

Newsletter November - December 2013

Time to Wrap Up

“And she brought forth her firstborn son,
and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger;”
because there was no room for them in the inn.”

(Luke 2:7 NKJV)

The southern parts of the UK were battered by storm in the past couple of days. The weather guys saw it coming and sounded the alarm. Local Authorities, transport and emergency services all made contingency plans. Thank God most of the schools were already on their half-term holidays. Phew!

During our Sunday night family devotion my 14 year old daughter had some stream of tears for the homeless people with no cover from the storm predicted to lash London that night and through the early morning hours of Monday. We grieved over the homeless in prayer. We prayed for God's covering over our nation. We went to bed in full assurance that it was well with us because we had committed all our cares to the safe hands of the Lord.

This year has being particularly gruelling for me. I have experienced deep pain at the loss of two close friends of mine. Both were able ministers of God.

The cold hands of death wrapped around their bodies whilst their souls took flight on the wings of heaven to the bosom of

our reigning and soon coming King: To a reward and rest prepared for them.

It is wrap up time friends! What we are wrapping or being wrapped in may be different. It is wrap up time nonetheless. Many will be wrapping up for the cold winter season that chills their bones and make their joints rattle to the rhythm of frosty wind and snow. For others it will be seeking solace for the winter of their soul.

Ah! There is a cheerful wrapping plan on many people's diaries – It is CHRISTMAS season when we celebrate the greatest gift of all times. God sent His best gift to us wrapped in the womb of a favoured virgin. But like the homeless with no shelter to call their own so was our Lord Jesus when he was born – there was no room for Him in the house!

As every home owner would take a good look at the house and make sure it is secured against the storm, I call you right now to do a good survey of your life and family and be sure there is room for the Lord Jesus Christ in every heart.

My youngest child had an inspiration at the age of 4 and half of how big God's hand is. She said to me during one our family devotions: “Daddy, you know, God's hand is so big. You can go to school, you can go cycling, you can play in the garden and you won't fall off! Isn't it daddy!!!” I simply nodded my

head in concurrence. Our Lord Jesus gave us the same assurance: "My sheep ...follow Me. And I give them eternal life ...neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. I and My Father are one." (John 10:27-30 NKJV)

Let your family be fully wrapped up in the loving hands of God. Please see the attached prayer and praise bulletin. Thanks for standing with us in the great work of building strong families and raising Godly children.

You are dearly loved,

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