19 March 2014, Wednesday Service

**Praise and Worship:**

Mrs Siminya

1 Peter 2:17 NKJV

17 Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

God is the One holding our lives. We must worship Him, honour Him, praise Him in Jesus’ name. The bible says honour the leaders, they are appointed by God.

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**“RELEASE MY SPIRIT FROM PRISON”**

Pastor Progress Nengome

Psalms 142 NKJV

142 I cry out to the Lord with my voice; With my voice to the Lord I make my supplication. 2 I pour out my complaint before Him; I declare before Him my trouble. 3 When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, Then You knew my path. In the way in which I walk They have secretly set a snare for me. 4 Look on my right hand and see, For there is no one who acknowledges me; Refuge has failed me; No one cares for my soul. 5 I cried out to You, O Lord: I said, "You are my refuge, My portion in the land of the living. 6 Attend to my cry, For I am brought very low; Deliver me from my persecutors, For they are stronger than I. 7 Bring my soul out of prison, That I may praise Your name; The righteous shall surround me, For You shall deal bountifully with me."

In Genesis 39:20-21. Joseph was arrested and taken to prison. David says release my spirit from prison. He says You Lord you restore my soul. He is talking about his soul not his flesh. He says release my spirit from prison, not his flesh. Before he can speak about the flesh he must speak about the spirit. It is the spirit that worships the Lord. Your flesh gets tired fast.

Jeremiah 32:2 found himself in prison. John also, a man who was there to open the way for Jesus Christ, found himself in prison. What is the use of the prison? What does it do to the people? David says release my spirit from prison. These people were servants of the Lord but they were in prison. Prison brings darkness. You were created to bring light, to be seen. The theme of this year, go ye into all the world and make disciples of the people. Ever since you heard this message how many people have you brought to Christ? You can't disciple people if you are still in prison. How can you bring people into light when you are still in darkness? Prison brings darkness, suffering, and afflictions.

In Acts 12 Peter was in chains, there were two guards on both sides. He was closely guarded so he could not escape at all. The bible says people were praying for him. They never stopped praying. The bible tells us that the angel of the Lord touched Peter and said arise. He was in chains but the angel said to him arise. He arose and the chains were broken.

Release my spirit from the wilderness. It is up to you, for you to see the light, it is up to you. How can you remove a speck from somebody’s eyes when there is a beam in your own eyes? It must start with us. How can we take others out of the pit whilst we are still in the pit?

Let’s start with ourselves. Ask those who can help you to first take you out. Otherwise you will always complain, gossip etc. The work of the prison is to steak, kill and destroy.

Sometimes people enter into the church and see a piece of paper on the floor and pass it: you are in prison. You can't distinguish between the good things and the bad things. When you are shown good things you run for bad things. Some of our children are in prison. That is why they don’t listen to you. Some do bad things seeing that it is wrong but because they are in prison they can't see it. Don’t be impatient with them but pray for them so God can open their eyes, so He can remove the veil upon their eyes.

The purpose of a prison is to bring darkness so you will never see the light. When they say they are helping a child through an initiation ritual (u thusiwa) what are they helping the child from? What is it that the child lacks? When you make your baby to undergo these rituals you open the gate for the devil and his agents to come into the life of the child. The devil will be able to afflict the child and to torment the child. When you do these rituals you are selling your child to the devil. Your child cannot succeed in life, the devil will come after the blood of that child. You take your baby and submit that baby to a prison at a very tender age.

David says release my spirit from prison. This evening cry unto the Lord and say Lord release my spirit from prison. When our pastor comes back from the mountain where will he find you? Will you be like the Israelites who gave up? Somebody cannot hear when they are being disciplined as they are still in prison. They can't listen. When you are sick, medication doesn't work on you because you are still in prison. Some people’s brains don’t work as their brains have been chained.

How do you see that you are in prison: your thinking; you want to stop doing certain things but you fail because you are still in prison. The other sign of being in prison is serving idols or worshiping ancestral spirits. Most people who are sick in hospitals are being afflicted by ancestral spirits. Some of the ancestral spirits cause the people to have miscarriage every time they conceive.

What makes people not to get out of prison? Those who have believed in Christ further confessed their past sins. Many people do not want to confess their past sins. The bible says confess your sins one to another.

James 5:16 NKJV

16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

When you confess your past sins you can free yourself up, your family and relatives. People are in chains and they are doing things they don’t want to because they are in bondage.

Let’s make sure we are out of our prisons and then we can help others out their prisons. The prisons don’t only hold your flesh, they also hold your progress and success. David says release my spirit from prison.

Those things that you love the most are some of the things that keep you in prison. For some people, once they are called for interviews they know they will get funny dreams and that will be the end of their chance at a new job.

Eve says the snake came and deceived her. God said the snake will bite your heels and you will crush its head. If you don’t crush the head of the snake, the snake will bite your heel and that of your children.

Let’s take our deliverance seriously. In Acts, Paul was bitten by a snake and he shook it off and it fell into the fire. He was having the Holy Spirit and had been given the power to defeat serpents and snakes. The same power has been given to us.

David says release my spirit from prison. I call unto You Jehovah and You alone, so that I can share the word of God with other people. How can I preach the word of God to others when I am in prison?

Some of the people refuse to go to be prayed for even when they have problems. That is your prison. Sometimes it is caused by pride. That is your prison. It is long since I have been in this church. David says release my spirit from prison.

Isaiah 49:24 NKJV

24 Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, Or the captives of the righteous be delivered?

The prophet is asking a question: can the lawful captives be delivered?

Isaiah 49:25-26 NKJV

25 But thus says the Lord: "Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, And the prey of the terrible be delivered; For I will contend with him who contends with you, And I will save your children. 26 I will feed those who oppress you with their own flesh, And they shall be drunk with their own blood as with sweet wine. All flesh shall know That I, the Lord, am your Savior, And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob."

Why did Jesus Christ come? For seven things: Isaiah 61:1-2 NKJV:- *61 "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn,*

He came here to deliver us. It is up to you. Are you not yet tired of your prison? David says release my spirit from prison, so I can worship you, honour you, praise you. If you are in prison you can't worship God.

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**“PRAYER POINTS”**

By Mrs Murulana

1. Repentance From Sins

Let’s repent of all our sins.

1. Let’s Thank God

For answering our prayers and as we continue to see God in and through our lives.

1. Prayer of Forgiveness

There is a spirit of hatred that some people habour. Ask God to remove that spirit of hatred, of unforgiveness.

Luke 23:34 NKJV

34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."And they divided His garments and cast lots.

1. Ask God for Protection

Psalms 138:7 NKJV

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You will stretch out Your hand Against the wrath of my enemies, And Your right hand will save me.

1. Pray For those whose Spirits are in Prison

They are being afflicted by the evil and wicked ones. Some are used to commit crimes and to rob others but they don’t want to do it. They are suffering.

1. Ask God for the Grace to see Heaven

Matthew 5:3 NKJV

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

1. Don’t Allow Anything to Separate You From the Love of God

Romans 8:35 NKJV

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

1. Pray for those who are failing to come to God

Psalms 86:9 NKJV

9 All nations whom You have made Shall come and worship before You, O Lord, And shall glorify Your name.

1. Pray for the deliverance Session

For people to receive their healing and deliverance.

1. Prayer for Love

Ask God for the spirit of love to be within you.

1. Pray for Ourselves

To be in a spirit of prayer and fasting. Wednesday is our prayer day. Let us all be in the spirit of prayer and fasting. Ask God for strength.

1. Do Everything To Please God not to Show Off

Everybody who is given a role to play in church, let us do it for God not to show off to people but to please God. Let us not come to the pulpit to show off or to be arrogant.

1. Pray for Chiefs

Pray for them and thank God for those Chiefs who have seen the Lord and who live their lives for Him, acknowledging Him as Lord and Saviour.

1. Pray for Our Pastor

Let God reveal much to him about our lives, our church, the ministry and what needs to be done, and to strengthen him in prayer.

1. Let’s Pray for the Oncoming Holidays

For people to be safe. Nullify the plans of the enemy.

1. False Prophets Unleashed Against Our Children

You agents of the devil who are giving false prophecy to our children, catch fire and receive the judgment of God. Let’s declare that our children will be deaf to false prophecies in Jesus’ name. That You God will give them spiritual discernment in Jesus’ name.

1. Thanksgiving

Let’s thank God for the prayers.

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