



## DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

*Standing in the Breach ... by Billy*

### **Read Psalm 106:19-23**

What is a breach and what does it mean to stand in the breach? These are among the questions that we will consider today.

So you can imagine that breaches come in a thousand different ways and all with negative consequences.

Moses was moved by the Lord to stand in the breach on behalf of his people who had become idolatrous in the space of a few weeks.

The defences began to break and soon Satan was running rampant among God's chosen people. Then Moses is led to stand in the breach in an effort to preserve Israel from the coming judgment of God.

So I want to ask the question today, what does it mean for you and me to stand in the breach? There are many cold winds of despair, of sickness, of deception blowing through the breaches that we have allowed and tolerated.

Yes there are new opportunities presented to Satan every day so that he is able to gain a foothold in someone's heart and mind.

The tempests of temptation in adverse situations are troubling our brethren and it is our responsibility to stand in the breach on their behalf.

So we are moving into a season of compacting what is already together by deepening the bonds of fellowship among ourselves but also with the suffering church and the poor among the nations. Another scripture that came to mind is found in *Ezekiel 13:1-6*.

When we start to believe the lying spirits of this age we are of no use when it comes to spiritual warfare.

How will we withstand the subtle deceptions and how will we resist the temptation to compromise? Will we resort to rummaging in the ruins looking for some earthly consolation or counsel? We will certainly be powerless to become repairers of the breach and to raise up the ancient ruins. (*Isa. 58:12*).

United in Christ we stand, divided by Satan's tactics we fall. The strategy of Satan is to divide and conquer.

God invites us to repent of enabling these breaches and provides us with the resources to repair them.

*"In returning and rest you shall be saved, in quietness and trust shall be your strength" (v.15).*

## WEEKLY EVENTS/NOTICES

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### Events /Notices

- **Bob Fu will speak about China aid** , a ministry to help the Chinese church. Venue: Grosvenor Road Baptist church, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August @ 7.00pm

### Extra Services

*If you have children with you, these are the facilities provided:*

► *Crèche and Pre-school Praise*

Our crèche is based on the floor above the Meeting Room with baby changing facilities and toys to keep your young child occupied if they do not settle during the meeting. Parents are to attend to their children at all times. There is a short and simple pre-school Bible lesson during the sermon for 2-5 year olds in the Crèche (as arranged).

► *Sunday School*

Our Sunday School is open to children of school going age and operates during the sermon in the Sunday School room on the top floor. Our teachers have a Bible story and songs prepared for your child(ren), teaching them the need for Salvation and Christian living.

*Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD (Psalm 34:11)*

► *Tea and Coffee*

After the Sunday morning service, tea, coffee and light refreshments are available on the top floor in the Hospitality Room. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. (Hebrews 13:2).