

I have just returned home after attending the *Broken Before the Throne* conference in Hagerstown, Md.USA. I spoke on Saturday evening and again at the church service on Sunday morning. The 'method' of the conference is to bring in speakers who have some experience of revival, and to invite them to speak followed by their leading all present in prayer. I spoke on Moses' longing to see the glory of God. He is instructed to prepare himself in the morning and to present himself on the mountain top alone. There God says he must stand on the rock (Jesus). My leading in prayer was to call all present to prepare themselves for the coming week and its other five speakers. We are to have 'clean hands and a pure heart' if we would approach God with our petitions for revival. On the Sunday I spoke on Offenses – a major hindrance to any move of God in our lives, churches, nations. I returned home on Tuesday evening, very blessed, and have followed up by listening to the other speakers on live webcast.

I did not, after all, visit with Don and Vicky in Missouri as the costs of breaking my journey to Hagerstown were too high.

The flight home was very exciting. I sat by a young Muslim man who, with his wife and two small boys, was coming to Victoria to study at the university for his masters degree in Engineering. He was a charming man, passionate about his faith (Shiite) though with an openness to talk. He explained many of the intricacies of Islam so it opened the way for me to share the Gospel. He was aware that America is no longer a Christian nation but was very interested when I spoke of true Christianity. When I asked him if it were possible in Islam to 'experience' God he was a little taken aback, so I gave him my testimony and assured him of the many times I have 'known' God's presence. He has given me his tel # so we will call in a couple of weeks to invite him and his wife over for the evening. Please pray for him – his name is Rami. He will be in the same class as some other Christian friends of mine!

On Wednesday evenings a group of young people from our church, mostly University students, climb a local hill/mountain for a Bible Study. I have gone along the past few weeks as I enjoy mountain hiking – and Bible study. This week, there were 20 of us so we split into two groups and, though I do not go with any intention of leading, the students are soon asking me for my thoughts. It is so exciting to see young believers today with a passion for the Lord. At one of our Revival Conferences Paul Washer said that there is a movement in the church today that most pastors are ignorant of – it is among young people who have rejected the Christianity of their parents' generation for a deeper, passionate relationship with Christ. Thanks be to God!

Greg Gordon (www.sermonindex.net), whom I have had the privilege of mentoring, has been invited to conduct our next conference in Dallas, Tx. It will be hosted by Gospel for Asia at their American HQ. The dates are in October so I will keep you up-to-date on my involvement, if any. You will be able to listen in to all sessions on the webcast on sermonindex.net.

Victor continues to grow in the Lord. After his conversion, he told his pastor and stood to tell all others in their (Japanese) church. "I talked a long time!" he told me. Each week he and Ayako meet with me for a Bible study – today we started in the book of Ephesians.

Three weeks ago, my pastor John, Clayton (a speaker from the last conference), Ron (an Anglican recently removed from his church by the diocese because of his opposition to same-sex marriages), and I met to discuss a weekly prayer time for revival. We are committed to this and are asking the Lord for 120 to join us over the next few weeks. The first Sunday evening was exciting as 13 of us came together and we heard young ladies pray with passion and understanding. It is evident that many do

not know what revival praying is so we will have to mentor them by example as we cry to God to intervene in our land.

God has said, *“If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among My people, If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”* 2 Chron 7:13,14.

Surely, as we consider all that is happening in north America today, we would be blind not to see that the hand of God has been taken off, in judgement, since *'men are doing that which is right in their own eyes for there is no king in Israel* (USA/Canada/UK, etc).

Will you not pray with us for God's hand of mercy to be upon us once again and for His glory to be revealed among us as it was in Wales (1904), Hebrides (1949) and Saskatoon (1971) and many other places since all over the world.

Rejoicing in His mercy,

Gareth