

The Watford Word

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What's on

January Theme - Psalm 91 and the Lord's Supper

Wednesday 15th January: 8 PM. *"From Seed to Harvest" - outreach equipping series first Zoom session - "The Heart of Outreach"*

Sunday 19th Jan: 10:30 AM. *Malcolm speaking on Psalm 91.11-12; Lord's Supper - David*

Sunday 26th Jan: 10:30 AM. *Daniel Miller & Emma Whitworth are our visiting speakers from the East London international church of Christ. Lord's Supper - Esther.*

Monday 27th January: First mentoring training session on Zoom

Sunday 02 Feb: 10:30 AM. *Toby Agerbak is our speaker from the NW region of the London ICOC.*

Wednesday 5th Feb: 8 PM. *"From Seed to Harvest" - outreach equipping series second Zoom session - "Building Relationships" with guest speakers TJ & Sonia Masalanami.*

Psalm 91 - A Protective Presence

Psalm 91 is the Scripture thread throughout January. Last week, Stefan and Oge set the scene by talking about the first two verses.

"This opening verse is the text or motto for the rest of the psalm..." *Bible Speaks Today*

Someone described Psalm 91 as a mini-sermon. The first verse is stated as the main point:

"Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty." v1

The rest of the Psalm is an exhortation, urging us to believe, trust and live within the promise of v1.

Today, we focus on verses 5 & 6:

"You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday."

What might an Israelite have made of this passage? Would they think back to Egypt?

"And in the middle of the night the Lord sent death on every first male child in the land of Egypt, from the child of Pharaoh on his seat of power to the child of the prisoner in the prison; and the first births of all the cattle." (Exodus 12:29 BBE)

The Israelites were protected. Why? Because they *trusted* God by sacrificing a lamb and painting the blood on their doorposts. They obeyed God's word through Moses and Aaron despite no precedent.

Perhaps their minds recalled the exodus.

"And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night." (Exodus 13:21 ESV)

The cloud and the fire reassured them of God's presence and guidance. They needed both. They did not know where they were going nor how to get there. All they knew was that God was taking them away from the familiar to the unfamiliar, from the routine to the random, from relative safety to a fearful wilderness.

When did Israel experience God's miraculous protection in the wilderness? When they *trusted* him. When did things go wrong? When they took matters into their own hands. Recall when they made the golden calf, harvested more manna than instructed, and went into the promised land against the command of Moses (among others).

What does this mean for us? We'll explore that in today's sermon. However, here is a Scripture to meditate on.

"Don't love money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, "I will never fail you. I will never abandon you." So we can say with confidence, "The LORD is my helper, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?" (Hebrews 13:5-6 NLT)

In what way is this relevant to Psalm 91, Christian discipleship, and your personal life?

God blesses, Malcolm

"From Seed to Harvest"



Part 1 - The Heart of Outreach

Wednesday's focus is the heart of God. We will meet for one hour and enjoy a mix of teaching, discussion and prayer.

Time: January 15th, 08:00 PM

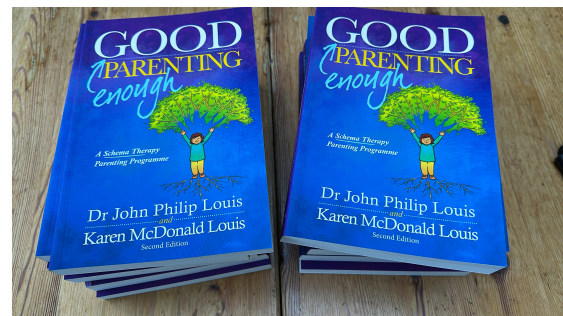
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Please join us for these classes. They will be helpful and inspiring. God bless, Malcolm

Good Enough Parenting



Desmond and Esther have stepped in to distribute the books and take payment. If you need a book, please talk to them.

Afghanistan

As mentioned previously, we are collecting money for the work of HOPE worldwide in Afghanistan. The deadline is the end of January.



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WATFORD CHRISTMAS COLLECTION
<https://www.hopeworldwide.org.uk/give>

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