

Lessons for The Feast of the Holy Trinity

June 4, 2023

Psalm 8 ~ *Praise to God who created the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.*

Genesis 1:1—2:4a ~ *God created the world and everything in it with His almighty Word.*

Acts 2:14a, 22-36 ~ *God made Jesus both Lord and Christ.*

Matthew 28:16-20 ~ *Jesus sent His followers out with the job to make disciples of all nations.*

GATHERING THE TEXTS: Creation and Re-Creation

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." By God's Word the world was made. By God's Word the creation was pronounced good. After sin entered the world and that goodness was destroyed, God sent out his Word again, in the flesh, so that by his sacrificial death all nations might be re-created in God's image and blessed with the grace and love and fellowship of the Triune God. We are sent to carry that re-creating Word of God's grace to all nations.

PRAYER BEFORE THE SERVICE: O God of my beginning, I thank you for life; O God of my living, I thank you for daily strength; O God of my ending, I thank you for a right spirit. Help me live each day in the joy of your salvation that I may be ready to die in the certainty of your love. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: In the three persons of the Trinity we see God's abundance in love, grace, and fellowship. He calls us to share these same attributes through our use of treasure and talent.

OFFERING PRAYER: O God the Father, You created us;
O God the Son, You redeemed us;
O God the Spirit, You claimed us to be Your own;
Give us joy in Your gifts, and generosity in sharing Amen.

CONVICTION AND COMFORT: By His Word eternal and spoken, God created the heavens and the earth at the beginning of time and breathed life into us through our ancestors. By His Word incarnate and crucified, God has recreated our spiritual life when it was dead through the sin received from our ancestors. By His Word empowering and inviting, God has enlisted us in the task of birthing spiritual descendants in all the world. When we are satisfied with receiving, but not going, teaching, and sharing, we resist and reject God's creating Word and empowering Spirit.

Questions to Consider: Are you able to give as good as you get?

- What is the first action of God recorded in the Scriptures?
- How did God re-create our fallen humanity?
- With what instrument did God send the disciples out to evangelize the world?
- Describe how you see God's word active in each person of the Trinity.

Bonus on next page: How God kept his word by giving it

God's Word Fleshed Out

Isaiah 55:10 -11; Psalms 91:14 -16; John 1:14

God gave His Word to be with us, and God
is not the One to let a promise fall!
As rain will sprout a seed within a clod,
so will the Word of God accomplish all
He promises and sends it out to do.
"I'll be with you in trouble," said the Lord.
"Because I love you, I will rescue you."
In all our troubles, it is very hard
to see how God is with us in the sin
that traps us just like quicksand every day.
We cannot break the grip death holds us in;
but thanks to God, His love has found a way!
God's promise is a promise we can trust,
So God fleshed out His Word to rescue us!

*– Gilbert A. Franke
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