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### Upcoming Events

Special Meeting Dec 25th at Metro (6 PM)

Week of Fasting Dec 28 - 31 (Mon - Thurs) at Metro

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### Weekly Schedule

Wed, Dec 9th (Carrollton) Bro Mathews Valliaveetil & Sis Leelamma (7 PM )

Fri, Dec 11th (Mesquite) Fasting Prayer @ Parsonage (10 AM )

Fri, Dec 11th (Garland) Br. Babu and Sis. Gracy's residence (7 PM)

Sat, Dec 12th (Mesquite) Pr Jobkutty & Sis. Susan's residence (11 AM )

South Asian Christian Festival (3PM- 11PM)

Sat, Dec 12th (Garland) Garland Event Center

4999 Naaman Forest Blvd, Garland, TX 75040

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#### Prayer for the Nations: South Africa (Africa)\*

- Christians around the world had been praying for an end to apartheid. The peaceful transition to a non-racial democracy is a definite answer to prayer.
- There has been a real effort to begin to address the centuries of oppression and pain that South Africans have suffered. Praise God for what has been achieved and pray that Christians would continue to model grace, forgiveness and reconciliation.
- Since 1993 the number of South Africans able to go and serve in mission has tripled. Pray that this growth would continue.
- Pray that South Africa's political and religious leaders would have Godly wisdom as they address the many hurts in their past.
- The increasing crime wave has left the nation shocked. Violent crimes are commonplace and the murder rate is seven times that of the USA. Pray that Christians would be able to make an impact in this hurting society.
- An AIDS epidemic is ripping the nation apart. 1,200 victims are buried each day and nearly half a million children are orphaned. Over 20% of the population and a third of all teachers are affected. Pray for effective solutions to slow down this terrible trend. Pray for the different organisations who are providing care and support for all who are suffering.
- Pray that there would strength, unity and vision for the Christian church in South Africa. Pray that Christians would be able to speak into every level of society, bringing truth and hope.
- Nearly half the population is under 20. Many young people are poor and can easily get involved with violence and crime. Pray for this generation and Christians who work with them.

\* [http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country\\_id=45](http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=45)



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*Celebrating the Presence of God  
Demonstrating the Love of God  
Communicating the Word of God  
Educating the People of God*

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"...teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days." (Ps 90:12,14)

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# Welcome

**“...Holy Holy Holy is the Lord God Almighty...” (Is. 6: 3)**

Praise the Lord. Welcome to the house of the Lord for a time of praise and worship in His presence. From this Sunday onwards we shall briefly concentrate on the four fold vision of the church. We Celebrate the Presence of God, Communicate the Word of God, Demonstrate the Love of God and Educate the People of God.

We believe that when the church comes together we celebrate the presence of God. Our worship services are geared towards this objective. We believe that God should be glorified through our Sunday worship services, cottage meetings, fasting prayers and all activities related to the church.

The mark of a true worship is that we acknowledge and experience the presence of God in our midst. What we are and what we can become is dependent on the fact that we value highly the presence of God. It is imperative that we give the proper respect and honor for the presence of the Lord in our midst. Jesus said that where two or three gather together because they belong to him, he is there among them (Matt 18: 20)

Because we believe in the presence of our Lord in our midst we give glory and praise to the name of the Lord. We do not praise him simply because he demands it but also because he alone is worthy of all praise and glory. Do not take the name of the Lord in vain and keeping the Sabbath holy are meant for us to esteem highly the presence of God in our midst. One way of celebrating the presence of God is to understand the holiness of the Lord.

God's holiness means that he is separated from sin and devoted to seeking his own honor. The Bible teaches that even heaven is not pure before his holiness (Job 15:15) The seraphim's who are the custodians of the holiness of the Lord speak to one another that He is Holy. God's holiness describes his moral uprightness. God is not only angry at sin but has zero tolerance for sin. He sends his wrath on the sinfulness of man. Sometimes we do not see immediate punishment and tend to think that God is also like us. But he keeps note of our sinfulness and the Bible is quite clear when it says that God brings his judgment on even his elect.

When we come together to celebrate the presence of God we should recognize and respect that we are before a Holy God and hence, we need to seek his holiness. God's holiness then provides the pattern for his people to imitate. "Be holy just as I am holy"(Lev 19: 2; 1Pet 1: 16) The New Testament believers are also called to strive for holiness because without it no one can see God(Heb 12: 14)

There are many more aspects of God's attributes that we can think of when we celebrate the presence of God like his goodness, mercy, justice, patience, faithfulness, love etc. But in all of these holiness is what makes us come closer to him. Again this holiness we can never behold had it not been for the blood of the Lamb. We stand before the holy God not in our righteousness but in the righteousness that has been imputed on us by His Son.

So, church let's catch a glimpse of the holiness of our God as we celebrate his presence in our midst. Let's pray for a vision just like that of Isaiah (Is 6) I am sure that such a vision will change us so thoroughly that we shall never be the same again. It shall completely change our attitudes, actions and perspectives. We shall be able to appreciate the presence of God in a whole new manner.

In Christ Alone

Rev Satish Kumar

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# Sermon Notes