

“Days of the Lord Jehovah”

[Study of Acts 2]

Acts 2:21-22 (KJV)

“21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know”

*** Acts chapter 2 - begins with the Day of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit as our comforter and councilor – The Supernatural impartation of Gods Power coming forth to enable Gods purpose, destiny and plans for His humanity**

*** Acts chapter 2 - the church is born**

*** Acts chapter 2 - God’s Providence [meaning the protective care of God – and or as a spiritual power / to attend to – to provide for / providence means - timely preparation for future eventualities**

*** Acts chapter 2 - Man’s obedience to Gods Word**

*** Acts chapter 2 – The spirit of being - together in God agreement – God Unity – One Accord**

*** Acts chapter 2 – The suddenly from Heaven – the infilling of the Holy Ghost**

*** Acts chapter 2 – The Holy fire – as cloven [split] tongues upon individuals and also the cooperate body of believers - The initial evidence of Holy Ghost baptism**

*** Acts chapter 2 – The Witness! Holy Ghost tongues to every nation under heaven**

*** Acts chapter 2 – Reaction to the Witness – different reactions – some seen them as drunk – others sought the meaning – others mocked – but the sound and the witness drew people!**

* [Acts Chapter 2](#) – [The First Sermon Peached](#) - Peter as he stood with the eleven disciples lifted up his voice and gave an explanation of the Holy Ghost manifested – simply the first time Spirit Filled Believers! Wow how powerful!

* [Acts Chapter 2](#) – [The Message of Salvation!](#) – The last days of Gods last work on earth – the days of the Great Pouring Out of God’s Spirit! The Message of Jesus – Approved of God – Gods Plan / The Death and Resurrection of God!

This the subject of tonight the: “Days of the Lord Jehovah”

[Acts 2:21-22](#) (KJV)

“21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by [miracles](#) and [wonders](#) and [signs](#), which [God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know](#)”

The Day of the Lord is to be characterized by several things

* [Miracles](#): Surprising and welcome event- a God Suddenly – that is not explicable [able to be accounted for or understood] by nature or scientific laws and is therefore considered to be the work of God.

[Miracle](#): From the Latin words:

Miraculum: Object of Wonder

Mirar – To Wonder

Mirus – Wonderful

These are the Days of the Lord Jehovah – the Days of Miracles

* [Wonders \[terata\]](#): marvels, signs, happenings, portents in heaven above [portents: a heavenly sign – something momentous – something happening now or having future significance] - happenings and marvels that point to something unusual about to happen

(miracles - signs - wonders - are God markers!)

3

* **Signs (semeia):** events and happenings on earth given by God to warn that the end is at hand

Acts 2:21-22 (KJV)

“21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know”

The Whosoever’s must Call on the name of Jesus [v:21]

* **Whosoever:** simply Who Ever!

* **Does not matter** the age, the color, the heritage, the back-ground, the status, the present, the past, the now – Who Ever Calls on the name of Jesus

Simply anyone can make the call! Whosoever!

* They can call upon: Greek: [Epikaleomai]

To be named after someone - to invoke - any one as a helper - as my witness - as my judge - to appeal unto- to call upon by pronouncing the name of Jehovah - to put a name upon, to surname [surname: a name common to all members of a family – as a name indicating their birthplace

Acts 2:21(KJV)

“21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved”

* The name: Greek: [on'-om-ah]

The name is used for everything which the name covers, everything the thought or feeling of which is aroused in the mind by mentioning, hearing, remembering, the name, i.e. for one's rank, authority, interests, pleasure, command, excellences, deeds etc. The very character and authority

4

Acts 2:21(KJV)

“21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved”

Call upon the name of the Lord [Kurios]

* **Lord**: Greek word here meaning: He to whom a person or thing belongs, about which he has power: of deciding who is the master, lord of their life: the possessor and disposer of a thing: this title is given to: the Messiah

* One must remember it is not just a title as we think it is the distinct Name called upon by the whosoever

* Not just a title as in a position – but a name, character, authority that only comes through salvation

Ah, now we see the importance of the distinct personage of the Holy Godhead – the Triune God: The Father, Son and Holy Ghost

* We must call upon the distinct personage of the Savior, Jesus Christ to be saved.

* No other name, not the Father, not the Holy Ghost, one must call upon the name of the Lord to be **SAVED!**

Romans 10:13

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved"

Romans 10:9-10

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation"

What a powerful message Peter brings forth at the birth of the church

Acts 2:21(KJV)

“21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved”

Acts 2:22-24 (KJV)

“22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it”

Peter drove the thrust of his message home.

He shouted out: "Hear these words"...

- * The "last days" have been launched by Jesus of Nazareth
- * This is all backed up by prophetic words spoken from the written word of God
- * The emphasis is Hear these words – remember He is speaking to devote men of God who have assembled in Jerusalem for the Feast of Pentecost.

Acts 2:22 (KJV)

“22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God...”

The word "approved": means to point out, display, show, attest, accredit, sanction, certify, endorse

* God put His stamp of approval upon Jesus, demonstrating and showing to all men that Jesus is perfectly acceptable to Him

* Jesus of Nazareth had God's approval, His perfect acceptance

Acts 2:22 (KJV)

“22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also

6

There is proof of this, the proof of His miracles and wonders and signs – the proof by manifested proofs – Gods super in our natural!

- * They were the works of God, the kind of works that only God could do
- * God Himself was working through Jesus of Nazareth

The works were done (through Christ) "in the midst of you," in the very presence of people.

- * They were not done in secret
- * God attested and demonstrated to the world that He was working through Christ

The miracles, wonders, and signs were done both for the sake of the world and before the world – manifested witness of Gods power

Acts 2:22 (KJV)

“22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know...”

- * "You yourselves also know" this ...
- * The evidence abounds in the lives of those who have truly followed Christ down through the centuries, in the presence of the living Lord who has dwelt within their very being - YOU KNOW!!

Acts 2:25-28 (KJV)

“25 For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:

27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance”

7

The prophecy of David concerned Jesus

* Peter said that "David [spoke] concerning Christ"

Psalms 16:8-11 (KJV)

“8 I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore”

What David said was a prophecy of the Lord's experience upon earth

Acts 2:25-28 (KJV)

“25 For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:

27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance”

David's prophecy concerned Jesus' daily experience or life

* Jesus experienced God's constant presence and power

* Jesus always saw God before His face

* Jesus looked and kept His gaze upon God

He thought upon God, focused His mind and attention upon God.

* He concentrated and stayed His mind upon Him

8

The idea is that Jesus always practiced and was always conscious of God's presence – "*captivating every thought*"

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (KJV)

“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...*”

Jesus always had God on His right hand, that He should not be moved

* God was right there as an advocate and as a protector and defender

* God was a provider looking after Christ, strengthening, guiding, upholding, seeing that He was not moved nor shaken

* The picture is that of a defender in court or of a soldier on the battlefield standing at a person's right hand, protecting, looking after, and providing for his welfare

Psalms 109:26-31 (KJV)

“26 Help me, O Lord my God: O save me according to thy mercy:

27 That they may know that this is thy hand; that thou, Lord, hast done it.

28 Let them curse, but bless thou: when they arise, let them be ashamed; but let thy servant rejoice.

29 Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame, and let them cover themselves with their own confusion, as with a mantle.

30 I will greatly praise the Lord with my mouth; yea, I will praise him among the multitude.

21 For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save him from those that condemn his soul”

9

Psalm 121:5

"The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand"

Isaiah 41:13

"For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not: I will help thee"

* David understood and Jesus understood that God will hold thy right hand – the hand of power and authority – simply it all comes from Him and because of that we need not Fear!

* Cause God helps us!!!

Acts 2:25-29 (KJV)

“25 For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:

27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.

29 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day”

David's prophecy concerned Jesus' conviction that He could be delivered from death

* The word "*leave*" [v:27]

* A soul can be utterly forsaken and abandoned, doomed permanently in hell – this is a fact that David knew and so did Jesus

But Christ was absolutely sure that His soul would not be left and abandoned in hell

10.

Acts 2: 27 [KJ]

27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

The word "hell" (hadēs)

* Christ said emphatically that His soul would not be left in the realm of the dead

* He would arise and live forever

The Greek word used here is Hadēs

Hebrew word: Sheol

Jesus revealed that Hades is the other world, that is, the unseen world, the spiritual dimension of being

Luke 16:22-23 (KJV)

“22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom”

Note a critical fact:

The other world or the spiritual dimension of being does exist

* Denying hell does not change the fact that Hades exists

* There are two areas or places in the other world: paradise [Heaven] and Hell—the place of glory and the place of torment

* And Christ says both actually exist

26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad;
moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:

11

27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer
thine Holy One to see corruption.

The context of what Jesus said in David's prophecy needs to be noted:

The word "leave" means to leave behind, to utterly forsake and abandon

* It is a strong word indicating a permanent state

* A soul can be utterly forsaken and abandoned and doomed permanently in hell

The word "corruption" means to decay, deteriorate, putrify, destroy, perish

* In no place does Christ promise a new body to the **unbeliever**, to the unsaved and lost

* A person's body and flesh can be destroyed forever. (This is a fact seldom pointed out.)

Galatians 6:8

"For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption;
but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting"

Genesis 3:19

"In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return"

"They shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them"

12

Acts 2: 27

"27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption"

The word "corruption"

- * The title Jesus used of Himself, "[God's] Holy One"
- * Jesus was holy, righteous, and pure
- * He was without sin and totally devoted to God
- * He was perfectly acceptable to God

Therefore God was bound to raise Him, to keep His flesh from being destroyed and lying in corruption

- * Because of the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ
- * The dead in Christ will raise first and then those who are still living will rise to meet them in the air and those old earthly bodies will fall away and in the air the believers will unit with a new glorified body!

Acts 2:32-36 (KJV)

"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.

SO THEREFORE let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ”

**David's prophecy concerned Jesus' revelation
His revealing the way of life and God's presence**

13

Conclusion

Acts 2: 21- 36 – Peter is preaching that the days of Jehovah

- * He preaches the last days are in progress**
- * He preaches Salvation through Jesus Christ**
- * He preaches proof of the resurrection: The prophecy of David concerning Jesus**
- * He preaches the account of the eyewitnesses – the disciples [v32]**
- * He preaches the ascension of Jesus into Heaven**

This is a marvelous declaration, a declaration that reveals the most glorious truth

- * God revealed the path of life to Christ, and Christ reveals it to us**
- * The path of life, the way to escape death is to live in the countenance and presence of God**
- * God will never abandon a man, never allow a man to see corruption if that man lives and walks in His presence**

Jesus knew the path: it was God's presence

- * Jesus was full of the joy of God's presence**

John 14:6

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man cometh unto the Father, but by me"

Psalm 16:11

"Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore"