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By Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

“Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers” (Deuteronomy 8:1).

“For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills; a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing; a land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper. When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you” (Deuteronomy 8:7-10).

God's promises are for here and now. When the children of Israel were in the land of bondage, God promised them a good land, referred to as the “Promised Land”. Likewise, God has made great and precious promises to us. The apostle Peter says that we, “... have been given ... exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust” (Peter 1:4). The promises of God are our Promised Land.

Some examples of God's promises

- Phil 4:19: “**And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.**”
- Matthew 11:28 : “**Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.**”
- Heb 13:5 : “**Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”**”

The Bible says, “**For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us**” (2 Corinthians 1:20). They are for you, here and now, and not for some day when you die and go to heaven. God said to the Israelites, “**Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers**” (Deuteronomy 8:1). The way to receive is to be willing and obedient to His commandments or His word. This is the way to experience God's promises. The Bible says, “**Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path**” (Psalm 119:105).

The Lord delivered the Israelites out of Egypt and brought them to “a land flowing with milk and honey”, a description that the land is fertile and prosperous. We live in a world that is wicked, where satan rules. God has given us His promises to help us live a victorious life. We do not have to wait for someday for God's promises to be fulfilled. You can experience God's promises today. Stand on God's promises through faith and obedience. He knows your need and has sent His son, Jesus to deliver you and set you free to live as a testimony for Him. The Bible says, “**For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly**” (Psalm 84:11). He gives us the Holy Spirit so we can be His Witness. “**But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth**” (Acts 1:8).

The journey of the believer is one of faith and obedience. God is raising a people who are strong and courageous. He allows you to face opposition, suffering and sorrows of life to bring you to maturity as a people of God. Jesus had to go through Golgotha and to carry His cross. So must we. God has given you promises so that you can be victorious in all that you face. The problem is, we can be like the elder brother of the prodigal son. He got upset and angry when his younger brother had returned and there was a celebration held for him. The elder brother, like many believers fail to see the Father's promise of acceptance of those who repent and seek forgiveness. But the father said to him, **"Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours"** (Luke 15:31). Don't live like the elder brother. Trust and obey God for all the promises He has for you, while we live here and now. David said, **"You will show**

me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore" (Psalm 16:11). The path of life refers to the secret of victory and success. Pleasures here do not mean carnal pleasures, but peace, forgiveness, healing, comfort, strength and more. No pleasure on the face of this earth can bring you the kind of joy God gives. The Bible says, **"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you"** (John 14:26).

Standing on God's promises takes courage, commitment and dedication. You can wallow in your circumstances or stand up and be counted. You can say like David, **"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.... Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are**

with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over" (Psalm 23:1, 4-5). Faith like film is best developed in the dark. There is a valley outside the Church walls, and that is where your faith works. When you come out of the valley, there is an anointing that comes on you and a table prepared for you. No matter how dark your valleys are, the Lord's guidance and empowerment of the Holy Spirit will give you the victory.

Paul says, **"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us"** (Eph 3:20). God's promises are for here and now, it is our "Promised Land". ✚

All Bible quotations are from the New King James Version.

REASONS WHY WE ARE NOT EXPERIENCING THE PROMISES OF GOD

1. Faith without works.

James says, **"Faith without works is dead"** (James 2:17). For instance, the prodigal son said, "I know that the servants in my father's house are better off". Then he said, "I will arise and go to my father". And he did. Do not just have head knowledge and emotional faith. Faith must touch your will to do what you know and believe God's word. God is seeking for those who are a people of faith and obedience.

2. Ignorance of God's Word and will for our lives.

The Bible says, **"Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; But happy is he who keeps the law"** (Prov 29:18). God has a plan and purpose for you. The Bible says, **"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope"** (Jeremiah 29:11). God gives you promises so that when circumstances are beyond your control you need to trust and obey God.

3. We lack self-respect and have fear.

Low self-esteem and lack of self-respect will hinder you in stepping out in faith and claiming God's promises. The Bible says, **"There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit"** (Romans 8:1). You have been made whole by the blood of Jesus, redeemed, forgiven and filled with the Holy Spirit. This is what God said to Joshua, **"Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel. ... Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. 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. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:2; 6-9).

4. We are not willing to pay the price of success.

With God's promises, it does not mean nothing will hurt you. God is not raising up a group of effeminate and lazy people. God is looking for a David when Goliath comes, a Daniel when the lion roars, a Stephen, when a stone is thrown, a Peter and John who healed a lame man at the Gate beautiful and faced persecution. John, on the island of Patmos gets a revelation.



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CCC DEDICATION CELEBRATION: A PRAISE REPORT!

The Lord truly blessed the Calvary Convention Centre Dedication Celebrations (CCCDC) on 27 August, 2013.

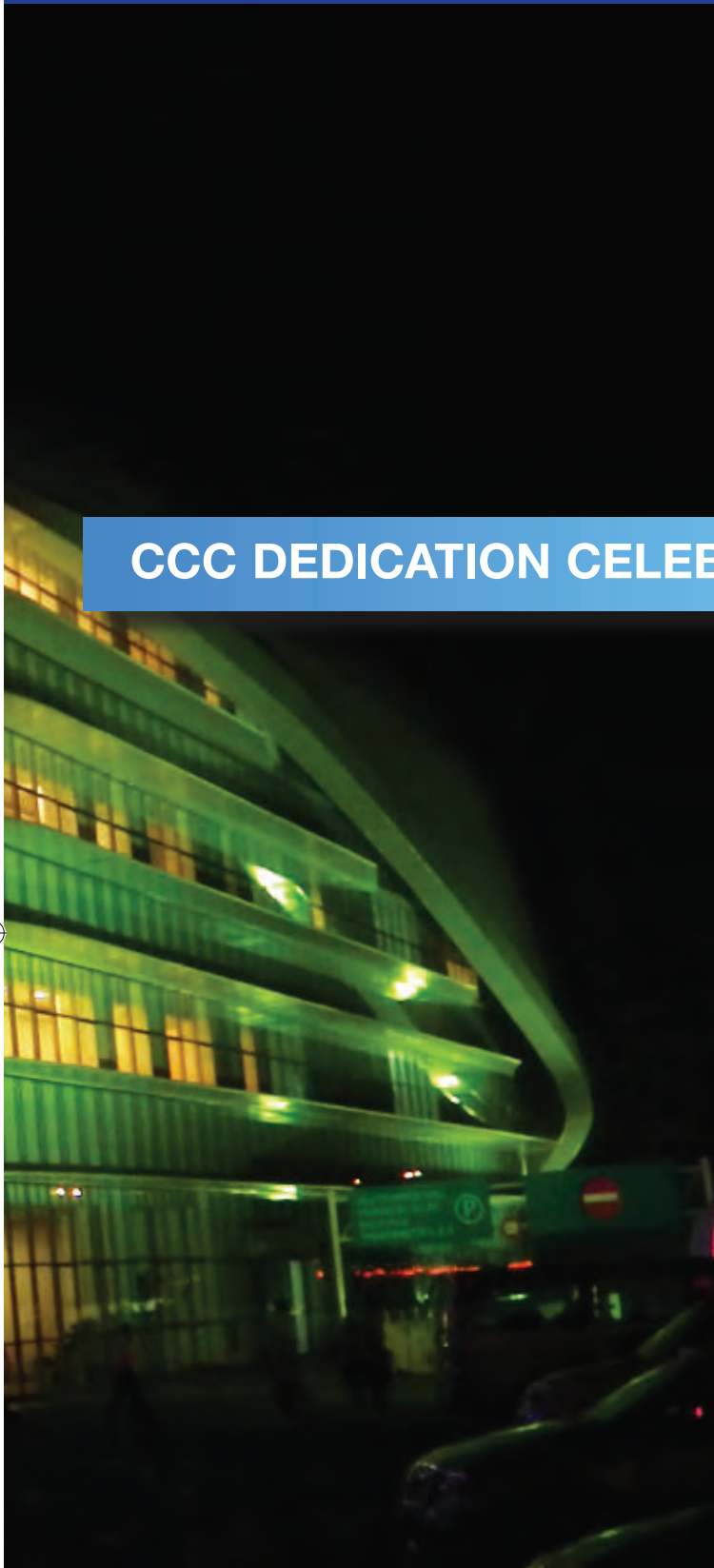
Never before had we experienced anything like this. Guests arrived as early as 4 hours before the service started. As the evening progressed, steady streams of guests were warmly welcomed by Calvarites. CCC was packed.

All guests were invited to the Multipurpose Banquet Hall and two other Hospitality Lounges where they were treated to light refreshments.

In the CCC foyer, Instrumentalists from the Music and Creative Arts Ministry were playing to welcome guests. Many guests were enthralled, enjoying the fellowship and marveling at the features of the CCC building and were seen snapping photos of one another and CCC.

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Amazing Atmosphere Before



More CCC Dedication Service!



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Calvarites And Guests Enjoy



Enjoying The Reception



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Dedicated To Serve





UNVEILING OF THE PLAQUE

Nearing the time for the unveiling of the Dedication Plaque near the Auditorium entrance, guests and Calvarites positioned themselves for a good view of the ceremony. It was a joy to see the crowds filling the beautifully lit up CCC Plaza and Foyer.

Deacon David Peter, our emcee, announced, "We stand here today with grateful hearts to our Lord Jesus Christ and to dedicate ourselves as followers of Christ and to declare that the facilities of the CCC is for the advancement of the kingdom of God and for His glory! It is for this purpose we have come to declare by unveiling a dedicatory plaque, to worship our God and to give thanks for He has done wondrously!"

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam and Dr David Yonggi Cho, accompanied by Sister Petrina Guneratnam and Dr Sunghae Kim, together unveiled the dedication plaque to the applause of all who witnessed it.

This was followed by the reading of the citation on the plaque by Deacon David, and a prayer of thanksgiving by Associate Pastor Peter Ong.

After the unveiling, the doors of the auditorium were opened and the guests flooded into the sanctuary and filled every seat in the auditorium. +



Dedicated To The Glory Of God



Top main pic: Resplendent Music & Creative Arts team in full force; *Middle Row (Left to Right):* National Flag displayed during singing of National Anthem; Jubilant worship team; Segment of choir
Bottom Row: Dr Cho preaching; Rev Ong Sek Leang shares Congratulatory Responses. CCC auditorium packed to the hilt



CCC DEDICATED TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Calvary Church was greatly honoured and privileged to have 5,000 guests and Calvarites at the CCC dedication service on 27 August 2013.

The guests included Dr David Yonggi Cho and wife, Dr Sunghae Kim, Dr George Wood, Dr Delmer Guynes, Rev and Mrs Ong Sek Leang, YB Datuk Seri Idris Jala and Datin Seri Ngan Yue, YB Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Joseph Kurup, Archbishop Murphy Pakiam of the Roman Catholic Church; Bishop Dr Ong Hwei Teck of the Methodist Church and other national and international Christian leaders, delegates of the Pentecostal World Conference (from 73 nations), consultants and contractors of CCC building and friends from various churches and organizations.

The service started with a flag-bearing procession by the Royal Rangers Commanders of our church and everyone stood to sing the national

anthem. Our Honorary Pastor, Dr. Delmer Guynes opened the service with a word of prayer. Then came a time of jubilant praise and worship led by Associate Pastors, Steven Kum and Chris Lee. Following this, the full-fledged Music & Creative Arts Team looking resplendent, impressed the audience with their special presentations.

The guest of honour, Dr David Cho, Pastor Emeritus of Yoido Full Gospel Church, Seoul, commended Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam on the achievement of building the remarkable and beautiful CCC with perseverance and faith. Dr Cho shared his inspiring life-transforming experience, from being stricken with Tuberculosis to being healed, saved and used by God to impact South Korea and the world through Yoido Church and Church Growth International.

Dr Cho proclaimed a prophetic blessing on Calvary Church, namely

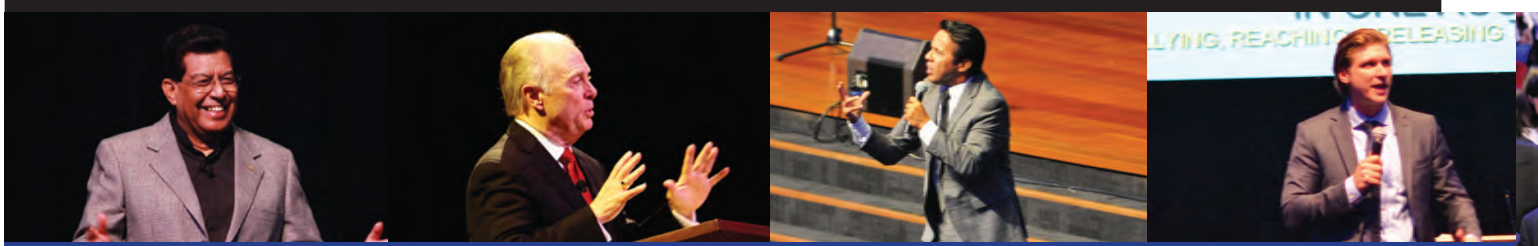
the Blessing of Healing, Salvation, Empowerment and Multiple Blessings. He prayed that each and every one of us would be rich with the Abrahamic Blessing. Then came the congratulatory greetings from Rev Ong Sek Leang, General Superintendent of AG, Malaysia.

At the close of the dedication service, Dr George Wood, Chairman of the World Assemblies of God Fellowship and General Superintendent of the AG, USA presented on behalf of the AG General Council of the U.S. a special recognition to Senior Pastor and Calvary Church for the outstanding work it has done and continues to do.

Praise God for the wonderful Dedication Celebrations. How good it is to trust the Lord and be part of the wondrous works He has done in the journey to complete CCC. May this spur us on to trust Him more as we step forward into greater things that are ahead. +

Pics above

Left to Right: Dr Guynes opens in prayer; Dr George Wood presents special recognition to Senior Pastor & Sister Petrina; Senior Pastor leads in prayer for Dr David Cho



Fresh Anointing Runneth Over For All Delegates At 23rd PWC

GATHERING OF THE NATIONS AT THE PENTECOSTAL WORLD CONFERENCE



Calvary Convention Centre played host to the 23rd Pentecostal World Conference (PWC) held on 28-30 August 2013.

World Evangelical Alliance; Dr. Soritua Nababan, president World Council of Churches, Indonesia; and Dr. Larry Miller, secretary of Global Christian Forum.

Nearly 3,700 people—including 1,500 foreign delegates from 73 nations—attended the PWC. Rev. Ong Sek Leang, conference chairman, reported that so far this represents the largest gathering of delegates in Kuala Lumpur as well as being the largest in terms of the number of foreign delegates and nations participating.

The 23rd Pentecostal World Conference is a triennial gathering of Pentecostal groups worldwide organized by the Pentecostal World Fellowship (PWF), a cooperative body established in 1947 of Pentecostal churches and groups worldwide of approved standing. To date, there are 59 global member organizations. Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam is the Chairman of the PWF.

In his opening address to the delegates, Ong said, “You will receive an impartation from the Holy Spirit and revelation that everything Jesus said to us is livable and doable.”

The delegates were greatly blessed by the anointed preaching and teaching of the Word at both the plenary and workshop sessions. Many were observed to literally run to the altars for a touch of God when invitations were given. +

Among the key international Christian leaders present for the dedication celebration and the conference were Dr. Geoff Tunnicliffe, chairman of the





Here are testimonies of Calvarites who were blessed at PWC:

Know who our God is – He is all powerful!

I am much encouraged by plenary speaker, Rev Samuel Rodriguez’s illustration. A battered lion was able to muster a “simple” roar and shoo away enemies threatening her cubs. This reminded me of who our God is and to acknowledge and appropriate His authority to live victoriously in every circumstance of life.

Leena Lim

How foreign pastors are impacting lives

I am much blessed and uplifted at the night rallies where the Holy Spirit moved powerfully each time we were praying (some 5,000 Pentecostals) and worshipping together in unity.

Mae Wong

“Called to be an agent of mercy”

This message impacted me. Hearing how many are saved through the mercy and love shown them by God’s people has inspired me to reach out in compassion to the lost and backsliders.

Nancy Lai

Strengthened to serve

I thank God for the opportunity to fellowship with some foreign pastors and see how they are impacting their local communities. God impressed upon my heart to intercede for them, to continue serving sacrificially with His compassion.

Amanda Lee

Anointed when praying and worshipping in unity

I was blessed to be in God’s presence through the conference. I received His touch and spiritual strength to move forward in life and to serve Him in such a time like now.

Jenny Khoo

Encouraged & Empowered

I am very encouraged and uplifted by the plenary session, “Raven & the Dove” by Rev Samuel Rodriguez. And at the end of Daniel Kolenda’s session, I felt the Holy Spirit’s empowerment as we prayed together.

Marcus Solomon

PWC demonstrated both Power & Possibility

The power of God to accomplish His sovereign will and the possibility for His Kingdom to be extended throughout Malaysia!

I see the floodgates of heaven open and outpouring of blessings for God’s people that we might move forward and fulfill the vision and prophecy to see Malaysia saved.

Elaine Chen

Renewed passion to reach out

My faith is strengthened to see so many believers globally worship our Lord. The teaching and preaching of His Word reaffirmed to me to waste no time in reaching out to the lost.

Agnes Chew



The PWF Executive Committee Members 2013-2016. *Left to Right:* Dr Isak Burger, Dr Matthew Thomas, Dr Prince Guneratnam, Rev David Wells, Dr William Wilson (not in picture: Dr Ingolf Ellssel and Bishop Dag Heward-Mills)

CONGRATULATIONS SENIOR PASTOR!

ON BEING RE-ELECTED AS CHAIRMAN OF PENTECOSTAL WORLD FELLOWSHIP (PWF)

In 2010 Senior Pastor became the first Asian to be elected as Chairman of the Pentecostal World Fellowship (PWF). At the recent PWC, he was re-elected to serve another 3-year term.

An Evening of Celebration!

By CARMEN AW

It was a night to remember for over 660 guests at the “An Evening of Celebration!” organised in support of Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) Building Fund, with good food, great entertainment and hearty laughter - all for a good cause!

This was the first dinner event hosted by the CCC Multipurpose Banquet Hall (MPH) and it was an ideal facility for the evening. The wonderful ambience was enhanced with the well chosen decorations and festive table settings.

Guests were warmly welcomed by the emcees for the evening, Chris Lim and Jana Ponnudurai. This was followed by the opening prayer by Associate Pastor Peter Ong and a note of appreciation by the Organizing Committee Chairperson, Jeannie Friis. The video “Journey to CCC” marking CCC’s progress to completion was also shown.

MediaCorp artiste Gurmit Singh, famous for his ‘contractor in yellow boots’ role in the Singaporean sitcom Phua Chu Kang had guests at the Multipurpose Banquet Hall of the Calvary Convention Centre tickled pink with his hilarious antics and jokes as they tucked into a full 8-course dinner prepared by the Palace of Golden Horses.

Talented and gifted gospel singer Elaine Teo also performed for the assembled guests, singing songs in Bahasa Malaysia, Mandarin, Hokkien and Cantonese.

And to cap things off, Calvary Church’s own homegrown talents from the youth and music ministry took the collective breath of the crowd away with their energetic dance moves and beautiful musical compositions.

The silent auction held before the dinner received great responses. More than 80% of the items auctioned were bought!

It was indeed an evening of celebration. God had enabled us to complete the building of the CCC and continues to help us see that the CCC be debt free! +





Main pic: Guests at beautifully decorated CCC Multipurpose Banquet Hall

Middle Row (Left to Right): Gospel singer Elaine Teo; Energetic dance; Jeannie Friis welcomes guests; Opening prayer by Pastor Peter, flanked by emcees Chris & Jana

Bottom Row (Left to Right): Volunteers mimicking Phua Chu Kang; View of the lobby of the Multipurpose Banquet Hall, pre-dinner fellowship & silent auction items on display, Senior Pastor and Pastor David welcoming guests



Tanah Yang Dijanjikan

Oleh Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

“Sege nap perintah, yang kusampaikan kepadamu pada hari ini, haruslah kamu lakukan dengan setia, supaya kamu hidup dan bertambah banyak dan kamu memasuki serta menduduki negeri yang dijanjikan TUHAN dengan sumpah kepada nenek moyangmu” (Ulangan 8:1).

“Sebab TUHAN, Tuhanmu, membawa engkau masuk ke dalam negeri yang baik, suatu negeri dengan sungai, mata air dan danau, yang keluar dari lembah-lembah dan gunung-gunung; suatu negeri dengan gandum dan jelainya, dengan pohon anggur, pohon ara dan pohon delimanya; suatu negeri dengan pohon zaitun dan madunya; suatu negeri, di mana engkau akan makan roti dengan tidak usah berhemat, di mana engkau tidak akan kekurangan apapun; suatu negeri, yang batunya mengandung besi dan dari gunungnya akan kaugali tembaga. Dan engkau akan makan dan akan kenyang, maka engkau akan memuji TUHAN, Tuhanmu, karena negeri yang baik yang diberikan-Nya kepadamu itu” (Ulangan 8:7-10).

Janji-janji Tuhan adalah untuk di sini dan sekarang. Apabila anak-anak Israel berada di tanah perhambaan, Tuhan telah menjanjikan sebidang tanah yang baik kepada mereka, yang disebut sebagai

“Tanah Yang Dijanjikan”. Begitu juga, Tuhan telah membuat janji-janji yang besar dan berharga kepada kita. Rasul Petrus berkata bahawa kita, “Dengan jalan itu la telah menganugerahkan kepada kita janji-janji yang berharga dan yang sangat besar, supaya olehnya kamu boleh mengambil bagian dalam kodrat ilahi, dan luput dari hawa nafsu duniawi yang membinasakan dunia” (2 Petrus 1:4). Janji-janji Tuhan adalah Tanah Yang Dijanjikan kepada kita.

Terdapat beberapa contoh janji-janji Tuhan

- Filipi 4:19 : “Tuhanku akan memenuhi segala keperluanmu menurut kekayaan dan kemuliaan-Nya dalam Kristus Yesus.”
- Matius 11:28 : “Marilah kepada-Ku, semua yang letih lesu dan berbeban berat, Aku akan memberi kelegaan kepadamu.”
- Ibrani 13:05 : “Janganlah kamu menjadi hamba uang dan cukupkanlah dirimu dengan apa yang ada padamu. Karena Tuhan

telah berfirman: “Aku sekali-kali tidak akan membiarkan engkau dan Aku sekali-kali tidak akan meninggalkan engkau.”

Alkitab mengatakan, “Sebab Kristus adalah “ya” bagisemuajani Tuhan. Itulah sebabnya oleh Diakitamengatakan “Amin” untuk memuliakan Tuhan” (2 Korintus 1:20). Janji Tuhan adalah untuk kamu, di sini dan sekarang, dan bukan untuk pada suatu hari apabila kamu mati dan pergi ke syurga. Tuhan berfirman kepada orang Israel: “Sege nap perintah, yang kusampaikan kepadamu pada hari ini, haruslah kamu lakukan dengan setia, supaya kamu hidup dan bertambah banyak dan kamu memasuki serta menduduki negeri yang dijanjikan TUHAN dengan sumpah kepada nenek moyangmu” (Ulangan 8:1).

Cara untuk menerima adalah dengan bersedia dan taat kepada perintah-perintahNya atau FirmanNya. Ini adalah caranya untuk mengalami janji-janji Tuhan. Alkitab mengatakan, “Firman-Mu itu pelita bagi kakiku dan terang bagi jalanku” (Mazmur 119:105).

Tuhan membawa orang-orang Israel keluar dari Mesir dan membawa mereka ke “tanah yang berlimpah dengan susu dan madu”, suatu huraian bahawa tanah itu subur dan makmur. Kita hidup dalam dunia yang jahat, di mana Iblis memerintah. Tuhan telah memberikan kita janji-janjiNya untuk membantu kita menjalani kehidupan yang berhasil. Kita tidak perlu menunggu pada suatu hari nanti untuk janji-janji Tuhan ditunaikan. Kamu boleh mengalami janji-janji Tuhan hari ini. Berdiri di atas janji-janji Tuhan melalui iman dan ketaatan. Dia tahu keperluan kamu dan telah mengutus anakNya, Yesus untuk menyelamatkan kamu dan membebaskan kamu supaya hidup sebagai saksiNya. Alkitab mengatakan, “Sebab TUHAN adalah matahari dan perisai; kasih dan kemuliaan la berikan; la tidak menahan kebaikan dari orang yang hidup tidak bercela” (Mazmur 84:11). Dia memberikan kita Roh Kudus supaya kita boleh menjadi saksiNya. “Tetapi kamu akan menerima kuasa, kalau Roh Kudus turun ke atas kamu, dan kamu akan menjadi saksi-Ku di Yerusalem dan di seluruh Yudea dan Samaria dan sampai ke ujung bumi” (Kisah Para Rasul 1:8). Perjalanan seorang beriman adanya iman dan ketaatan. Tuhan sedang membangkitkan orang-orang yang kuat dan berani. Dia membenarkan kamu menghadapi tentangan, penderitaan dan kesedihan hidup untuk membawa kamu kepada kematangan sebagai umat Tuhan. Yesus terpaksa melalui Golgota dan

memikul salibNya. Begitu juga kita. Tuhan telah memberikan kamu janji-janjiNya supaya kamu boleh berhasil dalam semua yang kamu hadapi.

Ilustrasi abang kepada anak yang hilang.

Masalahnya ialah, kita boleh menjadi seperti abang kepada anak yang hilang. Dia menjadi kecewa dan marah apabila adiknya telah kembali dan mengadakan sambutan untuk meraikan dia. Abang, seperti ramai orang yang beriman, gagal untuk melihat janji Bapa Tuhan yang menerima orang-orang yang bertobat dan meminta ampun. Tetapi Bapa itu berkata kepadanya, "Anakku, engkau selalu bersama-sama dengan aku, dan segala kepunyaanku adalah kepunyaanmu" (Lukas 15:31). Jangan hidup seperti abang itu. Percaya dan taat kepada Tuhan untuk semua janji-janjiNya kepada kamu, semasa kita hidup di sini dan sekarang.

Daud berkata, "**Engkau memberitahukan kepadaku jalan kehidupan; di hadapan-Mu ada sukacita berlimpah-limpah, di tanggungan-Mu**

ada nikmat senantiasa" (Mazmur 16:11). Jalan kehidupan merujuk kepada rahsia kemenangan dan keberhasilan. Sukacita di sini tidak bermakna sukacita nafsu, tetapi keamanan, pengampunan, pemulihan, keselesaan, kekuatan dan sebagainya. Tiada sukacita di muka bumi ini boleh diberikan kepada kamu dengan jenis sukacita yang Tuhan berikan. Alkitab mengatakan, "**tetapi Penghibur, yaitu Roh Kudus, yang akan diutus oleh Bapa dalam nama-Ku, Dialah yang akan mengajarkan segala sesuatu kepadamu dan akan mengingatkan kamu akan semua yang telah Ku katakan kepadamu**" (Yohanes 14:26) .

Berdiri di atas janji-janji Tuhan memerlukan keberanian, komitmen dan dedikasi. Kamu boleh berada dalam keadaan diselubungi atau berdiri dan diambil kira. Kamu boleh mengatakan seperti Daud, "**TUHAN adalah gembalaku, takkan kekurangan aku.... Sekali pun aku berjalan dalam lembah kekelaman, aku tidak takut bahaya, sebab Engkau besar taku; gada-Mu dan tongkat-Mu, itulah yang menghiburaku. Engkau menyediakan hidangan bagiku, di**

hadapan lawan ku; Engkau mengurapi kepalaku dengan minyak; piala ku penuh melimpah" (Mazmur 23:01, 4-5). Iman adalah seperti filem, terbaik apabila diungkapkan dalam gelap. Terdapat sebuah lembah di luar tembok Gereja, dan di sanalah iman kamu bekerja. Apabila kamu keluar daripada lembah, terdapat pengurapan yang datang pada kamu dan hidangan akan disediakan untuk kamu. Tidak kira betapa gelapnya lembah kamu, bimbingan Tuhan dan kuasa Roh Kudus akan memberikan kamu kemenangan. Paulus berkata, "**Bagi Dialah, yang dapat melakukan jauh lebih banyak dari pada yang kita doakan atau pikirkan, seperti yang ternyata dari kuasa yang bekerja di dalam kita,**" (Ef 3:20). Janji-janji Tuhan adalah untuk di sini dan kini, ia adalah "Tanah Yang Dijanjikan" kepada kita. +

Semua petikan Alkitab adalah dari Terjemahan Baru.

SEBAB-SEBAB MENGAPA KITA TIDAK MENGALAMI JANJI-JANJI TUHAN.

1. Iman tanpa perbuatan.

Yakobus berkata, "**Demikian juga halnya dengan iman: Jika iman itu tidak disertai perbuatan, maka iman itu pada hakekatnya adalah mati**" (Yakobus 2:17). Sebagai contoh, anak yang hilang itu berkata, "Saya tahubahawa hamba-hamba di rumah bapa saya adalah lebih kaya". Kemudian dia berkata, "Saya akan bangun dan pergi kepada bapa saya". Dan dia telah melakukannya. Jangan hanya mempunyai pengetahuan di fikiran sahaja dan iman emosi. Iman mesti menyentuh kesanggupan kamu untuk melakukan apa yang kamu tahu dan percaya pada Firman Tuhan. Tuhan sedang mencari orang-orang yang beriman dan mempunyai ketaatan.

2. Mengabaikan Firman Tuhan dan kehendakNya untuk kehidupan kita.

Alkitab mengatakan, "**Bila tidak ada wahyu, menjadi liarlah rakyat. Berbahagialah orang yang berpegang pada hukum**" (Ams 29:18). Tuhan mempunyai rancangan dan tujuan untuk kamu. Alkitab mengatakan, "**Sebab Aku ini mengetahui rancangan-rancangan apa yang ada pada-Ku mengenai kamu, demikianlah firman TUHAN, yaitu rancangan damai sejahtera dan bukan rancangan kecelakaan, untuk memberikan**

kepadamu hari depan yang penuh harapan" (Yeremia 29:11). Tuhan memberikan janji-janjinya kepada kamu supaya apabila keadaan adalah di luar kawalanmu, kamu perlu percaya dan taat kepada Tuhan.

3. Kita kekurangan harga diri dan mempunyai rasa takut.

Keyakinan diri yang rendah dan kekurangan harga diri akan menghalang kamu melangkah keluar dalam iman dan menuntut janji-janji Tuhan. Alkitab mengat akan, "**Demikianlah sekarang tidak ada penghukuman bagimereka yang ada di dalam Kristus Yesus**" (Roma 8:1). Kamu telah dijadikan keseluruhannya oleh darah Yesus, yang ditebus, diampuni dan dipenuhi dengan Roh Kudus. Ini adalah apa yang Tuhan berkata kepada Yosua, "**Hamba-Ku Musa telah mati; sebab itu bersiaplah sekarang, seberangilah sungai Yordan ini, engkau dan seluruh bangsa ini, menuju negeri yang akan Kuberikan kepada mereka, kepada orang Israel itu. Kuatkan dan teguhkanlah hatimu, sebab engkau lah yang akan memimpin bangsa ini memiliki negeri yang Kujanjikan dengan bersumpah kepada nenek moyang mereka untuk diberikan kepada mereka. Hanya, kuatkan dan teguhkanlah hatimu dengan sungguh-sungguh, bertindaklah hati-hati sesuai dengan seluruh hukum yang telah**

diperintahkan kepadamu oleh hamba-Ku Musa; janganlah menyimpang ke kanan atau ke kiri, supaya engkau beruntung, ke manapun engkau pergi. 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. Bukankah telah Kuperintahkan kepadamu: kuatkan dan teguhkanlah hatimu? Janganlah kecut dan tawar hati, sebab TUHAN, Tuhanmu, menyertai engkau, ke manapun engkau pergi" (Yosua 1:2; 6-9).

4. Kita tidak sanggup membayar harga keberhasilan.

Dengan adanya janji-janji Tuhan, ia tidak bermakna tiada apa yang akan menyakitkan kamu. Tuhan tidak membangkitkan sekumpulan orang yang lembut dan malas. Tuhan sedang mencari seorang Daud, ketika Goliat datang, seorang Daniel, apabila singa mengaum, seorang Stefanus, apabila batu itu dibaling, seorang Petrus dan Yohanes yang menyembuhkan seorang lelaki lumpuh di Gerbang Indah dan menghadapi penganiayaan dan Yohanes, di pulau Patmos mendapat wahyu.

应许之地

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「我今日所吩咐的一切诫命，你们要谨守遵行，好叫你们存活，人数增多，且进去得耶和華向你们列祖起誓应许的那地。」（申8:1）

「因为耶和華—你 神领你进入美地，那地有河，有泉，有源，从山谷中流出水来。那地有小麦、大麦、葡萄树、无花果树、石榴树、橄榄树，和蜜。你在那地不缺食物，一无所缺。那地的石头是铁，山内可以挖铜。你吃得饱足，就要称颂耶和華—你的神，因他将那美地赐给你了。」（申8:7-10）神的应许是为此时此地的。当以色列人在为奴之地时，神应许他们一块美好的土地，被称为“应许之地”。同样地，神已经将又宝贵又极大的应许赐给我们。使徒彼得说道，我们：「…已得到那又宝贵又极大的应许，叫我们既脱离世上从情欲来的败坏，就得与神的性情有分」（彼后1:4）。神的应许是我们的应许之地。

一些神的应许的例子

- 腓4:19：「我的神必照他荣耀的丰富，在基督耶稣里，使你们一切所需用的都充足。」
- 太11:28：「凡劳苦担重担的人可以到我这里来，我就使你们得安息。」
- 来13:5：「你们存心不可贪爱钱财，要以自己所有的为足；因为主曾说：「我总不撇下你，也不丢弃你。」

圣经上说道：「神的应许，不论有多少，在基督都是是的。所以借着他也都是实在的，叫神因我们得荣耀」（林后1:20）。它们是在此时此地给你的，而不是为了有一天，当你去世进入天堂的时候。神对以色列人说：「我今日所吩咐的一切诫命，你们要谨守遵行，好叫你们存活，人数增多，且进去得耶和華向你们列祖起誓应许的那地」（申8:1）。领受的方式是要愿意遵从祂的诫命或祂的话语。这是体验神的应许的方式。圣经上说道：「你的话是我脚前的灯，是我路上的光」（诗119:105）。

耶和華将以色列人从埃及领出来，并带他们进入「流奶与蜜之地」—描述土地的肥沃和繁荣。我们生活在一个邪恶，由撒旦管辖的世界。神已经给了我们祂的应许来帮助我们的过得胜的生活。我们不必等待有一天神的应许要应验。你今天就可以体验神的应许。通过信心和顺服，立定在神的应许上。祂知道你的需要，并已差派祂的儿子，耶稣来拯救你和使你得自由，为祂作见证而活。圣经上说道：「因为耶和華—神是日头，是盾牌，要赐下恩惠和荣耀。祂未尝留下一样好处不给那些行动正直的人」（诗84:11）。祂赐给我们圣灵，使我们可以为祂作证。「但圣灵降临在你们身上，你们就必得着能力，并要在耶路撒冷、犹太全地，和撒马利亚，直到地极，作我的见证」（徒1:8）。信徒的旅程是一个信心和顺服的旅程。神正在兴起

一群刚强和勇敢的人。祂允许你面对反对，痛苦和生活的忧伤使你作为上帝的子民长大成熟。耶稣必须经受各各他，并背着祂的十字架。因此，我们也必须如此做。神已经赐给你应许以便你可以得胜你所面对的一切。

浪子的兄长的例证。

问题是，我们可以像浪子的兄长一样。当他的兄弟回来，家里为他举行一个庆祝会的时候，他就不高兴和生气。这位兄长就像许多信徒，看不到父亲接受那些悔改并寻求宽恕的人的应许。但父亲对他说道：「儿啊！你常和我同在，我一切所有的都是你的」（路15:31）。不要像那位兄长一样生活。当我们在此时此地生活，信靠和顺服神给你的所有应许。大卫说道：「你必将生命的道路指示我。在你面前有满足的喜悦；在你右手中有永远的福乐」（诗16:11）。生命的道路，指的是胜利和成功的秘诀。这里的福乐并不是指肉体的享乐，而是和平，宽恕，治愈，安慰，力量和更多。在这个地球上没有享乐可以给你带来神赐给的那种喜乐。圣经上说道：「但保惠师，就是父因我的名所要差来的圣灵，他要将一切的事指教你们，并且要叫你们想起我对你们所说的一切话。」（约14:26）。

我们没有体验神的应许的原因

1 没有行为的信心。

雅各说道：「信心若没有行为就是死的」（雅2:17）。例如，浪子说：「我知道在我父亲家中的雇工比我好多了」。然后他说：「我要起来，到我父亲那里去」。他就去做。不要只是有头脑的知识和情感上的信心。信心必须触摸到你的意志去做你知道的，并相信神的话。神正在寻找那些有信心和顺服的人。

2 对神的话语和祂给我们的生活的旨意无知。

圣经上说道：「没有异象，民就放肆；惟遵守律法的，便为有福」（箴29:18）。神有一个计划和目的给你。圣经上说道：「我知道我向你们所怀的意念是赐平安的意念，不是降灾祸的意念，要叫你们末后有指望」（耶29:11）。神给你应许以便当情况超出了你的控制时，你需要信靠和顺服神。

3 我们缺乏自尊和有惧怕。

低的自尊心和缺乏自尊会妨碍你踏出信心的脚步和得着神的应许。圣经上说道：「如今，那些在基督耶稣里的就不定罪了」（罗8:1）。你已经被耶稣的宝血痊愈了，得蒙救赎，赦免和被圣灵充满。这是神对约书亚说的：「我的仆人摩西死了。现在你要起来，和众百姓过这约旦河，往我所要赐给以色列人的地去。…你当刚强壮胆！因为你必使这百

姓承受那地为业，就是我向他们列祖起誓应许赐给他们的地。只要刚强，大大壮胆，谨守遵行我仆人摩西所吩咐你的一切律法，不可偏离左右，使你无论往哪里去，都可以顺利。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。我岂没有吩咐你吗？你当刚强壮胆！不要惧怕，也不要惊惶；因为你无论往哪里去，耶和華—你的神必与你同在」（约书亚记1:2；6-9）。

4 我们不愿意付出成功的代价。

随着神的应许，这并不意味着没有事物会伤害你。神不是要兴起一群柔弱和懒惰的人。神正在寻找一位大卫来迎战歌利亚；一位但以理来面对吼叫的狮；一位司提反来承受抛出的石头；一位彼得和约翰在美门治好瘸腿的人和面对迫害。一位约翰在拔摩岛上领受启示。

立定在神的应许上需要勇气，决心承担义务和献身的精神。你可以沉溺于不快的境况，或公开表明自己的立场。你可以像大卫一样说：「耶和華是我的牧者，我必不致缺乏。…我虽然行过死荫的幽谷，也不怕遭害，因为你与我同在；你的杖，你的竿，都安慰我。在我敌人面前，你为我摆设筵席；你用油膏了我的头，使我的福杯满溢」（诗23：1，4-5）。信心如同胶片最好是在黑暗中被形成。在教会的围墙外面有一个山谷，那里就是你的信心行动的地方。当你从山谷中出来的时候，有一恩膏会临到你身上，有一个筵席会为你摆设。无论你的山谷有多黑暗，主的引导和圣灵授予的能力会给你胜利。保罗说道：「神能照着运行在我们心里的大力充充足足地成就一切，超过我们所求所想的」（弗3:20）。神的应许是为此时此地，它是我们的「应许之地」。

以上经文是采用中文圣经和合本。

中文团契（十月份）

让人奋兴的录影片分享
主题：被爱激励去行动
日期：27-10-13（日）
时间：早上十一点半
地点：CCC，影剧院3，B2
（敬备茶点招待）

申请浸礼及会籍

- ✦ 浸礼及会籍课程
日期：26-10-13（六）
时间：下午二点
- ✦ 浸礼聚会
日期：26-10-13（六）
时间：下午五点
地点：加略山教会（大堂）
- ✦ 报名截止日期：6-10-13（日）

Preparing For Your First Child

Date : **5 October 2013 (Saturday)**
Time : **10am -12.30pm**
Venue: 2 Jalan Damansara Endah
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Fee: **RM30 per person**
RM50 per couple

Who Should Come

All engaged couples, newly married couples, & couples deciding to start a family should come. Do come as a couple if you can.

If & When to Have Kids

This workshop will give you all the information you need to decide.

About the Speaker

Dr Goh Huay-Yee is a Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist at Sime Darby Medical Centre, Park City, KL. After housemanship, she served at Selayang Hospital for a decade before entering private practice.



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OCT 26

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Sunday ■ 9.00am

Senior Pastor
Prince Guneratnam

*OCT 6

Associate Pastor
Richard Yun

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Associate Pastor
David Seah

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Associate Pastor
Peter Ong

OCT 27

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CHINESE FELLOWSHIP

27 OCTOBER (SUNDAY) 11.30 AM
AN INSPIRATION VIA VIDEO
TOPIC: INSPIRED BY LOVE TO GO
VENUE: CCC THEATRETTE 3, B2
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

BAHASA MALAYSIA FELLOWSHIP

27 OCTOBER (SUNDAY) 11.30 AM
SPEAKER : FELISA FOO (BM MINISTRY LEADER)
TOPIC: MAINTAINING AUTHENTICITY
(MENGEKALKAN KEASLIAN)
VENUE : LEVEL 4, CCC

WATER BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP CLASS

DATE:26 OCTOBER (SATURDAY)
TIME: 2.00 PM
VENUE: DH,WORSHIP NURSERY

WATER BAPTISM SERVICE

DATE : 26 OCTOBER 2013
TIME : 5.00 PM
VENUE :DH, SANCTUARY

CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF FORMS:

6 OCTOBER 2013, SUNDAY



Coffee Talk with Daniel Kolenda

By LIM AI LEEN

On the morning of Merdeka Day, 127 people gathered at CCC for the first ever Coffee Talk, organised by the Calvary Young Adults.

The guest speaker, Rev Daniel Kolenda, young and dynamic, is the president and CEO of Christ for all Nations, and the successor of world renowned evangelist, Reinhard Bonnke. Christ for all Nations was birthed in 1974 by Reinhard and his wife, a ministry which has since grown to hold the world's largest crusades with a record of 74-million souls saved to date!

The fragrant smell of fresh coffee emanated from the venue room as participants lounged on sofa sets and easy chairs. Daniel started the talk with an intimate call to worship that led into his topic for the morning: salvation. The lesson he was trying to drive home was that when you are saved, the blood of Jesus has covered all of your sins; from

the past, the present, and the future. You should not be living in constant condemnation or as he puts it, "getting saved every week", but instead to live in a continual state of allowing Jesus to cleanse you.

An engaging Q&A session followed with participants bringing up many questions and concerns regarding the Christian faith, Daniel's background, and serving in ministry. Daniel's insatiable fire to do God's work was undeniable. He shared anecdotes on his years evangelising whereby in one example he said that he went to a public park and yelled out, "I'm in love with a Man!" to gain attention before sharing the gospel.

He went on to stress that as Christians, we must actively stay in God's will. "God loves you and has a plan for you. Satan hates you and also has a plan for you", explains Daniel, "The key is to not get distracted but to be faithful in your

position and press forward in the face of any quotable." He ended the session with a quotable quote: "As Christians, we are called to be thermostats, not thermometers. We don't reflect the temperature of the world, we set the temperature."

Ng Xue Jen testified that she attended with an open heart, not knowing what to expect. A few things Evangelist Kolenda mentioned was in line with the things she has in the back of her head for a while now. Indeed, she was blessed by the sharing of a greatly anointed man of God in a casual environment, and she believed she shared this sentiment with most, if not all, who were present that morning. She left with an expanded horizon on the scope of evangelism.

Coffee Talk, organised by the Calvary Young Adults, seeks to inspire young adults (working adults up to age 35) to impact their world for Christ through live chats, interviews and forums, over a cup of coffee!

Stay tuned for the next Coffee Talk that on **October 26, 2013.**

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