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DISCIPLESHIP CLINIC FOR PRACTICAL PROPHETIC THEOLOGY

SUNDAY SERMONS

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HONG KONG

THEME: WATCH AND PRAY

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 21:36¹

INTRODUCTION:

Sing chorus: "in Duisend geslagte hou Hy Sy verbond"

This song translates into the following: "A thousand generations God keeps His covenant". For a thousand generations God keeps *His* covenant!

We exist today because of His oath and resulting from it all the divine covenants. God in Himself and because of Himself made this oath. We need to make a study of the covenants, and we will then realise, that there are eight covenants. ***Without the covenant, there is no truth.*** It is because of the covenant that there is such a revelation of God's love. He took an interest in many lives and He is involved in all of our lives today. I am so glad, and we are so fortunate to be back at the Revival Christian Church in Hong Kong. Thank you, pastor Samuel and Sharon Lau, Dr. Balcombe and past. Kathy Balcombe. I saw how Sharon fell in love with Samuel. And together we were praying when Cady Joy was born. After Cady Joy's birth, Benjamin was born. The name "*Benjamin*" implies that he experiences the joy of the Lord.

¹ Luke 21:36

"Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."



I saw this sanctuary at Prince Edward Road and we were fortunate to be involved in this ministry since 1995. As I was sitting there and listening to Dr. Balcombe, I thought of my grandfather. In the late 1930's he made a commitment and experienced the call of God upon his life to come to China, but unfortunately he was bed stricken and spend two years in bed prior to his death. During his time of illness, he was made aware of the fact he was not going to be able to come to China. He then made a covenant with God and asked Him the following: *"Please Father, let my first grandchild be a son and make it possible for him to go to China."* My grandfather died in February 1940. I was born in 1943 and ever since I can remember, I had this urge in my spirit to enter into fulltime ministry. Because of various circumstances we – Dr. Balcombe and myself – met each other in a godly way and ever since, we are so fortunate to be able to pray with you, love you and experience your hospitality. Also at the same time experience your love for Christ. This is what it is all about. Christ loves us, God loves us and we should love one another.

CONTENT:

When it comes to **watch and pray** the question is asked: "Why should we watch?"

There are various reasons.

In **Genesis chapter 6** the sons of God did not love Him enough to stay obedient. There were many that ended up differently as from where they started. King Saul was an example and many after him. Within the circle of disciples, Judas betrayed Christ and Peter, denied Christ? In the life of Paul, we know what happened to two of the disciples – Alexander and Demas. Within the life of Jesus Christ and if we read **John 6**, there were so many that left Him as well. Thank God for the leadership in this church. Thank God for the covenant. How do we know for sure that we will complete that which we have started? It is not only a case to be a part of the beginning, it is also a case of being faithful to the end.

FAITHFUL, AVAILABLE, TEACHABLE.

I remember when Dr. Dennis Balcombe came to South Africa and during that specific visit, he attended our International Leadership Clinic. I am going to let you into a secret. It is not a hidden secret but it is a secret. He was never late with each session. Not once. That is a God-given miracle. He came into each session without his laptop. That is also a miracle. All the trainers in the Leadership Clinic watched his behaviour closely.



He never interrupted a session. I need to say to you and this is a hidden secret: He is the first and only spiritual leader I know of in the world, that do know how to submit to spiritual authority and for that, I honour and glorify Christ. You can be so proud of him. After what he accomplished in Mainland China, he was **available** and **teachable**. You must never come to the place in your spiritual life that you are not teachable. Disregard what you have achieved. **To humble yourself in the sight of the Lord.** I think and dare to say, one of the main reasons, was the reality of his faith, the reality of his relationship with Jesus Christ and the fact that there is also the reality of *watching*. **Watching against yourself.** Not becoming full of pride. Not to come to the place where you say you know it all. That is the required attitude.

If we look at the theme: WATCH AND PRAY, it speaks of an **attitude**. Watching is an attitude. You can in your walk with Christ and in your fellowship with Christ, begin to smell like Christ, because of this attitude of humility. It has an effect on your behaviour and it has an effect on your relationships.

The next aspect I need to point out is the following:

We need to watch – I am asking the leadership worldwide – **watch so that your attitude will portray the love of Christ.** Watch so that your whole behaviour has the odour of Christ. During that specific weekend of the International Leadership Clinic, Dr. Balcombe was not talkative. Today we have so many that are talkative, but where is the **attitude of humility**. Let us all have one understanding.

*“Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
look full in His wonderful face
and the things of the earth
will grow strangely dim
in the light of His glory and grace.”*

I dare to say that I think I know the reason why Demas left Paul. Of course he was not faithful, but that is not the only reason. There is a major reason. I think Demas left, because he jumped the gun. In discipleship – I speak to elders and deacons – **don’t grab kingship**. Watch against kingship. Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord. What happens to a church if they come to the place where they are 50 years in existence with the attitude of *“we know it all”*. Some even saying: *“I should be an apostle or I should be a prophet.”* Today we have so many prophets and so many apostles, but **we don’t have leaders with a servant heart**. I want to thank God for the attitude of pastor Shadrack Monareng and pastor Samuel Moshweu in South Africa. How they just render service.



When I am going to be praying for you from this day on, it will be with a different awareness. **Romans 1:1** does start with: **“Paul the apostle”**. **Romans 1:1** places first: **“Paul the servant.”** It is servanthood first and then apostleship. We in the fivefold ministry need to **watch and be aware of our own limitations**. Watch and be aware of the fact who you are and where you came from. David as a king, remembered him to be a son of the veldt. Now, please each and every one of you, this is not just but another service. This is a divine appointment. There was so much resistance against this visitation. I had no problems in my left knee and all of a sudden, I suffered a severe sciatica attack. Then I turned ill with a stomach flu. Many things went wrong, that even influenced our schedule. But I said: “In the Name of Jesus Christ, I keep my eye on Christ and we will be here.”

By the grace of God we are here and Christ is saying to Revival Christian Church:

“NOW IS THE TIME TO WATCH” SAYS THE LORD.

Because **watch**, is in close relationship with what is written in **Luke 21:36** *“Watch ye therefore and pray always that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all the horrible things that is going to happen in this planet.”* The Bible is very clear on all these matters. Do we want to escape all these things that is going to happen? The Greek word for escape implies: *“flee out”*, and for that reason I do believe in the rapture without a shadow of a doubt. Jesus Christ said this after all the listed predictions of detailed prophecies. After He had finished his presentation, He made this statement: **“Watch and pray always that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass and to stand before Jesus Christ the son of God.”** This is the message to Revival Christian Church. This is a prophetic word; it is not just only a presentation. God is saying to Revival Christian Church: **“Watch that you may be worthy to escape all these things”**.

Then, when we turn to the book of **Revelation 1:6** *“And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”* Listen Revival Christian Church, dominion forever and ever. **Revelation 1:7** *“Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds”*. I need to stop here. **“All kindreds”**. What is the meaning of the Chinese word that is being used for *“kindred”*?



Dr. Dennis Balcombe:

"It means all of the ethnic groups."

Rev. J.F. Landmann continues:

There are different kinds of ethnic groups for example; the Afrikaners, the Chinese, the Americans, the Zulus etc. I need to introduce you to the ethnic group which we have in Christ. The ethnic group in Christ. This is the reason why the name of our ministry is Evangelistic Kindred Discipleship. The sole-purpose is that each disciple shall come unto the measure of the full stature of Christ. It is not exclusive to the five-fold ministry only. This ethnic group is the Church capital "C". They are the possession of God. The Greek word for this Church is **"kuriake"**, which means the **"property of God"**. Furthermore the word **"ekklesia"** which means, **"called out of the secular system"**. Please keep in mind that at this point we have a comma, not a full stop. After we have come to the realization that we are the **"ekklesia"**, we need to understand that we are also the **"kuriake"**, God's property: The Bride of Christ.

We are a specific kindred and the purpose of the Christ method of discipleship is to bring the trainee or the disciple to such place in their spiritual life. They can identify themselves with Christ. In the Christ method of discipleship there is a transfer of spirit and anointing. I am very fortunate to have Rev. J. Wills with us, and I wish if only I could have all the disciples back home in this service, to introduce this beautiful lovely church to them as well. To mention a few – Dr. Brüssow, Adv. Pienaar, Riaan van Deventer – and all the other disciples. They are not so fortunate to be here. I thank God for Rev. J. Wills assistance. His assistance is very precious because the Elders came to a consensus, I don't want to mention this, but I have to. According to them I have come to an age where it is necessary for me, not to travel alone. There are many aspects that has an influence when I do International travelling, at the age of 77.

Please pray for Dr. Balcombe, I beg of you, pray for him. He is leaving for Johannesburg tonight. He is going to visit Uganda. I was so thrilled when I heard that, because we hosted an International Leadership Clinic in Uganda years earlier. I asked Dr. Balcombe to please send my regards to Rev. Wilberforce whilst his visiting Uganda.

The fact that we are called to watch, is in close relation to what we are going to experience. Christ is coming back again. I think pastor Kathy, you would remember this song:



*"His coming back again,
His coming back again,
He went away but not to stay,
His coming back again."*

There is one truth that God revealed to me in 1964 that I want you to read to you. **1 Cor. 1:30.**² "We are in Christ." Repeat after me: I am in Christ and in Christ we do have sanctification and holiness. We are in Christ. God did it according **John 15**. God is responsible for it. May we read **John 15** together please?

John 15:1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman." **John 15:2** "Every branch in me"! **1 Cor. 1:30** states emphatically: "I am in Christ." On Golgotha God the Father grafted us into the Vine. He knew you before you were born. He knew each and every one of us. The Vinedresser grafted us into the Vine. Now the following applies: **John 15:2** "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit." The first fruit that came into existence in my own life was, when I on the 5th of October 1956 acknowledged Christ and received Christ. The second fruit was obedience to follow Him in water baptism and we can continue with that list. Just please remember at all times, according to **1 Cor. 1:30** that you are in Christ. Disregard the economy in Hong Kong, disregard the Corona virus – I am in Christ – and the reason for me standing here is His grace. The Holy Spirit did it; to Christ be the glory.

That is the purpose of this Church. God knew Dennis and Kathy Balcombe. Every one of us is grafted into the Vine. But now we have a responsibility, not only our conversion or our baptism, **but to bear much fruit**. And part of bearing much fruit is to "**worship Him in spirit and in truth**". I thank God for this truth. **John 15:3** "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." Let us apply this verse immediately. Thank you Holy Spirit, there is a continuation of the incarnation of the Word. A continuation of the Word becoming flesh. I look at this man, what do I see? I don't only see Dr. Dennis Balcombe, I behold the Spirit of Christ in this man. I behold the Spirit of Christ within you. You behold the Spirit of Christ, by His grace, in me. Then love just come so easy. To love each other and to bear the burden of our brothers and our sisters.

² **1 Corinthians 1:30** "**But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:**"



Now, to put the cherry on this cake: **WATCH is a proclamation** that has been spoken by Christ, the Finisher of our faith. I am not only grafted into Christ but I am in the process of completion. He, by the working of the Holy Spirit, is in the process of completing my own life. For this reason, it is written in **Revelation 1:8** *"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord,"* I started within Him and I will finish within Him. He started within me and He will finish it within me. He is the Finisher of my faith.

CLOSE:

Arise and shine is the order of the day, to bear much fruit.

Let us stay put because Christ is coming.

Let us stand and let us worship Him.

Let us close our eyes and open our hearts and let go in our spirit and let us just worship Him. He is the finisher of our faith. Jesus Christ is the finisher of our faith. Praise be to God. Jesus Christ is the finisher of our faith.

