

6-21-2026 Sunday Sermon Message  
This Week's Meditation: Psalm 91:1-16  
Scripture: Acts 1:1-8  
Title of the Message: **Israel as Jehovah  
God's Witnesses, and the Church as  
Witnesses of Christ**

The Lord God said that through the prophet Isaiah, He had made the people of Israel His witnesses:

**"Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.**

**<sup>11</sup> I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no saviour.**

**<sup>12</sup> I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am God."(Isaiah 43:10-12)**

The risen Jesus Christ said to Christians who have received the Holy Spirit that they are His witnesses:

**"And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.**

**<sup>5</sup> For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.**

**<sup>6</sup> When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying,**

**Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?**

**<sup>7</sup> And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.**

**<sup>8</sup> But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."(Acts 1:4-8)**

After His resurrection, Jesus said they would be His witnesses:

**"And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.**

**<sup>45</sup> Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,**

**<sup>46</sup> And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:**

**<sup>47</sup> And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.**

**<sup>48</sup> And ye are witnesses of these things."(Luke 24:44-48)**

When the Lord Jehovah God said that the people of Israel were His witnesses,

**" ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he "** he said.

When Jesus told His disciples to be His witnesses, He told them to be His witnesses because they knew Jesus Christ and what He had accomplished for them. He also knew that they needed power to live the lives of their witnesses and promised to give them the Holy Ghost, His Spirit.

Therefore, whoever knows the Lord Jesus Christ, believes that He died and was buried for their sins according to the Scriptures, and rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, receives the Holy Spirit to deeply know Him and to live a life as witnesses of Christ, is given the Holy Spirit.

Those who believe in Christ and receive the Holy Spirit can come to know Him through the Spirit and become His witnesses. Just as we saw Him suffer for his sins two thousand years ago, be killed on the cross, be buried, and rise again on the third day, we can live and testify about Him, thereby becoming witnesses of Christ. However, those who have not received the Holy Spirit cannot see or know Him, so they cannot be witnesses. In other words, they cannot preach the gospel.

Therefore, those who have become witnesses of Christ can act as counsel before God, who is the judge in the heavenly court. When the devil acts as a

prosecutor and lists all the sins people have committed before God, Christ's witnesses witness to Jesus Christ's death and resurrection on the cross for the sins of those people, and defend before God, the judge, thereby proclaiming the fact that God has declared innocence through the gospel, so that listeners may come to know Christ Jesus and receive it by faith.

The risen Jesus spoke of the message that Christ's witnesses should convey as "**repentance and forgiveness of sins.**" In other words, if anyone repents of not believing in the Lord Jesus Christ and believes in Him wholeheartedly, they can receive forgiveness and salvation for all their sins. All nations receive forgiveness of sins and the Holy Spirit upon hearing such a simple message.

Amen! Hallelujah!