage in conversation with other believers. That provides a comradery that strengthens and inspires believers to work together in trying to reach the lost for Christ. Local churches should provide opportunities to encourage those private conversations in special activities or times of fellowship encouraging private conversations.

### INVITATION

**Thursday ..... Read: John 1:40-46**

*"He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour."* Personal work, witnessing to individuals, plays a prominent part in building the church. Inviting unsaved people to church services or activities may be the first step in evangelism. Some conversation may be after a person has attended a service or activity. Inviting others to services or activities obviously plays an important part of winning souls for Christ. It is something all believers can and should do. Inviting others may well result in their becoming a citizen in God's Kingdom.

### CONVERTS

**Friday ..... Read: Acts 2:40-47**

*"Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."* There are many things for which God's people can express praise, and one of them is the reaction to hearing of people accepting Christ as personal Savior. When a person accepts Jesus personally, he or she is now a member of God's family. When a newborn baby comes into an earthly family, everybody is happy to say the least. It is the same when there is an addition to God's family. As a matter of fact that joy reaches heaven as we read in Luke 15:10: *"Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."* What could be greater than a person being freed from the darkness of the world to the light of the glory of God's Kingdom! There is no greater joy!

### PERSONAL DECISION

**Saturday ..... Read Revelation 3:20-22**

*"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."* It is the will of God that all people come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus. That is the truth of II Peter 3:9: *"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."* The knock of Jesus on the door of a person's heart occurs when an unsaved person hears the Gospel. An unbeliever has three alternatives in response to a witness (the knock on the door): ignore the knock, react to the knock but take no action, or invite Jesus into your life. The third gives a person spiritual life and a home in heaven!