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## Upcoming Events

Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Metro July 22 - 25

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## Weekly Schedule

- Wed, Jul 8th (Metro) Music Concert with Lighthouse Ministry (7 PM)
- Fri, Jul 10th (Mesquite) Fasting Prayer @ Parsonage (10 AM)
- Sat, Jul 11th (Irving) PYCD Non-stage events competition (9 AM)  
IPA, 544 Tipton Rd. Irving, TX 75060-3610
- Sat, Jul 11th (Dallas) North Texas Food Bank Volunteering (9 AM)
- Sat, Jul 11th (Metro) Family Training Hour (6:45 PM)
- Sun, Jul 12th (Metro) Youth Sunday Worship Service (10 AM)
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### Prayer for the Nations: Kenya (Africa)\*

- Kenya is right at the heart of safari country - the word 'safari' comes from the Swahili for 'journey'.
- Kenya is a land of massive diversity - with the most diverse collection of wild animals in the whole of Africa and over 120 different ethnic groups.
- Over the years the government has favoured the Kipsigis peoples and marginalized everyone else - which has only fuelled greater levels of ethnic division and violence.
- The death rate in Kenya continues to soar as the HIV/AIDS spreads - 14% of the adult population are infected.
- Over half the population is under 15.
- 10% of Kenya's 50,000 university students are active Christians.
- 13 million Kenyans are bible-believing Christians - committed to following Jesus!
- There is a growing vision for mission - to take the gospel to all of the 22 unreached peoples in Kenya.
- Pray that Christians in Kenya can make a stand against corruption and human rights abuses in their country.
- The AIDS crisis threatens to kill nearly a whole generation, unless the rate of infection is addressed. Pray that churches can face up to this massive problem and demonstrate wisdom and compassion to the millions who are suffering or orphaned.
- Kenya is a strategic centre for many missionary organisations working across Africa.
- More than half the people living in Kenya's towns and cities live in slums. Slum dwellers in Nairobi, of which 60,000 are children, are amongst the poorest and most malnourished in Africa.

\* [http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country\\_id=79](http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=79)



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For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. (Ps 84:10)

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# Welcome

“I have had enough Lord” (1Kings 19: 4)

Warm Christian greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It gives us immense pleasure in welcoming you all for a time of worship in the house of the Lord.

Many of us find ourselves too often under the broom tree with these precise words. “I have had enough Lord” We may be attributing such expression because of the stress of our working schedule, the deadlines to be met, project related anxiety, take caring of kids especially during this summer holidays and desiring that schools would start soon. It could also be due to physical pain and sickness, emotional breakups and even discord within family relationships. We have often desired an end to all this agony and pain and prayed that we may be taken up or He may come soon. The former prayer is more heard and less of the latter.

We need to see Elijah in perspective to see why he would cry out like this. This cry came after a stupendous spiritual victory at Mt Carmel. In a show of strength of the power of prayer Elijah singlehandedly declared to the nation of Israel that God is enthroned in power and the people have committed covenant breach. He destroyed the false prophets of Baal. He boldly proclaimed that a God who answers by fire is God indeed. The land needed rain and so a God who could provide water should have been God, but Elijah was firm that a God who is able to send fire can be trusted to send water too.

Thus Elijah regained the lost touch of the people as far as their relationship with God was concerned. But now he is in a personal battle of his own. In his own battle he now needs the divine touch so that he is able to realize the importance of his experience. He thinks that he is the last of God’s prophets and that God does not really care whether he lives or not. Even though we may say that his running was cowardly, but in his prayer of extreme supplication he seems to be justified. It stemmed from a distorted thinking that God cannot keep his people safe and God does not really care.

The Psalmist reminds us the same scenario in 142 when he pleads for God’s mercy and pours his complaint before him. He reminds all his troubles to God because he is overwhelmed by them. He looks for someone to come and help him but no one seems to give a passing thought and no one even cares a bit as to what happens to him. But even then he never forgets to pray to God because in God he finds a place of refuge. God is what he really wants in life. So he prays that he be brought forth from his prison of narrow thinking so that he may worship and praise the Lord. It is true that the word of God reminds us that we can cast our cares unto Him because He cares for us (Ps 55: 22; 1Pet 5: 7)

God answers Elijah by stating it clearly that he is not alone in this struggle. There are 7000 more men and women in Israel who are experiencing the same situation of Elijah and they are not crying out to die. The zeal of the Lord has been consuming these people but they are not disappointed and dejected and discouraged. The Lord knows those who belong to Him and sometimes allows us to go through trying times so that we come to realize that we are not the only ones who undergo these situations. We can be blessed by the experiences of others and in turn become a source of blessing to others. May the Lord open our inner eyes to see the glory behind the pain and value the experiences that God has given us so that we have a heart full of gratitude and praise.

In Christ Alone,  
Pastor Satish Kumar

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# Sermon Notes