
Weekly Schedule

Wed, Mar 10th (Lewisville)	Area Prayer @ Joseph & Lillykuty's res. (7 PM)
Fri, Mar 12th (Mesquite)	Fasting Prayer @ Parsonage (10 AM)
Fri, Mar 12th (Mesquite)	Area Prayer @ Saju & Alice's res. (7 PM)
Sat, Mar 13th (Mesquite)	NACOG Promotional Meeting East Dallas Church of God (6:30 PM)

Prayer for the Nations

Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, and Aruba (Latin America)*

Anguilla

- In the Caribbean Sea, Anguilla is the at the northern end of the Leeward islands. Anguilla refused to follow St Kitts and Nevis into independence and has remained a British dependent territory.
- Pray for better cooperation between the 21 churches on the island.

Antigua and Barbuda

- In between the Caribbean and the Atlantic, Antigua and Barbuda have belonged to the Spanish, the French and lastly the British. The islands gained their independence in 1981.
- Most of the population are descended from Africans, brought over between the 16th and 19th centuries.
- Drug-dealing, violence, prostitution and kidnapping are growing concerns.
- Pray for the many refugees who came here from Montserrat after the volcanic eruption on their island.

Aruba

- Aruba is a small sandy island, 28km north of Venezuela.
- More than 700,000 tourists come each year, mostly from the USA.
- In the US shows Friends Rachel was all set for a honeymoon in Aruba before she left fiance Barry at the altar.
- The church is growing, particularly among the immigrant communities from Latin America, Asia and the Caribbean. Pray that churches would also impact the lives of the Papiamento-speaking people from Aruba.

* http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=159, 160, 161



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"The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved. Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting." (Ps 93:1,2)

Welcome

“For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you rejected me?”
(Ps 43:2)

Welcome to the house of the Lord for a time of praise and worship. We have come here as a community to worship the Lord. As we worship the Lord let’s ponder on this thought for our edification and encouragement.

This Monday we were shocked to learn the demise of a brother with whom we had come to associate briefly. Many among us knew the family during the many worship services that they attended with us. After the initial numbness later that evening as I opened the Bible for reflection mine eyes were riveted to this passage.

Two profound truths are mentioned in this verse by the Psalmist. On the one hand he knows that God is his strong and safe haven. Yet he is perturbed by the question why the Lord has rejected him and his prayers. In our lives we go through this struggle constantly. On the one hand we know that God is good and all that he does is perfectly good according to His will and purpose but we do not know the outworking of this goodness of the Lord in the midst of severe trial and difficulties. Put in a simple way it begs the question why bad things happen to good people.

In Psalm 42 the Psalmist has already described the God whom he knows. He is the living God(42: 2), savior (42:5), my God (42: 6, 11) and now in 43:2 he says that God is his stronghold. The Psalmist has also expressed hope in seeing God’s presence (42:2) but all these truths about God does not take away the pain of his rejection. His prayers were not answered. He had to continue on without finding rest to his wearied soul. This was too much for him to take. It is hard for any human being to be able to comprehend the way in which the Lord God works. The question why will remain with us. But God does answer prayers. He may give us a negative or a positive or ask us to wait or grow. But the Psalmist does not stop his praying spirit. He continues on in 42: 3 that he needs the light and truth of God to lead and guide him.

Many a time we may not have received our prayers but we can continue to pray for more light and truth of the Lord to lead and guide us. We can ask God to remain faithful to his promises in the darkness of our adversity. This prayer can continue till we reach the holy mountain of God. In other words we can and should pray for more light and more of His truth in the adverse situation of our lives. Sometimes we may not get all the answers but we can count on His faithfulness to reveal to us the truth of the situation. He alone is the source of our joy. In him alone can we trust for finding rest to the wearied soul.

So next time when you are challenged by your circumstances do not give up on prayer. Pray for more light and truth to reveal your circumstance. The one who led the people through the wilderness by a pillar of fire and cloud is still able to shed light and reveal his truth for our salvation.

In Christ Alone,
Pastor Satish Kumar

Sermon Notes