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**The body of Christ in Africa and the world should
be a body that focuses on enlightenment and
encouragement in the scriptures.**



...they received the word with all readiness of
mind, and searched the scriptures daily,
whether those things were so."

CHRIST IS COMING SOON AND WILL REIGN ON EARTH

SID JONES,

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GODS PLAN SIMPLY STATED

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God’s plan is difficult to reduce to a simple statement. He has made it as it is to see who will search for him with all their heart, as he says in **Jer 29:13** And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

God created the earth as we know it, and man upon it to have a population who would recognize Him as the example of perfection, and who would manifest his wonderful character.

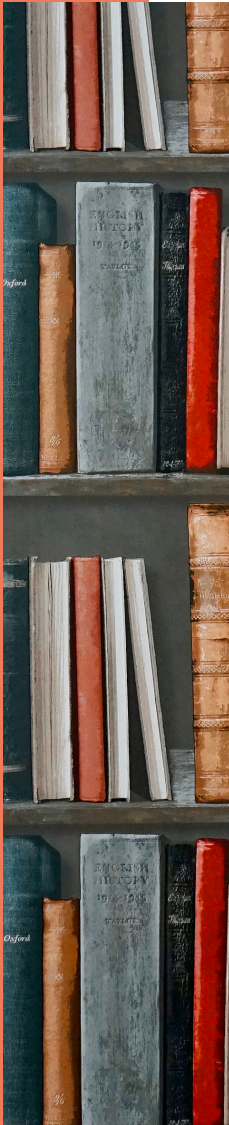
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This required creating a race with their own choices, and a law to show their need to come to him for forgiveness and for salvation eventually. From the beginning God knew he had created a being which would have within him a natural rebellion against his God.

But God also provided both a saviour and a teacher in his son Jesus Christ.

Jesus taught not only by the things he said during his ministry, but also by the things which he did, the attitude he displayed, and the character he manifested, which is that of his Father.

In scripture, those who followed him and became like him were called his disciples. The meaning of the word translated disciples in our English Bibles, means “learners”



This gives us the idea and example of how we need to observe him, and his Father, to see what we are called to become. It is well to know the doctrines of the truth, they are important. But do we know our God? Do we know our saviour Jesus Christ? Can we manifest their character without knowing who they are? It is important for us to make it our goal to know them, and to manifest in our own lives those things which characterize them. It is just as important to know and to become manifestations of God and of Jesus, as it is to know the doctrines of the truth.

We are told in Genesis that God made man in His image, and when Jesus had his disciple show him a coin, he told them that the coin should be rendered to Caesar since it had Caesar's image printed upon it. But the real message was that we should render unto God those things that represent His image. If we arrive at the judgement of Christ in the last day, and we are not a manifestation of Him in our character to the best of our ability, will he not say to us,

“I don't recognize you”, as he said in parable about those who laid claim to having preached in his name, and done many mighty works in his name, “ I never knew you”?

Matt 7:20-27

Let us make every effort to become. Become what? To become the very image of our God and of his son Christ Jesus. So that he may recognize us as his in the last day. This requires us to do unto others, and for others, as we've had done for us. We have been the beneficiaries of a love that withheld not even the giving of his life, as Jesus, and that of his only begotten son whom he loved, in the case of our God Yahweh. How can we then, think and speak evil of one another, and fail to extend our love to one another? How then can exist envy and jealousy and the grudges that characterize relations between those who know not God?

This is the God who created not men and women who had been given no choice but to do His will, but he gave mankind the choice, and when the choice was made to disobey, he did not just stamp out the first man and woman, but extended his patience to them and described to them the way back into fellowship with their God. He offered them forgiveness, he allowed them to reproduce others of their kind, so that he could extend this grace to all of them, and have the opportunity, not to arrest their lives, not to force their attention and obedience to himself, but that he might win their hearts!

Does he have my heart and yours? He leaves us no reason to be otherwise. Let us become manifestations of him, let us exercise the love and kindness and selflessness that he has, and he will know us and embrace us as his own, invited to serve with him for eternity! If only we can become.



About us

THE BEREAN

Christadelphian



April Readings

- Numbers
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Bible study groups

Let us study the Bible online, together. We have different Bible study groups, that works best for each of us. If we study the Bible together on WhatsApp, Zoom and in our gatherings, we learn from each other.



Fellowships

Where does the Berean Christadelphians derive their doctrines from?



Our Ecclesias in the world

Ahsante kwa Kazi to Ecclesia in Kenya, Malawi, Zambia, Uganda, Tanzania, USA, Canada, Mozambique, Australia and Papa New Guinea.

Acts 17:10

Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

Joshua 5:15 addresses the importance of humility, reverence and dependance on God when encountering his presence. Joshua is instructed to take off his sandals, emphasizing the holy nature of the place and the need for reverence in God's presence. This underscores the need to recognize God's authority and submission to His will.

HUMILITY AND SUBMISSION.

Joshua acknowledges in humility and reverence by falling on his face and worshipping. In like manner let us be humble and respond to God's instruction to man. Let us recognize our own limitations and depend on God's leadership.

IMPORTANCE OF HOLY LIVING

Removing his sandals depicts a practice typically done before entering a sacred place by some believers, sometimes we do it to keep our houses clean. In like manner let us approach God with reverence and humility as our ultimate authority. We should recognize the fact we are not called to live in our own strength but to rely on God's guidance and power.

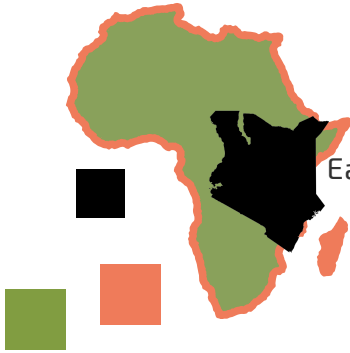
This verse encourages us that even in the face of daunting challenges, God's present and power are sufficient. It reminds us that God's faithfulness extends to all circumstances and we can trust in his provision and leadership. Why worry when you can pray?

"Ask anything in my name and I will do it"

John 14:14. Jesus assures his disciples and by extension, us who are his brothers and sisters.

Kimkung'i Ecclesia
Sis. Faith



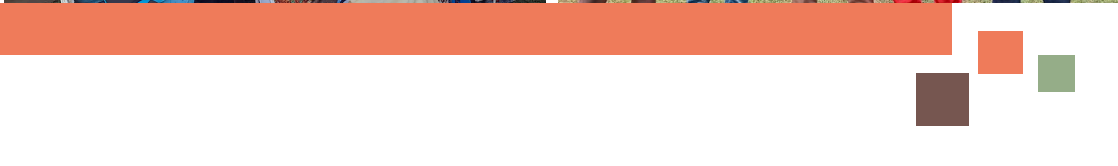


East Africa Ecclesia Gatherings

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KIMUKUNG'I ANNUAL GATHERING



Bro. Robert Obaye

Kenya

The act of Jesus washing His disciples' feet, as recorded in John 13:1-17, is a profound and humbling moment, rich with spiritual lessons that continue to inspire and guide believers today. Here are key lessons drawn from this act:

True Leadership is Servant-Leadership

Jesus, the Son of God and Teacher, stooped to perform a task typically reserved for servants. He demonstrated that greatness in the Kingdom of God is found in serving others with humility. Leaders are called to lead by example, not with authority or pride, but with a willingness to care for the needs of others.

John 13:14-15: *"If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you."*

Humility Bridges Relationships

Jesus' act reminds us to let go of pride and self-importance, especially in relationships. By washing the disciples' feet, He embraced humility, showing that no task is beneath us when it comes to serving others and fostering unity.

Love Expressed Through Action

This act was an expression of Jesus' deep love for His disciples. True love is demonstrated in action, not just in words. Washing their feet was a physical manifestation of His love, teaching that serving others is a form of expressing compassion and care.

John 13:1: *"Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end."*

Setting an Example for Believers

Jesus urged His disciples to follow His example by serving one another. It was a call to embrace a life of humility, love, and selflessness—a lifestyle that reflects God's will and builds stronger communities.

John 13:16-17: *"Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them"*

The story of Jesus washing His disciples' feet is a timeless reminder that serving others with humility and love is central to every believer's life. It challenges believers to emulate Christ's selflessness and to seek spiritual purity and unity within the body of Christ.



THE ISRAELITES JOURNEY

SIS. KATRAY AMBOGO

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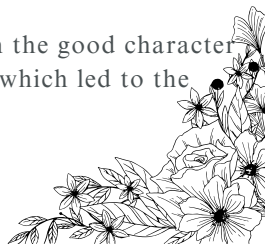
Throughout their journey, we see the Israelites worship God, mess up, experience God's discipline, mess up again and experience God's blessings and healing.

The Israelites took over 40 years to end their journey which could have taken few days to Israel because of their lack of faith and disobedience when faced with prospect of entering the promised land, leading God to punish them by forcing them to wander in the wilderness until a new generation, more faithful, arose. **Deuteronomy 1:2**

Numbers 14:23 likewise if we prove to be doubting Thomases we might wander in life and even stay stagnant in our journey to Zionwards for a long time until we die, and those who believe in God's work may live to witness and see the kingdom that will be established by Christ.

Numbers 14:6-7 let's be like Joshua and Caleb, the two spies who had faith in God's promise and encourage our fellow brethren to trust the process. God had space in his heart to forgive the wrongs the Israelites committed, are we so special that when a brethren makes a mistake we can't forgive? No, in fact we should be ready to forgive without getting tired and encourage them to press on.

Joshua 21:1-24 For the sisters in Christ let us learn the good character which was depicted by Rahab of welcoming the spies which led to the Israelites eventual conquest of the land.



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What resonates most with you from this lesson? I'd love to know your thoughts.



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Israel: God's Timepiece in the Last Days

There imes, brothers and sisters, when we gaze at the world surrounding us and feel the deep stirring of prophecy. And perhaps there is no clearer place for such evidence than Israel. A small nation, smaller still than many of our countries, yet it sits at the epicenter of God's purpose, just as He placed it from the beginning. Israel is not just another country in an endless political drama; it is God's timepiece, set long ago, quietly ticking towards the final seconds of this current world. Unaffected by time, the promises made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were not meaningless statements. They came from the great, eternal God who cannot lie.

God bound Himself in a covenant of forever with Israel. Though they sinned, wandered, and have suffered unimaginable persecutions and dispossessions throughout many centuries, they never vanished out of God's heart and mind. Even as the prophets assured Israel of scattering and desolation, they also reminded of a return. No despair of dry bones taking on breath and life again. No despair of a land lying in near ruin turning into a land blossoming as a rose.

We see it. We have seen it. In our lifetime or in the lifetime of those just before us, the State of Israel was born. 1948 was the year that the impossible happened. Today, despite enemies all around, despite hatred nearly everywhere on the planet, Israel is here. Against all human wisdom, they survive. They thrive. Not because of their own power, but because of the hand of God working invisibly, powerfully, and undeniably.

And yet, their survival is not without cost. As I write these words, the land is once again in turmoil. In Gaza, thousands have perished in a bitter war against Hamas. Hezbollah breathes threats from the north. Missiles fly from distant lands. The nations wring their hands and hold conferences, but no peace comes. And the world's anger against Israel grows ever sharper. Zechariah's words echo loudly in our ears: "I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people." We are watching it happen.

But we are not called to fear. We are called to watch and to believe. These troubles are not the end; they are the signs that the end is near. The rising waves of hatred, the coalition of nations against Israel, the calls for their extermination—it has all been foretold. Ezekiel spoke about it. Daniel warned us about it. And the Lord Jesus Himself spoke of it and told us that in those days, when we see these things, we should lift our heads, for our redemption is near.

Very soon, brethren and sisters, the great invasion will come. Gog will come down, and it will look, for a moment, like the light of Israel may finally be put out. But it won't be. God will roar from Zion. The Lord Jesus Christ will return with power and great glory.

He will fight for His people. He will save the tents of Judah first. He will stand on the Mount of Olives, and the ground will split and tear below His feet. And the people of Israel—mournful, hurt, and humbled—will see Him whom they pierced. And they will mourn, and they will be healed!

And we if God wills it, will stand with Him. Changed, clothed with immortality, part of that glorious multitude that brings peace at last to a weary earth. The Kingdom will come. The law will go forth from Jerusalem. The nations will learn war no more. These things are real. They are not dreams. They are not stories far away. They are our hope, and they are close to us. So do not let us be discouraged by what we are seeing. Do not let us be shaken by the darkness.

Let us remember who we are, sons and daughters of the living God, heirs of his promises, children of Abraham by faith. Let us press into watching Israel carefully, but not with the eyes of the world. Let us watch with faith. With hope. With longing. Knowing that every news story and every event, every challenge and every call for peace is a heartbeat closer to the Kingdom.

And as we look, let us pray, often and earnestly.
"Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

African Berean Ecclesia

News & Events

The Berean Christadelphian
December gathering will take place
in Kamukuywa, Bungoma Kenya

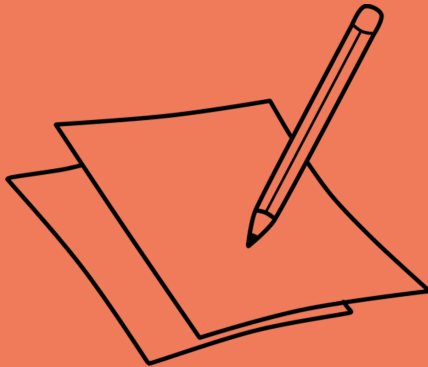
The dates are **December 11-14, 2025.**

Topic: Book of Daniel

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Continue next month should the Lord will.
