

Feltham Evangelical Church

A Bible-based church making known the Christian Faith

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Calendar

w/c 27th September

Sun 27th 9.30.am - Lord's Supper
(Dmitri Filchev)

Sun 27th 11.00.am - Morning
Worship (Ravin Pradham)

Sun 27th 5.00.pm. - Evening
Service (Philip Venables)

Tues 29th 9.30.am - Prayer
Meeting

Wed 30th 7.30.pm. - Prayer /
Bible Study / Report (Rob
Goodgame)

Thurs 1st 6.30.am - Prayer
Meeting

Sat 3rd 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

w/c 4th October

Sun 4th 9.30.am - Lord's Supper
(Philip Venables)

Sun 4th 11.00.am - Morning
Worship (Philip Venables)

Sun 4th 5.00.pm - Evening Service
(Robin Asgher)

Tues 6th 9.30.am - Prayer
Meeting

Wed 7th 7.30.pm - Prayer / Bible
Study (Acts 1:1-11).

Thurs 8th 6.30.am - Prayer
Meeting

Sat 10th 9.00.pm. - Prayer
Meeting

w/c 11th October

Sun 11th 9.30.am - Lord's Supper
(Philip Venables)

Sun 11th 11.00.am - Harvest
Thanksgiving (Philip Venables)

Sun 11th 5.00.pm. - Evening
Service (Joe Shoko)

Tues 13th 9.30.am - Prayer
Meeting

Wed 14th 7.30.pm - Prayer / Bible
Study (Mark Henderson)

Thurs 15th 6.30.am - Prayer
Meeting

Sat 17th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

w/c 18th October

Sun 18th 9.30.am - Lord's Supper
(Dmitri Flichev)

Sun 18th 11.00.am - Morning
Worship (Andrew Heron)

Sun 18th 5.00.pm - Evening
Service (Roger Lindie)

Tues 20th 9.30.am - Prayer
Meeting

Tues 20th 7.00.pm - Leadership
Meeting

Wed 21st 7.30.pm - Mission
Prayer / Bible Study (Andrew
Heron)

Thurs 22nd 6.30.am - Prayer
Meeting

Sat 24th 9.00.pm. - Prayer
Meeting

w/c 25th October

Sun 25th 9.30.am - Lord's Supper
(Philip Venables)

Sun 25th 11.00.am - Morning
Worship (Philip Venables)

Sun 25^h 5.00.pm - Evening
Service (Philip Venables)

Tues 27th 9.30.am - Prayer
Meeting.

Wed 28th 7.30.pm - Prayer / Bible
Study (Acts 1:12-26)

Thurs 29th 6.30.am - Prayer
Meeting

Sat 31st 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

News

Andrew Heron is preaching at Berrymede Evangelical Church on the morning of October 4th.

Michael Venables started a new job teaching Maths in Manchester on September 1st.

Ruramai Hosanna Grace Mushambadzi was born to Lloyd and Luna on September 9th. We pray the Lord's great blessing on them as a family.

Daniel and Josh Venables and Kai and Isla Henderson move to new phases of their education this autumn. Kai and Isla are now home educated whilst Daniel commences studying Physics at Worcester College, Oxford and Josh is doing a year-long course with Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics.

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Spiritual Notes

The King in The Cave

In Psalm 57 we are reminded that the call to big service and big living for God do not exempt us from big suffering. In fact it is God's purpose, very often, to take us through big suffering so that we see our smallness and know the bigness of God and are thereby in a healthy state for big living and serving.

In this psalm we find David, the anointed king, in a cave. The incumbent king, Saul, hates him and life seems bleak. What are we to do when God's purpose for us seems thwarted and life seems to be going nowhere as we suffer at the hands of self-seeking men?

The first thing we must do is turn to God; this is what David does in v1. And as we turn to God we must know that He is a God of mercy. Life has taught David to know that this is the place to go to. The merciful God is the place of refuge and protection. As we complete v1 we also note that David believes the storms do not last forever; they pass. So amidst the trials of life the place to go to is a person. He is God our Lord; for us He is our Lord Jesus. He is our merciful and faithful High Priest.

But v2 would remind us that this is not just a passive retreat. There is a crying out to God Most High, knowing that waiting for the storm to pass is actually part of God's purpose to mould and develop David's (and our) characters. As these things dawn on his soul David also realises that the Lord is actually active in the difficulties of life (see v3). As with David we also have a God of steadfast love and faithfulness. It is to this God that we must turn and know that He saves me, even me. Our enemies will be put to shame.

With David having stabilized His soul and seen God's purpose, he can then come to the pain of his situation. We must learn this lesson ourselves. To go to our pain immediately will likely lead us into a spiral of despair. But to go to God immediately can lead us to look at our pain and not be overwhelmed by it. So in v4 David calmly, but accurately recounts the malicious intent of his enemies, but, because he has been to God first, he is not overwhelmed.

In fact his immediate response is quite phenomenal; it is to praise. In v 5 we have full-on delight in God. The big issue from David is not to dwell on His problems. It is rather to promote God as much as we can. We must remember to do that. **Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!** (v5) should be regularly on our lips.

The second part of the psalm vv6-11 sees David journeying on through the attacks of his enemies. We see in v6 that David was deeply affected by the schemes and manoeuvrings of his enemies. However, he had seen them fall into the pit they had dug for him. Those who like David, stand with faith in God will know that their enemies are God's enemies. As God's enemies they will not succeed.

In vv7-10 we see David stabilizing and progressing. It is as if, whether he is still in the cave or not, this will be the pattern of life he wants to have. It is, amidst the difficulties of life, to stabilize himself in the love of God and then go on to progress in and through the praise of God.

The entering in to the praise of God is a something determined upon by David. It is as if, he says: *I am going to get the harp and lyre and nothing is stopping me* (see v8). He is going to get them in order to get on with praising his God. All of the praise that he then enters into with the acquired instruments is on account of the love that has stabilized his soul. He knows in v10 that God is full of steadfast love and faithfulness. He then mentions about the heavens and the clouds. It is as if David is saying that nothing can stop him knowing these abiding God given commitments into His life. God is for him and so nothing can stand against him.

So he will praise among the peoples and the nations (see v9). His praise is in many ways evangelistic. He wants to make known to others the greatness of God. Satan hates it when the people of the Lord get praising. But how the Lord loves it. Let us then determine to praise the Lord.

At this point we need to ponder upon our own knowledge of, and response to, the steadfast love of the Lord. If David knew these things how much more should we know him as we see the love of God displayed in the sending of our Lord Jesus into this world. When we see that His coming meant Him dying for our sins to bear our judgment we should be overwhelmed with thanks. When we see Jesus and look at calvary, we are sure that our God is full of steadfast love and faithfulness. Oh how worthy of praise He is.

As a church and individually we should be keen and determined to pursue our singing out of praise to God. Getting to your hymn book or favourite praise songs can be so important for our spiritual stabilizing and thriving.

David finally reiterates v5 and sets God on high. In this he is establishing a pattern. The pattern is that whatever we go through we should always be ending up with a pion of praise to our God.

(Many thoughts in this article have been prompted by the Bible Study led by Andrew Heron on September 23rd 2020)