

Bible Study, Symbols Of The Holy Spirit, Week 5 (Wind)

Day: 1

Read Acts 2: 1-21(Text verse 2)

1. How did the disciples spend the last ten days before this event happened?
2. Do you think it is important to spend time in prayer?
3. Does prayer play any role in receiving God's blessings?
4. Have you experienced this power in your life?
5. Think about prayer and its importance in your life.

Day: 2

Read John 14: 15-31 (Text verse 17)

1. What is the reason why the world cannot see the Holy Spirit?
2. What does the world tell us about it?
3. Do we know Him because we are in a relationship with Him?
4. Do we experience the Holy Spirit because we know Him and have a relationship with Him?
5. Are we managed by His truth?
6. Does His love inspire us?
7. Do we walk in His grace?
8. Are we joyous because of His promises?
9. Are we available to be in His service and to work for Him?
10. Is He real to us even though we cannot see Him?
11. Do you also believe there is something wrong with a Christian that is not aware of the workings of the Holy Spirit in him or her?
12. Do you allow the Holy Spirit to live in you, to motivate you and to lead you?

Day: 3

Read John 3: 1-21 (Text verse 8)

1. With all our scientific knowledge these days we know a lot about the wind, but it is still somewhat of a mystery. Do you think we are in danger of also simplifying the "things" of God to suit us?
2. Read Ecclesiastics 11: 5.
3. What does it mean to be reborn?
4. How can we explain it to someone new to the principle of "being reborn?"
5. Do you also feel we do not really know how it happens, but it is very real to everyone who has been reborn?
6. Are you still aware of it every day of your life?
7. Are you very sure of it?
8. Do you know when it happened?
9. How would you explain it to a stranger?
10. How do you feel about "wind" as a symbol of the Holy Spirit?

Day: 4

Read Job 37: 1-24 (Text verse 21)

1. In today's reading we see wind as cleansing.
2. Compare verse 21 to Matthew 5: 8.
3. What are the implications for all of us of Matthew 5: 8?
4. Whose work is it to help us get rid of all the dark clouds and impurities in our lives?
5. Can Christ's love shine from an impure heart?
6. Read 2 Timothy 2: 22. "Run away from infantile indulgence. Run after mature righteousness--faith, love, peace--joining those who are in honest and serious prayer before God." What does this say to us for our everyday lives?
7. Do we need the Holy Spirit's help in this or can we keep our lives pure on our own?
8. All we have to do is to be willing and He promises us His power.

Day: 5

Read Isaiah 40: 1-17 (Text verse 7)

1. What is the characteristic of wind that we read about here?
2. Are there many things that are "blown away" by the Holy Spirit?
3. Psalm 22: 6. "And here I am, a nothing--an earthworm, something to step on, to squash." He "blew" David's self-assurance away.
4. Romans 7: 24. He "blew" Paul's self-assurance away and made him say: "O wretched man that I am!"
5. Why does the Holy Spirit get rid of certain things in our lives?
6. Do we have to live in His power more than in our own?
7. Should this work of the Holy Spirit be seen as punishment?
8. If it is not punishment, what is the purpose of it?
9. Can it be seen as healing?
10. Can it improve our situation?
11. Are you willing to let God do these mighty things in your life?

Day: 6

Read Jeremiah 49: 28-39 (Text verse 36)

- Here we read about the four winds coming from different directions.
- Read Daniel 7: 2, Daniel 8: 8 and Revelations 7: 1.

The winds are classified as follows:

1. The east wind of destruction (Gen. 41: 6) that destroyed the dream of the Faro. God's wrath is associated with the east wind.
2. The west wind of deliverance (Ex. 10: 19) the wind that blew away the locusts. Luke 12: 54 the wind bringing refreshing rain.

3. The north wind of cleansing. It brings cold and ice, but it also brings a clear and cloudless sky. The Holy Spirit can bring us into this openness of communion with God.
4. The south wind of pleasantness (Song of Solomon 4: 16) "Wake up, North Wind, get moving, South Wind! Breathe on my garden, fill the air with spice fragrance." Are you allowing the southern wind to blow over your soul and be a pleasant fragrance for God?

Day: 7

Read Psalm 135: 1-21 (Text verse 7)

"Psalm 135:7 He makes the weather--clouds and thunder, lightning and rain, wind pouring out of the north."

1. Are you really willing to let the Holy Spirit "blow" over you?
2. Are you really willing to let revival take place and to get rid of all excess baggage?
3. What if the "wind" of the Holy Spirit is a storm in your life?
4. Read Acts 1: 8. What you'll get is the Holy Spirit. And when the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will be able to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world."
5. What is this power and why do we need it?
6. What do we have to do from our side to get it?
7. Why are people reluctant to accept the workings of the Holy Spirit in their lives?
8. What is the work of the four winds of the Holy Spirit in our lives?