

Reflections on the Character of God

The reflection section has 5 scriptures that pertain to this week's aspect of God's character. Take one passage a day and reflect on it in the context you find. Note your insights.

The life response sections give you 2 more verses to ponder. These passages relate to your response to the name, title, or attribute of God. Write down practical responses.

God's Love

Reflection: John 3:16; John 17:20-23; Romans 5:8;
Romans 8:35-39; 1 John 3:1

Life Response:

Mark 12:28-31; 1 Corinthians 13:1-8



A Discipleship Journey - Acts of The Holy Spirit **Pentecost - January 30, 2022**

Primary text: Acts 2:1-17

The term Pentecost comes from the Greek Pentēkostē, meaning fiftieth.

Who is the Holy Spirit?

- The 3rd person of the trinity
- He has the same attributes as God the Father & Jesus.

The Hebrew word ruach is translated three ways: wind, breath, or Spirit.

Ruach Elohim ("Spirit of God") literally means "breath" or "wind of God."

There are approximately 100 references to the Spirit of God in the Old Testament.

Text: Numbers 11:24-29

But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that ALL the Lord's people were prophets, that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!"- Vs. 29

"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit. - Joel 2:28-29

3 signs that accompanied the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that day:

- 1) The sound of wind from heaven.
- 2) Divided tongues of fire appear on their heads.
- 3) Utterance in other languages.

Pentecostal power comes when:

- 1) You realize that the Christian life is not about keeping rules but about knowing Christ.

*"I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection."
- Phil. 3:10*

- 2) You realize that Christian life is not just about salvation but also transformation.
- 3) You overcome apathy with zeal.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily hinders our progress. And let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us" - Hebrews 12:1, NLT

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Discussion Questions:

1. When thinking about the Holy Spirit, name one place you see him at work in the Old Testament.
2. Read Numbers 11:24-29 - Why do you think Joshua was so upset in this story? What was Moses' desire in verse 29?
3. Read Joel 2:28-29 - What does this prophecy of Joel mean? How do we know it was fulfilled at Pentecost?
4. What has your own experience with the Holy Spirit been like? How have you experienced His power in your life?
5. Looking at Pastor Daniel's 3 points in regards to Pentecostal power, which do you need to take to heart and why? How will you do this?

Close in Prayer: Based on the last question, take some time to pray around the circle for each other. Allow the Holy Spirit to direct your prayers.