



## 2. our feeling of entitlement

Jeremiah was frustrated because he was struck by the high priest Pashur in the temple, the place where he might have thought that as God's prophet he should be welcome and accepted. But he experienced the very opposite. He was thrown into prison!

One could easily understand his anger. God had assured him earlier that he had been called to be a prophet to the nations even before he was formed in his mother's womb (Jeremiah 1:5). That must have astounded Jeremiah. But his on-going trials were even more astounding! The mismatch between expectation and experience confused Him.

Whenever we box God up into a neat theological framework, our perspective automatically narrows. We're unable to look beyond our artificially constructed categories and remain confident in His goodness. The way to overcome this is to cling onto the unchangeable and unalterable promises of His Word. Only then can we stabilise ourselves in the sea of despair because to those who trust Him, He gives His "perfect peace" (Isaiah 26:3). The other reason for our dissatisfaction with God is our belief that as children of God we're entitled to expect and also to be exempted from difficult experiences. If these expectations and exemptions are not met, we feel like victims or outcasts. How many times do you hear, "Why did this happen to me when I've been faithful?" Or, "What have I done or not done to deserve this?"

Moses fell into this victimised syndrome when the Israelites became intolerably strenuous in their incessant murmuring and complaining. He asked the LORD, "Why have you brought this trouble on your servant? What have I done to displease you that you put the burden of all these people on me?" (Numbers 11:11).

God has called us to be victors, not victims. To shift from that premise and promise is to court dissatisfaction and ruin. When you find yourself caught in that embattled state, quickly disengage. Embrace that quieting admonition, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth" (Psalm 46:10).

Pastor Song Cheng Hock

**CONDOLENCES**

**Nellie's (Ps. Song's wife) mother** was called home to the Lord Thursday evening after a long illness. She was 84 years old.

Wake/Funeral service will be held on Sunday evening at 8pm.  
Venue: Blk 157, Bedok South Avenue 3.



**DO NOT FORGET TO SWITCH OFF YOUR HANDPHONES!**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE WELCOME all guests who have come to worship with us this morning.** If this is your first visit, please fill in the Visitor Form so that we can keep in touch with you.

**WELCOME**

We welcome Brother **Logan Ritchard** and team from **Christian Broadcasting Hope** (a Christian broadcasting ministry from Church of God Ministries in Anderson, Indiana) to our service this morning. They will be visiting us until Tuesday 15 Sept. 09.

**CBH website** : <http://www.cbhviewpoint.org/>

**"FIREPROOF."**

Pastor Neville would like to especially invite all married couples to come and enjoy a special DVD show called **"FIREPROOF."**



*"We watched this show when we were in Brunei and we were truly touched by the story. It is the story of God's miracle restoring broken marriages, breaking evil bondages that some of us may be experiencing. Watching this show will also help us strengthen our marriage relationship."*

- Pastor and Anne Tan

Please do reserve this date and come and join us at church.

**Saturday, Sept 26th at 7.30p.m. Supper will be provided** so please let Anne know for catering purposes.

**MISSION Cambodia**

Pastor Neville, Anne and two others will be bringing used clothings and supplies for our mission station in Veal Sbov village, Kandal Province, Cambodia. They will be away from **September 29th to October 2nd 2009.**



If you wish to make a contribution or have good used clothes to donate, especially for children aged 5-16, please see sister **Soo Lin** as soon as possible. Thank you.

**SUNDAY BIBLE SCHOOL**

Classes are conducted upstairs every Sunday morning from 9.15 - 10.00a.m. before Worship Services.

**Basic Christian Living** classes are for new believers or believers who wish to hone their Christian Living. **Facilitator:** Sister Chiew Eng

**Discipleship Class:** For believers who wish to deepen their Christian Life. They are studying the book of Philippians. **Facilitator:** Pastor Song

**PRAYER PAGE**

1. **We praise God** for the wonderful response at our Evangelistic Outreach two weeks ago. There were several positive responses to the altar call.

Please continue to pray for those who have accepted the Lord then, that they will commit themselves to join the discipleship class. Pray also for those who made commitments, that they will continue to walk closely with the Lord.

**Pray and participate** in our next Evangelistic Outreach on November 29, 2009.

2. Pray for **our Guest Speaker this morning.** May the Holy Spirit help us to focus on the Lord Jesus Christ.

3. Pray also for the **Worship Team** as they lead us in worship, and the **AV persons/ushers** on duty.

4. Please continue to uphold our **Pastors and their family** in prayer. Pray for their health, that they will enjoy the Lord's rich blessings of strength, peace and joy as they serve Him.

5. Pray for our spiritual well-being - that we may enthrone Jesus as the Lord of our lives and be committed to living a godly life and exercising our gifts to the glory of God.

6. Please pray for all the **Cell Groups**, that all the Leaders will seek the Lord's direction for their cell. Pray for God to put a burden on every church member to join a cell.

7. **Please remember those who are not well** and pray that God will bring His healing to all. Pray for God's grace and strength to be with them and their care-givers.

**PASTORAL PRAYER.** *Should you or someone you know need prayer, please speak to the pastor or send your email to [chggod@churchofgodsg.com](mailto:chggod@churchofgodsg.com).*

*I am redeemed, but not with silver;*

*I am bought, but not with gold;*

*Bought with a price - the blood of Jesus,*

*Precious price of love untold. - Gray*

**The faintest knock of faith**

**opens wide the door to forgiveness.**

**Memory Verse:**

**Last week's:** "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." - **Romans 8 : 37**

**This week:** Serve one another in love. - **Galatians 5 : 13b**