



VERNON DAVIS MINISTRIES

Voice To The Nations

Blow the trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm in My Holy mountain! (Joël 2:1)

Newsletter

Dear partner,

“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”

Matthew 7:13-14



Most people are familiar with this verse in Scripture. I think the best way to find out what these narrow and/or broad ways are, is to look at the explanation of the one who wrote it. In this case, Jesus Himself. Then maybe it is better to listen to the whole sermon of Jesus. As mentioned above, the way that leads to life is narrow, not easy. For many it is already difficult to read that whole sermon. That famous ‘Sermon on the mount’ starts at chapter 5 and ends at the end of chapter 7. Now that is a problem in this time that we are living in. Our lives are so hectic, that we actually do not have time anymore for what really matters. Jesus’ life on earth was also hectic. And yet, He knew He wouldn’t survive if He did not seek His Father and draw His strength from Him. He knew He would be quickened by spending time with His Father, more than if He would use that time to sleep or ‘relax’. I am not saying we should not sleep, but there are times when we need to sacrifice. If you know how dependent you are on God, how you have to, and want to, stay connected to the source, Jesus Christ, you will fight for your time alone with Him. You will take time to be in the Word. If He comes first in your life, you will also desire to know Him more and more. How can we ever get to know God better, without the Word of God?

Interesting, that right after verses 13 and 14 Jesus starts to talk about false prophets. Verse 15 *“Beware*

of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.”

There are a lot of doctrines at this moment that directly contradict this teaching of Jesus. Now, I could write down a whole list of all these contradictions, but honestly, a lot has been prophesied in the Bible, in the Old as well as in the New Testament, about the last days. One of them says that there will be many false teachers and prophets, but also that people will want the preachers who tell them what they like to hear.

Jesus said in John 7:17 that if anyone has the will to do the will of God, he shall know whether the teaching comes from God or not. If we want to know the will of God, and do not want to be misled, we will have to check everything in the Word of God. If we feel quite comfortable with every wind of doctrine, and I mean, if our flesh feels comfortable with every teaching that comes across on the internet, according to Paul we are still babies. Now I can go and explain why something is not right, but, him that has ears to hear, let him hear.

Let us check our priorities and make time for the Word of God. Let us search ourselves. ‘Do I really want to know God’s opinion? Only then will the Holy Spirit be able to convince us of the Truth. He is also the One Who will help us on that narrow, difficult way. The same way Jesus went, Whom we truly love to follow!

Mission trips

Malaysia

On 10 May Vernon and Matthew arrived back in Holland, after three weeks of mission in Malaysia. It could become a bit boring, but again people were healed, delivered and saved by the power of God. At a pastors’ meeting there was a pastor who suffered from a tumor at her spine. Because of the tumor the spine had moved, and caused a lot of pain. She could hardly sit on a chair, covered with a few pillows. The

Lord healed her. The next day she came to testify that all the pain was gone, and she could walk normally again.

We really serve a living God, Who loves the people whom, after all, He Himself has created. God wants all men to be saved, but that choice He has given to us.

Report mission trip Malaysia, by Matthew Hall:

We live in a country where everything is going fast. Many Christians in the Netherlands don't even have the time anymore to enjoy God's Presence. Due to the prosperity in Holland, many Christians have fallen asleep, because of all the comfort. They are not standing still at the fact that we are serving a living God. A God Who has shown signs and wonders, and still does.

I was going to Malaysia, not knowing what was awaiting us. But even before we arrived in Malaysia I started to notice that we are not only dealing with the world as we see it, but there is a lot more to it. A ground stewardess was touched by the Presence of the Holy Spirit, without us even saying one word about God or the Word. All we wanted to do, was get our luggage checked in and arrange different seats! Praise God!

Life is not easy for the Christians in Malaysia, but I saw that God brought the Word at the right season. He spoke directly to the people over there. God was healing many people. A man in Klang got healed of Alzheimer. And in Ipoh God healed a man with a crack in his spine. I can go on and tell so many more things that I have experienced, for God revealed Himself every day. But most important is, that we should experience these things on a daily basis.

During the time I was there, I became aware of the fact that God has armed us with His Word and His Spirit. A weapon more powerful than any resistance that the devil and the world have to offer. We got into various situations that I would never experience in Holland, and though I did not experience enough yet, I believe that we as Christians have to learn to walk in the power of the Word. By obedience, discipline, endurance, until God fulfills His Word in us through

ministry. I believe this is an experience every Christian should experience at least once. Take a step out of the comfort of Holland, and see the needs of the people.

Matthew Hall

We pray, that you may enjoy some holy-days, with extra time for the Word.

In Christ,
Vernon & Ans

Agenda

Here is part of our schedule. **Please always check the website or Facebook for the complete current schedule, or ask us by e-mail.**

Voice to the Nations	
Friday 3, 10 August	19.30 h
Sunday 5, 12 August	10.30 h
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