

PULPIT MINISTRY SEPTEMBER 2010

Theme: **HAVING OBTAINED A GOOD TESTIMONY THROUGH FAITH**

EVENING WORSHIP

5 September 2010

Title: **THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF ADONIRAM JUDSON**

Text: **Hebrews 11**

(I) BIO-DATA OF ADONIRAM JUDSON

- 1. Influence of Deism (early years)**
- 2. Death of his best friend Jacob Eames (deist friend)**
- 3. Conversion to faith in Christ**
- 4. Heart for Missions**

(II) SHARING A VISION TO REACH ASIA FOR THE LORD IN THE 19TH CENTURY

- 1. Few Churches in the US had a vision for Missions in Asia**
- 2. Baptist Denomination challenged to send out missionaries in response**

(III) SPECIAL CHALLENGES IN PIONEERING WORK

- 1. Poor Missions co-ordination**
- 2. Poor communication**
- 3. Poor transport system (only by ship)**
- 4. Little knowledge of Asia**
- 5. No experience of what it means to work in Asia**
- 6. Poor support system**
- 7. Poor comprehension of the problems that confront missionaries**

(IV) THE POWER TO OVERCOME

1. Faith in God

- a) Genuine faith
- b) Strong faith
- c) Practical faith
- d) Faith that is able to endure much suffering

2. Commitment to reach people for the Lord

- a) With the Gospel
- b) Through the written Word
- c) Commitment tested and proven through untold suffering

(V) CHALLENGE FOR TODAY

1. Level of faith to be raised

2. Level of love for the lost

3. Level of commitment to suffer for the sake of the Gospel

*“And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.” **Hebrews 11:39-40***