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Devotion by the Youth: Psalms 61 & 62

Sheltering and Resting in God



Scripture

"I long to dwell in Your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of Your wings" — Psalm 61:4

Observation

Often times when the psalmist writes down a place where he longs to dwell in God's presence, the word sanctuary, house, or temple is often used. But for 61v4,

the psalmist uses the word 'tent'. This is by far the only occurrence where God's dwelling can be found in a place characterized as a tent. But what is so significant about God's dwelling in a tent?

2 Samuel: 5-6 - (and this was when David proposed the idea to build a temple for the Lord, and God replies) "Are you the one to build



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me a house to dwell in? I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling"

Application

God's dwelling place in a tent, reminds us that God is always moving. Wherever he went, Israel followed in obedience. Wherever he stopped, Israel also stopped in obedience.

This is a reminder to me that God's dwelling place is not only a place for me to take refuge and find comfort, but also a direction where the Lord would lead me. Do I long like how the psalmist longs? Do I long to travel alongside God and follow his lead? Or am I bound by my comforts that I cling on to?



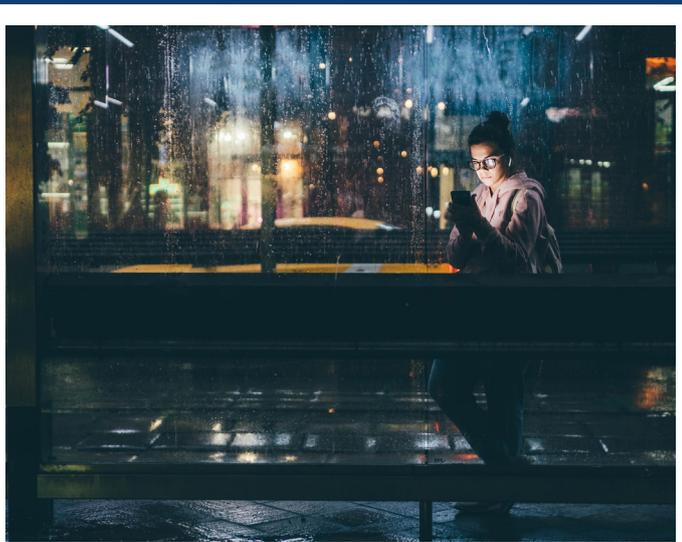
Prayer

Wherever you'll go, I'll go. Give me the strength to not only pronounce that, but to uphold that statement. How fragile am I to cling to temporary comforts? Am I not moved by your grace and mercy that you've shown me day after day? Give me a heart that longs to dwell in your tent, even if it means to get myself out from my comfort zone. Give me strength, In Jesus name, Amen



By Ivan Khoo

Ivan serves in the Youth Ministry and Campus Ministry with roles such as the discussion leader



Scripture

"Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from Him. Truly He is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress, I will not be shaken." — Psalm 62:5-6

Application

Everyone has their personal turmoils, and it gets tiring to hold up everything and keep pushing on, especially with the pandemic being the barrier to many things. There might be times where you seek for peace and comfort in places that are not confined to the four walls of your home. Never-ending stress and pressure from studies or work can make you think "when can I rest?", "where can I rest?", "is there even time to rest?"

When you feel everything is on the verge of breaking, I hope this passage will provide the response you have been seeking. It is a reminder that He is always there, unwavering. Draw strength from Him, find rest in Him.



Prayer

Dear God, thank you for being my pillar. Sometimes we forget your presence and fought with our own strength instead. Thank you for reminding me that you never left; that whenever I'm tired, I can find rest in you. Amen



By Joelle Chong

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PrayerSpotlight

Prayer for the Church, The Coming State Elections, Prayer for The Nation

The prayer items below are from the letter sent by NECF Secretary-General, Rev Sam Ang, to all the churches in Malaysia.

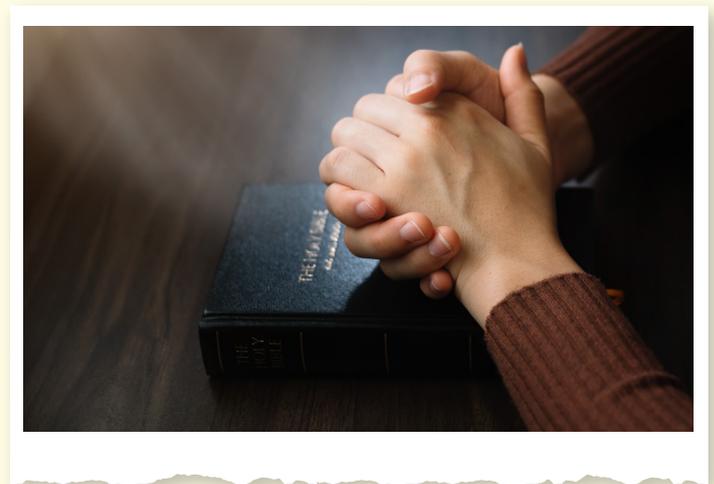
Prayer for the Church

Personal Revival, Revival in your church, and Revival in your city

Let's pray for a Christ awakening in our lives, families and churches, where the Spirit of God uses God's Word to reawaken us back to Christ for all that He is and what He has done! Let's cry out for revival to break out in our cities where many people will repent and believe in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

The destiny of the Malaysian Church will align to God's will and purpose. She will thus not be distracted, discouraged and confused. Every church has her specific calling and her greatest desire should be to ensure that she fulfils her destiny and the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19-20).

Challenging times are expected to confront the Church in the last days. Let's pray that the church will have boldness to preach the gospel without fear and favour as the Lord opens the floodgates to lost souls to receive salvation into the Kingdom of God.



Prayer for the coming State Elections

Six (6) states will be holding their respective elections sometime in August. The outcome of the elections will have great bearing on the Unity Government. We need to pray that they will be clean and fair, with the outcome accepted by all parties involved.

Pray that voters will not be complacent and adopt a careless attitude, but make every effort to go all out to vote.

Churches in these states will recognize that there is a spiritual warfare going on in the heavenlies above, and we need divine intervention for us in order to witness the move of God.

Prayer for the Nation

Pray that the Lord will be merciful to Malaysia, a nation that He loves and blesses as evidenced by the many good and great things that Malaysia has been commended with. The undercurrents that the Nation faces are both racial and religious issues that have been exploited by some undesirable elements. Pray for the peace of the Lord to prevail in this Nation.

Pray for the Unity Government that has been functioning for the last 6 months. It is about time that it seriously tackles the economic issues, especially inflation with wisdom, clarity and confidence. Malaysia's external debt was recently announced to have reached RM 1.5 trillion. The government needs to create an atmosphere of confidence for foreign investments and tourism to thrive in this nation.

Pray for the Security Forces to be always alert, vigilant and ready to protect the nation from any party bent on exploiting racial and religious sentiments to create chaos. In this regard, we will witness clean and fair state elections that will affirm stability for the government of the day.

