

**Text: Acts 2:1-28      "The Witness of David to Pentecost, Part Two" June 16, 2013**

This is the third part of five of an examination of the sermon that Peter preached on the Day of Pentecost, answering the question, "What do these things mean?" The Holy Spirit answered the question by the mouth of the apostle Peter.

Two weeks ago, June 2: The Witness of the prophet Joel.

Last Week: June 9: The Witness of the prophet David, part one. These two are on Sermon Audio

June 16: The Witness of the prophet David, part two.

June 23: Peter's application [I will be here]

June 30: The Aftermath to the Sermon.

To review briefly: Peter begins his explanation of Pentecost by saying "This is that" spoken by the prophet Joel. We saw several things about Joel's prophecy in chapter two

1. Although God had sent a great many evils upon them, Israel refused to repent; they would not weep before the altar. Even so, God reminded the elect and remnant that He had not forgotten His Promise.
2. Natural blessings would be restored and Messiah would come to pour out His Spirit and restore life to His people.
3. There would be a New Covenant, characterized, not by "do this and live," but by "whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved." Both Peter and Paul specifically testified to the nature of this new covenant.

Peter continues by citing David in Psalm 16, that this new covenant of life and the Spirit would be intimately connected to the resurrection of Christ. Jesus had said that the Holy Spirit would not be given until Jesus was glorified. I expounded Ps. 16 last week and we considered Peter's interpretation of Ps. 16 in his sermon and made some applications.

This brings us to Peter's second citation of David in verses 32-36 of Acts 2:

"32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. 33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. 34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, 35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool. 36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ." (Ac 2:33-36 AV)

I want to consider three things about Peter's citation of David; this one from Psalm 110

I. Jesus, this Jesus, is Exalted at the Right Hand of the Father. II. Jesus, this Jesus, is both Lord and Christ. III. Jesus, this Jesus, still has plenty to do.

I. Jesus, this Jesus, is Exalted at the Right Hand of the Father. This is a quotation from Psalm 110: let us look at that Psalm. There are five things, which I take from David Dickson's excellent commentary on Psalms.

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- A. The Messiah is exalted to the right hand of God, and all power is given to Him, the God man who is our mediator. This takes place after His resurrection.
  - B. The very power of God stands behind the Son of God in the work of Mediation vs. 2
  - C. Every one of the elect shall be willing and obedient. Christ work will not fail in any of the least details. Vs. 3
  - D. Because this Jesus lives forever, there will never be another Mediator. This is established by the oath of God, as the book of Hebrews testifies. Vs. 4
  - E. Jesus Christ will know complete victory over all His enemies. This is spiritual and moral victory, which takes longer than physical one, though expressed here in physical symbols. Vs.5,6.
  - F. Jesus suffered our afflictions, was refreshed by God's grace, rose from the dead to assure us this victory; lifting up his head, and ours.
- II. Jesus, this Jesus, is both Lord and Christ. Vs. 36
- A. The house of Israel: they who looked for Christ; who were called by the Lord's name, the people of God, though far removed from Him. They were the first to know this.
  - B. God had highly exalted Him whom they had crucified: He is the head of the government of the people of God, and is the Messiah that was promised from the beginning of the world: He is Lord and Christ. If you would be saved, you must so acknowledge Him.
  - C. He is the giver of the Holy Ghost; there is no salvation apart from Him.
  - D. This same Jesus of Nazareth, This Jesus, is Lord and Christ. God has now fulfilled the purpose for which He created the world, to set His Son, the Word who became flesh, over all the works of His hands. This Jesus is Lord and Christ; God made Him so by his resurrection from the dead: Romans 1:1-5 [two natures] He is God from eternity, but manifest in history at His resurrection.
- III. Jesus, this Jesus, still has plenty to do. Vs. 35: Sit until I make your enemies your footstool. Also 1Cor 15:22-26
- A. Sin and all its effects will be destroyed by the power of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
  - B. Every one of the elect shall be saved and made holy in body, soul, and spirit
    - 1. By calling and regeneration; by conversion; by adoption; by sanctification and preservation; by the resurrection from the dead, by glorification.
    - 2. All the works of the devil toward the elect must be overcome and defeated completely: morally and spiritually; not only physically, but that, too, after the purposes of history have been fulfilled.
    - 3. This is what Christ is doing today: by His Spirit and word and providence, He is destroying every device of the devil, working all things for the good of His people, rescuing them from the snares of the devil and defeating all his devices and plans.
    - 4. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death, and that at His coming and the resurrection of the dead.
  - C. Every lie and slander against God, the Lord Jesus, and His people will be exposed and discredited. This Word and Spirit are the means by which this is done: 1Cor. 10. This speaks of the apostles, but we use their words and wisdom in our warfare.

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

D. So Christ has a great many things to do, and the author and finisher of our faith, and He will not be through with His work, until all His people are saved and glorified, the devil and all his followers are in the lake of fire, and the Temple of God in Heaven is opened and everything made open and plain, God justified in all His words and works.

Amen and Amen. I have made applications as I have gone along.

1. Let us not be weary in well doing.

2. Let us receive Christ as Lord and Christ, such as God has declared Him to be; every thought and deed is to be brought captive to Him, as is His right.

3. Our prayers are to be lifted to God alone through Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit, for we have no wisdom, strength, nor goodness apart from the Lord Jesus, and access to God only by Him.

4. Let us love the church, to whom such privilege and grace has been given. To pray for her preservation, renewal, and restoration for she is the pillar and ground of the truth.

God bless you.