HERMON LIFE



HERMON CHRISTIAN CENTRE

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Peace to you!

This week is observed throughout the Christian world as 'Holy Week'. On a Saturday, the Lord Jesus was hosted to a feast to celebrate the raising of Lazarus from the dead after four days.

The next day, He made His triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem. That's today which is Palm Sunday. The whole city was moved as He came into Jerusalem riding on a donkey. People removed their garments and spread before Him as they would do to a king and waved palm fronds, shouting 'Hosanna in the highest.'

The Lord Jesus taught a lot that final week of His earthly ministry. On Thursday, He inaugurated and gave the ordinance of the Holy Communion which is also called the Lord's Supper.

It was also on that Thursday also known as Maundy Thursday He gave us the commandment to love one another as He washed His disciples' feet. That day ended with Judas Iscariot betraying Him. He was arrested that night.

Friday was His judgment, punishments, crucifixion and death. Saturday was eerily quiet but Sunday was resurrection morning. What the devil meant for evil, God turned for good.

Our Easter Holy Convocation starts this Wednesday to Friday. It brings to life these important and historical facts of the Christian faith. The power of resurrection will be demonstrated. Jesus Christ the same, yesterday, today and for ever. Make sure to participate. Wonders await you!

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Don't do life alone....

God sets the lonely person in families... (Psalm 68:6)

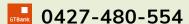
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MID-WEEK SERVICE (ONLINE ONLY)
Every WEDNESDAY - 6pm



SERMON SUMMARY: THIS FORCE CALLED LOVE

What makes the God-kind of faith work is love. Without love, faith can't work. It is the force that causes faith to work. In Genesis 29:31, when God saw that Leah was unloved.

He opened her womb, but Rachel, her sister, remained barren, and she envied Leah. For as long as Rachel was envious, she remained barren. She wasn't walking in

Anything spiritual is practical. Love is practical, and we see its practicality in 1 Corinthians 13. Love, when demonstrated, is obvious.

When it comes to faith, we must apply it first in little things to grow our faith. The same thing happens with love. There's a relationship between faith and love. The more your love grows, the more your faith grows and vice versa (2 Thessalonians 1:3, James 2:14-17, 1

If you're struggling to grow your faith, focus on increasing your love walk; your faith will grow. Love is an unselfish concern for others. It is always considerate of others and never uses them for personal gain.

Just as in faith, you can choose not to exercise love. The common misinterpretation of love is that it's a feeling, but it isn't. Love is to be expressed irrespective of how we feel (Romans 5:5).

There are two ways to check your love walk: one is by checking your motive, and the second is by checking the purpose of doing anything you want to do (1 Chronicles 16:9, 1 Samuel 16:7, 1 Samuel 1:11, 2 Chronicles 1:10).

We must note that there's another type of Love, Agape Love. It is first to God and then to others (Matthew 22:35-40, 1 John 4:20). Anyone who genuinely loves God will love people. Anyone or anything you love above God becomes your idol (Numbers 14:31-32).

SPEAKING GOD'S LOVE LANGUAGE

Love is a debt you will continue to owe everyone, including God (Romans 13:8). It is dangerous not to love God. It is a requirement for the blessing (1 Corinthians 16:22). One distinctive thing that makes you notice someone who genuinely loves is that that person has initiative. He/she doesn't need to be told what to do to demonstrate his/her love (1 Kings 8:17-18).

7 PRACTICAL WAYS TO LOVE GOD:

- 1. Prioritize the kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33). The
- kingdom of God is the rule of God.

 2. Obey God's Word (John 14:15, 1 Samuel 15:22).

 3. Give God your best The best of your time, possessions (including money) and talents (Proverbs 8:17, John 3:16).
- 4.Love others (1 John 4:20) 5.Love God's house (Acts 13:22, Haggai 1:2 -11)
- Serve God by serving others
- 7. Setting your mind on things above (Colossians 3:1-3)

MIDWEEK SERVICE: GIVE NOT THAT WHICH IS HOLY TO DOGS

In 1 John 2:11 and 1 John 4:20, we are shown the characteristics of one who is a believer – the person loves his/her brother. You can't claim to love God and hate people. One way to know that you are not walking in love is to read Genesis 37:4, which states that you can speak well about someone and still think ill of them.

Peter asked Jesus how many times to forgive someone who offends. He asked if 7 times was enough, but Jesus told him that we must forgive 70 times 7 (Matthew 18:21-35), which symbolically means that we are to forgive as often as we are offended.

However, since we are to forgive, we must also be wise in our dealings with people, especially those who repeatedly offend. Jesus said in Matthew 7:6 that we shouldn't give what is holy to dogs or pearls to pigs. Who do dogs and pigs represent? Dogs represent people who don't take spiritual things seriously, and pigs are people who go back to their vomit, that is, people who repeat the same mistakes over and over again. We are to love such persons with discretion.

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EASTER HOLY CONVOCATION



DAILY DEVOTIONAL

The holy Scriptures recorded that the Lord Jesus Christ wept twice. The first time was at the tomb of Lazarus. (John 11:35). The second time, He beheld the city of Jerusalem and wept over it because they did not recognize their time of visitation. (Luke 19:41-44).

When you do not recognise your time of visitation (also known as the set time or, in Greek, 'Kairos'), you will definitely miss it. This is one of the reasons the Lord Jesus often warned us to 'watch and pray.' What should you watch out for? To know when the set time is.

If you miss the set time of your visitation, you forfeit the window of divine opportunity for the supernatural performance of God's promises in your life. So we are not just to pray all prayers in the Spirit but also to watch in the Spirit with all perseverance (Ephesians 6:18).



Declaration: In this new week, you will not miss God, what He is saying to you and your set time in Jesus' name. You will recognise and maximise every opportunity God will bring to you. You will be sensitive to the leading and voice of the Holy Spirit. By the mercies of God, every mistake and missed opportunity of the past are rewritten in your favour in Jesus' name.

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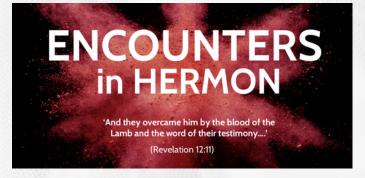
BIBLE READING







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- Eugene Ossai 14th
- Friday Jimmy 17th
- Mummy Hermon 21st
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To share, ask for the testimony form from our ushers or send it to: admin@hermoncentre.org



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SINGLES' CHOOSING THE ONE (PART 7)

Principle 7 - Covenant-Oriented

The seventh principle is covenant-oriented.

Let me explain - do they keep their word? How do they treat other people apart from you? How do they treat someone that is powerless or they don't have anything to gain from? Are they faithful and loyal to other people, or is it only you that they are faithful and loyal to?

Don't just use how they treat you to assess them. Pay attention to how they treat and speak about others. It will tell you a whole lot about their character and what a future with them holds for you. Don't ever make the mistake of thinking you are special to them. It is only a matter of time before you will suffer what others suffer in his or her hands. Marriage doesn't change people. It only amplifies who they have always been.

If they lie to other people, what makes you think they won't do the same to you? If they cheat or defraud, it will get to you. It's only a matter of time. If they are rude to others, you will surely pack your share.

This is why we counsel those in courtship to open their eyes. True love is not blind. It sees and acknowledges shortcomings and red flags and decides to act.

There is hardly any problem in a marriage that its warning signs didn't show up during courtship. Ignore them at your pain and peril.

You are going into a covenant and you must develop and have a track record of sticking to what you commit yourself to. You can't bail out when it is not convenient or when you are angry. That is the stuff covenant is made of, and you can't learn that in marriage. The same also with your intending. Start now to be a covenant person. Be faithful. Keep your word. Don't marry those who don't.

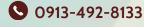
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