

Where's Your Chair?

Acts 2:1-13



May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in his works;
He looks on the earth and it trembles; he touches the mountains and they smoke.
Psalm 104:33-34

Praising:

The Spirit came as promised,
in God's appointed hour;
and now to each believer
he comes in love and power:
and by his Holy Spirit
God seals us as his own,
and, through his Son and Spirit,
makes access to his throne.

Reading:

Acts 2:1-13
The Spirit comes in power

Pentecost (literally the fiftieth day)
was the great Jewish festival
seven weeks after Passover
when the Law was given. John
the Baptist had promised that
Jesus would bring a baptism of
the Holy Spirit and fire, but it is
the gift of foreign languages that
moves the crowd to question
what is suddenly happening to
them. In the Genesis Tower of

Babel story the languages of the
people were scrambled as a
judgment on their godless
arrogance. It must have seemed
as though that judgment was now
being reversed. Certainly the
domestic reach of the fledgling
Jesus' movement is beginning to
take on a new international
dimension. Sometimes known as
the Gospel of the Holy Spirit, all
that follows in the Acts of the
Apostles flows from the living
power of Christ released in an
entirely new way at Pentecost.

Listening:

Praying:

We pray Lord for the life of your
Spirit in your Church

- for an openness to the
supernatural power of God the
Father who loves us
- for a readiness to listen and
attend to what God is saying
in this generation
- for a willingness to trust
completely in God, to take
risks and to step out in faith

Father: remind me again and
again that whatever I try to say
and do for you, your holy strength
is there, giving me power in the
very weakness of my words and
deeds. Amen

Doing:

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