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July 10-12 @ Refreshing Mountain**

Notes

ICA SUNDAY SERVICE
Sunday Service @ 9:30 am & 11: 15 am
Sunday School @ 11:15 am

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**WELCOME TO
ICA SUNDAY SERVICE**

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WEEKLY ICA VOICE

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING @ 07:30 PM AT ICA
FRIDAY- FASTING AND PRAYER @ 10:30 AM AT ICA
SATURDAY - PRAYER MEETING @ 07:00 PM AT ICA

Till I entered the sanctuary of God

It has been a little while since I read Psalm 73, but I read it a few days ago. This is the first of a series of Psalms written by Asaph. We can see Asaph is so distressed by the condition of the people of Israel and his words express this to God throughout these Psalms. He knows God is not pleased with the ways of his people. He is very worried that God has rejected them and the enemy is oppressing them.

He affirms that God is good to Israel, but qualifies that statement saying the goodness of God is available only to those who are pure in heart. He probably is perplexed knowing the character of God and at the same time the lifestyle of the people of the world. It seems God is good to wicked people rather than to his own people. When he looks around he sees prosperity, health and well-being as the portion of the worldly people. They are arrogant, proud, violent, boastful and evil throughout; yet they enjoy great carefree life.

Then Asaph says, "Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure and have washed my hands in innocence. All day long I have been afflicted, and every morning brings new punishments." V 13, 14. "Even though I am living a good life, holy life, life pleasing to God I am struggling, I am frail, I am almost as good as dead", he probably muses.

Can we identify with Asaph here? How many times have we had same kind of thoughts seeing the prosperity of the wicked while we face many problems and struggles in our life?

This did not make sense to him at all. So he decided to go straight to God and ask him, the author of life himself. And he got the answer. He realized, "though I am going through troubles in my life, this is not the end of it. I am always with God and he holds me with his right hand. He guides me with his counsel. Not only that, he will take me to glory one day. I may perish today, but that is not my end. I will be taken into an eternal glory." "You place them on slippery ground"; like walking on the icy side streets of New York these days. He finally says, my flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and it is good to be near God. Good to be near God with all the problems and perplexities than be prosperous and away from him.

Our life is not meant just for the few years on this earth. There is a day of glory for us. We need to see everything on this earth in relation to the eternity. I compare the life on this earth as a grain of sand on a long ocean beach or a drop of water in the vast ocean. We are much more than just a pleasure seeking creatures for a few years and the eternal glory and bliss in store for us is way beyond anything we can experience, enjoy or dream in this world. So cheer up my friends, the bitterness of the world will pass in a moment and we will be on shores of glory forever!

"I remember a year ago when a doctor told me, 'You have an illness from which you won't recover.' I walked out to where I live 5 miles from Portland, Oregon, and I looked across at that mountain that I love. I looked at the river in which I rejoice, and I looked at the stately trees that are always God's own poetry to my soul. Then in the evening I looked up into the great sky where God was lighting His lamps, and I said, ' I may not see you many more times, but Mountain, I shall be alive when you are gone; and River, I shall be alive when you cease running toward the sea; and Stars, I shall be alive when you have fallen from your sockets in the great down pulling of the material universe!' "

W. B. Hinson.

I am the LORD who heals you

Please pray for:

Pr. Mathew Samuel, Bro. Babu Thannickal, Bro. Sam Ebenezer, Sist. Shiny Chacko, Sam Mathew, Ammini George, Mariamma Johny (Kunjumol), Usha Danielkutty Kiran (Dr. Jolly Mathew's granddaughter), Nirmala (Friend of Snehalatha Nair), Bro. Jose Ponnolil & all who are sick among us.

Please pray for these Countries

	Country	Population (in millions)	Christians	Evangelicals	President	Prime Minister
Sun	Burundi	10.4	92.6%	27.3%	Pierre Nkurunziza	
Mon	Cambodia	15.5	20.2%	9.1%	Norodom Sihamoni(King)	Hun Sen
Tue	Cameroon	22.6	53.4%	8.5%	Paul Biya	Philemon Yang
Wed	Canada	34.4	72.1%	7.7%	David Johnston (Governor General)	Stephen Joseph Harper
Thu	Cape Verde	0.5	94.5%	6.6%	Jorge Carlos De Almeida Fonseca	Jose Maria Pereira Neves
Fri	Cayman Islands	0.06	81.8%	21.5%	Helen Kilpatrick (Governor)	
Sat	Central African Republic	4.7	73.9%	33.7%	Michel Am-Nondroko Djotodia	Mahamat Kamoun