
Weekly Schedule

Tues, Feb 3rd (Lewisville) Joseph & Lillykutty's residence (7 PM)

Fri, Feb 6th (Mesquite) Fasting Prayer @ Parsonage (10 AM)

Fri, Feb 6th (Metro) Bible Study & Impact @ Metro (7 PM)

Sat, Feb 7th (Murphy) Joy & Mini's residence (6:30 PM)

Words of Wisdom

If all the sleeping folks will wake up, and all the lukewarm folks will fire up, and all the disgruntled folks will sweeten up, and all the discouraged folks will cheer up, and all the depressed folks will look up, and all the estranged folks will make up, and all the gossiping folks will shut up, and all the dry bones will shake up, and all the true soldiers will stand up, and all the church members will pray up, and if the Savior of all will be lifted up . . . then we can have the greatest renewal this world has ever known. - *Richard Cardinal Cushing*

Prayer for the Nations: Burundi (Africa) *

- Historically the Tutsi minority have dominated the Hutu, who make up 80% of the population, resulting in severe ethnic tension and violence. In the last two decades large scale massacres have occurred. In 1993 the first-ever Hutu president was assassinated by the Tutsi army leading to a further cycle of violence and killings.
- Wars have left 1.7 million without a home and many people rely on foreign help to provide their basic needs for survival.
- Peace talks have attempted to get both sides to agree on how to share the power in ruling Burundi, but it remains to be seen whether this can really be achieved in the long-term.
- Many children have been orphaned through war and there is little chance for them to receive any education. Pray that organisations can find the opportunity and resources to love and care for these broken kids.
- The legacy of oppression and killing goes a long way back for the Hutu. Pray for reconciliation and peace between the Hutu and Tutsi.
- Hutu and Tutsi church leaders have spoken out against the violence and hatred, but many have been killed and forced to leave the country. Pray that church leaders would continue to bring wisdom and forgiveness where so many are hurting.
- Pray for Christians who are living in refugee camps in Tanzania and Congo, that they can share about Jesus with others and have hope for their future.
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My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness and thy salvation all the day; for I know not the numbers thereof. (Ps 71:15)



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February 1, 2009

Welcome

“The Lord God called to Adam, Where are you?” (Genesis 3:9)

Greetings and Praise the Lord in the sweet name of the Lord and Savior . It gives us immense pleasure in welcoming you all to a time of worship in the house of the Lord.

The story as it unfolds in Genesis 3 is the greatest love story ever written. It is a story that enables us to see the heart beat of God the Creator. Often times we are so much taken to focus on Adam and Eve in their sinfulness that we miss the Deity that is coming down to meet them with a voice of concern.

We may ask did God not know that Adam and Eve have sinned already and then why is he asking Where are you? Yes, the omnipresent and omniscient God knows all things and he already knew that Adam and Eve were in hiding. But even then he comes down to meet them in their sin and rebellion. God’s question actually allows Adam and Eve to confront their rebellion and ask themselves these questions. What really happened? Why did this happen? What could we have done to reverse this? Is there a way out from this situation?

God’s question to them was also a pointer that this is so unlike of Adam and Eve to have missed a divine appointment with their Creator. They were created in God’s image so that they could have fellowship with their Lord God. God could have destroyed them and started the whole creation afresh. God persisted with them and took upon himself the responsibility of finding a way out of this situation. Thus in the Garden of Eden God first entered into a covenant with his people and thus was born the first promise of the divine redeemer. In all of this we see the initiative taken by God and in time and history God sent forth His Son born of woman and born under the law so that God’s creation could come back into a perfect relationship with him.

The question then is this: Why did God do what he did by calling on the sinful and rebellious Adam and Eve? The only answer that we can possibly think is that God loved them so much that he was prepared to once again restore the broken relationship. That is the beauty of divine grace. It is not just unmerited favor but we do not receive what we really deserved. We deserved his fury and wrath but he came in love. Yes friends the greatest love story is the love story that God and his people share. In love he calls us so that we may come back to him. He does not want us to be separated from him and He himself instituted the remedy. Instead of pronouncing judgment God actually gave a promise. The first covenant that God entered with his creation was in the garden and the subsequent covenants were building up on this one. What is that God conveys through this arrangement? It is nothing but love that compels God to condescend for us and even today he is calling us in love to be restored to Him.

In Christ Alone,
Pastor Satish Kumar

Sermon Notes