

#### Welcome: David Horrocks

#### Song:

 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To His feet thy tribute bring.
 Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Who like thee His praise should sing?
 Praise Him! Praise Him!
 Praise Him! Praise Him!
 Praise the everlasting King!

 Praise Him for His grace and favour To our fathers in distress;
 Praise Him, still the same forever, Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
 Praise Him! Praise Him!
 Praise Him! Praise Him!
 Glorious in His faithfulness. 3. Father-like, He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Widely as His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him; Ye behold Him face to face; Sun and moon, bow down before Him, Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise with us the God of grace! Ben Logan Henry Francis Lyte

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#### Confession:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against You in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve You in newness of life to the glory of Your name. Amen.



# Did God create us unable to keep his law?



#### Song:

Be strong and courageous The Lord of the Ages Holds all His little ones Safe by His side Be strong and courageous The Lord of the Ages Holds all His little ones safe

Do not fear the fire
 (Do not fear the fire)
 Do not fear the waters
 (Do not fear the waters)
 Do not fear the thunder
 (Do not fear the thunder)
 Jesus has conquered them all
 Be strong and courageous...

 Do not fear the darkness (Do not fear the darkness)
 Do not fear the sadness (Do not fear the sadness)
 Do not fear the sickness (Do not fear the sickness)
 Jesus has conquered them all

Be strong and courageous...

Do not fear the enemy
(Do not fear the enemy)
Do not fear the poverty
(Do not fear the poverty)
Do not fear eternity
(Do not fear eternity)
Jesus has conquered them all
Be strong and courageous...

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Prayers: Liz Conaghan

## Reading: Acts 2:22-47 - Rose Byrne

<sup>22</sup> "Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. <sup>23</sup> This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. <sup>25</sup> David said about him:

"I saw the Lord always before me.

Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

- <sup>26</sup> Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will live in hope,
- <sup>27</sup> because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.
- <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.<sup>7</sup>

continued...

<sup>29</sup> "Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. <sup>30</sup> But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay. <sup>32</sup> God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. <sup>33</sup> Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. <sup>34</sup> For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

"`The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand

<sup>35</sup> until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."

<sup>36</sup> "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

<sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

<sup>38</sup> Peter replied, "Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off--for all whom the Lord our God will call."

<sup>40</sup> With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." <sup>41</sup> Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

#### Song:

 Glorious things of You are spoken, Zion, city of our God!
 He whose word cannot be broken
 Formed you for His own abode.
 On the Rock of Ages founded,
 Who can shake your sure repose?
 With salvation's walls surrounded,
 You may smile at all your foes.

2. See! The streams of living waters, Springing from eternal love, Well supply your sons and daughters, And all fear of want remove; Who can faint, while such a river Ever flows their thirst to fade? Grace which, like the Lord, the Giver, Never fails from age to age. Blessed inhabitants of Zion,
Washed in the Redeemer's blood!
Jesus, whom their souls rely on,
Makes them priests and kings to God.
Ne'er again will be a barrier,
All the guilt and stain are gone,
Free to walk beside the Saviour,
In the glory of the Lord.

4. Saviour, since of Zion's city
I, through grace, a member am, Let the world condemn or pity,
I will glory in Your name.
Fading is the worldly pleasure,
All its weak pretence and show,
Solid joys and lasting treasure
None but those of Zion know.

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## Song:

Oh how good it is when the family of God Dwell together in spirit, in faith and unity; Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love Are the fruits of his presence here among us.

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord, And with one heart we'll live out his word Til the whole world sees the Redeemer has come, For he dwells in the presence of his people.

Oh how good it is on this journey we share To rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn. For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace, When we offer the blessing of belonging.

Oh how good it is to embrace his command To prefer one another, forgive as he forgives. When we live as one we all share in the love Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.

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Final Prayer

# Next Week

We continue the series 'Acts – the Unstoppable word of God' and David Horrocks will be speaking on Acts 3:1-26.

Question 14 answer: No, but because of the disobedience of Adam and Eve we are all born in sin and guilt, unable to keep God's law.



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