

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

Listen to His Voice... by Jeanne

READ EPHESIENS 1: 15-23

- **A**bide in God.....wait on God....Listen to His voice" *Be Holy as I am Holy*".
- No one is good except for God alone.
- All goodness was in God from all eternity and must for all eternity be inseparable from Him. The highest angel has nothing of its own it can offer to God, no more light, no more love, no more purity or glorious praises that can come from itself.
- Songs of praise to their Heavenly Father are their delight because they see and know and feel that it is the Breath and Spirit of their Heavenly Father that sings and rejoices in them. Their adoration in Spirit and Truth never ceases because they never cease to acknowledge the All of God.
- This is the one true religion of Heaven and nothing else is the truth of religion on earth. Likewise man in himself has no goodness. All that is within man in by nature is self love and self seeking until something supernatural is found in him. This divine life can exist no longer then while a man or woman are immediately and continually under the power of the Holy Spirit which is the source from which all divine life springs.
- Let us meditate on this and realise the Divineness of our position in Jesus.
- Gods call on our lives is a call to Holiness. This is His heart's desire.
 - *Lev Ch 19 V 2*
 - *Lev Ch 20 V 26*
 - *1Pe Ch1 V16*
 - *1Pe Ch 1 V 15*
- *Isa Ch 57 V 15* God says "*I dwell in a high and lofty place but also with him who is of a contrite and humble spirit*". Contrition, brokenness of spirit, fear and trembling are God's first demands of those who would see Him. But God says "*Don't be afraid*".
- Always remember our Holiness is in Christ. The Father giving His son to be one with us. The Son dying on the cross to make us one with Himself. The Holy Spirit dwelling in us to establish and maintain that union.
- God's original plan for man is that he should be Holy. This call to Holiness in our lives is the unveiling of the purpose that the Father from eternity has set His heart upon.
- He is calling you and me to Himself that He can make us Holy in possessing Himself. Faithful is He who called us and He will do it.
- Our work in becoming Holy is to bring our whole life and every part of it into subjection to the Gods rule and put every member and every power upon His alter. *(Continued next page)*

WEEKLY EVENTS/NOTICES

Issue 11

- This is our calling today. Will we say with Abraham and Moses '*Here I am*'. Read *1Pe Ch 4 V12* Don't fear the refiners fire. God dwells in the fire and He is working to separate the Holy from the profane in us.
- Holiness is more than goodness or freedom from sin. It is that Glory by which divinity is separated from all that is created.
- You have a claim on Christ, His love and power to make you Holy whatever or wherever you be in Him. His Holy presence and love are always surrounding you. In His presence accepted and realised is our Holiness.

Events /Notices

- ▶ **Next Bible study** on the need for spiritual disciplines is on *Friday 23rd March @ 7pm*

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*).