



## DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

*Possession Our Possessions—Obadiah 1:17... By Gareth*

*READ 1 CORINTHIANS. 12: 4-31*

- **G**od has given everything in His son Jesus Christ. However we can sometimes remain without because we fail to claim what is rightfully ours in Christ Jesus.
- I am not talking about material possessions, where some have resorted to naming and claiming, but rather the spiritual gifts that are available to us. The apostle Paul encouraged the church to earnestly desire these gifts.
- Jesus has NOT left us as orphans. He promised that in *John 14:18*. He didn't leave us high and dry, saved and sure but on our own telling us to do the best we can until he comes back.
- The story is told of a poor lady who lived in poverty with her son in a small flat. Her son managed to earn enough money to pay his way to America so that he could make a living for himself. Every week he would write a letter to his mother and post it along with 2 dollars. Every time when the lady received his letter and these 2 pieces of paper as she thought, she would stick the dollars (pieces of paper as she thought) on the wall. One day an old friend came to visit the lady. The friend was asking about her son. The lady told her that he sent a letter every week with 2 pieces of paper. I put them on the wall (at this stage there were hundreds of them). Her friend exclaimed you're so rich. The lady hadn't realised what the pieces of paper represented.
- Another story is told of a lady who had electricity installed in her home. Sometime after the electricity supply had been installed in her home the electricity supplier was somewhat surprised by the minimal usage of the power at the lady's disposal. When asked why that was the lady replied I only switch it on when it gets dark so I can see to light the candles I then switch it off again.
- As Christians we can be like either of these examples living in spiritual poverty when from within is the gifts required to change our perspective and build up the body of Christ.
- Every child of God has a supernatural heritage in them. Possessions of great and inestimable value. Such possessions are to enable every child of God to live in victory, deliverance and holiness.
- Let's strive to possess our possessions so that we might bring glory honour and praise to the King of kings and Lord of lords.



## WEEKLY EVENTS/NOTICES

Week 06

### Events /Notices

- ▶ 4 evenings of prayer beginning on *Sunday the 9th of February at 7pm to Wednesday the 12th of February.*
- ▶ Tiglin Testimonies next *Sunday the 16th* (will take place during the main service)
- ▶ Next Bible Study will be on *Friday the 21st of February at 8pm.*
- ▶ Visit of Perry and the team from CTMI Bournemouth on *Friday the 28th of February to Sunday the 1st of March*
- ▶ The creche now has audio visual link for those who may require to use the facility during the meeting.
- ▶ There will be a table with non-perishable food on it, located behind the door entering the hospitality room. This is for anyone who may require these items.

### 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 years old 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*).