

## Sermon Worksheet, 8/23/09

*So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. (Acts 13:3-4)*



**Passage:** Gen 1:1-13, Exo 14:15-25, Jer 4:23-28

**Theme:** Sent by the Holy Spirit, No.1

In this drill, we will learn more about the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Observations:

- 1) When you compare the above passage in Genesis and that in Exodus, you can easily see some similarities in the words and expressions used and in what happened. Please list up the similarities. What do you need to keep in mind concerning the Hebrew word “**spirit (ruah)**” in order to see the connection between the two stories as the original writer(s) or readers meant or understood?
- 2) Pay attention to the change from the state of “**formless and empty**” to the state of “**Let the land produce vegetation ... according to their various kinds.**” Knowing that the same idea is flowing in the Exodus passage, try to explain what was happening to the people of Israel at that time, and what God planned to do later in terms of both the external aspects (like the nation and the land) and the internal (spiritual) aspects.
- 3) Now read Jer 4:23-28. With the historical background of Jeremiah’s time in mind, what, do you think, this passage is prophesying about? In connection with the passage in Genesis, to what kind of a state did this prophecy mean that the nation, land and people of Judah would turn into? Would Judah come out of this state in later time? What passages do you find that speak about this?

### Personal Applications:

- 1) From these passages, explain what power is the power of God’s spirit: what does it do and how does it work?
- 2) Try to apply this to what you have learned from Luke 1:35 last week. Explain how the power of the Holy Spirit worked for the birth of Jesus and for the salvation of humanity according to Luke.
- 3) What does the power of the Holy Spirit mean for your life? Do you think you understand what it is and are fully utilizing it? Is there anything you learned new this time? How do you believe now that the Holy Spirit will work for your life?

### Prayers, and etc.

- 1) Let us pray that the power of the Holy Spirit will be actualized more in our daily lives.
- 2) Pray also that when your group, or your family meet together, the power of the Holy Spirit will work more.
- 3) Continue to pray for “**everyone**” and “**all the saints**”: especially, for those who need the power of the Holy Spirit. Pray also for the recent newcomers, and especially, the people whom we met at the Koedo Festival.