



Songs of Summer Psalm 104:24-35

We all have a song or two that when we hear it takes us back to those summer vibes. The lyrics and the melody take us back to the beach, the pool, the sunset, our friends, some of our best summer memories. Those songs have a special place in our memories. But there are also songs in Scripture that should take us back and remind us of who God is and what God has done. The Psalms are chocked full of songs of summer to listen to. This summer let's go back and listen to some of Scripture's best songs of summer.

Pentecost reminds us of our dependence upon the Holy Spirit for both life and new life.

- As you reflect on the message, what stood out to you? What is something you are still thinking about?
- What is something from the message that challenged you? How are you wrestling with that challenge?
- What question(s) do you have from the message?
- What is at least one practical takeaway from the message?

Psalm 104:24-35

24 O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom have you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

25 Here is the sea, great and wide,
which teems with creatures innumerable,
living things both small and great.

26 There go the ships,
and Leviathan, which you formed to play in it.^[a]

27 These all look to you,
to give them their food in due season.

28 When you give it to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

29 When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.

30 When you send forth your Spirit,^[b] they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.

31 May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works,

32 who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke!

33 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

34 May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the Lord.

35 Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more!

Bless the Lord, O my soul!
Praise the Lord!

- This past Sunday we celebrated Pentecost. What has been your experience with Pentecost? If you grew up or have been in the church for any time, was Pentecost a day you celebrated? Or was Pentecost treated like just another Sunday?
- Like Psalm 8, Psalm 104 is a psalm that celebrates God's creation and sustaining of creation. In Psalm 104:24-35, what does this psalm say about God's creation?
- Psalm 104:30 specifically mentions the Spirit of God. What does it say the Holy Spirit does? Compare this to Genesis 1:1-2. How does this passage describe God's creation work?
- In Sunday's message, Pastor Dustin spent some time discussing and describing the person of the Holy Spirit and his relation to the Trinity. Who is the Holy Spirit and how does he relate to the Trinity? (For some help with this question, check out this [short essay on the Trinity](#)).
- Both Psalm 104 and Pentecost remind us of our dependence upon God. We cannot create ourselves. How does it make you feel to know that you are dependent upon God for your existence?
- The second half of Psalm 104:30 says something more about the Holy Spirit. What does it mean for the Holy Spirit to "renew the face of the ground?"
- In John 3:3-8 Jesus describes the Holy Spirit and being "born again" (or renewed). What is the Spirit's role in our new life? (For some help with this question, check out this [short essay on Regeneration](#)).
- Once again, Pentecost reminds us of our dependence upon God. Not only can we not create ourselves; we also cannot save ourselves. How can we regularly remind ourselves that we are dependent upon God for everything?
- Chances are you don't make a big enough deal of Pentecost and the Holy Spirit in your life. What are some practical ways we can emphasize the Spirit's presence and activity in our everyday lives?