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Pastor's Message

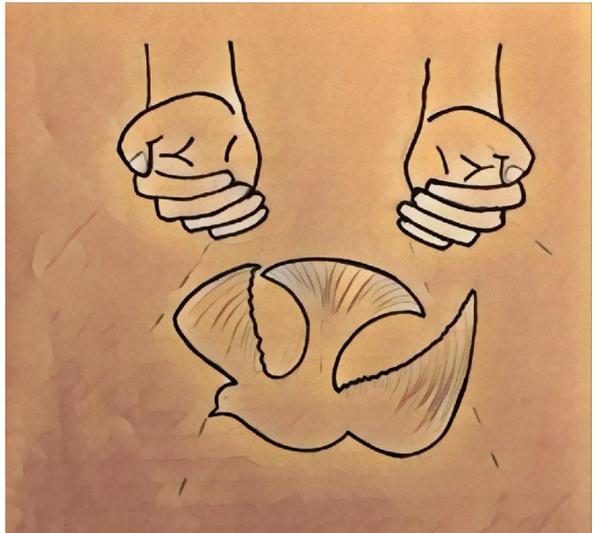
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Word Study : Zion

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**Heroes Of Faith -
Florence
Nightingale**

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I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Matthew 16:18



From Pastor's Desk...

August is the first month after July. For us it is the first month towards an exciting next six months. Eye has not seen nor ear heard what God has kept for us who love HIM.

Love is the essential thing.

Love is the essence of things.

Love has no law that can stop it. (Galatians 5).

Love has good feelings in it and we feel nice about loving and being loved. However love goes deeper than feelings. Feelings are in the soulish level and most people in the world also feel loved and receive feelings when they act out love. Christian love is above all that the world can offer, deeper than a mothers or a father's love; greater than a Pastors love and more.

Here are some pointers to genuine love.

1. It starts with the Lord.

1 John 4:19 We love him, because he first loved us.

2. It is poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Romans 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

3. See what the scripture tells us.

Song of Songs 8:7 Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned.

4. *Ephesians 3:17-19 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.*

5. *1 John 4:7-21 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.*

No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love him, because he first loved us. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

6. Jesus loved Peter enough to rebuke him.

7. Our calling is essentially to Love HIM as He loved us and in that love we are able to love all as will bring HIM glory. Can there be selfish motives in love? Outside the love that is brought on by the Lord all show and forms of love are superfluous, selfishly motivated and time serving. We may not realize this for many reasons.

How comfortable we are to know that we are loved before the foundations of the world and that we are loved as much as Jesus was loved when He was here on earth.

“LOVE SO AMAZING SO DIVINE
DEMANDS MY SOUL MY LIFE MY ALL
AMAZING LOVE HOW CAN IT BE
THAT THOU MY GOD SHOULD DIE FOR ME.”

Sang Charles Wesley centuries ago.

Pray for genuine love from God to fill us every day. That is what we need every day.

God Bless.

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Word Study : Zion

Psalms 14:7 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! when the Lord bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

God has definite and prescribed plans for our salvation. In our current terminology commonly accepted the word salvation is seen replaced by the word deliverance. We need to be delivered from the dictates of the old man and also from this world even as Christ has already done it for us.

Peter preached about deliverance in Acts 2:40.

Acts 2:40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

In today's understanding the word deliverance used by many is deliverance from sickness, financial crisis, adverse situations and the like. We must know that these short time afflictions are essentially allowed / used by God to bring us to another vision and view.

AND The Lord opens to us a new understanding of that which God had already planned from the foundations of the World. (Deliverance) Salvation is to come from Zion. That is the will of God.

Zion stands for something divine in the mind of the old covenant saint and the Psalmist speaks to the effect that salvation should come from this divine place. We have verses in the Scriptures that tell us of deliverance from other quarters.

Jeremiah 17:5-8 Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited. Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

So there are possibilities for deliverance to come from other quarters. While God may not mind us being delivered through temporal things and situations (if indeed they can deliver us) we must keep in mind that temporal things and situations may have the ability to block our entrance to eternal bliss. They could bring us subtly to bondage again.

Why take a chance? Let our deliverance come from Zion itself.

The Psalmist started to look for help and he did it by looking at all that were they appeared to be a higher plain (hills). He soon learned that it was an exercise in futility. He started to look at the One who made the heavens and earth.

He had looked only to the hills and is given help from the ONE who created higher things than the hills. Hallelujah. And see how the ONE helped him that looked up to HIM.

Next, How does that help come?

In the Psalm (121:1), It comes through the mouth of the one who prays. See the Psalmist speaking out in psalms 121.

In verse 1 He declares His intention. He says with definiteness that he will lift up his eyes to the hills from whence his help comes. The next declaration comes from his own mouth which says or speaks out that the help comes from the Lord. See a prophetic mouth and tongue being manifested there.

In a sense our deliverance comes from our own anointed mouth and tongue.

See.

1 Corinthians 1:4-9 I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, you are enriched in all things. What is the testimony of Christ? It is the Spirit of Prophecy.(Revelation 19:10)

And this anointed mouth and tongue is an expression of the inner man in us. The inner man or the new covenant Zion expresses himself and delivers us, enriches us etc.

“Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! when the Lord bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.”

Please pray as below;

Lord give me an anointed mouth, a tongue that carries the divine nature, Keep me within Your cheeks and lips and let the air in me be thine. May grace be poured out of my mouth as I speak and may I be empowered to all the fullness of the divine tongue.

Thank you for my Jesus YOUR SON IN WHOM IS ALL YOUR DELIGHT.

Heroes of Faith - Florence Nightingale

Florence Nightingale was born into a wealthy aristocratic family in England in 1820. Her father, William Nightingale was the high Sheriff of the country. He was very wealthy land owner. Her mother, Fanny Smith was the daughter of William Smith, a Member of Parliament for forty-six years.

Florence had a fairy tale childhood. Her parents had two homes ‘Lea Hurst’ a 2000-acre estate in Derbyshire, which was there summer home and ‘Embley Park’ another 2000 acre property in Hampshire, which was their home for the rest of the year.

Even before the age of six, she was deeply conscious of the will of GOD. In a letter to her sister who was away in a relative’s house she writes “Pray dear Parthe(her elder sister) let us love each other better than we have done. It is the will of God and Mamma particularly desire it”

Her parents gave her the best education possible at that time. She studied the classics, mathematics, and also modern languages. Florence Nightingale exhibited a gift for mathematics from an early age and excelled the subject under the tutorship of her father. Later, Nightingale became a pioneer in the visual presentation of information

and statistical graphics. She used to get up at four in the morning in the biting cold to study. But her real passion was Nursing and bring healing to the sick particularly poor.

Her passion was Nursing. She found great delight in relieving the suffering of the sick. She was keen to know about medicines and principles of good health and healing. Even at the age of ten, whenever there was childbirth or when anybody was ill in the family or among her relatives, Florence always volunteered to be a nurse. At the age of sixteen, she was converted(Born again).

Some month after her conversion, one day while she was walking in her garden and praying alone she heard a divine voice ‘ I HAVE CHOSEN YOU TO SERVE ME...’ From that day, she set aside the 7th of every month as a day of self-examination. She should examine every decision, action, thought and motive and set right her life.

After hearing the call of God she decided to dedicate her life to God. She started visiting the women and girls who lived in their estate and the nearby villages and began to conduct a regular Bible class for them. She used to sing hymn and then read few passages from the Bible and explain its meaning to them. After Bible class, she used spend time with the sick and give them medicines.

One day the German Ambassador, Baron Charles Bunsen had come to their home. Baron Bunsen was a scholar and a committed Christian. Florence went to him and asked him this question “What can an individual do towards lifting the load of suffering from the helpless and miserable?” He told her about the Institution found by pastor Fliedner to train dedicated Christian women as Deaconesses(women workers) to serve God as nurses.

(To be continued.....)

Recipe Corner

Lemon Blueberry Bread

Shared by: Sis. Leela George

Ingredients:

2 Cups – All-purpose flour

2 – Egg

1 ½ tsp – Baking powder

1 Cup – Blueberry

½ tsp – Salt

2 Tsf – Lemon Zest

1 Stick – Unsalted Butter

½ Cup – Plain Yogurt

¾ Cup – Sugar

Directions: Whisk together flour, salt and baking powder, cream together with butter and sugar until light and fluffy, add eggs one at a time. Beating well after each addition, add yogurt. Then add dry ingredients. Mixing only until incorporated, don't crush the blueberries. Scoop batter into prepared pan, bake for 1 hour and 10mins or until golden brown.

Preheat oven to 350⁰ F. Pan size: 9x5 inch. Apply butter and put parchment paper in the pan to avoid sticking.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Church Camp at Tel-Hai Camp & Retreat Center on August 24, 25 & 26, 2018.**

Disciples of Jesus : Word Search

(?) JOHN
(?) SIMON
(?) THOMAS
(?) ANDREW
(?) PETER
(?) JUDAS
(?) MATTHEW
(?) BARTHOLOMEW
(?) PHILIP
(?) THADDEUS
(?) JAMES

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For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;
Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption
that is in Christ Jesus:
— ROMANS 3:23-24 KJV

Event Schedule

Sunday Service

09:30 AM - 11:00 AM : Malayalam Worship

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM : English Worship

1:10 PM – 2:00 PM : Urdu Worship

10:00 AM - 11:15 AM : Sunday School

Special Worship(In Church): Friday 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Youth Meetings: Friday 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Bible Study(In Homes):

Wednesday : 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM & 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Cell Meetings:

Northeast Philadelphia: Saturday & Sunday 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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