PULPIT MINISTRY AUGUST 2007

Theme: Magnify the Lord

Anniversary Service at RCCC on 25 August 2007

Title: "Magnify the LORD with me"

Text: Psalm 34

(I) CALL TO MAGNIFY GOD'S NAME

"Oh, magnify the LORD with me, And let us exalt His name together." **Psalm 34:3**

1. Personal conviction

"I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make its boast in the LORD; The humble shall hear of it and be glad." **Psalm 34:1-2**

2. Public celebration

- "...The humble shall hear of it and be glad." Psalm 34:2b
- "...let us exalt His name together." Psalm 34:3b

(II) COMPELLING REASONS TO MAGNIFY GOD'S NAME

1. For hearing our prayers

"I sought the LORD, and He heard me..." Psalm 34:4a

"This poor man cried out, and the LORD heard him..." Psalm 34:6a

"The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears..." Psalm 34:17a

2. For delivering us out of tight situations

- a) From fears
- "...delivered me from all my fears." Psalm 34:4b
- b) From troubles
- "...saved him out of all his troubles." Psalm 34:6
- c) From afflictions

"Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the LORD delivers him out of them all." **Psalm 34:19**

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3. For His commitment to stand by all who fear him

- a) Loving watchful eyes
- "The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous..." Psalm 34:15a
- b) Gracious Attentive ears
- "...His ears are open to their cry." Psalm 34:15b
- c) For His closeness to all who are humble
- "The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart..." Psalm 34:18a
- d) For His salvation/redemption
- "...And saves such as have a contrite spirit." Psalm 34:18b
- e) For the Goodness that is in God
- "...the LORD is good..." Psalm 34:8a

(III) CHALLENGES THAT MUST BE GIVEN DUE CONSIDERATION

1. Invitation to experience the reality of God

"Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good..." Psalm 34:8a

"The LORD redeems the soul of His servants..." Psalm 34:22

2. Encouragement to trust God

"...Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!" Psalm 34:8b

3. Endeavouring to cultivate a great sense of respect for God

"Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD." **Psalm 34:11**

MORNING WORSHIP

5 August 2007

Title: "I will magnify Him with thanksgiving"

Text: Psalm 69

MANIFOLD DISTRESSES IN LIFE

1. Deep waters

"I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing; I have come into deep waters, Where the floods overflow me" Psalm 69:2

2. Tears

"I am weary with my crying;

My throat is dry;

My eyes fail while I wait for my God" Psalm 69:3

3. Enemies

"Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head;
They are mighty who would destroy me,
Being my enemies wrongfully..." Psalm 69:4

4. Foolishness

"O God, You know my foolishness; and my sins are not hidden from You" Psalm 69:5

5. Reproach

"Because for Your sake I have borne reproach;

Shame has covered my face" Psalm 69:7

Because zeal for Your house has eaten me up, And the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me" Psalm 69:9

MAINTAINING FAITH IN GOD

1. Choosing to Pray

"But as for me, my prayer is to You..." Psalm 69:13

2. Exercising Trust

"O LORD, in the acceptable time;
O God, in the multitude of Your mercy,
Hear me in the truth of Your salvation" Psalm 69:13b

3. Pleading the lovingkindness of God

"Hear me, O LORD, for Your lovingkindness is good;
Turn to me according to the multitude of Your tender mercies" Psalm 69:16
MAGNIFYING THE LORD WITH THANKSGIVING

1. Praising God

"I will praise the name of God with a song" Psalm 69:30a

2. Magnifying God

"And will magnifying Him with thanksgiving" Psalm 69:30b

3. Pleasing God

"This also shall please the LORD better than an ox or bull..." Psalm 69:31a

MORNING WORSHIP

12 August 2007

Title: "Let God be magnified"

Text: Psalm 70

19 August 2007 MORNING WORSHIP

Title: "You have magnified Your word above Your name"

Text: Psalm 138

MORNING WORSHIP

26 August 2007

Post-Anniversary Sunday- Combined Worship- All Worship Services (Including the Children) Title: "Bless the LORD, O my soul"

Text: Psalm 103

EVENING WORSHIP

"The LORD be magnified" 05.08.07 M/M

Text: Psalm 40

12.08.07 "My soul magnifies the Lord" CT Text: Luke 1:46-55

19.08.07 "Christ will be magnified in my body" KG

Text: Philippians 1:12-26

26.08.07

Combined Worship - All Worship Services (Including Children)

TEENS WORSHIP

05.08.07 "The LORD be magnified" QLY

Text: Psalm 40

12.08.07 "I will magnify Him with thanksgiving" M/M

Text: Psalm 69

19.08.07 "Christ will be magnified in my body" LCH

Text: Philippians 1:12-26

26.08.07

Combined Worship- All worship services (Including Children)

BILINGUAL WORSHIP

05.08.07 Beware the hardening of heart CT

Text: Psalm 95

12.08.07 Declare His glory SM

Text: Psalm 96

19.08.07 Ascribing all glory to God KG

Text: Psalm 96

26.08.07 Combined worship

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

05.08.07

Title: Looking back
Text: 1 Kings 8:12-21
CW I M/M
CW II KG

12.08.07

Title: Praying humbly
Text: 1 Kings 8:22-53
CW I RG
CW II TG

19.08.07

Title: Replying to Prayers offered

Text: 1 Kings 9:1-9
CW I TPH
CW II TSL

26.08.07 Combined Worship