
Upcoming Events

Two-Day Revival Meeting, Nov 20-21 (Fri-Sat) at Metro

Week of Fasting Dec 25 - 31 at Metro

Weekly Schedule

Tue, Oct 13th (Mesquite) Ladies Meeting @ Parsonage (7 PM)

Fri, Oct 16th (Mesquite) Fasting Prayer @ Parsonage (10 AM)

Fri, Oct 16th (Metro) Impact Meeting @ Metro (7 PM)

Sat, Oct 17th (Metro) Prayer Meeting @ Metro (6:45 PM)

Prayer for the Nations: Nigeria (Africa)*

- Nigeria has enormous oil wealth, but much of the country's money has been wasted or stolen by corrupt leaders. This means that the development of the country and the needs of ordinary people have suffered. Over a third of Nigeria live beneath the poverty line. It has been estimated that all the stolen money could actually pay off Nigeria's national debt.
- There is a wide cultural difference between the Muslim north and largely Christian south. These differences have created tensions which have escalated into violence and civil war. The current President, Olesegun Obasanjo, is a committed Christian and has tried to maintain a more united Nigeria.
- In many of the northern Muslim states, a strict Islamic shari'a law has been imposed and Christians there face intense persecution.
- Thank God that Nigeria's President is a committed Christian. Pray that God would give him courage and wisdom in his work.
- More persecution has meant more prayer! Nigerian Christians are passionate about praying – some of the biggest prayer meetings in history have been in Nigeria. As many as 3 million people have come together to pray in the city of Lagos – that many people would fill 50 football stadiums. How exciting is that?
- Pray for peace, reconciliation and healing between people from the north and south of Nigeria. Pray that the introduction of the Islamic shari'a law would not present a threat to the future unity of the nation.
- The Church in Nigeria has grown quickly and rapidly. Pray that this widespread evangelism would be followed by bible-based discipleship and teaching to help people follow Jesus in their lives.
- The age-gap between older and younger Christian leaders is large, and many show unwillingness to train-up and disciple young people into leadership. Pray that God would raise up leaders who have a humble spirit and a desire to mentor others.
- Persecution in Nigeria's northern states has led to the death of thousands of Christians and the destruction of church buildings. Pray that God would comfort all who have lost their families and suffered. Pray also that the spirit of forgiveness would be stronger than any feelings of revenge.

* http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=39

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For who in the heaven can be compared unto the LORD? who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD? God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about Him. (Ps 89:6-7)

Welcome

“If you raced with men on foot...what will you do in the thicket of Jordan”
(Jer. 12: 5)

Praise the Lord. Welcome to the house of the Lord as we continue to worship Him in Spirit and truth.

The Lord listened patiently to the complaint of Jeremiah. It was about the progress of the wicked without pain and the painful progress of the righteous. He could not understand why this is so. It should have been the other way round. Many times we also have the same complaint. Why do we suffer in spite of calling on the name of the Lord. Why we find no protection and comfort even though we have the promise of divine protection and comfort. Questions of this sort may abound in our mind.

In the response of God to Jeremiah we need to understand two things. First of all God knows our situation well enough even though we may think that he does not care or know. God knew well what Jeremiah was going through and he puts his situation in the language of two metaphors: Racing with men on foot and dwelling trustingly in a safe land. When we say that God knows it also means that he fully understands how much we can undergo in any situation. Secondly, it also tells how much God expects from Jeremiah. God expects him to compete with horses in the future and live by the thickets of Jordan. So we see that not only God knows he also expects. Our God expects a lot from us because he is the one who empowers us. So Jeremiah will have his task cut out for him- running with horses and dwelling by the thickets of Jordan. That is what God is counting on with Jeremiah and here we see that he has almost given up the challenge in his complaint.

Many times we too behave in the same way. We tend to see deliverance and want to see things becoming smooth for us in the days to come. But God has a different plan for us a plan to move forward in bearing suffering for his name and dwelling in situation where he alone can be our only source of comfort and help. The thickets of Jordan will be situation where we will have to depend on God absolutely and to compete with horses we need that extraordinary empowerment from God. God is counting on us to become stronger as we face challenges of our lives and not to give in. He has some tough challenges ahead for us which will prove his sovereignty in our lives and we shall be able to see his divine power working for us. Are you ready to face the challenges of life to see God's purposes come to fulfillment? God is counting on you for that. Today do not be disappointed over the situations of your life. God is calling you for something far more difficult than today's suffering.

Will you stand that trial?

In Christ Alone,
Pastor Satish Kumar

Sermon Notes