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GOD BLESSES OUR OBEDIENCE

BY SENIOR PASTOR PRINCE GUNERATNAM

“If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land” (Isaiah 1:19).

God's blessings are “a good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap” (Luke 6:38) NIV. When God blesses us, we can be a blessing to our family, community and nation. “Eat” in the text means to receive, to achieve the good that God has for you, to enjoy and to enter into the provision of God. Willingness and obedience will bring us God's blessings.

The Bible says, *“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful”* (Joshua 1:8). Meditating or setting our mind on God's Word will cause us to obey what it says (Proverbs 23:7). Our obedience is an act of faith that brings prosperity and success.

The decision is yours, to be willing and obedient. The Bible says, *“Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God”* (Deuteronomy 28:1-2). Decide to be willing and obedient, the blessings shall come upon you and overtake you.

EXAMPLES OF WHOM GOD BLESSED THROUGH THEIR OBEDIENCE

● The widow of Zarephath

Instead of eating her only meal with her son and die, she believed God's promise given through Elijah. *“She went away and did according to the word of Elijah ...”* (1 Kings 17:14 & 15). As a result, her bin of flour was not used up,

nor did the jar of oil run dry! She was blessed with many more meals until the drought was over. Have faith in God's promises and obey His leading.

● Peter and his catch of fish

Peter had toiled all night and caught nothing. Yet at Jesus' request, he said, *“Nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net. And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking”* (Luke 5:5-6). Our responsibility is to just do, what He says.

GOD DELIGHTS IN YOUR PROSPERITY.

The Bible says, *“Let them shout for joy and be glad, who favour my righteous cause; And let them say continually, “Let the LORD be magnified, who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant”* (Psalm 35:27). God rejoices when you prosper.

John prayed, *“Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers”* (3 John 2).

The Biblical definition of prosperity is knowing how to live in contentment in whatever state you may be in. God provides everything we need. When we are blessed by God, He is glorified and this furthers the Kingdom of God. Blessings are never for our selfish indulgence but that we become blessings for God's cause and purposes.

But satan wants you to believe that poverty is spirituality. Many picture a spiritual man as one who has given up his all to suffer in poverty.

POVERTY IS A CURSE BECAUSE OF SIN.

God gave Adam and Eve a beautiful garden. His intention was that they would prosper and enjoy the abundance of His provisions. But sin brought them out of God's blessings. The Bible says, *“Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, “You shall not eat of it”: “Cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life”* (Genesis 3:17-19).

The curse took away the abundance of God's blessings and success. That is why Jesus came. The Bible says, *“Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”), that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith”* (Galatians 3:13-14). Sin mars or takes away the potential of who we are in Christ. Jesus paid the price to break the curse of sin that we might receive the blessings of God through obedience. Whatever “poverty” you are experiencing, as a believer, repent and do what honours and glorifies Jesus. You will be blessed and successful.

POVERTY HINDERS THE GREAT COMMISSION.

Satan wants you to believe there are some who are destined to live in poverty. But the Bible tells us clearly that God is no respecter of persons. The Bible says, *"Then Peter opened his mouth and said: 'In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality'"* (Acts 10:34).

God desires to bless you so that you can give to the work of the Lord. He wants you to be a blessing to others too. The Bible says, *"But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust"* (Matthew 5:44-45). If God is not blessing us, we will not be able to give towards building the Kingdom of God and to be a blessing to others.

THERE IS A RIGHT WAY AND A WRONG WAY TO GIVE TO GOD

In the Old Testament, fire that consumed the sacrifices signified God's acceptance of the offerings. When Elijah prayed on Mount Carmel, the Bible says, *"Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice..."* (1 Kings 18:38).

KINDLING OUR OWN FIRE IS IN VAIN.

Without God's fire, our offerings are not acceptable to God. The Bible says, *"Who is there even among you who would shut the doors, so that you would not kindle fire on My altar in vain? I have no pleasure in you, 'Says the LORD of hosts, 'Nor will I accept an offering from your hands'"* (Malachi 1:10).

Cain and Abel brought an offering to God and the Bible says, *"...the LORD respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering..."* (Genesis 4:4-5). God

accepted Abel's offering and rejected Cain's. There is a right way and wrong way to give to God.

Jesus commended the giving of the widow at the temple. The widow was giving of her all because of the grace of God in her life. The others were giving out of their own pride, success and glory. The widow had the fire of God's approval and the others kindled their own fire.

Our giving ought to be out of obedience and gratitude to God. Our giving is out of His giving. He has given us talents, giftings, health and privilege to serve Him for His honour and glory. Giving out of our pride and self-righteousness is a wrong way to give.

In building the temple, God tells Moses, *"Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring Me an offering. From everyone who gives it willingly with his heart you shall take My offering. ... And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them. According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it"* (Exodus 25:2; 8-9).

THE RIGHT WAY TO GIVE.

1. Give by faith.

The Bible says, *"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him"* (Hebrews 11:6). We inherit His promises through faith by obedience.

2. Give in love.

Give because you love God and want to obey His Word. You cannot separate love from giving. The Bible says, *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life"* (John 3:16). Do not give only out of necessity, grudgingly or with ulterior motives wanting to get more.

3. Give willingly and cheerfully.

The Bible says, *"Take from among you an offering to the LORD. Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as an offering to the LORD: gold, silver, and bronze;"* (Exodus 35:5) and *"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver"* (2 Corinthians 9:7). One cannot give cheerfully unless it is out of faith, love and a willing heart.

4. Giving meaningfully has a cost.

The Bible says that *King David did not offer to God that which cost him nothing, albeit with gratitude. He would not take advantage of the pious Jebusite's generosity but paid for the land to build the altar and the oxen to sacrifice to the Lord* (2 Samuel 24:24).

Jesus said of the widow who gave two mites, *"Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all; for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had"* (Luke 21:4).

5. Give with the right desire.

When you recognise and believe that all you have belongs to God, to give is not a struggle. You will give faithfully, willingly and in gratitude.

If we are going to be the church God wants us to be, we must be a giving church that blesses our neighbour and our nation.

All Bible quotations are in New King James Version, unless otherwise stated.





Moving the hand of God through persevering in prayer!

Despite a worse-than-usual Friday traffic jam due to bad weather, many Calvarites made it to the Prayer Rally on 7 November 2014 at Damansara Heights. It was well worth the effort as God's hand moved powerfully.

The lyrics of a particular worship song, "Leave Me Astounded, Leave Me Amazed, Show Off Your Glory, Let Heaven Invade" became our prayer to the Lord. There was such a fervency as we sang.

Associate Pastor Timothy Ong continued in the same vein, encouraging and reminding us that at a time such as this, we have to see the need to seek God's face, and ask that He cleanse and heal our nation.

Our faith to pray was further stirred by Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam's exhortation. Faith can move mountains, but prayer moves the hand of God. When we persevere in prayer, we are not

begging God, nor are we weak and fearful. On the contrary, we are moving the hand of God with faith and confidence in a God who could do all things and who will answer!

Next, we wrote our prayers on the prayer cards provided by the church to assist us to persevere in prayer.

We each drew near to God during the time of personal reflection, following which we prayed for all needs, personal, family, church and nation. We prayed in different ways, on our own, in groups of threes and corporately, led by intercessors.

The time just flew and we gathered around the altars for more corporate prayers before Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam closed in prayer. Thank God for this precious time where we prayed in unity as a church family. He hears and He is moving on our behalf.

HERE ARE SOME TESTIMONIES HOW CALV

It was enjoyable and refreshing as we became acutely aware of God's presence when we worshiped.

- **Dominic Tay.**

The time for reflection was really quiet with nobody moving about. Calvarites were having a good time in personal conversation with God.

- **Christina Lai.**

It was a very good prayer rally. The flow was good and the prayer items were timely and relevant.

- **Wong Yih Mun.**

I prayed. The next morning after the Prayer Rally, a customer who owed the company a huge amount showed up by himself. God is great!

- **KH Tay.**



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PRAYERS WERE BLESSED:

It took me one and a half hour to come because of the traffic jam. I came with a specific prayer request and was so glad for the opportunity to put my request on the prayer card provided. I also asked for extra prayer cards to write my prayer requests for my son and daughter.

- **Daniel Chew.**

I was reminded to develop a personal and family prayer altar. Thank God for the sense of joy and assurance in our hearts that God has heard and will answer our prayers.

- **Lim Chune Sin**

Thank God for Senior Pastor's exhortation. The parables are so relevant. My part is to pray and trust God and His timing.

- **Grace Yap**

1. Senior Pastor sharing on "What is persevering in prayer"
2. Sister Petrina closes in prayer
3. Pastor Timothy sharing on need to pray
5. Choir's opening presentation
6. Prayer Coordinator, Han Joke Kwang leading in prayer
7. A family praying together
8. Writing their prayer requests on the prayer cards

KIDS' PRAYER RALLY

BY CHANG FOONG JEU

P.U.S.H! Pray Until Something Happens! This was the theme for the Kid's Prayer Rally on 7 November 2014 at Damansara Heights.

Through creative means, the kids were strengthened in their prayer life. The kids also spent much time praying for various needs ranging from personal to corporate needs.

Highlights of The Prayer Rally

- Prayer Adventure where the kids learnt to pray fervently and effectively like Prophet Elijah.
- Skit-Bible-lesson with kids' participation.
- Fun games with integrated prayer.
- Anointed times of corporate prayer with teachers.

Thank God for moving powerfully. Eight kids were baptized in the Holy Spirit, four testified of their encounter with God and eight experienced the presence of God mightily.

The kids left empowered to pray, with their faith deepened and hearts impacted by God to continue to live a prayerful life.





1. Dr Marilyn Hickey teaching at DH sanctuary
2. Praying for altar respondents at CCC
3. Sending the Word of healing to those in need at DH
4. Laying hands on our hearts to pray for needs, both personal & for others



Seeing JESUS

In Every Book Of The Bible

Calvarites were blessed by the excellent teachings of Dr. Marilyn Hickey, an anointed Bible teacher at Damansara Heights and Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) on 17- 18 October (Friday – Saturday) and 19 October (Sunday) respectively.

She has taught and conducted evangelistic healing crusades in more than 126 nations, including nations with restricted access to the gospel. Thousands have given their lives to Jesus and many miraculously healed through her ministry.

The thrust of Dr. Marilyn's teachings can be summed up in this simple exhortation: Read the Bible for yourself and feed yourself. When the Bible begins to get you, you will see who Jesus is in all the 66 books in the Bible. It will be a life-transforming experience. Her study guide, "Seeing Jesus in Every Book in the Bible" put together over 30 years was made available and sold out at the Calvary Book Corner.

Dr. Marilyn also encouraged us to be part of her healing ministry team. We learnt to send the Word of God to heal the sick in accordance with Psalm 107:20, "He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions." Praise God, many received healing after we prayed for those in need at each session.

A grandmother and great grandmother at age 83, Dr. Marilyn is still actively preaching and teaching the Word of God. She attributed the secret of her ministry effectiveness to soaking in the Word of God, which is spirit and life.

The Word of God does not return void. There is power when we pray, speak and send the Word. Let us read, meditate the Word daily and apply it in our lives!

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF DR. MARILYN'S TEACHINGS:

- **Calvarites were encouraged to read** through the Bible and a suggested easy Bible reading plan for one year was given.

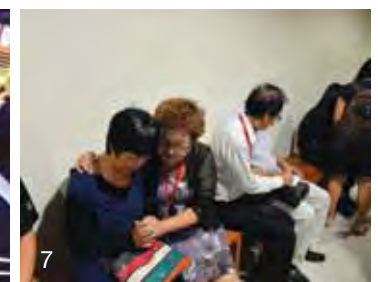
Read: 2 Old Testament (OT) chapters and 1 New Testament (NT) chapter every day for 6 days; and 3 OT chapters and 2 NT chapters for the 7th day.

- **God is looking for truth in your inward man.** When you read the Word, you are putting the truth in your heart and you will have wisdom in your head. The Bible says, "Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom" (Psalms 51:6 NKJV).

- **There are different seasons in our lives** and it is important to know that "He makes everything beautiful in its time" (Ecclesiastes 3:11).



Revival And Healing Rallies In Conjunction With Church Growth Conference



Multitudes who came for the night rallies held at CCC on 28-31 October during the Church Growth Conference (CGC) left joyful and glad in heart after experiencing the powerful hand of God at work.

A total of 8,000 people came and were blessed. There were miracles of salvation, healing and deliverance each night. Over 900 responded for prayer. 180 people gave their hearts to Jesus Christ.

Here are some of the many healing testimonies received:

- A lady, received a double healing. On the first night she came, God healed her of the pain in her feet. On the second night, God healed her stomach pain!
- A young adult, half-paralysed due to brain tumor, was able to lift his arm for the first time, after several years of paralysis.

- Another lady came having severe headache and blurred vision. After prayer, her headache was gone and she had a clear vision.
- A mother had excruciating pain in her pelvis and she needed to use the wheel chair. After prayer, the pain was gone. She was able to walk again!

At the onset, the speaker for the first two nights, Bishop Dr Dag Heward-Mills asked, "Why do many people believe in Jesus?"

His answer: First, because of who Jesus is. He is the way, the truth and the life. Second, MIRACLES are a big part of the reason!

On the third and fourth night, the same Holy Spirit was at work through Evangelist Dr Richard Roberts.

He taught and demonstrated the different ways God heals and got the congregation to participate in applying what we have learnt. Many were delighted to discover that God worked through them, as they laid hands on one another in prayer, spoke or sent the Word of God during the "practicum".

Praise and thank God for His faithfulness and awesome power. Jesus is indeed Saviour and Healer!

1. Bishop Dag ministering during altar call
2. Dr Richard ministering during altar call
3. Lining up to share their testimonies of their healings
4. Believing God to meet their needs
5. Reaching out in faith for God's touch
6. Praying for one another as taught by Dr Richard
7. Altar Workers ministering at the prayer room



BUILDING THE 21ST CENTURY CHURCH

God's Anointing And Impartation Evident At The Church Growth Conference

What a privilege and honour for Calvary Church to play host at the Church Growth Conference (CGC) held for the second time in Malaysia on 28-31 October 2014 at Calvary Convention Centre (CCC)!

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam was the 2014 CGC Host Chairman and he spoke on the opening day of the CGC. His message, "Called And Alone" was on the need to receive revelations from the Lord for ministry and not copy others.

CGC is conducted annually by Church Growth International (CGI) which was founded by Dr. David Yonggi Cho in November 1976. It is an interdenominational ministry dedicated to teaching principles of evangelism, all aspects of church growth and to promote love and unity in the Body of Christ.

The CGC was attended by 1,103 delegates from 36 nations. Malaysians comprise the largest group, with 818 delegates, followed by 211 from 23 other developing nations and 74 from 12 developed nations.

Thank God for the diverse world-class speakers and workshop leaders, ranging from renowned veterans to younger and more contemporary speakers.

The morning sessions and the 12 special topics offered in the workshops were impactful, inspiring and timely.

We are blessed that many expressed appreciation for CCC as an excellent facility for the CGC and night rallies.

The night rallies were powerful. God moved powerfully because He honoured the faith of the people.

We believe what God has begun at this conference, He will complete. God will do more than answer our prayers and bring unprecedented growth to our churches.



1. Dr David Cho, founder & Senior Pastor Emeritus of Yoido Full Gospel Church Korea
2. Senior Pastor, 2014 CGC Host Chairman
3. Rev Yukio Funatsu, with daughter Masako who interpreted his message
4. Rev Samuel Rodriguez praying for altar respondents
5. Dr Kim Sung Hae joyfully invites her husband, Dr Cho to pray after her sharing

- 6 - 7. Plenary speakers sharing, Rev Matthew Barnett & Rev Young Hoon Lee respectively
8. Tea break at CCC Plaza
- 9 - 11. Special topic speakers, Dr Richard Bernal, Dr David Sumrall & Dr Richard Roberts respectively



21st CENTURY CHURCH

Growth Conference!



TESTIMONIES OF SOME CALVARITE DELEGATES:

Tremendously Encouraged

It was such a joy to receive God's word from the diverse speakers. The emphasis on healing, salvation and deliverance was crystal clear. Learning about the programs which are reaching out even in the most difficult of places encouraged me tremendously.

I also enjoyed the tea breaks and had the honour to meet and fellowship with pastors from within and outside the country.

Hats off to the organizers. I am looking forward to the next meeting of such caliber. – **Dr David Bux**

Restored and Refreshed

Throughout the conference, speakers repeatedly gave examples of Biblical characters whom God used mightily when they were down to nothing. I am now refreshed in Him to face my challenges. – **CT Lim**

Keep Trusting God

Through this conference, God reminded me that we need to build a continuous and vibrant relationship with Him. Rev Samuel Rodriguez's sharing on speaking the prophetic and positive greatly prompts me to keep a positive mindset and to trust in God's great plan for myself, the church and the country. - **FJ Chang**

Convicted To Serve

God convicted me to serve Him like never before! I will certainly do something about this. This is a turning point in my life. – **Esther Ankiah**

Healed By The Word!

I was struck by the Word as Rev Samuel Rodriguez shared about how the woman with the issue of blood was healed! She touched the hem of Jesus' garment, although He was not looking at her. I reached out to Jesus and He healed my back. – **Angela Aw**



“LABELLED”



1. Special speakers with wives of CGI Board members, Sister Petrina and Dr Cho
2. Dr. Kim Sung-Hae delighting guests with her piano pieces
3. Senior Associate Pastor Petrina introducing special guests
4. Rev. Margaret Court sharing the devotion
5. Jeannie Friis welcoming the ladies
6. Serene Yeoh singing the opening number

A special luncheon for ladies was organised in conjunction with Church Growth Conference on Wednesday, 29 October 2014. Over 400 ladies from different nations attended the luncheon held at the Multi Purpose Banquet Hall.

The event began with an opening number by Serene Yeoh entitled “You call Me Yours” that aptly illustrated the theme for the luncheon “Labelled”.

Jeannie Friis, the Chairman of the Organizing Committee of ladies from Calvary Church, welcomed all present and acknowledged the presence of Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam, Dr Yonggi Cho and Dr Robert Lim who were there to grace the occasion. The ladies were reminded that God sees them as beautiful and precious however they may label themselves. Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam then took to the stage to introduce the wives and daughters of the Board members of Church Growth International (CGI) as well as the special speakers for the day.

Dr Kim Sung-Hae, wife of Dr Yonggi Cho, exhorted the women to walk with God in three aspects viz. the head where we ought to change our negative thinking, the heart where we are to be filled with the Holy Spirit, and the hand, by which we serve diligently. She then took to the Baby Grand piano and delighted all present with her recital pieces.

Dr Margaret Court, Senior Pastor of Perth Victory Life Centre shared the devotional thought for the day. She was the first Australian woman to win the coveted Wimbledon title and amassed an unmatched total of 62 Grand Slam titles. She testified that she became a Christian while she was the world’s top tennis player. Although brought up in a Catholic background, she lacked a personal relationship with Jesus. Before her conversion, she attended church faithfully believing that God had given her the gift to excel in tennis. After a friend shared the gospel and she accepted Jesus as Lord and Saviour, she was filled with joy and went around telling many about her faith.

In her search for answers to a debilitating torn heart valve, insomnia and depression, she fell into wrong doctrinal beliefs that left her in a mess and made her feel like “a shipwrecked ship.”

She then threw herself into the Word of God, studying it diligently to ground herself and eventually, experienced victory over sickness and depression through the power of the Word. Upon her husband’s encouragement, she attended Bible School and went on to become a pastor.

From a top tennis player to a minister of God – Dr. Margaret has changed labels. Indeed, she could testify to the Apostle Paul’s declaration in Galatians 2:20, “I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live but Christ lives in me...”

The ladies enjoyed meaningful fellowship during the sumptuous buffet lunch and two guests were led to accept Jesus as Lord and Saviour. What a wonderful conclusion to a memorable luncheon!



2014 CALVARY INTERNATIONAL GOLF FELLOWSHIP

BY DANIEL TENG

Participants refreshed and renewed over golf and fellowshiping



The 2014 Calvary International Golf Fellowship (IGF) was held on Tuesday, 28 October 2014, in conjunction with the Church Growth Conference (CIGC) in Kuala Lumpur.

The participants experienced a wonderful time of refreshing fellowship and were blessed with good weather. More importantly, many participants from previous IGFs were delighted to meet each other again.

Dr Yonggi Cho, Senior Pastor Emeritus of Yoido Full Gospel Church and Chairman of Church Growth International, led 43 other golfers from Korea, Japan, Thailand, Ghana, USA and Malaysia to a tee off at the Tropicana Golf & Country Club.

We praise God that some participants shared the Gospel of Jesus Christ with potential believers! Thank God for seed sown and the opportunity to further reach out to them.

Dr Cho impressed his flight mates with his good putting skills and cleared his bunker shots with finesse and ease.



Executive Pastor Peter Ong, representing Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam, gave away the prizes to the winners.

1. Group photo of 2014 CIGF participants
2. Registering early in the morning
3. Dr Cho in action
4. A satisfying shot made
5. Organising Chairman, Daniel Teng
- 6-8. Pastor Peter presenting prizes to the winners
9. CIGF Working Team with advisor, Pastor Peter



The theme of this year's IGF, "Refreshing Each Other" was taken from Proverbs 11:25 - "A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will be refreshed".



TUHAN MEMBERKATI KETAATAN KITA

OLEH SENIOR PASTOR PRINCE GUNERATNAM

“Jika kamu menurut dan mau mendengar, maka kamu akan memakan hasil baik dari negeri itu” (Yesaya 1:19).

Berkat Tuhan ialah “suatu takaran yang baik, yang dipadatkan, yang digoncang dan yang tumpah ke luar akan dicurahkan ke dalam ribaan” (Lukas 6:38). Apabila Tuhan memberkati kita, kita boleh menjadi berkat bagi keluarga, masyarakat dan negara. “Makan” dalam teks ini bermakna untuk menerima, untuk mencapai yang baik yang Tuhan sediakan bagimu, untuk dinikmati dan untuk masuk ke dalam perbekalan Tuhan. Kerelaan dan ketaatan akan membawa kita kepada berkat Tuhan.

Alkitab berkata, “*Janganlah engkau lupa memperkatakan kitab Taurat ini, tetapi renungkanlah itu siang dan malam, supaya engkau bertindak hati-hati sesuai dengan segala yang tertulis di dalamnya, sebab dengan demikian perjalananmu akan berhasil dan engkau akan beruntung*” (Yosua 1:8). Merenungkan atau menetapkan fikiran kita pada Firman Tuhan akan membuat kita mentaati apa yang difirmankannya. Ketaatan kita adalah tindakan iman yang membawa kemakmuran dan keberhasilan.

Keputusan ada di tanganmu, untuk rela dan taat. Alkitab berkata, “*Jika engkau baik-baik mendengarkan suara TUHAN, Tuhanmu, dan melakukan dengan setia segala perintah-Nya yang kusampaikan kepadamu pada hari ini, maka TUHAN, Tuhanmu, akan mengangkat engkau di atas segala bangsa di bumi. Segala berkat ini akan datang kepadamu dan menjadi bagianmu, jika engkau mendengarkan suara TUHAN, Tuhanmu*” (Ulangan 28:1-2). Memutuskan untuk rela dan taat, maka berkat akan datang mengikut dan memintasmu.

CONTOH DIMANA TUHAN MEMBERKATI MELALUI KETAATAN MEREKA

• Janda di Sarfat

Daripada makan satu-satunya makanan yang masih ada dengan anaknya, sebaliknya dia mempercayai janji Tuhan yang diberikan melalui Elia. “*Lalu pergilah perempuan itu dan berbuat seperti yang dikatakan Elia...*” (1 Raja-Raja 17:14-15). Hasilnya, tepung dalam tempayantidak habis digunakan dan buli-buli minyak juga tidak kering! Dia dikaruniai banyak lagi makanan sehingga kemarau berakhir. Berimanlah kepada janji-janji Tuhan dan taatlah kamu kepada pimpinan-Nya.

• Petrus dan hasil tangkapan ikannya

Petrus telah bekerja keras sepanjang malam dan tidak menangkap apa-apa. Namun, atas permintaan Yesus, katanya, “*tetapi karena Engkau menyuruhnya, aku akan menebarkan jala juga.*” Dan setelah mereka melakukannya, mereka menangkap sejumlah besar ikan, sehingga jala mereka mulai koyak” (Lukas 5:5-6). Tanggungjawab kita ialah melakukan apa yang Dia katakan.

TUHAN SENANG AKAN KEMAKMURAN MU.

Alkitab berkata, “*Biarlah bersorak-sorai dan bersukacita orang-orang yang ingin melihat aku dibenarkan! Biarlah mereka tetap berkata: “TUHAN itu besar, Dia menginginkan keselamatan hamba-Nya!”* (Mazmur 35:27). Tuhan senang apabila kamu makmur.

Yohanes berdoa, “*Saudaraku yang kekasih, aku berdoa, semoga engkau baik-baik dan sehat-sehat saja dalam segala sesuatu, sama seperti jiwamu baik-baik saja*” (3 Yohanes 1:2).

Definisi kemakmuran dalam Alkitab ialah mengetahui bagaimana untuk hidup puas dalam apa jua keadaan yang mungkin kamu berada. Tuhan menyediakan segala yang kita perlukan. Apabila kita diberkati Tuhan, Dia dimulihkan dan ini melanjutkan lagi Kerajaan Tuhan. Berkat tidak pernah untuk kenikmatan yang mementingkan diri tetapi kita menjadi berkat bagi sebab dan tujuan Tuhan.

Tetapi setan ingin kamu percaya bahawa kemiskinan ialah kerohanian. Ramai orang menggambarkan seseorang yang rohani ialah orang yang telah memberikan semua yang dimiliki lalu menderita dalam kemiskinan.

KEMISKINAN IALAH SATU KUTUKAN KERANA DOSA.

Tuhan memberi Adam dan Hawa taman yang indah. Tujuannya adalah bahawa mereka akan kaya dan menikmati kelimpahan ketentuan-Nya. Tetapi dosa membawa mereka keluar dari berkat Tuhan. Alkitab berkata, “*Lalu firman-Nya kepada manusia itu: “Karena engkau mendengarkan perkataan isterimu dan memakan dari buah pohon, yang telah Kuperintahkan kepadamu: Jangan makan dari padanya, maka terkutuklah tanah karena engkau; dengan bersusah payah engkau akan mencari rezekimu dari tanah seumur hidupmu: semak duri dan rumput duri yang akan dihasilkannya bagimu, dan tumbuh-tumbuhan di padang akan menjadi makananmu; dengan berpeluh engkau akan mencari makananmu, sampai engkau kembali lagi menjadi tanah, karena dari situlah engkau diambil; sebab engkau debu dan engkau akan kembali menjadi debu”* (Kejadian 3:17-19).

Kutukan itu merebut kelimpahan berkat dan keberhasilan Tuhan. Itulah sebabnya Yesus datang. Alkitab berkata, “*Kristus telah menebus kita dari kutuk hukum Taurat dengan jalan menjadi kutuk karena kita, sebab ada tertulis: “Terkutuklah orang yang digantung pada kayu salib!”* Yesus Kristus telah membuat ini, supaya di dalam Dia berkat Abraham sampai kepada bangsa-bangsa lain, sehingga oleh iman kita menerima Roh yang telah dijanjikan itu” (Galatia 3:13-14). Dosa telah merosakkan atau merebut potensi yang kita ada di dalam Kristus. Yesus telah membayar harga untuk menghancurkan kutukan dosa supaya kita dapat menerima berkat Tuhan melalui ketaatan. Apa pun “kemiskinan” yang kamu alami, sebagai seorang kristian, bertobat dan lakukanlah sesuatu untuk menghargai dan memulihkan Yesus. Kamu akan diberkati dan berhasil.

KEMISKINAN MENGHALANG AMANAT AGUNG.

Setan mahu kamu percaya bahawa memang ada mereka yang ditakdirkan untuk hidup dalam kemiskinan. Tetapi Alkitab memberitahu kita dengan jelas bahawa Tuhan tidak pilih kasih. Alkitab berkata, *“Lalu mulailah Petrus berbicara, katanya: “Sesungguhnya aku telah mengerti, bahwa Tuhan tidak membedakan orang”* (Kisah Para Rasul 10:34).

Tuhan ingin memberkatimu supaya kamu boleh menyerahkan diri kepada kerja-kerja Tuhan. Dia mahu kamu menjadi berkat ookepada orang lain. Alkitab berkata, *“Tetapi Aku berkata kepadamu: Kasihilah musuhmu dan berdoalah bagi mereka yang menganiaya kamu. Karena dengan demikianlah kamu menjadi anak-anak Bapamu yang di sorga, yang menerbitkan matahari bagi orang yang jahat dan orang yang baik dan menurunkan hujan bagi orang yang benar dan orang yang tidak benar”* (Matius 5:44-45). Jika Tuhan tidak memberkati kita, kita tidak akan mampu untuk memberi kepada pembinaan Kerajaan Tuhan dan menjadi berkat kepada orang lain.

TERDAPAT CARA YANG BETUL DAN SALAH UNTUK MEMBERI KEPADA TUHAN

Dalam Perjanjian Lama, api digunakan untuk pengorbanan menandakan penerimaan Tuhan daripada persembahan. Ketika Elia berdoa di Gunung Karmel, Alkitab berkata, *“Lalu turunlah api TUHAN menyambar habis korban bakaran dijilatnya...”* (1 Raja-raja 18:38).

Memulakan pembakaran kita ialah sia-sia. Tanpa api Tuhan, pemberian kita tidak diterima oleh Tuhan. Alkitab berkata, *“Sekiranya ada di antara kamu yang mau menutup pintu, supaya jangan kamu menyalakan api di mezbah-Ku dengan percuma. Aku tidak suka kepada kamu, firman TUHAN semesta alam, dan Aku tidak berkenan menerima persembahan dari tanganmu”* (Maleakhi 1:10).

Kain dan Habel membawa persembahan kepada Tuhan dan Alkitab berkata, *“... TUHAN mengindahkan Habel dan korban persembahannya itu, tetapi Kain dan korban persembahannya tidak diindahkan-Nya ...”* (Kejadian 4:4-5). Tuhan menerima persembahan Habel dan menolak Kain. Terdapat cara yang betul dan cara yang salah untuk memberi kepada Tuhan.

Yesus memuji pemberian janda di bait Tuhan. Janda itu memberikankesemuanya kerana kasih karunia Tuhan dalam hidupnya. Yang lain telah memberi bermotifkan kesombongan, kejayaan dan kemuliaan mereka sendiri. Janda itu memiliki api persetujuan Tuhan dan yang lainnya menyalakan api mereka sendiri.

Pemberian kita patut datang daripada ketaatan dan kesyukuran kepada Tuhan. Pemberian kita adalah daripada pemberian-Nya. Dia telah memberi kita bakat, pemberian, kesihatan dan hak istimewa untuk melayani-Nya untuk kehormatan dan kemuliaan-Nya. Memberi melalui kesombongan kita dan kebenaran diri sendiri adalah cara yang salah untuk memberi.

Dalam mengenal pasti Tuhan, Tuhan memberitahu Musa, *“Katakanlah kepada orang Israel, supaya mereka memungut bagi-Ku persembahan khusus; dari setiap orang yang terdorong hatinya, haruslah kamu pungut persembahan khusus kepada-Ku itu... Dan mereka harus membuat tempat kudus bagi-Ku, supaya Aku akan diam di tengah-tengah mereka. Menurut segala apa yang Kutunjukkan kepadamu sebagai contoh Kemah Suci dan sebagai contoh segala perabotannya, demikianlah harus kamu membuatnya”* (Keluaran 25:2; 8-9).

TERDAPAT CARA YANG BETUL UNTUK MEMBERI.

1. Memberi Melalui Iman.

Alkitab berkata, *“Tetapi tanpa iman tidak mungkin orang berkenan kepada Tuhan. Sebab barangsiapa berpaling kepada Tuhan, ia harus percaya bahwa Tuhan ada, dan bahwa Tuhan memberi upah kepada orang yang sungguh-sungguh mencari Dia”* (Ibrani 11:6). Kita mewarisi janji-Nya melalui iman dengan ketaatan.

2. Memberi Dalam Kasih.

Memberi kerana kamu mengasihi Tuhan dan ingin mentaati Firman-Nya. Kamu tidak dapat memisahkan kasih daripada memberi. Alkitab mengatakan, *“Karena begitu besar kasih Tuhan akan dunia ini, sehingga Ia telah mengaruniakan Anak-Nya yang tunggal, supaya setiap orang yang percaya kepada-Nya tidak binasa, melainkan beroleh hidup yang kekal”* (Yohanes 3:16). Jangan memberi kerana keperluan, berdendam atau motif dibaliknya iaitu hendak mendapat lebih.

3. Memberi dengan kerelaan dan gembira.

Alkitab berkata, *“Ambillah bagi TUHAN persembahan khusus dari barang kepunyaanmu; setiap orang yang terdorong*

hatinya harus membawanya sebagai persembahan khusus kepada TUHAN: emas, perak, tembaga,” (Keluaran 35:5) dan *“Hendaklah masing-masing memberikan menurut kerelaan hatinya, jangan dengan sedih hati atau karena paksaan, sebab Tuhan mengasihi orang yang memberi dengan sukacita”* (2 Korintus 9:7). Seseorang tidak boleh memberikan dengan suka cita melainkan jika ia adalah daripada iman, kasih dan hati yang rela.

4. Memberi dengan bermakna mempunyai pengorbanan.

Alkitab mengatakan bahawa Raja Daud tidak menawarkan kepada Tuhan tanpa melibatkan sebarang pengorbanannya, walaupun dengan rasa syukur. Dia tidak akan mengambil kesempatan daripada kemurahan hati orang Yebus yang soleh tetapi membayar bagi tanah itu untuk membina mezbah dan lembu untuk dipersembahkan sebagai korban kepada Tuhan (2 Samuel 24:24).

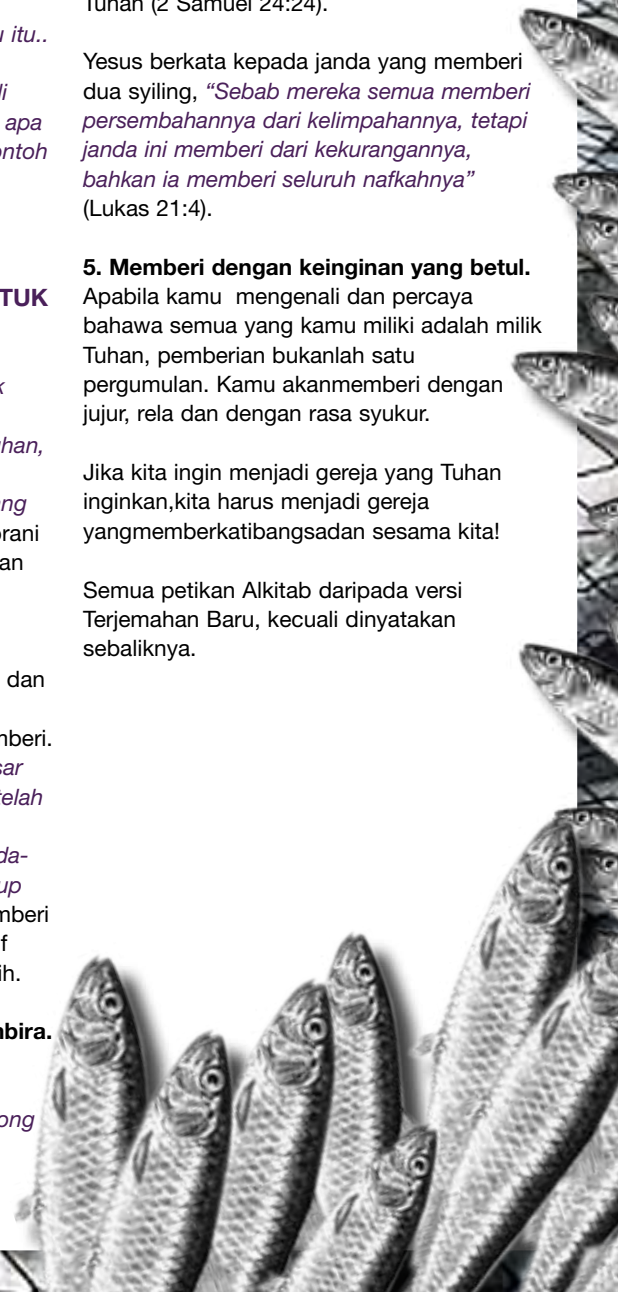
Yesus berkata kepada janda yang memberi dua syiling, *“Sebab mereka semua memberi persembahannya dari kelimpahannya, tetapi janda ini memberi dari kekurangannya, bahkan ia memberi seluruh nafkahnya”* (Lukas 21:4).

5. Memberi dengan keinginan yang betul.

Apabila kamu mengenali dan percaya bahawa semua yang kamu miliki adalah milik Tuhan, pemberian bukanlah satu pergumulan. Kamu akan memberi dengan jujur, rela dan dengan rasa syukur.

Jika kita ingin menjadi gereja yang Tuhan inginkan, kita harus menjadi gereja yang memberkatibangsadan sesama kita!

Semua petikan Alkitab daripada versi Terjemahan Baru, kecuali dinyatakan sebaliknya.



神赐福我们的顺从

(文：古纳南主任牧师)

「你们若甘心听从，必吃地上的美物」(赛1:19)。

神的赐福是「并且用十足的升斗，连摇带按，上尖下流的倒在你们怀里」(路6:38)。当神赐福我们，我们就能成为我们的家庭，社区和国家的祝福。「吃」在文本的意思是去接受，去实现神给你的美好的事，去享受和进入神的供应。甘心和顺从将为我们带来神的赐福。

圣

经上说：「这律法书不可离开你的口，总要昼夜思想，好使你谨守遵行这书上所写的一切话。如此，你的道路就可以亨通，凡事顺利」(书1:8)。默想或思想神的话语会使我们去遵守它所说的。我们的顺从是一种信心的行为，它能带来兴盛和成功。

要甘心和听从，这是你自己的决定。圣经上说：「你若留意听从耶和华—你神的话，谨守遵行他的一切诫命，就是我今日所吩咐你的，他必使你超乎天下万民之上。你若听从耶和华—你神的话，这以下的福必追随你，临到你身上」(申28:1-2)。决定要甘心和听从神的话，祝福必追随你，临到你身上。

神赐福给听从的人的例子

● 撒勒法的寡妇

她没有与她的儿子吃唯一的一餐后而死，反而相信了神藉着以利亚所给的应许。「妇人就照以利亚的话去行...」(王上17:14,15)。结果，她坛内的面果不减少，瓶里的油也不短缺！她蒙神赐福更多的食粮直到旱灾结束。相信神的应许并顺从祂的引导。

● 彼得和他捕到的鱼

彼得整夜劳力，并没有捕着什么。但在耶稣的请求，他说：「『但依从你的话，我就下网』。他们下了网，就圈住许多鱼，网险些裂开」(路5:5-6)。我们的责任是照着祂的吩咐去做。

神喜悦你的兴盛

圣经上说：「愿那喜悦我冤屈得伸(冤屈得伸：原文是公义)的欢呼快乐；愿他们常说：『当尊耶和华为大！耶和华喜悦他的仆人平安。』」(诗35:27)。当你兴盛时，神就喜悦。

约翰祷告说：「亲爱的兄弟啊，我愿你凡事兴盛，身体健壮，正如你的灵魂兴盛一样」(约叁2)。

圣经对兴盛的定义是在任何情况下你知道如何知足的生活。神供应我们所需要的一切。当我们蒙神的赐福，祂就得荣耀，神的国度得扩展。祝福决不是让我们自私的放纵，而是我们要成为神的目标和目的的祝福。

但是撒但要你相信贫穷是有灵性。很多人想象一个属灵的人是一个舍弃他所有，在贫困之中受苦的人。

因为罪，贫穷是一种诅咒。

神给了亚当和夏娃一个美丽的花园。祂的意图是他们会兴盛起来和享受祂丰富的供应。但罪使他们离开神的祝福。圣经上说：「又对亚当说：『你既听从妻子的话，吃了我所吩咐你不可吃的那树上的果子，地必为你的缘故受咒诅；你必终身劳苦才能从地里得吃的。』」(创3:17-19)。

诅咒夺走了神丰盛的祝福和成功。这就是为什么耶稣来到世上。圣经上说：「基督既为我们受(原文是成)了咒诅，就赎出我们脱离律法的咒诅；因为经上记着：『凡挂在木头上都是被咒诅的』。这便叫亚伯拉罕的福，因基督耶稣可以临到外邦人，使我们因信得着所应许的圣灵」(加3:13-14)。罪破坏或夺取我们在基督里的潜力。耶稣付了赎价，打破罪的诅咒，以致我们能藉由听从而领受神的祝福。无论你在经历的「贫困」是什么，身为信徒，悔改和做尊荣和荣耀耶稣的事。你必会蒙福和成功。

贫穷阻碍大使命

撒旦想让你相信有些人注定要生活在贫困中。但圣经清楚地告诉我们，神是不偏待人的。圣经上说：「彼得就开口说：『我真看出神是不偏待人。』」(徒10:34)。

神要赐福予你，以致你可以奉献给主的工作。他也想让你成为别人的祝福。圣经上说：「只是我告诉你们，要爱你们的仇敌，为那逼迫你们的祷告。这样就可以作你们天父的儿子；因为他叫日头照好人，也照歹人；降雨给义人，也给不义的人」(太5:44-45)。如果神不赐福予我们，我们将不能藉由奉献建立神的国度，并成为别人的祝福。

有一个正确的奉献给神的方法，也有一个不正确的奉献给神的方法。在旧约里，烧尽燔祭的火表示神接纳奉献的祭物。当以利亚在迦密山上祷告时，圣经上说：「于是，耶和华降下火来，烧尽燔祭...」(王上18:38)。

点燃自己的火是徒然的

没有神的火，我们的献祭不为神所接纳。圣经上说：「甚愿你们中间有一人关上殿门，免得你们徒然在我坛上烧火。万军之耶和华说：我不喜悦你们，也不从你们手中收纳供物」(玛1:10)。

该隐和亚伯带来供物献给神，圣经上说：「...耶和华看中了亚伯和他的供物，只是看中不中该隐和他的供物...」(创4:4-5)。神接受亚伯的供物和拒绝了该隐的。有一个正确的奉献给神的方法，也有一个不正确的奉献给神的方法。

耶稣称赞寡妇在殿里的奉献。寡妇奉献了她一切养生的，因为神在她生命中的恩典。其他人奉献都是出于自己的骄傲，成功与荣耀。寡妇有神的火悦纳，而其他人却点燃他们自己的火。

我们的奉献应该是出于对神的顺从和感恩。我们的奉献是出于祂的施予。祂赐给了我们才干，恩赐，健康和为祂的尊荣和荣耀服事祂的特权。出于我们的骄傲和自义的奉献是一个不正确的奉献方法。

在建造圣殿，神告诉摩西说：「你告诉以色列人当为我送礼物来；凡甘心乐意的，你们就可以收下归我。...又当为我造圣所，使我可以住在他们中间。制造帐幕和其中的一切器具都要照我所指示你的样式」(出25:2；8-9)。

有一个正确的奉献方法

1. 凭信心奉献

圣经上说：「人非有信，就不能得神的喜悦；因为到神面前来的人必须信有神，且信他赏赐那寻求他的人」(来11:6)。我们藉由信和因着顺从继承祂的应许。

2. 以爱心奉献

奉献因为你爱神和想遵守祂的道。你不能把爱和奉献分开。圣经上说：「神爱世人，甚至将他的独生子赐给他们，叫一切信他的，不致灭亡，反得永生」(约3:16)。不要只是出于必要，不情愿地或别有用心想要得到更多而奉献。

3. 甘心和乐意的奉献

圣经上说：「你们中间要拿礼物献给耶和华，凡乐意献的可以拿耶和华的礼物来，就是金、银、铜」(出35:5)。和「各人要随本心所酌定的，不要作难，不要勉强，因为捐得乐意的人是神所喜爱的」(林后9:7)。人除非是出于信心，爱和甘心，是不能够乐意奉献的。

4. 有意义的奉献是有代价的

圣经上说大卫王不肯用白得之物作燔祭献给神，尽管是以感激的心。他不愿接受虔诚的耶布斯人的慷慨，他用五十舍客勒银子买了为耶和华筑一座坛的土地要与耶和奉献的牛(撒下24:24)。

耶稣提到奉献了两个小钱的寡妇说：「我实在告诉你们，这穷寡妇所投的比众人还多；因为众人都是自己有余，拿出来投在捐项里，但这寡妇是自己不足，把他一切养生的都投上了」(路21:3,4)。

5. 以正确的渴望奉献

当你认识并相信你所有的都属于神，奉献不会有挣扎。你会忠实，甘心和感激地奉献。

如果我们要成为神要我们成为的教会，我们必须是一个因奉献而祝福我们的国家和我们的邻舍的教会！

以上经文是采用中文圣经和合本。

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日期：14-2-15 (六)

时间：下午五点

地点：加略山教会(大堂)

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Saturday ■ 5.00pm

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Sunday ■ 9.00am

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Water Baptism**
Associate Pastor
Steven Kum

DEC 6

Holy Communion
Senior Pastor
Prince Guneratnam

DEC 7

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Peter Ong

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Associate Pastor
Timothy Ong

DEC 14

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- combined with Sunday
Worship Service at CCC

DEC 20

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Petrina Guneratnam

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VENUE : DH, WORSHIP NURSERY

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31 DECEMBER (Wednesday)
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