
Weekly Schedule

Mon, Mar 29th (Flower Mound)	Ladies Prayer @ Paulose & Leelama's res (7 PM)
Fri, Apr 2nd (Mesquite)	Fasting Prayer @ Parsonage (10 AM)
Fri, Apr 2nd (Metro)	Impact Meeting @ Metro (7 PM)
Sat, Apr 3rd (Irving)	Tract Dist. @ Shady Grove & Park Grove (4 PM)
Sat, Apr 3rd (Richardson)	City Wide Fellowship @ North Dallas Church 1310 Lorrie Dr., Richardson 75080 (6:45 PM)
Sun, Apr 4th (Irving)	"The Resurrection Factor" Easter Service Radisson Hotel (6:00 - 7:30 PM) 4600 West Airport Freeway, Irving, TX 75062

Prayer for the Nations: Bolivia (Latin America)*

Bolivia

- Bolivia is rich in natural resources - but a history of unstable governments has meant that it is still one of the poorest countries in the Americas.
- Recently the government has tried to clamp down on farmers growing cocaine crops - but many farmers don't have any other way to make a living.
- Bolivia has the world's highest golf course, ski run and soccer stadium.
- The Aymara people, descendants from the Incas, are turning to Christ - 20% of them are now born-again Christians.
- There is spiritual hunger among the Bolivian army and many are becoming Christians.
- 50% of the all the world's cocaine is grown in Bolivia. Pray for the country's Christian leaders and political leaders as they try to deal with the issue - pray that they would have integrity and concern for the families who depend on the money they make from the crops.
- Churches are growing, but because many people can't read it can be a challenge to teach the bible. Pray that leaders can creatively disciple people so that they fully understand the gospel and what God wants for their lives.
- Over half the population are children or teenagers but the church doesn't understand how to reach out to them and bring them into a relationship with God.
- Over 80% of children live in extreme poverty and thousands are addicted to drugs. Pray that Christians can make a lasting difference in their lives and also work to bring changes in government that can address this crisis.

* http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=167

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*Celebrating the Presence of God
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"Unless the LORD had been my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence. When I said, My foot slippeth; thy mercy, O LORD, held me up. In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul."

(Ps 94:17-19)

Welcome

Sermon Notes

“You made him a little lower than the angels” (Heb 2:7)

Praise the Lord and welcome to the house of the Lord as we celebrate the presence of an awesome and holy God in our midst.

In the epistle to Hebrews chapter 2 the writer is expounding the supremacy of Jesus Christ over against that of the angels. He has already stated in the last verse of chapter one that the angels are ministering spirits sent for those who obtain salvation. So in their very being and work the angels are inferior to Jesus. But he notes that Jesus was made a little lower for a period.

First of all we need to understand that this humiliation of Jesus is but for a time. The one who was humiliated is the one who was exalted later on. This humiliation was not something that was permanent. It was for a season or a period. This holds true for us too when we are brought low, that we realize that this temporary humiliation is but for a time and season. We may have to endure physical, emotional and psychological humiliation once in a while in our life but there is always an exaltation that comes because of our trust in Christ.

Secondly, we also need to understand that this was God ordained humiliation in the life of Jesus. The Father had so decreed that the Son should be made perfect by the humiliation that he endures. This has further implication for us in our lives too. Whatever we may be going on in our lives is God ordained. We may not like the circumstances and situations but what God has ordained for us shall surely come to pass. In many ways we do not understand the grand design of God for our lives. We see things happening and interpret it along the way as they emerge. We have not been given the complete blueprint of our lives but God has given us assurance that God will take care and never abandon us in this journey.

Thirdly, the humiliation of Jesus was the necessary condition of his exaltation. In Heb 12: 2 we read that Jesus endured the suffering of the cross to obtain the joy that was set before him. Jesus could not have obtained the joy unless he endured the humiliation. His humiliation prepared him for the high exaltation that was bestowed on him by God. The people gave him a crown of thorns but God after having humiliated bestowed on him glory and honor. It is said that there is no gain without pain. The cross prepared him for the crown that awaited him. The implications is significant for us who may be asking what is the end result of all my suffering and pain. In this world we endure the pain, agony and temptation but a future glory awaits us. But God is faithful and he will help us in this world and also guide us to our future home.

In Christ Alone,
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