

## MORNING WORSHIP

28 October 2007

Title: "Who is wise? Who is prudent?"

Text: Hosea 14

### (I) AN APPEAL TO BE WISE AND PRUDENT

*"Who is wise?*

*Let him understand these things.*

*Who is prudent?*

*Let him know them.*

*For the ways of the LORD are right;*

*The righteous walk in them,*

*But transgressors stumble in them." Hosea 14:9*

#### 1. Appeal for Understanding

#### 2. Appeal for Prudence

#### 3. Appeal to walk in the ways of the Lord

### (II) THE ROAD TO WISDOM AND PRUDENCE

#### 1. Returning to the Lord

*"O Israel, return to the LORD your God..." Hosea 14:1a*

#### 2. Acknowledging of iniquity

*"...For you have stumbled because of your iniquity" Hosea 14:1b*

#### 3. Pleading with the Lord humbly

*"Take words with you,*

*And return to the LORD.*

*Say to Him,*

*'Take away all iniquity;*

*Receive us graciously,*

*For we will offer the sacrifices of our lips.' " Hosea 14:2*

*"...For in You the fatherless finds mercy." Hosea 14:3f*

#### 4. Rejection of human precepts

*"Assyria shall not save us,*

*We will not ride on horses.*

*Nor will we say anymore to the work of our hands,*

*'You are our gods'..." Hosea 14:3*

### (II) WONDERFUL PROMISES FROM GOD

### **1. Backsliding problem healed**

*"I will heal their backsliding..." Hosea 14:4a*

### **2. Full love**

*"...I will love them freely..." Hosea 14:4b*

### **3. No more anger**

*"...For My anger has turned away from him" Hosea 14:4c*

### **4. New beginning**

*"I will be like the dew to Israel;  
He shall grow up like the lily,  
And lengthen his roots like Lebanon." Hosea 14:5*

### **5. New Hope**

*"His branches shall spread;  
His beauty shall be like an olive tree,  
And His fragrance like Lebanon." Hosea 14:6*

## **BILINGUAL WORSHIP**

**7 October 2007**

Title: "Serve the Lord with gladness"

Text: Psalm 100

### **A GREAT CHALLENGE- GENERAL**

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| 1. To make a joyful shout to the Lord        | Psalm 100:1  |
| 2. To serve the Lord with gladness           | Psalm 100:2a |
| 3. To come before His presence with singing  | Psalm 100:2b |
| 4. To enter into His gates with thanksgiving | Psalm 100:4a |
| 5. To be thankful to Him                     | Psalm 100:5a |
| 6. To bless His name                         | Psalm 100:5b |

### **A GREAT CHALLENGE- PERSONAL**

1. To serve the Lord
2. To serve the Lord with gladness
3. To serve the Lord with thanksgiving

### **A GREAT MANY LESSONS LEARNED ALONG THE WAY**

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| 1. Knowledge of the Lord as God<br><i>"Know that the LORD, He is God..."</i>                          | <i>Psalm 100:3a</i> |
| 2. Knowledge of the Lord as Creator<br><i>"It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves"</i>        | Psalm 100:3b        |
| 3. Knowledge of self... discovered along the way<br><i>"It is He who has made us..."</i>              | Psalm 100:3b        |
| 4. Knowledge of God's relationship with us<br><i>"We are His people and the sheep of His pasture"</i> | Psalm 100:3c        |
| 5. Knowledge of special attributes of the Lord<br>a) <i>"For the LORD is good"</i>                    | Psalm 100:5a        |
| b) <i>"His mercy is everlasting"</i>  | Psalm 100:5b        |
| c) <i>"His truth endures to all generations"</i>  | Psalm 100:5c        |

## **BILINGUAL WORSHIP**

**21 October 2007**

Title: "I will behave wisely"

Text: Psalm 101

### **THE WORK OF KING**

1. To govern the land
2. To establish law and order
3. To lead by example

### **(BASIC RULES FOR KINGS- Deuteronomy 17:14-21)**

### **THE CHALLENGE OF BEING A GOOD KING**

*"I will behave wisely in a perfect way"* Psalm 101:2a

#### **1. In his household**

*"I will walk within my house with a perfect heart"* Psalm 101:2b

#### **2. With reference to those who are bad:-**

##### **a) The wicked**

*"I will set nothing wicked before my eyes"* Psalm 101:3a

##### **b) Those who fall away**

*"I hate the work of those who fall away"* Psalm 101:3b

##### **c) Perversity**

*"A perverse heart shall depart from me"* Psalm 101:4a

##### **d) Slanderers**

*"Whoever secretly slanders his neighbour, him I will destroy"* Psalm 101:5a

##### **e) Haughty and Proud**

*"The one who has a haughty look and a proud heart, him I will not endure"*  
Psalm 101:5b

##### **f) The deceitful**

*"He who works deceit shall not dwell within my house"* Psalm 101:7a

##### **g) The liars**

*"He who tells lies shall not continue in my presence"* Psalm 101:7b

### **3. With reference to those who are good:-**

a) The faithful

*"My eyes shall be on the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me" Psalm 101:6a*

b) The perfect (mature)

*"He who walks in a perfect way, He shall serve me"*

*Psalm 101:6*

4. Necessary action to be taken against the wicked

*"Early I will destroy all the wicked of the land,*

*That I may cut off all the evildoers from the city of the Lord"*

*Psalm 101:8*