

THE GOODNESS OF VENGEANCE

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GREETINGS

Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus. It is such a blessing for me to come to you and just bring the gospel of good news to you.

I would like to welcome everybody in our Web Fellowship to this meeting. I trust that the message will enrich your life to the point of just seeing more and more of who God is, manifest in you. The Gospel is about God living His life in you and the effort that God made to bring forth His life inside you so that you can simply rely and trust Him that He would live His fullness inside of you.

So I would like to welcome everybody and those that are watching for the first time. You have just joined into a Live webcast of Dynamic Love Web Church. Our Web Church evolves around bringing the good news of Jesus Christ or, let me say it this way, around experiencing the goodness of God by God bringing forth His life in us and then sharing this Gospel with others. The vision that we have here is to experience and see God live in us by the doing of God and not our effort.

I would like to just encourage you who have not watched our New Year's message where I talked about what we can expect in 2016. It would really be good if you could take some time and watch it. Maybe you've been on holiday and you didn't have time to look into that. It will really impact your life and give you such peace and such comfort. Today in our fellowship in Durbanville, we were sharing along the same lines on what we can expect from God in the new year. I could just see the excitement on people's faces and people being greatly encouraged through that message. So I would like to encourage you to watch that.

For those of you who watch for the first time know that we have a Chat function on Dynamicministries.com. You might be watching on Youtube at the moment but I want to encourage you to go to our web site, Dynamicministries.com and you will see a link on the home page that says, Live Webcast. Just click there and you will go to our Live Webcast page where we also have a Chat function where you can just see some names of people who are in our fellowship and then link up with some people and fellowship and be encouraged in the good news. We would like to see you served with the life of God.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us just pray together as we start this Service.

Father, thank You so much that we can be here together. Thank You for Your goodness! Thank You for Your mercy! Thank You for Your grace! It is such an honor for me to just experience Your life for people and Your life for people living inside my body, inside my mind, inside my heart. It is the highest form of living that You have come to share with us. Thank You that You love us unto Your life. You don't command us to have Your life but You love us into Your life. Thank You so much for that!

Holy Spirit thank You that You speak powerfully through me today so that I will speak in a way that it can minister to people's hearts. What a blessing to be part of a team of people all over the world as preachers all over the world right now, that are in grace, minister this message. Thank You, Lord, that we can be a part of that and just share in Your life. Amen and amen.

COMMUNION

As our custom is, we use Communion before the Service or after the Service and just have our minds focused on the goodness of God. What God has come to do is He has come to bring us back to the original land from where mankind departed. The original land from where man departed when Adam sinned and believed the lie that the devil told him. This lie was about God and who God is and the lie was actually about the trustworthiness of God.

When he listened to this lie, it brought doubt in his heart where he could not believe and trust the Father. When this happened, his heart fell into despair and he didn't live anymore from the place of trusting the Father to bring life to him. He started to live in the place of, "Let me produce life by the ability that God gave me." There is such a big difference between trying to produce life and save your own life and preserve your life by the things God gave you out of His love and simply trusting God that He would give you life. There's a vast difference. Jesus Christ has come to bring us back to the original land. That's what happened in Jesus when Jesus acknowledged and said, "This is the acceptable year of the Lord. This is the year of jubilee."

Now we don't say that 2016 is the year of jubilee. We say 2016 is subject to the power of the year of jubilee which was announced 2,000 years ago when God in Christ declared that in Christ, because He was carrying the sin of the world, because of what He has done because of the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies and everything He walked in, declaring the love of the Father. God could come and take vengeance on the blindness of people's hearts. He could take vengeance on what people believe about the Father and the destruction they are in.

So when we take Communion, when we, as a Fellowship, take this Communion, the idea is that in your house, break bread with your family. This is the time when husband and wife and children and everybody come together and we just put the normal things of this world aside and we just think about the goodness of God and how we are part of the body of Christ and how His body was broken and how we can get back to the place, the land of a blessed marriage, the land of inner peace, the land of walking with God in the cool of the day where God is our Father and not a boss. Where God is the One who loves us. Where God is the One who shares His life.

That body of separation has been broken. Now as we take this bread and break it we can declare that the Old Covenant has passed away. That the life of God is ours and we can eat it and feast on it. It's the very same with the wine. When we drink the wine, we say, "This is the blood of the New Covenant." When we see that blood, we say, "Our sins have been washed away. We see our innocence. We see the death of the old man. The life of the old man that has passed away. Whenever blood flowed, it spelled the end of the old. So whenever an animal was sacrificed and atonement was made by the flowing of blood, when you drink that blood it says, "I feast on the revelation of the end of the old. I feast on the revelation and the victory Christ has given us."

Church, let us just go and take Communion together as a Church and as a Web Fellowship. Where you are please minister to one another, give prophetic words to one another or just encourage one another with a word from the Scripture or whatever is in your heart... follow your heart. Let us enjoy the Communion together. We celebrate the death of the old man and the resurrection of Christ, what He has brought us.

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Today I want to talk about the vengeance of God and what Grace actually is. You know we can come to the conclusion, if we study Scripture, that the grace of God is actually incorporated into the vengeance of God. When we look at Grace and what Grace really is, we see that Grace is the influence upon people's hearts. It is the influence upon the human race on to them experiencing the fullness of God.

Inside that there is something that is called vengeance. When we look at this vengeance of God that we are going to read and study out a little about the ways of God, what God's ways actually are and how He functions, when we study that out, we find that, our hearts come to a place of rest. They come to a place of peace and they come to a place of comfort and that is exactly what God has in mind for you today and the rest of your life.

I love seeing what is happening in our Web Fellowship as we see people just maturing in the Gospel not because of our efforts but it is just the fruit of the true Gospel! Glory to God! This morning someone came to our local fellowship and he said, "Bertie, what do you say about speaking to your soul, confessing and that kind of a thing." I told him, "You know, one thing that I do know is that I am not going to confess something I don't believe. I'm not going to try and confess something that contradicts my heart. If I feel that there is fear, I would rather go and say, "I've got fear in my heart but I have a God that I can go to, even though I have fear, and He can persuade my heart to the point that my heart does not fear anymore, and He can love me into that!" God has come to share the highest quality of life with us and the only way we can have access to that life is by Him loving us into it.

You might say, "What about the vengeance of God? What about the anger of God and all of those things?" We are going to just look at **Isaiah** and start off by just talking about the ways of God that are are higher than our ways. **Isaiah 55:**

7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

10 For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and returns not back, but waters the earth, and makes it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

11 So shall my word be that goes forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

12 For you (at the end of the day, and this is what will take place in your life) shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

In this piece of Scripture, we have a verse here that has confused man for such a long time. It says, ***"For My thoughts are not your thoughts neither are your ways my ways," says the Lord.*** Now, that has condemned us in a very great way because of a wrong understanding. What we thought was our way can be a way where we say, "I want to have peace. I want to have joy, I want to have a nice life, I just want to have a family and those kinds of things, but we don't know if it is the way of God. God's ways are mysterious and higher than our ways, His thoughts are higher than our thoughts and how will we know what the will of God is? It might even be the will of God to take away my wife or children or something like that. Who knows the ways of the Lord?"

What God said here is, ***"Let the wicked forsake his way."*** So the wicked has a way. What does wickedness mean? What does evil mean? When something is wicked it means it is twisted. He says, "Let the people, who have a way that is twisted, forsake their way." What happened in the Garden of Eden was that Satan came to Adam and Eve and what he basically did was he just twisted the truth which then became a lie, but he twisted it in a way. This is the twist: God gave you all this ability and you can now look at God, you don't have to trust God, you can actually not trust God to give you His life for free. He's given you an ability, by your own works, through the empowerment of what He has given you. And by that works, by the knowledge of good and evil, you can actually then share in His life or have His quality of life and preserve your life forever. That is what he was saying.

God gave things to man for free but the reason God gave Adam the ability to have high knowledge, the ability to, I'm just going to use a language you can understand, walk in the gifts and supernatural things and those kind of things, was not that Adam could attain to the life of God by those things. Satan came and just twisted that a bit. It became wicked.

Here he says, ***"Let the wicked man forsake his way."*** The wickedness that there is, is this: You cannot trust God to give you eternal life and peace and joy for free. You cannot trust Him.

One of the things where we still see a twisted way of thinking about things is we think that we cannot trust God to bring forth freedom from sin in our life. It's almost a message of repent of your sin and God will reward you with heaven.

The Gospel is not the message of stop your sins and because you have stopped your sin God will reward you with heaven. No, the Gospel is the message where the power that brings forth sin in your life has been conquered by God and He brings forth the fruit of His Spirit in you which will lead you to eternal life by His Spirit. That is the whole thing. It says:

Isaiah :7 Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts.

An unrighteous man is a man who does not walk in the very righteousness of God since God is the only righteous. Let every man that does not think that he is righteous on account of God's righteousness for we shall be made the righteousness of God by Christ Jesus. In other words, plus the innocence that is given to us. Let every man that thinks he stands guilty before God, every man that thinks God is upset with him about things all the time, let him forsake his thoughts.

It's unrighteous to think that God is not friendly. It is unrighteous to think that God deals with you based on your works. We see Jesus Christ came and He declared the thought of God to man. What was the thought of God? The thought of God was, "These sinners, these people, who are lost in the world, they are My people and I love them!" The thought of God was, "I want to live among these people!" The thought of God was, "I don't want to separate myself from people because they have sin." The thought of God was, "I'll come and live among them and then deliver them from what destroys them!" That is the thought of God!

So any unrighteous thought, or unrighteousness in man, would be where you stand against the goodness that God has come to reveal. The goodness that is for free. Unrighteousness would also be defined as human ability, or the thought or the belief, that you think that you stand right, you are as you ought to be, to try to find life by your good works. So he says, "Let these people forsake that."

7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. What he says here is, "Let the unrighteous and the wicked forsake his way and his thought and let him repent of what he believed about God for our God shall have mercy."

What is mercy? Mercy means that God will treat us better than what we thought we deserved by our works! To have compassion, the very mercy, to have the ability to be united with somebody and co-feel and co-think with that person, to have compassion. That is God who will have mercy and abundantly pardon. So don't think that God is the one who is going to punish all the time. Forsake your evil way in thinking that, for our God will abundantly pardon. And hasn't the Lord done that already, two thousand years ago? Glory to God!

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Then He goes on and He says that His word and His thoughts and what He thinks will not return void to him.

The ways of man is a way that cannot produce fruit. He says, "My ways and your ways are not the same for your way, which we know is the way to eternal life by works, that way can never bring forth fruit! It will be a word that falls on the ground, sinks into the ground and brings forth no fruit. But He says, "My way is different!"

The way of God, and this is something we will discuss, the way of God is the way that, when it hits the human heart, it can produce fruit in that heart. So when He talks about His way is higher than our way, what He is actually saying is that His method of bringing forth fruit and bringing forth eternal life is a much higher way than what we had in mind.

The way that God brings forth eternal life is very simple... He loves you into it! He "kindness" you into it! He mercies you into it! He pampers you into it! He incarnates your deepest despair and enters it and then from there He would conquer it and show forth the word of promise which is stronger than your deepest despair. That is the way of God. That is the highest way. That is the way God deals with us. That is the way God lives. He has come to love us into His righteousness. He's come to love us into His peace. He's come to love us into His joy! Glory to God!

Let's quickly look at verse 12: The way of God is higher for the way of God will lead you in a place where you will have joy. This is what it says here. It says, "... for you shall go out with joy." It says that His way is higher than our way, for our way does not lead us out in joy. You know the Law, the message where you are judged by your works, will never lead you out with joy! It will never bring you peace but the way God has, brings peace.

What is this way? He says,

13 Instead of the thorn (or the fruit of the curse) ***shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the Lord for a name...*** What is He saying here? God says, "My way is higher than your way and when I have My way, it will leave you flooded with joy, flooded with peace, the mountains and the trees will break forth before you, they will clap their hands. There will be great joy, there will be applause of the great structures of this world, the great things of this world, the people of this world, when they look at your peace and your joy, they will clap their hands. The mountains, when I look at mountains there I look at places like Sinai and obstacles. They will break forth. They will say, "Man, we see what God is doing in your life!" I am not talking about confessing and trying to live a high and prosperous life in this world and those kind of things. I'm not talking about that. Thank God for that but what I'm talking about here is taken together in verse 13, He said, "Instead of the thorn trees will come up tree that are useful and beautiful and the fact that God would give right to produce inside you free from your effort because of His way which is higher than our way where we can simply rest and trust Him. That will be a name unto the Lord. And then it says, ***that shall not be cut off.*** (Cut off means it shall not die)

So He says here that the fact that He will bring forth fruit in you will be a name on to you. What does that mean? The bible says, ***You shall call His name Jesus for He shall save His people from their sins.***

Last night in our fellowship we were talking and someone there said that of ourselves we can do nothing. Then I remembered what another preacher said. He said, "What about, 'Of yourself you can do nothing! Don't you understand?'" We have to come to the place and the realization that it's all about God bringing forth His fruit. This is the Gospel. This is the Good News. The Good News is that God has seen His people in despair and He made great effort to bring us out of that and we can just simply trust Him! It's like a person who needs a life saver. What do you do when the life saver swims up to you and he wants to save you? You need to trust him. Trust him that he can save your life.

I want to take this a bit further. Let's go to **Isaiah 61.**

1 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord has anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; (Then it explains what this acceptable year of the Lord and the vengeance of God is and what fruit it will have) it will ***comfort all that mourn;***

In other words, the vengeance of God will comfort those who mourn. If you go and study out what vengeance is it actually means to punish, to punish somebody for what he has done, to get someone back, to pour out your anger. So here it says the outpouring of God's anger will have comfort as a fruit in the lives of people.

So we need to ask ourselves this question: What is this vengeance? This is what he says, "This is the year of the Lord and the day of the vengeance of our God." This year of the Lord, the acceptable year of the Lord, which is the day of jubilee, is the year of the vengeance of our God.

What is this vengeance and how does God take vengeance? It is written in verse 1 where it says, ***He has come to preach good tidings to the meek*** (the poor). In other words, people were in poverty and because they were in poverty and they believed the voice of poverty, they were tortured by their poverty. And God decided to take vengeance upon the belief that states that if you are poor, if you are sick, if you are needy, if you have some sin, then it is a sign of a curse... the thorn tree. He says that instead of that He will bring up the fir tree. So what He is saying there is He says that what Jesus Christ came to do is to declare to every person on the planet that He is a friend of sinners. He has come to declare He took vengeance on the lie. How did God take vengeance on the lie? By declaring the truth in such a powerful way that it destroys the lie. The lie was that God hates sinners. But God came, outside of trying to interpret scriptures and He incarnated His truth, His vengeance, into a human being and completely, utterly destroyed the concept of, God is far from His people...God hates sinners.

The Bible says that He was a friend of sinners. He completely destroyed the concept that death shall reign and rule over man by taking all the sin of all people on one Man and that Man without doing good works and trusting in His works but simply relying on the Father was raised from the dead, declaring the truth of God's commitment towards man while we were still in our sin, while we were still in the Old Testament or in the Old Covenant if you want to put it that way.

So here we can clearly see that Jesus has come to take vengeance on certain things. What does He come to take vengeance on? What does He come to utterly destroy? It says, ***He's come to preach good tidings to the meek***. In other words He has vengeance on bad news. He took vengeance on bad news because what He is doing here in Isaiah 61, which was fulfilled in Luke 4, is He is declaring and explaining what the year of jubilee is, what the year of God is, what the vengeance of our God is.

So here we have a God whose ways are higher than our ways. His ways of vengeance is not the way that we would think of vengeance when somebody has wronged us. When somebody has wronged us, we want to kill him. When we have wronged God, He wants to destroy what has destroyed our thoughts that we can come to a place where we can leave our wickedness, where we can get rid of our unrighteousness and our unrighteous ways and thoughts. How? By declaring the truth.

So here He comes and says that He has come to preach Good News. He has come to bring good news. So the Spirit of God, the way God is, the spirit of God is, like we would say and I've said it many times, the spirit of football or the spirit of rugby or the spirit of tennis or the spirit of being a holiday... the same way the spirit of God was upon Jesus, in other words, God's way of doing things. God's logic. God's basic principle of life was upon Jesus, the very core of God was upon Jesus and it enabled Him to say, "Well, since I am not in the spirit of the world, since I am not in the spirit of works, I can tell people who are poor, "You're the blessed!" ***He sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted.***

Now remember when it says in verse 2, ***To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God;*** What He is doing is He is explaining, and you will see if you read the King James version, it says there, ***To proclaim liberty to the captive, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;*** explaining further, that's why we have that semi-colon there, explaining what is in verse one, this is it: ***To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord and the day of vengeance of our God...*** making it synonymous with saying He has come to preach good tidings, heal the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives.

So when we talk about the vengeance of the God, we are saying that God is taking vengeance on the fact that His people are captive, for the vengeance of God will leave you comforted. That is what it is saying. The reason why I preach this and the reason that I say this is so if there is any root of fear in your heart about who God is and how much He loves you, that it can be destroyed and your heart can be encouraged in the vengeance of our God for He hasn't got vengeance on you, He has vengeance on wickedness. He has vengeance on unrighteousness and He declares wickedness and unrighteousness here and declares all those things as a belief where there is bad news preached to the poor, bad news preached to the sick. That bad news in the Jewish time was actually the voice, poverty and sickness would bring. What would it mean to a Jew when he is poor? It would mean, "I am cursed of God!" What would it mean if you are sick? It means you would have not obeyed the Law and God is against you.

Now He has come and He what does He do with all the sick? He healed them! Did He heal them because of all the good they had done? No, He healed sick people... they were sick, They were people who were mentally sick that Jesus healed. So He came and when He met the sick, He didn't say say to the sick, "You are the cursed of God!" He came and He said, "You are the beloved of God!" and He healed them! When He healed them, He gave the truth about them because their sins were carried by Jesus. "He carried my sins, He bore my sicknesses, He carried my diseases and He healed the sick in saying, "I carry it! I heal you for there is a truth about you! What God did in that was He came with a consuming fire and He burned every tree of unrighteousness. He took an ax, and John the Baptist said that the ax was at the root, and He was chopping out every tree! He chopped out every tree, root and branch, and He took it away and He cleansed His threshing floor. He burned all the chafe. How did He burn that? He burned it by what He has done. He has completely consumed the concept of an angry God! He has completely consumed the wrong concept of forgiveness.

We have this concept of forgiveness that God will forgive us in the sense of not being angry with us but Jesus destroyed that by coming and loving sinners and not showing anger towards them but showing love! So what did He do? He burned and destroyed that and even the root of that was destroyed and the only plant left, after everything was destroyed, was a little tender plant that came up out of the root of Jesse... His name is Jesus which is the ONLY tree of righteousness which is the only tree of life! That is what He is saying. So, Church, and this is my message for you today: The Grace of God is the influence of God on man in taking vengeance on what destroys us. Remember, the Greek definition of Grace is the divine influence on the heart. So what did God come to do? He came to heal the brokenhearted by the acceptable year of God. The acceptable year of God is also the day of vengeance of our Lord.

If your child is taken captive by somebody and enslaved by somebody, your vengeance on what takes place when your child was kidnapped would be to destroy the kidnapper, to destroy that system and deliver your child and therefore your vengeance will comfort your child. I've used the example many times if somebody is kidnapped and he becomes a drug dealer, or if you look at this movie Blood Diamonds, we find children shooting people, having guns, having no feelings, nothing. The only way you can comfort them is by bringing them to a place where their hearts cannot see the logic of murder anymore. Where their mind cannot have the mindset of a love for money anymore and where the system that enslaves these people is destroyed. That would be vengeance. That would be utter destruction of the old. So our God the Almighty came in His anger, came in His vengeance, and we call it the acceptable year of God, the day of vengeance to comfort all who mourn.

Now listen to what this day of vengeance will do:

3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, (So what is the day of vengeance? It is the day when God gives beauty for ashes.)

the oil of joy for mourning, (when you are in a place where you are just mourning in difficulty and He gives you the oil of joy. Glory to God!)

the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness (In other words, He came to give you praise, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

So what He will do is the vengeance of God is revealed , it will bring forth something that will cause praise in our hearts! Glory to God);

that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified.

Do you see how these trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord connects with Isaiah 55 where He comes and He says, “My thoughts are higher than your thoughts.” When He says that My thoughts are higher than your thoughts, when My thoughts come (which is the thought of His vengeance against which destroys us, which is the way He loves us into righteousness, where He loves us to a right belief from where we experience His life, when that comes the fir tree will come up instead of the thorn and we will just see the blessedness of God in our lives! Glory to God!

Church that is the message I have for you today. I know it will greatly impact your life. Listen to this message a few times. Let it just touch your heart. Let it encourage you. Listen to it over and over and I know that great joy and great peace will flood your life as we see the vengeance of God manifest comfort in our hearts.

CLOSING PRAYER

Father, I want to thank You so much for Your vengeance. I want to thank You so much for the outpouring of Your anger against what destroys us. It leaves us comforted and You said that You would not leave us orphans or comfortless. You have come and You have given us the Holy Spirit who is the Comforter. In other words we know that the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of holiness, the Spirit of Truth, will always declare the day of vengeance of our God against what destroys us.

I want to thank You, Father, that we can bring this message to people today. We love You, Lord, for You first loved us. Amen and amen.

THANK YOU

I want to thank you so much for watching. I want to thank everybody who is part of this Church, those people who give towards our Fellowship, thank you so much for that.

I want you to keep watching my Facebook page and I will let you know when I am going to be in the United States. We are planning to be in the U.S. in April. We already have some invitations that we have confirmed so I'm excited about that. We are also planning on going to Canada. We will minister in Victoria at Grace Camp and then also Europe. I am excited about all of this! Thank you so much for all your love and support! You are the loved and blessed of God! Amen!

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