



## DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

*Expecting God's Intervention ... by Billy*

### **READ ISAIAH 63:7-14**

- In this passage both the blessings and the character of God are recalled so that present difficulties can be viewed in proper perspective.

- **V8.** God is the first and the last and He knows the end from the beginning but He is here portrayed as being in a state of amazement at the treachery of Israel.

God was never fooled by the enthusiasm and early obedience of Israel because He knows what is in the heart of man.

Each step of obedience however brought joy to His heart and He revealed more and more of His saving power to them.

- **V9.** Here we are given an insight into how God is moved with compassion for His burdened people.
- *"For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathise with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin."* (Heb.4:15)
- **V10.** Even after they witnessed God's amazing works, the people murmured and provoked God.

God was grieved, vexed, outraged and anguished.

Those who turn away from God are fighting a losing battle as God has become their enemy.

- Israel longed for their mighty Deliverer who brought them through the Red Sea and they longed for Spirit of God that was among them.
- **V12.** They also longed for that divine guidance that led them through one obstacle after the next.
- **V14.** They were led to a place of rest. The bondage of Egypt was behind them and a future inheritance lay ahead of them.
- In summary, the expectancy of God's continued intervention is stated very clearly.

Do we feel like we are sinking into a culture of idolatry and materialism like those in Babylon?

Do we sense that we are cut off from God's intervention?



## WEEKLY EVENTS/NOTICES

### Events /Notices

- ▶ **Next Bible Study** is on Friday 6th July @ 7 pm

### 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 3 - 7 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).