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Matthew 15:1-11 (NKJV)

¹Then the scribes and Pharisees who were from Jerusalem came to Jesus, saying, 2"Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread." ³He answered and said to them, "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? 4For God commanded, saying, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.' 5But you say, 'Whoever says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is a gift to God"-⁶then he need not honor his father or mother.' Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition. 7Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: 8'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. 9And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men." ¹⁰When He had called the multitude to Himself. He said to them. "Hear and understand: "Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man."

Introduction

In this one occasion, Jesus had three separate audiences to address, with separate issues. The teachers of the law, the crowd (multitude), and His disciples.

I. The challenge by the teachers of the law

Traditions like purifications

(washing of hands before eating) were strictly observed and taught by the teachers of the law. They were written in the Book of Leviticus. They placed immense importance to it than its meaning and purpose.

In this occasion, the teachers of the law challenged Jesus by citing that His disciples transgressed the traditions of the elders. By citing this, they were implying that it was Jesus Himself who did not teach them properly and transgressed to the traditions of the elders. They were saying that Jesus became unclean together with His disciples because He did not observe the washing of hands before eating.

II. The response of Jesus to them

In response, Jesus also asked them a question, "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition?"

The fifth commandment states, "Honor your father and your mother." Honoring them is by taking care of them when they are old. But the tradition of "Korban" excused them from supporting their parents by making a dedicatory offering saying, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is a gift to God." It is like sending your parents a farewell gift.

Jesus stated that they have made the commandment of God of no effect by their tradition.

Matthew 15:7-9

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III. The parable to the multitude

Matthew 15:10-11

¹⁰When He had called the multitude to Himself, He said to them, "Hear and understand: ¹¹Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man."

IV. The explanation to the disciples

Matthew 15:15-20

¹⁵Then Peter answered and said to Him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶So Jesus said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not yet understand that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated? ¹⁸But those things which proceed out of the mouth

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sang linggo na lamang at matutunghayan na ng lahat ang kabuoang estruktura ng bagong simbahan ng UCF sa Mt. Tabor kung saan daandaang kaluluwa ang sasalubungin ng mga manggagawa sa nalalapit nitong pagbubukas.

Dama ang galak ng nakararami sa paparating na araw ng *outreach mission* at *inauguration* kung kaya't masigasig na tinatapos ang iilan pang pagsasaayos sa panambahan katulad na lamang ng pagpipintura ng mga bakal na dumadagdag ng suporta sa kisame.

Nakapagkabit na rin ng mga ilaw para sa ikaliliwanag ng buong pasilidad at mga *speaker* na gagamitin para mas malinaw na paglalakbay ng tunog. Sinimulan na rin ang pagkakabit ng pintuan sa backstage at pagwi-welding sa mga pader nito na mas magpapatibay dito.

Dahil sa pagtutulong tulong ng mga anak ng Diyos ay naisasakatuparan ang malaking plano ng Panginoon sa Mt. Tabor. Tunay na walang imposible sa Diyos na Siyang nagpapala at nagtatakda ng lahat.

KONSTRUKSIYON



Upang presko ang hangin sa panambahan, nagkabit ng metal ceiling fan sa panambahan na magbibigay ng mapreskong simoy ng hangin. Nagwelding ng mga steel truss para sa mas matibay na pagkakabit ng bubong sa. Nagtanggal rin ng bakal sa kisame upang maiwasan ang pagtama ng blade ng fan.







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Ang iba sa mga



Joel 2:13 (NKJV) So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the Lord your God, For He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm.

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Ang mga boluntaryo ay sama-samang naglinis sa Mt. Tabor.
Sila ay nagwalis, nag-ayos ng bodega, nagdamo at naglinis ng drainage para sa kaayusan ng lugar.



PAGTESTING NG MGA ILAW AT LCD

Ang mga nakabit naman na ilaw, LCD screen, projector at speaker ay sinubukan na para masiguro ang maayos nitong paggamit.



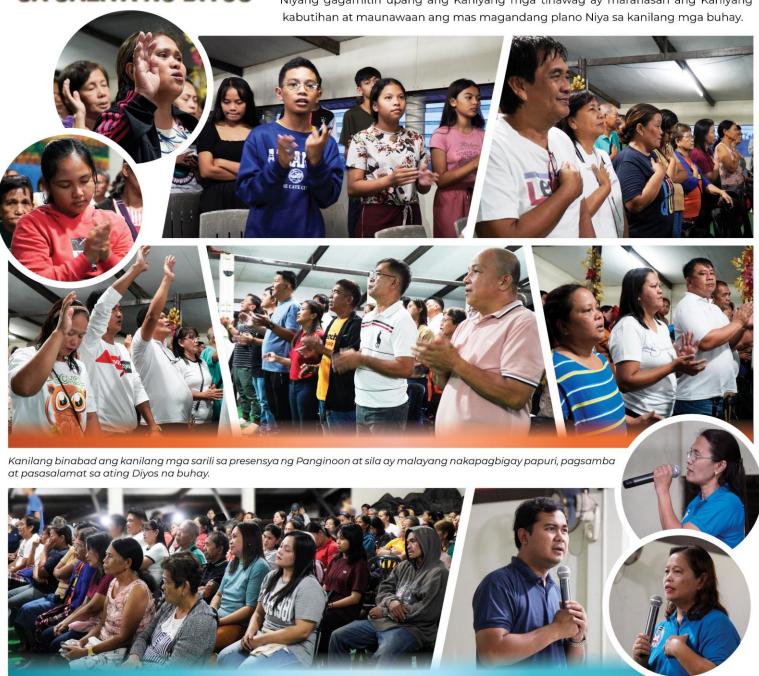
Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Return to Me," says the Lord of hosts, "and I will return to you," says the Lord of hosts.

Zechariah 1:3 (NKJV)

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Patuloy na nagpapahayag ng Salita ng Diyos ang mga lingkod ng Panginoon sa pamamagitan ng gawain ng Bible Study. Ang gawain ay nagpapatuloy upang ang mga dumadalo ay mataniman ng Salita ng Diyos. Dalangin ng mga manggagawa na ang mga kaluluwang ito ay makakilala ng lubusan sa ating Panginoong Hesus. Ang Bible Study ay isa ring paghahanda sa nalalapit na pagbubukas ng Sunday Worship Service sa Mt. Tabor Church. Sa patnubay ng Panginoon, ang Kaniyang ministeryo ay patuloy Niyang gagamitin upang ang Kaniyang mga tinawag ay maranasan ang Kaniyang kabutihan at maunawaan ang mas magandang plano Niya sa kanilang mga buhay.



Sa paglalim ng gabi ay ang kanila ring paglalim sa Salita ng Panginoon na ibinabahagi ni Associate Pastor Rev. Morrell Estrellado. Pagdating ng panahon, ang Panginoon din ang magpapatubo ng binhi ng Salita ng Diyos na naitatanim sa kanila.



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Pagkakaiza SA KALUWALHATIAN

NG DIYOS

a loob ng tatlong buwang konstruksiyon ay buong puso at sikap na nagpagal ang bawat boluntaryo manggagawa panambahan para pagpapalawak ng ministeryo ng Panginoon.

Bilang isang pamilya Panginoon ay malugod naghahanda ang isa ng mga espesval na presentasyong magtataas sa Ngalan ni Hesus. Ang Youth, Young Professionals at Adult Fellowship ay nagbibigay ng kanilang oras upang magsanay sa kanilang awitin para sa Church Inauguration sa Linggo, Setyembre 24. Maliban pa rito, ang magaganap na 21st Medical-Dental-Optical Outreach Mission ay puspusang pinaghahandaan na din. Patuloy pag-iimbita ang at pamimigay ng mga tiket na gagamitin ng mga benepisyaryo sa Setyembre 23 mula sa iba't ibang purok at barangay ng Cabuyao at Calamba, Laguna.

Isang kagila-gilalas muli ng Diyos pagkilos ang ating masasaksihan at mararanasan. Sa katapatan ng Diyos ay naaabot ng Kaniyang kabutihan at banal na Salita ang mga tunay na naghahanap sa Kaniya.







Patuloy ang paghahanda ng mga fellowship group para sa kanilang mga special number. Tampok dito ang ilang mga manggagawa at dumadalo ng Bible Study sa Mt. Tabor.







Noong Martes naman ay ipinagpatuloy ang pamimigay ng mga tiket para sa mga nais na makatanggap ng libreng serbisyong medikal, dental at optikal sa outreach mission sa darating na Sabado.



Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the Lord, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.

Isaiah 55:7 (NKJV)

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come from the heart, and they defile a man. ¹⁹For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. ²⁰These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man."

Conclusion

If people participate in church services, follow all the rituals perfectly and religiously, and thought to themselves that those things will represent their hearts' faith, they are mistaken. Any person, even unbelievers, can have the appearance of being devout.

Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

If the heart is not cleansed, any form of work means nothing.

If people are trying to legitimize ways of not obeying or doing what Jesus' commanded, then their hearts need cleansing.

Jeremiah 17: 5, 9-10

⁵Thus says the Lord: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man And makes flesh his strength, Whose heart departs from the Lord. ⁵"The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? ¹⁰I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings."

People say, "Trust your heart," but the scriptures say, "The heart is deceitful above all things."

Do not trust your heart. Trust God and His words.

Proverbs 4:20-22

²⁰My son, give attention to my

words; Incline your ear to my sayings. ²¹Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; ²²For they are life to those who find them,

And health to all their flesh.

God is more concerned with what we actually are than what our outward performance looks like.



Write the points to remember from the sermon as you seek God in your life.











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