



## ARNA PENTECOST PODCAST 2023

The Spirit's role in worship

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### Day 5 | Children of God are to be led by the Spirit of God, in our lives and in worship of our Heavenly Father

**Focus** | Our hearts are aflame with the Spirit of God. Today, we bring to mind our call to be led by the Spirit of God in every aspect of our lives. For the next three days we'll focus on how we are to be led by the Spirit in our worship of our Heavenly Father both privately and when we are gathered as a community led by the Spirit of God.

Let us quieten our body and still our mind, so we may more easily discern the presence of the Holy Spirit within our heart.

#### Pause

**Scripture** | John 16:13-14; Romans 8:14

When we listen to the words of our Saviour, He reminded us that our worship of God is always empowered and guided by the Holy Spirit, whom He called the Spirit of Truth. He said,

*"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you."* (John 16:13–14)

The Apostle Paul wrote similar words, saying *"... all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God."* (Romans 8:14)

Let us turn to consider how we are to be spirit-led in our worship.

#### Reflection |

Knowing that the person of the Spirit is to lead and guide our worship of God, we may be challenged to re-think some of our old routines.

Being a creative and energetic Spirit, worship times guided by the Spirit are rarely ever the same.

If your worship experiences have become boring and routine, it is time to invite the Spirit of God to add His suggestions!

Could you take your worship of God out into the bush? Go for a walk? Put on some Christian music and praise Him with joyous movement?

When was the last time you lay prostrate before the Lord? Or kneeled with a bowed head in humility?

All these are postures of worship described by the Scriptures.

Do something you've never done before! Allow the creative Spirit of God to add some spice into your worship of God.

One important attitude to have as we seek to be guided by the Spirit in our worship, is remembering that our worship is not to be limited to the words that proceed from our mouth.

The writer of Hebrews said, *"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."* (Hebrews 13:16)

Each morning, let us take some time to ask the Spirit of God, 'how may I live out my worship of you? How can I bless someone today? How can I share the goodness I have received from God, with others?

Such a question will require a moment to pause so we may listen to the Spirit's whispers.

Does the picture of a certain person pop into your mind?

Would an item you own be better served by someone else?

Is there someone who is grieving or in a season of difficulty with whom you may share your worship of the Lord with today?

In our private worship times, let us drink from the bubbling river of God's living water and give creative expression to our love for our Heavenly Father.

### **Pause**

**Prayer** | Heavenly Father, refresh my heart and open my ears so I may hear new ways of being a passionate worshipper with Spirit-inspired praise, which exalts the Lord Jesus Christ. Awaken my heart so that my worship is a pleasing sacrifice of praise. May I worship you, Father, for who you truly are. In the name of your Son Jesus who brought me into fellowship with God our Father. **Amen.**