



Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground,  
and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life  
*Genesis 2:7*

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## THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

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*Daily Devotion at Zion + August 2021 AD + **Pentecost Season***

## God-Breathed

God breathes the Bible.

So say the prophets and apostles: where God speaks, there His breath; where God breathes, there follows the Word. In both Hebrew and Greek (the original language of Scripture), the words for *breath* and *spirit* are the same (*ruach* in Hebrew and *pneuma* in Greek). These words invariably appear when God starts speaking.

We therefore read that, in the very beginning, when God spoke creation into existence, His *spirit* or *breath* “hovered over the face of the deep” (Gen. 1:1-2). Likewise, when Jesus rose from the dead, He breathed His breath on the apostles and sent them forth to preach and teach (John 20:22). For good reason, then, St. Paul states that “all Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching . . .” (2 Timothy 3:16-17). If we thirst for the Spirit, the very breath of God, we need only turn to the holy scriptures close at hand.

Hopefully the summer affords you time to spend with this spirited and holy book! Whether hearing it, reading it, or calling it to mind, we receive from the Bible the same Spirit that God first breathed into the nostrils of Adam and that even now breathes in the lungs of His Son. Truly, the Bible is God’s “book of life”!

## About the Cover Art

*Here you see one artist's rendering of the creation of Adam. Notice how his coloring and the hues of the dust of the earth, a rich rusty brown, mix together as the divine breath and Spirit fill him with life. Yet notice, too, how he stands, not only with his head raised towards his Father in heaven, but also with his arms outstretched in the shape of a cross. He calls to mind for us both the first Adam who died and the second Adam who rose, our Lord Jesus Christ, the true font of God's life-giving breath. The artist is Bill Osborne. © Bill Osborne. All rights reserved.*

### Daily Readings for the Week of Pentecost 10 (August 1)

**S** 1 Samuel 23:7-18  
Romans 11:33-12:2  
Matthew 25:14-30

**Th** 1 Samuel 28:3-20  
Acts 15:1-11  
Mark 5:1-20

**M** 1 Samuel 24:1-22  
Acts 13:44-52  
Mark 4:1-20

**F** 1 Samuel 31:1-13  
Acts 15:12-21  
Mark 5:21-43

**T** 1 Samuel 25:1-22  
Acts 14:1-18  
Mark 4:21-34

**Sa** 2 Samuel 1:1-16  
Acts 15:22-35  
Mark 6:1-13

**W** 1 Samuel 25:23-44  
Acts 14:19-28  
Mark 4:35-41

*These readings correspond  
to pages 340-374 in Volume  
II of For All the Saints.*

### Daily Readings for the Week of Pentecost 11 (August 8)

**S** 2 Samuel 1:17-27  
Romans 12:9-21  
Matthew 25:31-46

**Th** 2 Samuel 4:1-12  
Acts 16:25-40  
Mark 7:1-23

**M** 2 Samuel 2:1-11  
Acts 15:36-16:5  
Mark 6:14-29

**F** 2 Samuel 5:1-12  
Acts 17:1-15  
Mark 7:24-37

**T** 2 Samuel 3:6-21  
Acts 16:6-15  
Mark 6:30-46

**Sa** 2 Samuel 5:22-6:11  
Acts 17:16-34  
Mark 8:1-10

**W** 2 Samuel 3:22-39  
Acts 16:16-24  
Mark 6:47-56

*These readings correspond  
to pages 374-410 in Volume  
II of For All the Saints.*

### Daily Readings for the Week of Pentecost 12 (August 15)

**S** 2 Samuel 6:12-23  
Romans 14:7-12  
John 1:43-51

**Th** 2 Samuel 11:1-27  
Acts 19:11-20  
Mark 9:2-13

**M** 2 Samuel 7:1-17  
Acts 18:1-11  
Mark 8:11-21

**F** 2 Samuel 12:1-14  
Acts 19:21-41  
Mark 9:14-29

**T** 2 Samuel 7:18-29  
Acts 18:12-28  
Mark 8:22-33

**Sa** 2 Samuel 12:15-31  
Acts 20:1-16  
Mark 9:30-41

**W** 2 Samuel 9:1-13  
Acts 19:1-10  
Mark 8:34-9:1

*These readings correspond  
to pages 410-442 in Volume  
II of For All the Saints.*

### Daily Readings for the Week of Pentecost 13 (August 22)

**S** 2 Samuel 13:1-22  
Romans 15:1-13  
John 3:22-36

**Th** 2 Samuel 15:1-18  
Acts 21:27-36  
Mark 10:32-45

**M** 2 Samuel 13:23-39  
Acts 20:17-38  
Mark 9:42-50

**F** 2 Samuel 15:19-37  
Acts 21:37-22:16  
Mark 10:46-52

**T** 2 Samuel 14:1-20  
Acts 21:1-14  
Mark 10:1-16

**Sa** 2 Samuel 16:1-23  
Acts 22:17-29  
Mark 11:1-11

**W** 2 Samuel 14:21-33  
Acts 21:15-26  
Mark 10:17-31

*These readings correspond  
to pages 442-480 in Volume  
II of For All the Saints.*

*Readings for the week of August 29 will be forthcoming in a later news-  
letter.*