

SPECIAL EDITION

Our Special Mandate

*A flurry of responses to the preface of New Jerusalem Times
7 June 2018 AD*



This forum was deliberately mooted by our presiding pastor to exercise our faculties for spiritual understanding and edification. He had activated the forum by the query he had dispatched after the NJT with the said preface, “What is your thought on the preface of NJT 7 June 2018 AD?”

Friday, 8 June 2018 AD

“Dear pastor, just an update: the last 2 days, we conducted Bible study mainly for the Telugu-speaking folks. Samuel Devashahayam has been the interpreter. The Telugu speaking folks had difficulty grasping the deep concept of estate of man in relation to the topic on Justification by Grace (legal basis - atonement) so we had to spend 2 sessions on this objective truth – ‘how can a man be justified with God?’ We will continue on the subjective aspect of ‘when’ this Friday in Cephas’ house. Our young brethren also joined in and it is a good revision for them to understand this doctrine. Today I continued on the conveyance of your message on Proverbs Part 2 especially for the sake of the young people and our brethren here on finding the true church in the book of Proverbs. Jonathan Debbarma, a young man who worked in a restaurant was ministered by the message that he wants to take leave tomorrow to follow us to an outreach. Please pray for us as we will be spending a day in a village which is a few hours away from Hyderabad to minister to a family of a pastor who is the only one remaining in this outreach ministry. Many of the students (sisters) are not able to join us yet. They will join us after their exams (at the end of this week). Shalom.” Rhoda Soh, Hyderabad/Secunderabad, Telangana, India; 6 June. “Thanks for the earlier response and updates. I reiterate again as I did prior to your trip; it is rather unwise to go for pioneering outreaches. It is a sheer wastage of our precious resources. I have directed you to spend most of your time and strength on our principal leaders and reinforce to them the broad purview of our ministry and how it should be practically implemented!! Try to amend as conveniently as possible and rally our leaders with David Debbarma. Rhoda, we are not there on a tour to visit places, we are there to execute our mandate! Those who are with us as an integral part of our ministry will help us prosecute our mission, which is to warn all people of the second coming of our Lord and to restore all things according to the Scriptures!! Shalom, Rhoda.” Pastor, Andes, NY, USA; 6 June. “Yes, pastor, will speak with the main leaders/brethren here on this and focus on our distinctives this Friday onwards. Only for tomorrow it is too late to change the schedule.” Rhoda; 6 June. Pastor’s outrage at many delegations dispatched overseas and the leaders and representatives of our ministry in foreign lands who unwisely mix the special mandate and the Great Commission, though he had reiterated the distinction and differences again and again. Many of our brethren who deputise him abuse and convey his teachings and try to begin their own churches, ministries and kingdoms. They are fulfilling their own agendas instead! Pastor had addressed this problem very clearly even in the recent China conference but unfortunately many brethren who do not have enough of the grey matter nor sufficient spiritual acumen nor special anointing act as though the corpus of doctrines he had given to them were their own derived understanding. Pastor had affirmed what he proclaims and warns people all over the world is not novel but given to him by the clear and special illumination of the Holy Spirit to reassert and underscore what our Lord, Paul, the Apostles, the Church Fathers, the Protestant Reformers, the quintessential Puritans and the 18th century Calvinistic Revivalists had faithfully declared. Our restoration is founded on the Historic Faith of our covenantally faithful forebears. It is based on experimental Calvinism as opposed to Roman Catholicism, Arminianism, Dispensationalism, Pentecostalism, Charismaticism and other modern day heresies. Our goal is to admonish people all over the world to repent (II Chronicles 7:14) and be ready for the second advent of our Lord Yeshua Christ, lest they find themselves on the wrong and horrible side of the great Judgment! Though our greatest emphasis is on the subjective aspect of the Gospel, we are not there so much to start new churches but endeavour to work across the denominational barriers of the Protestant constituency as far as it is possible; 6 June 2018 AD

Preface of NJT 7 June 2018 AD

FORWARD

After I mooted a forum in our internet site, the responses came in as a flux fast and furious. It was not just a burst but a gushing cascade. However, as I surveyed the barrage of reactions, it was not easy to be encouraged. The heaviness in my heart was hardly assuaged as the floods of mist and murk had barely abated.

Only a handful could actually understand with lucidity and clarity the issues that I had addressed in my blurb (New Jerusalem Times 7 June 2018 AD). The recent preaching from the books of Wisdom Literature perhaps explained the muddled thinking. The voice of Wisdom amidst a cacophony of noises is barely discerned and heard. Perplexity and fuzziness still prevail among the best of God's people. If true wisdom, integrity and intelligence is found lacking among God's own people, who have the benefit of being specially grafted and nurtured, what of the heathen groomed in ungodly, liberal and pagan values?

But still the net effect of perusing through this spree of responses could be spiritually profitable, if God would mercifully grant His help and grace. O that God would be gracious and pitiful towards us.

The tragic fact is that a good number of God's people do not have spiritual capacity to receive spiritual things and appreciate their own deficiencies and flaws. It could be eternally lethal if some of these deficiencies are actually defectivenesses. When we are blind, we cannot see our own deadly flaws. Yet we refuse to acknowledge our blindness. We are reminded of our Lord's searching words, *"If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth."* (John 9:41). Conceit is the worst form of sin. It is an evil cocktail of arrogance, deceit, unbelief and impenitence. Again our Lord had said, *"He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God."* (John 8:47)

It is not my intention to generate discord, fear and disturbance. For we consider what Ahab the king of degenerate Israel who wrought apostasy to its peak in his days; Ahab had the temerity to ridicule the prophet of God, *"Art thou he that troubleth Israel?"* (I Kings 18:17). Elijah of old replied, *"I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's*

house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim.” (I Kings 18:18). The trouble is that too many of us are living for the applause of men and seeking for temporal recompence. The Baalims of the day are the liberal, modern and sophisticated lifestyles and cultures of ultra-urban societies. We love pleasures and leisures more than God. *“For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ...” (II Timothy 3:2).* We may well be part of the fulfilment of the prophecy of Paul. *“Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.” (II Timothy 3:7).*

While we may be able to utter a multitude of words, we fail to take the caution that we may not be expressing our obedience of faith but rather our vagueness, ambiguities, perplexities, confusion, nebulousness and ignorance of the truth. It is the sheer mercy of God that we are not confounded and consumed.

Thank God, there are some whose contributions that are edifying and enlightening. They are like stars that twinkle in the midst of the pitch darkness of apostasy, unbelief and worldliness. Let the twinkling stars across the firmament of apostasy blaze themselves upon our souls wherein darkness seek to conquer and dominate and dispel abroad the evil pall of gloom and doom. Let us each know perfectly what the will of God is for our lives and let us stand faithfully before the sight of Christ.

O God, have mercy upon us! Forsake us not nor fail us. For we are utterly helpless. We are wallowing in this prevailing Laodicean culture. Deliver us and rescue us from the shackles thereof. In Yeshua’s blessed Name, we petition Thee. Amen.

Yours in the mercies of Christ,

Elijah Thomas Chacko (Psalm 1:1-3)

8th June 2018 AD

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“Greetings pastor! When I read the preface of NJT 7th June today, I was firstly really happy to know that Rhoda Soh could reach out to so many souls in and around Hyderabad. I was thinking how your ministry through the Holy Spirit was working so strong and far, but as I kept reading till the end I could see how you discern sharply! You could identify the flaw through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, showing you what can be the outcome if we do not concentrate on first strengthening ourselves and our leaders before reaching out to others. In a way, we should let the Holy Spirit guide our way rather than us guiding the Holy Spirit. This is the first time I am writing to you regarding this matter; my apologies if I am inappropriate.” ***Aaron Levi Chen, Leon, Mexico***

“Greetings dear pastor, by the fact that thou had ‘upgraded’ thy exchanges with Rhoda from an entry to the Preface of 7 June shows the urgency and weightiness of the subject matter. Thy outrage served as clear instruction and reprimands not only the full-time missionaries and leaders, but also many budding missionaries who are involved in mission work nowadays. I agree fully with thee that it is ‘rather unwise’ for those who are on short mission trips ‘to go for pioneering outreaches. It is a sheer wastage of our precious resources.’ (quoting pastor) Above all, thy blurb is a reminder to me of my role in the niche that God has put me in. Shalom, dear pastor.” ***Adaiah Basnet, Kathmandu, Nepal***

“Thank you pastor for the text message. I read it a few times and I felt what you said is right. Since we are living in the end times and the second advent of Christ is imminent, I felt it is better for us to first take heed to the warnings and amend our ways. God have mercy on us.” ***Adriel Ma, Nallasopara, Maharashtra, India***

“The distinction between the special mandate and the Great Commission are still not perceived by many, including me. Thank thee for the sharp reminder of the special anointing upon thee and the special ministry that God has given to thee and those under thee. How fearful it is to know of how ambitious the hearts of men can be, and become thieves in the end! The second advent of Christ will be soon. It is not possible to reach out to every soul. But am I also engaged in establishing my own kingdom? This preface has been a guide to me to make wise use of the limited resources that we have. Pray God be merciful to me and all. Thank thee, pastor. Shalom!” ***Amaziah Debarma, Tripura, Himalaya***

“Dear pastor, wow, the 7th June NJT is a big chunk of solid meat! Thank thee for baring your heart open and speaking plainly to us again and again. It is to our shame that we have to make you do this. So sorry! With a few strokes, thy mandate ‘to restore all things’ is spelt so lucidly. These must have been things that have laid heavily in thy heart. There was the tone of anxiety and great sense of urgency in that the brethren who deputise thee must share the same burden that thou have. Time is running out, and our resources are spread very thin, we must be strategic and

purposeful to carry out the mandate and not focus on the Great Commission. The no-hold-barred statement truly exposed us of the ambitious spirit of Joab of old and the unrighteous Barnabas. It is a reality and the thought of it is heart wrenching. God be merciful to convert us and make us all like Luke of old, that was with Paul when he was in the prison dungeon.” ***Baca Chia, Singapore***

“Thank you, pastor, for thy reminder once again in thy exchanges with Rhoda, of our purpose and mission in our various mission itineraries. We are to minister to the leaders and the local church there, not so much to heathens or other churches. Especially with the lack of resources and time, our priority should be the leaders and establishing the church in the doctrines of Yeshua Christ. For the blurb, thank thee for thy chiding and exposure of the depravity of my heart, that my deceitful heart desires for the glory and credit for whatever little ministration I make. There is a sense of urgency conveyed to me, that we are to warn Christendom of Christ’s impending coming, being privileged to be under thy ministry and to hear things revealed to thee by the Holy Spirit which are not new. We also have this special mandate. I felt that my sense of mission and purpose is renewed, as time is running short and there is much to be done.” ***Beer-sheba Tan, Kathmandu, Nepal***

“Greetings pastor, The NJT on the 7th of June showed me again the difference between the Great Commission and special mandate. Thank God that God has given thee the wisdom to lead the missionaries into the different places of the world to focus what they need to do. I saw there are still many people in our midst who do not understand the subjective aspect of the Gospel in depth so the missionaries must focus to the leaders and the local leaders will do the local outreaches. Once again it alarmed me that our ultimate goal is to bring souls to repentance not to plant churches. O God help me to wake up from sleepiness and deadness to consecrate my life for the Gospel. There is great fear came upon me that the second advent of Christ is very near and I may be consumed by the judgment. All these pure doctrines are given to us by thee, which the Holy Spirit granted to thee to fulfil the special mandate in this time. May God help me to partake of this great work of God.” ***Bezaleel Pakhrin, Johor Baru, Malaysia***

“Greetings dear pastor, when I read this preface, I felt thy holy anger when you addressed this vital issue. When we fail to understand your special calling and carry out our niche under your anointed ministry, we do deserve the rebuke and reproof of God through His servant. Oh God, please have mercy upon us. While it is our duty to fulfil the Great Commission, we should not forget our primary goal being under your ministry, considering the state of Christendom and the world in our days. There is no time to waste. I felt the dire need to really understand the special mandate granted to the man of God or else we end up just parroting pastor's messages without really bringing across to people the most important thing. We ought to be very careful and wise and not to take this matter lightly. Thank you, pastor, for letting this issue

be published as it concerns not only the leaders and missionaries but every one of us under your special ministry. My prayers are with our various missionary delegates that God may be gracious to help them to be faithful representatives of His servant in the different places. Praying for thee too pastor as you continue to oversee the work of God and direct the leaders and missionary pastors in every province.” ***Bilgah Dog-ap, Montreal, Canada***

“Dear pastor, I felt your exasperation at having to repeat yourself again and again to people who fail to take heed. The combination of the apparent lack of grey matter/spiritual acumen/special anointing (as you put in your blurb) as well as the urgency of the times we are living in amplifies how lacking we are when there is so little room for error. Many of the things you address us of, particularly in terms of our special mandate under your ministry, is indeed not new. You have also reiterated many times that the mission work is not to start new Westminster Tradition churches but to restore the true doctrines. I need to give this further thought, but pray that God may have mercy for His kingdom's sake.” ***Carmen Pee, London, England***

“I find the exchange between yourself and Rhoda makes a lot of sense. Since she is adept in your doctrines and is able to teach the teachers, then it is inefficient for her to spend her time with the spiritually weak and those like the Telugu speaking who have difficulty grasping deep doctrine. I do wonder though whether those who have weaker minds may nevertheless be permitted by the mercies of God to grasp experimental Calvinism faster than the elite and whether there is some justification to condescend to those who are spiritually hungry but not so intellectually capable. The editorial commentary you wrote underneath this exchange is much harder to digest. I am sure I am one with whom you are outraged which is why you are soliciting my response. I feel convicted over my lack of fervency to preach instantly, in season and out and to preach repentance - for Christ shall return and judge the quick and the dead. I'm not convicted that I have abused your teachings. The biggest apparent contradiction I struggle to make sense of is this: If the corpus of doctrines the Holy Spirit has given you illumination to understand are not novel, but those of our Lord, Paul, the Apostles, the Church Fathers etc, then in what way are they yours? Credit normally goes to the first and not to the last. Though any steward must vigorously defend them, he is nevertheless the steward and not the owner. Therefore I do not understand why the principle of ‘freely ye have received, freely give’ is not in operation. I cannot help but feel that I was given your doctrines conditionally and that having failed to meet those conditions I must relinquish your doctrines. But if they are truth, how should I relinquish them? Again, if they are truth, how is it sin to make them my own? And if I have drawn from the wells of the historic faith then how can I call that doctrine ‘Elijah Thomas Chacko’s doctrine’ which I know to have been (e.g.) John Bunyan’s also? In a similar vein, I find it very hard to reconcile the statement ‘everything you have learned, you received from me’ with the constant exhortation to ‘search the Scriptures’. The latter presupposes we may all be taught of

God to a greater or lesser degree. These are some of my thoughts on the preface dated 7th June AD 2018, pastor. But I would rather you had not asked me, pastor.” ***Daniel Harper, Kent, England***

“Greetings dear pastor. I received the NJT 7 June yesterday midnight when I woke up suddenly. I had to read it again and again. It was difficult to get sleep after that. Truly, even as thou have spent resources for us by sending the two sisters, it must be used wisely and efficiently. Thanks for thy wise counsel. It is indeed important for the sisters to focus on us the leaders first. We are in need of spiritual health diagnosis and treatment. Once we are strengthened and refreshed, we can move to the newcomers. The deeper understanding that they have of thy messages can be used to strengthen us first, lest the resources go wasted. And at times, people in the outreaches does not value such precious doctrines. Thy ministry is now global and hence every spiritual and physical resource must be used productively. I felt exposed of my foolishness and complacency in this matter. I want to repent and God forbid that we merchandise thy doctrines. It is nerve wrecking to think that the time is so short and the heart is so wicked. I beseech thee to pray for us, that we may be thy faithful deputies in the divine mandate to warn people of the second coming of Christ and restore all things by the Holy Scriptures. Pray God may search me and remove every streak of treachery and ungodly ambitions. After all, every little understanding that we have is because of thy interpretation and exegesis of the Holy Scriptures. Thank God for bringing us to thee. Pray that God may grant us burden, wisdom and discernment even as we enjoy the privilege to serve and enjoy God in thy ministry.”
David Debarma, Hyderabad, India

“When I saw the resend of NJT 7 this early morning, I thought it might be due to some minor correction. But when I opened and compared with the earlier copy, there was a big change. It was change in the content of preface. Then I realized the urgency of the matter and the outrage of the man of God. Pastor's fury is well justifiable because we remain sottish children after all the teachings and preaching for so many years. We don't get it in our thick skull. Personally I felt like crying to God as Psalmist, ‘Open thou mine eyes...’ We are like the horse or mule which must be held with bit and bridle. Being there at the China conference, I am reminded of thy clear siren about what our role under the divine mandate should be even as we are called to deputize thee. Over the series of messages from the books of Joshua, Judges and Kings, the same warning is given again and again. This is a timely, direct and sharp reminder once again as many delegations are in the mission field. There is danger always to win the hearts of people and make friendship. Thank God that thou art there always to goad and exhort us so that the curse of God will not come in our lives. It is out of love for our soul and zeal for the house of God. O that God give me the fear and trembling of the second coming of Christ Who is coming as the Judge. How to warn others when I am not disturbed, not fearful, and not trembling? It shows there is still unbelief at the core of my heart though there is form of hearing and obedience.

O that God give me the spirit of crying and supplication for my soul and thy ministry.” ***Eliezer Pandey, Naigaon, Maharashtra, India***

“Greetings pastor, thank you for publishing your exchanges with Rhoda in NJT dated 7 June. I sense the urgency to expedite the execution of the special mandate from your exchanges with Rhoda. A great measure of fear suddenly dawned upon me. The coming of Christ is at hand! Through this incident, you've shown us distinctly the difference between the special mandate and the Great Commission. You have made it astoundingly clear to us that thy doctrines are aligned with the doctrines expounded by our Lord and all the godly forebears because they are given to you by the clear and special illumination of the Holy Spirit. If we fail to take heed, surely it will bring damnation to our soul. It's a grave warning to all. May God have mercy upon us that we may stay focused to do God's specific bidding and hearken to the prompting of the Holy Spirit through His servant's voice that we'll not be found on the wrong side of eternity! Shalom, pastor.” ***Elisabeth Tan, Singapore***

“Pastor, thanks for re-reiterating the distinction between the special mandate and the Great Commission. Protestantism needs especially the former aspect as no one has the illumination to restore all things as God has endued you. Capable deputies like Rhoda should maximize her time to convey your teachings to capable leaders. It's a warning to all leaders that we may be upright to faithfully deputise you and not have our own agenda to the detriment of both the preacher and hearers.” ***Elisha Yee, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia***

“Greetings pastor, I read it the moment I got up this morning and it brought me much solemnity and burden. It's true that we hardly have enough time and resources and we have to keep our focus on fulfilling the special mandate that God has given to you. It is vital as there is no time to waste. We have to restore all the corpus of doctrines that God has specially illumined you to understand so that we can fight the apostasy of our times as Christendom have departed from historic faith, the Gospel of Paul and the forebears and prepare for the second advent of our Lord Yeshua Christ. If we do not emphasize on these doctrines then the Gospel is lost to us and also to them that hear us. How then can we speak of true experimental Calvinism? You truly have been at pains to emphasize this to us but we are often slow to learn. Finally, after I read the preface I uttered a prayer to God to dispel any ambitions or agendas that I may have. I remember you preached that this was part of our depravity to steal the glory of Christ and steal your doctrines. I cried to God to have mercy to help me to be pure in playing my niche in thy ministry. Thank you, pastor, for what you wrote. It really shook me out of my complacency.” ***Esther Ng, Vietnam***

“Pastor, your response to Rhoda was very instructional and apt. You have many times mentioned that the principle is that when we are a ministry and that means when we go to a place we are to strengthen and teach the leaders the fundamental doctrines

and also pastorally to practice what you have taught us so that they may be able to do it in their various churches. What you directed is very needful and it is to my shame that you have to repeat it once more that this is the way in which we should carry out our mission work for time is of the essence. The urgency was brought across to me once again, and it is for those who are faithful and upright to recognise who you are and the mandate God has given to you and to us to restore all things. May God forgive me for being a crook in the house of God who brings people to myself and for plagiarising all that you have taught us so richly. When I am not faithful both in my personal walk with God as well as in the way I bring to people these doctrines it shows that I have not experimentally and deeply understood the mandate God has given to you and I will be damned. What you wrote in the blurb is what you have said to us so many times in no uncertain terms and the damnation on us is real if we still fail to appreciate the depth and implications thereof. May God make me faithful and rid me of my treachery and spiritual pride and make me humble and deep so I can be useful to fulfil this special mandate.” *Esther Yeoh, Tripura, Himalaya*

“Greetings pastor, if I had only read Rhoda’s outreach in the 7th June NJT without thy response and blurb, I would have thought Rhoda was doing the right thing. In thy response and blurb, I saw thy frustration and anger that we have not catch thy spirit nor understand thy ministry comprehensively. The special mandate God has given to thee is to restore all things; the distinctives as written in the BRC and to warn people of the times we are living in, that we are in the final epoch of history as the second coming of Christ draws nigh. Thou once again affirmed to us thy special calling and God’s anointing upon thee to reassert and underscore what our Lord, Paul and our forebears have done. Thank thee for once again emphasising to us what our restoration is. It is like a sermon to us, with much depths of the truth. This preface is not only to those who are at the mission fields but to all of us. Personally, I was indicted for being very earthly minded in thinking that the second coming of the Lord may be delayed and that I am not serious in the seeking of my salvation. It is wicked of us to say that we get this understanding of our own. In truth, we have none. Not knowing thy person, calling and the entirety of the ministry God has given to thee. Thank you pastor for thy warning. Pray God help us to take heed. Shalom.” *Eve Puah, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia*

“Greetings dear presiding pastor, thou have well said of our mandate and our urgency to warn those whom we are ministering of Christ’s coming and that in the remaining time we should not waste our resources. We should always be purposeful as the man of God clearly charged each and every one of us regarding his calling in these last and evil days, to restore all things. To me, that’s how I should always be reminded that time is of the essence. Thanks for that preface that I myself may carry out orders faithfully by the grace of God.” *Exodus Patacsil, Sao Paulo, Brazil, South America*

“Greetings pastor. What I felt is that most of us are still not clear about the distinction between the Great Commission and the special mandate, including myself. Thy exchanges with Rhoda and thy ending comments have given us a broad framework as to how to execute this special mandate. It’s important for me to know my niche under thy ministry for this great work of restoring all things. Or else I will end up harming thy mission to accomplish the special mandate. As thou have mentioned in thy comments, most of us who deputised thee end up abusing and conveying thy message to begin their own churches, ministries and kingdoms. Thank thee for thy reaffirmation that the special mandate is not something novel, however it is linked to the historic faith. This is an important assertion, which forms the basis of thy special mandate. Pray that we may take heed to thy instructions derived through the preface in the work of restoring all things. Thank thee pastor.” *Ezra Patrick Lao, Calcutta, India*

“Greetings dear beloved pastor, this morning when I woke up I was happy to see the NJT in my Inbox. I could not refrain myself from reading the whole preface. I read it in fear and trembling. The preface serves as a reminder as to what thou have preached in the China conference. For a while I was provoked to think if what I am doing is right or wrong. Yes, pastor, I fully agree to what thou have said, it is about time to invest our valuable time and resources to teach the principal leaders, even those who are under thy ministry, to help them grow in the doctrines rather than to go for pioneering outreaches. The leaders, when they return, can go for the pioneering outreaches and also can take care of their own churches in the long run. Thank thee dear pastor for thy timely and continual reminder and direction to the missionaries of thy burden for the churches under thy care otherwise we will be beating the air. I pray that Almighty God be gracious to help me to execute thy mandate faithfully which is to warn all people of the second coming of our Lord and to restore all things according to the Scriptures. Thanking thee and shalom!” *Habakkuk Singh, Tripura, Himalaya*

“Dear pastor, I felt that your strategy is most appropriate and wise due to the scarcity of resources. It is not possible for us to plant churches in every town or city as we just do not have the manpower to do so. I also felt that due to the great quantum of light granted to you by the illumination of the Holy Spirit, any missionary or any of your deputy who conveys your messages are bound to attract hearers and gain the honour. If the missionaries and deputies are not clear of their niche under your ministry or if there be any secret ambition, we will eventually fall prey to the evil trinity. We will end up setting our own churches and ministries. It is therefore our safety to continually acknowledge the source of our blessings or the source of the messages we conveyed. We must not forget to apply the doctrine of man to ourselves too!” *Hadassah Chew, Kent, England*

“It’s like killing many birds with one stone. Also the gist of some of what you have been saying for awhile is put across again in simplicity and precision so I really don’t think anyone can miss the point and its implications.” ***Hannah Grace Thomas, Vietnam***

“Thank you, pastor, for the blurb to reinforce the very vital distinction concerning the special mandate vs Great Commission at this critical juncture, at the start of all the overseas mission works where the brethren are being sent to! It is a grave warning that we must know our niche under your special ministry else we be no different to the rest of the 'evangelists' going around spreading the Gospel but in the end drawing people to ourselves, selling the truth cheaply and wickedly. You have underlined again the special calling and illumination that God has given to you, founded on the historical faith and based upon Calvinism as opposed to all the false doctrines across the Protestant denominations. Hence, your specific advice to Rhoda is so pointed and sharp that she should work on the local leaders with thy doctrines and they can be used effectually to awake the rest who can hardly understand these purest truths which you have taken years to ground us in. There is so much wisdom in your advice and I must go through them again and again to grasp it. I too am a poor and foolish one; God have mercy upon me that I will not end up in the wrong camp at the second advent of Christ! Shalom, pastor.” ***Hephzibah Chai, Singapore***

“It serves as a stern reminder again as to what our calling is, less we deviate to our own personal agendas or misconstrue the Great Commission as the special mandate. Especially in these last days, it is all the more imperative that we get our focus right. Thank you once again for the reproof that is applicable to one and all who have been privileged to receive the corpus of doctrines that you have bequeathed to us through the ‘special illumination of the Holy Spirit’. But what use is it if we spread it, employ it for our own glory instead of for the souls of man?” ***Ithiel Phuna, Johor Baru, Malaysia***

“Thank you pastor for the 7th June preface. It is clear and strong. We have to be very careful and focused in employing the precious resources, especially the precious resource of time given us, to follow thy counsel closely and deal with the matters that is most needful. It is clear to thee, the man of God, that many have made merchandise of thy doctrines to build their own legacy. This evil tendency of seeking self-glory must be rooted out and the leaders must be warned to examine the purity of their own objectives very harshly. Is it for Christ alone? Lest the cross of Christ our Lord be made of none effect. Our calling as unworthy servants is to accomplish this great mandate before the Lord comes. We are fighting for souls so that all may be pastoral and experimental in the understanding of thy doctrines and the mandate given to thee. And it starts with leaders. Who else is able to execute the special mandate than those who have greatly benefited under thy ministry? We have to answer to the Lord in that great and dreadful day. We have to warn all men that it is no time to play church.

There is no platform for vain glory, to display our oratory eloquence, church administration or leadership quality. It must be the power of the Holy Spirit who has granted thee such great light. Praying that we will have true burden and urgency to save souls languishing in apostate Christendom from the great delusion of our time. Our resources in these short trips must be utilised to warn all the leaders and prepare their heart to serve in this great calling with sincerity and purity of heart, labouring with fear and trembling, praying with all supplication that the Spirit of God will bless our feeble attempt. Having said all these it is indeed no easy task looking at the kind of heart that we have and the ongoing problem and struggle of the China brethren. Pray for God's mercy that we may remember our own depravity, failure and poverty lest we be a cast away even as we warn others. Shalom and thank thee for ministering the Spirit of thy calling and ministry to us.” *Jeremiah Ng, Johor Baru, Malaysia*

“Greetings dear pastor! Before you left for USA, in one of the prayer meetings, you had very clearly made the distinction that God's calling and anointing upon you is for the undertaking of the special mandate to restore all things in Christendom as opposed to the Great Commission of preaching the Gospel to unbelievers. Due to our limited resources and the time we're living in especially with the nigh second advent of Christ, our greatest priority should be to focus on restoring the right doctrines to the churches. Clearly, in today's context, it is not a case where the Gospel is not heard before as in the time of the Apostles, as much as it was severely marred and plundered by the wicked devices of the evil trinity into another gospel that cannot save. Pastor, you had showed and taught us on historic faith, especially Paul and experimental Calvinism, so our niche under thy ministry ought to be to assist and support you in executing this special mandate that God has called you for. Pastor, please pardon me if I lack clarity in articulating forth.” *Joash Lee, Singapore*

“The content and the tone of your reply to Rhoda and especially your blurb certainly requires immediate attention when compared to the other current prefaces. It is not so easy for one to be so conscious always of the dichotomy between fulfilling the special mandate and the Great Commission though you have spoken about it before again and again. But you are swift, sharp, alert and unambiguous in this matter. The tendency to always play the Absalom is there, to betray David. Hence, the propensity for one to build his own church, ministries and kingdoms can never be undermined or overlooked. But it happens subtly. We ought to be assets in fulfilling the special mandate that is entrusted to you to restore all things (with the special illumination of the Holy Spirit given to you as you mentioned ‘to reassert and underscore’ the doctrines of the Historic Faith of our forebears) but we are more of a liability. These are real happenings under your ministry because of the depravity of our hearts and also due to the actual working of the evil trinity from whom none can escape being the target. Certainly, in spirit we are also very much wanting. We are often not in tandem with your spirit. Therefore there is no seriousness to warn men of the great Judgment at the second advent of Yeshua Christ. In your last phrase as you have said

before at numerous times, we are not going around to start churches but to reach out to the Protestant churches and expose the heresies of our time and to restore all things.” *Job S., Singapore*

“I felt that I myself lack the sharpness and clarity to understand the divine mandate given to thee. Thank God for thy kindness to ask me what I thought. It provokes me to ponder harder to catch the sharpness and spirit of this divine mandate given to thee. Often I am provoked to consider what is the subject of the preaching in this divine mandate. As thou has emphasized time and again that it is to restore the truth, the historic faith, not just the doctrines but the vital spirit of warning, finality and of ultimatum. But today I am also brought to consider who should be the subjects of preaching according to the niche each of us are given in thy ministry. It is not so much to institutionally say I will not preach to anyone else, but clearly there is a greater calling to those under thy ministry. However, within thy ministry, I felt there is also a hierarchical role assigned to each one under thy ministry to fulfil the divine mandate, beginning from thyself to the international missionaries, national missionaries, residential pastors, to local leaders, and the laity. If I am not clear, careful and faithful to identify and restrict myself to my limited role, I end up wasting precious resources. Then my agenda behind becomes questionable. There is a tendency to gain people to ourselves than to lead them to Christ. Numbers and not purity of the remnant becomes the focus. But the Lord’s way is, that he may save the entire city, if only a handful were pure and faithful, like the proposition given to Abraham in the days of Lot. It is the work of Christ. As for me, I must be pure and faithful to the Word of God and the counsel of the anointed prophet of God, in the niche I am given; to be crystal clear to myself, this ministry and divine mandate and the corpus of doctrine are given to thee by the illumination of the Holy Spirit, and not to me. I am brought under thy ministry to merely assist thee in my two cents worth. Thus I must be careful to do exactly what thy counsel for me is. When I act according to my own will, I act as though this light was granted to me, instead of following thy counsel. It is dangerous and foolish to think I am also special, lest I end up as Miriam and Aaron in their rebellion against Moses. This light is given to thee and thee alone. My role is to wholeheartedly and in purity assist thee in what thou need, in order to fulfil thy divine mandate. I pray for the grace of God, that despite my diametrically opposite nature, I may be a faithful Timothy, or a Luke or even just an Onesimus to thee. I beseech thy prayer for me, pastor. Shalom.” *Joel Joy, Bombay, India*

“I felt unprepared when you asked me this question. After reading the preface, I felt I was brought before the tribunal of God to be demanded of my omissions for not supporting you in this ministry. I am speechless and without excuse. I am also quite shocked that a subtle change of mission agenda to pioneer outreach may be a secret agenda to start our own church. More importantly, a failure to understand organically the special objective your ministry in these last days as distinguished from the general

Great Commission in the New Testament era. It is amazing to see pastor summarised the gist of your ministry and the chore of the Gospel so sharply in that short commentary. I am put to fear.” **Josiah Chen, Pahang, Malaysia**

“The blurb contains a number of concepts which are not easy to understand. If not for your table talk etc, it will be extremely hard for me to grasp anything.” **Joy Tan, NJ, USA.** *“Time to wake up, Joy figuratively and literally. God has given you a beautiful mind but it is never really harnessed nor galvanized. Perhaps the greatest profligacy, spending your time in the markets and kitchen instead of honing your mind. Remind me of the parable of the labourers! Hebrews 4:12.”* **Pastor, Andes, NY, USA.** “Pastor, thank you for goading me!” **Joy**

“Greetings dear pastor! Thy constant admonishment against seeking for numbers instead of faithfulness in our ministry yet again rang through in the preface of the NJT 7 June 2018 AD edition. Are not the Roman Catholics, Dispensationals, Pentecostals, and Charismatics ‘seemingly’ greatly fulfilling the Great Commission as large swaths of people come to church through their proselytizing efforts? Yet, they are energised by the Antichrist and False Prophet spirits. Their pastors are in it for earthly gain and fame and their congregations are bereft of true experimental Calvinism. Thank God, however, for thy special anointing and calling to restore all things, even restore the biblical way to evangelise and preach which ‘is founded on the Historic Faith of our covenantally faithful forebears’. I pray that the fear of God govern me to faithfully carry out this special mandate ‘to admonish people all over the world to repent (II Chronicles 7:14) and be ready for the second advent of our Lord Yeshua Christ’, lest I be used by the evil trinity to fulfil my own personal agendas and lusts above God's divine will!” **Judah Salem Tan, Adelaide, Australia**

“Greetings pastor. Thank you for chiding us. It's sad we all have the tendency to steal your messages and claim as ours. It's also timely for us who are on mission trips that we need to stay focused on helping our brethren understand your ministry and special mandate. May God forgive us, that we may not steal the hearts of people to ourselves and lead them astray to destruction.” **Julia Low, Kathmandu, Nepal**

“Greetings presiding pastor, you make it very clear what thy ministry is. It is shocking to know brethren deputising pastor, fulfilling their own agenda. It is treacherous! Again we are reminded of pastor's special ministry and anointing. Shalom, pastor.” **Kelvin Ng, Melbourne, Australia**

“Sad that pastor has reaffirm that our calling is not to build churches but we are a ministry, bringing the true doctrines to those who would receive us. It is a condescension on his part to reiterate these things to us. It was very clear and instructional. Appreciated the directives what we should do when in the mission field: (1) focus on the main leaders who will then disseminate the doctrines to the

weaker ones as resources are scarce; (2) the emphasis and thrust on Calvinism and the doctrines of grace, which if the preaching is effectual and understood rightly, will lead to hearers seeing the falsehoods and wickedness of other heresies; (3) bring across the urgency and need for repentance in such final times. It is an admonishment to all of us who have received the light from pastor, that we should not use it for our own benefit or advancing our own agendas because God will confound it in the end. Worse still, we dilute the Gospel, bringing another Jesus, ruin the Gospel work, and are used of the evil trinity. Thank God I could have a better appreciation because of pastor's discussion with the sisters here. The blurb is very deep and condensed.”

Leah Chua, Andes, NY, USA

“Dear pastor, at the first glance at 7 June NJT preface, I did wonder why was pastor greatly displeased as Rhoda did endeavour to actively reach out? Since many of the sisters in Hyderabad region could not avail themselves yet, instead of wasting time, it seems justifiable to venture into the village for further outreaches. There was no mention of constraints or other factors, but I did wonder where and what is David Debarma's (principal leader for Hyderabad) immediate involvement in this mission trip. Based on pastor's reply, I learnt that he had previously laid down specific instructions to Rhoda to focus on strengthening the principal leaders. Given only 2 weeks + timeframe, I agree that it is wiser to focus on existing leaders instead of new contacts (best to leave it to the leaders to follow up). What came as a strong warning is pastor's disgust that ‘Many of our brethren who deputise him abuse and convey his teachings and try to begin their own churches, ministries and kingdoms. They are fulfilling their own agendas instead!’ It is a fearful thing that those at the forefront are vulnerable to pride, ambition and seeking for self-glory. I was touched when Ruth Mary in one of her responses highlighted that Elisha did not try to overshadow Elijah, his mentor but truly acknowledged with thankfulness the source of his blessings. Again, how do we regard the special ministry of the man of God and from whence cometh all our understanding and appreciation of experimental Calvinism? It is probably easy for me to just make all these comments but I believe there is much fear and trembling for those who are sent forth to preach. Pray that the leaders be granted special grace and wisdom to execute pastor's instructions and special mandate.”

Martha Tan, Adelaide, Australia

“Greetings dear pastor, from the Preface of NJT 7th June 2018 AD. I felt it's a clear and strong admonition to all the missionary brethren and the leaders. This is not only for Rhoda. This urgent and practical principle is also applicable to the future. Wherever I am, I need to be very careful. I am warned and reminded once again we should not waste our precious time and resources. We are not on tour to visit places or to fulfil our own agendas. But our goal is to admonish people all over the world to repent in this time of final apostasy and be ready for the second advent of our Lord Yeshua Christ. God has given thee this special mandate to restore all things according to the Scriptures. And there is our part to play. It's a privilege for us under thy ministry

to support thee to fulfil the special mandate. But I felt it's a fearful warning to my deceitful heart. May God help me to do my part faithfully according to my niche. Thanks and shalom!" *Micah Basnet, Shiliguri, West Bengal, India*

"The preface on NJT 7th June is very loaded. I couldn't sleep after I read what you said. I thank God that what you have told us time and again has been printed in black and white – that there is a clear distinction between the special mandate and the Great Commission. This preface speaks very personally and strongly especially to those who have had the privilege to hear your direct preaching and to those who are trained under you. It is not that God did not show us your calling, ministry and also the special mandate which has been given to you and all those under you. But you sharply exposed the dishonesty and deceit in us that we do not acknowledge the vital difference between the special mandate and the Great Commission even after you have told us about it time and again. What struck me especially in this preface is that – not giving premium and importance to the execution of the special mandate over the Great Commission has led to the tendency to want to rule over and form churches. Understanding the special mandate is linked to the understanding of your calling, measure of anointing and the ministry. I thank God for what you said at the second half of the blurb – you crystallised what it means to restore all things. For me, I felt the punch came when you spoke on experimental Calvinism as opposed to all other heresies that is rampant in this last days. The manner and measure of the anointing of the Holy Spirit on you is felt even in the sharpness of what you have written. I pray for even deeper conviction on these matters. I am still meditating on what you wrote. Thank you, pastor." *Naomi Chua, Tripura, Himalaya*

"Thank you for the strong global reminder of what your agenda is, i.e. to restore the doctrines of our Historic Faith. We are called to assist you in your mission and the most efficient way is to convey your doctrines to the leaders who will then pass it to their people. You have also stressed that the return of Christ is very nigh and therefore we have to be focused on what most needful in this age of the false prophets. Time is slipping fast. It is a needful reminder because our hearts are deceitful and you have often charged us many times of bringing souls to ourselves. Shalom." *Nehemiah Teo, Singapore*

"Pastor, thank you for reminding all of us of thy mandate to restore all things according to the Scriptures that is founded on Historic Faith to deliver souls from the heresies of this final apostasy before the second advent of Christ. Therefore all of us need to be very focused on this mandate given to thee by God which is also our mandate. I have this tendency to try to help professing Christians to understand the Word of God after receiving all thy expository preaching as many who are in the false churches cannot see even foundational doctrines in the Scriptures, but that will be a waste of time as we must be urgent in helping them to see their need to desperately repent before the second advent of Christ, that they be not presumptuous

of their salvation. So our emphasis should also be on the subjective aspect of our Gospel and that is experimental Calvinism to rout their presumption and to deliver them from all the heresies of today especially Arminianism.” *Olive Pee, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia*

“I found it to be sharp and trenchant. In a way, the preface doesn't introduce novel ideas; instead, these are things that thou have reinforced time and time again and it is no wonder thy anger and frustration boils over when morons like us still don't understand and instead waste our limited time and resources. Thank thee for again delineating between the carrying out of the Great Commission and the execution of our mandate as well as reminding us what our goal is before the second and final advent of Christ Yeshua. With this goal in mind, we should use our resources wisely to especially strengthen the leaders. If they are faithful deputies, they will then affect those around them. Pray that God will forgive us for our unfaithfulness and hireling spirit and grant us the grace to emulate our covenantally faithful forebears.” *Persis Chia, Melbourne, Australia*

“I'm thankful for the reminder that the focus and thrust of the message should always be the distinctives because that is what differentiates the pure doctrines from the flood of heresies in Christendom today. I'm warned of the danger that a lack of an experimental understanding of the doctrines you have brought to us would pose. We cannot support you and your mandate to restore all things if we ourselves aren't convicted and clear of what this mandate. And that ultimately will be to the detriment of my soul and those I influence and speak to. It is a fearful prospect to consider that even after so many years I still lack such conviction and understanding. May God have mercy on my soul.” *Philologus Eio, Singapore*

“Greetings dear pastor! With respect to the NJT Preface of 7th June, I think your outrage is certainly justifiable when Rhoda tried to do ‘pioneering outreaches’ in certain remote place in Hyderabad instead of spending time as you have stated “on our principal leaders and reinforce to them the broad purview of our ministry and how it should be practically implemented!!” Be it as it may, there may be certain constraints she might have faced given the ground situation but the broad principles you have underscored is so vital for our awareness and consciousness. Therein you have clearly underlined the distinct difference between the Great Commission with the divine mandate God has given you in particular and we, as beneficiaries of your life-giving ministry all these years are bound to assist you. I thought your directive to Rhoda was absolutely wise as it is the best and most effective way in using the God-given scarce resources for her disposal, especially time, if she could focus to speak to those principal leaders. Undoubtedly, they would be the ones who could grasp your doctrines better and faster and would be able, with all probability to mince such lofty doctrines to the villagers in their local outreaches knowing their cultural context and spiritual background. Besides that, I thought that there might also be the

security and safety issues also for her in places like India. Over and above your directive to Rhoda, I thank God for your pastoral heart to admonish us concerning our innate depraved propensities as we endeavour to assist you in this ministry to ‘restore all things.’ (Matthew 17:11c) With the darkest state of prevailing apostasy of our last of the last days, very sadly, a majority of Protestant Churches today have departed so far from Historic Christianity that whenever we convey those messages you have bequeathed to us, the hearers, if they are upright, intelligent and seeking for the truth, would marvel at such quantum of light shed on them! To resist the temptation of stealing glory for ourselves, we have to tell the people whom we speak that these doctrines are truths we have personally learned from you, as Paul exhorted Timothy ‘knowing of whom thou hast learned them’ (2 Timothy 3:14b). In fact, these are things we openly declared to the pastors and churches everywhere we go - that we come to them not doing church planting or starting a new ministry but merely helping the local churches to reform by imparting to them the Calvinistic doctrines we have directly received from you to restore them back to ‘the old paths’ (Jeremiah 6:16d). Hence our particular emphasis to speak on ‘the subjective aspect of the Gospel’ to warn God’s people to be ready for the day of reckoning so that we ‘may find mercies of the Lord in that day.’ (2 Timothy 1:18) Unprofitable as we are, may God still make us worthy vessels to assist you faithfully in this anointed ministry given to you to ‘turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just: to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.’ (Luke 1:17) Amen! Thank you very much, dear pastor, for reading my two-cents worth of comments and shalom!” ***Phineas David Yeoh, Santiago, Chile, South America***

“Greetings pastor. I felt the contents are very deep and rich. I need to think more about it. Nevertheless, thank God, pastor is very sharp and discerning at this juncture to warn especially our leaders in the forefront and missionary pastors to stay focused to effectively convey the doctrines to the leaders of the churches in the light of the special mandate given to pastor rather than trying to start churches. This matter is all the more significant because of the amount of resources that are involved and due to the urgency of time considering the second advent of Christ is at hand. The doctrines that pastor proclaims, reasserts and underscores is in line with historic faith and experimental Calvinism. It is a testimony of pastor’s special anointing and calling to restore all things especially among the Protestant churches. On a personal level, it is always a tendency for me to flaunt knowledge and win people to myself. Instead of faithfully fulfilling my niche in this special mandate, I can become a launching pad for the work of Antichrist.” ***Phoebe Job, Singapore***

“Greetings pastor. I felt the preface of NJT 7 June shows the need for the missionary brethren to maximize the limited time they have to establish the hearers in the doctrines that you have restored.” ***Priscilla Chia, Melbourne, Australia***

“Dear pastor, I sensed the gravity of the tone in thy anger and disappointment! The time is really very short and our resources are very scarce and precious as you said. Your burden to ensure all of us, especially the appointed leaders are fully convicted of the doctrines we learnt from thee because of thy unique ministry! It’s very gripping if the best among us failed! God have mercy to spare us from fulfilling our own wicked agenda! Thank you, pastor.” *Rebekah Swee, Singapore*

“Pastor, since last night after your rebuke I took some time to mull over it. The preface gives further light as to the reasons why after so many reiterations from thee and even recently the distinction between the Great Commission and special mandate, we still do not assimilate this understanding and burden of thy special mandate. It is very soul searching and saddening to see thy assessment of our state. Your anger is truly justifiable! It is time to publish this abroad for awakening of ourselves and brethren abroad.” *Rhoda Soh, Hyderabad, India*

“It is good instruction to focus all who are in the mission field - both full-time missionaries and those are on mission stints. The time is short, so our strategy must be laser accurate. What you have preached to us is ‘high level’ stuff, therefore we should be effectively conveying to the local leaders who can then effectively convey to those in their precinct.” *Ruth Thomas Lovelace, NJ, USA*

“Dear pastor, thanks for the WhatsApp. Sorry not to have replied more promptly. It was too hard to squeeze my thoughts into a text message, and I didn't get finished up at work, then at home, until pretty late. The first time I read the 7th NJT I felt some surprise that you polarised this issue into one of fulfilling either the special mandate, or the Great Commission, but on reflection I think I could see both the pertinence and the urgency of making a very clear distinction. For a while I have wondered what exactly are the covenantal obligations upon us. One could argue that the Great Commission is to make all men Christ's disciples, and so it encompasses the effective worldwide preaching of both the law and the Gospel. I see, however, that because we have understood from you the degree of restoration that is required among those who have forgotten the law of Moses (i.e. Protestant Christendom) it is inadequate and a waste to pursue activities which do not further this mandate. I guess this is particularly true of those who represent you, who visibly share in your calling. However, a measure of responsibility lies with all of us. It is certainly tempting in UK/Europe, where there are major barriers to the acceptance of certain doctrines, (especially the anointed ministry and the ministry of the law) to conclude that it is enough to bring across a certain quantum of truth from the Scriptures and to feel that we still have some kind of role therein. However, I feel clear now that the blessings and mercies of God in our times are overwhelmingly conferred through this ministry. A restoration of Christendom ‘founded on the historic faith’, and ‘based on experimental Calvinism’ must be effected, otherwise there is no Gospel in Christendom and the Great Commission is impotent. Hence, there can be no

denominational, national or cultural affiliations. When you remind us of these things, you always do so with reference to the historic faith. I have been thinking lately how, although all of God's true anointed servants through the ages have had the self-same Gospel, in different times and places there have been widely disparate ministries. In many ways, we find the roots of our identity in the lives of our 'covenantally faithful forebears'. (For example, there is abundant precedent for the preaching of the law). But I don't think there has been any other group quite like us. I really salute those who have the faith and character to undertake the fulfilling of this mandate on the mission field. It is really not for the faint-hearted. The 'laser-accurate' strategy required (as per Ruth) is a life and death cut and thrust for the souls of those who might get a chance to hear them. I do see that those who are really a channel of blessing to others are those who are spiritually closest to you and who have implicit trust in your counsel. Shalom, pastor. Sorry to have written at such length. Hope I didn't stray too much off topic." ***Sarah Harper, Kent, England***

"I felt the preface of 7th June though being short was concise and edifying, since you have clearly underscored for us our mandate i.e. to reassert and restore the true doctrines preached by apostle Paul and all our covenantally faithful forebears, and also to expose all modern day evil heresies. You clearly mentioned what our goal should be i.e. to admonish people to repent and to see that the 2nd advent of Christ is very nigh. Thank you pastor for your counsel to Rhoda, it is quite instructional not only for her but all missionaries on the mission field, since it will help them to focus and strategize their short stint in the most profitable way possible i.e. to convey thy messages to the local leaders effectually and let the leader preach to the local people. All your preaching is very deep and lofty and it greatly helps when the missionaries revise these messages. Your warning and anger towards people who plagiarize thy messages is quite justified, since we Indians too have this high tendency of plagiarising the knowledge and teachings of others to boost our own agenda and showcase our knowledge to acquire human admiration. Thanks for reminding us that we need to acknowledge the source of our blessings and also to be careful of our depraved nature, so that we may not end up plagiarising thy messages." ***Shama Wu, Bombay, India***

"It is a grave reminder to us about our niche under your unique ministry. Your words were very blunt and cutting as you reiterated again what your special mandate is and our role. The special mandate and call to restore all things in these final days cannot be confused with the Great Commission. It is a ministry of restoration, especially among the so-called Protestant circle and our focus should not be reaching out to the unbelievers. Our actions and consecration and also the way we go about conveying the doctrines is a true indication of our lack of conviction of your special calling. It not only exposes the hireling spirit in us but also our lack of spiritual understanding of what your ministry is all about." ***Simeon Chia, Melbourne, Australia***

“Greetings pastor, the preface is very deep. As thou said that thou emphasised about this in recent China conference message and I turned my note book and found that thou hast said all these in thy preaching ‘How to discern that we are in the last of the last days’ which was conveyed to us by Eliezer Pandey. Truly I lack understanding, I am not catching thy spirit. I need to constantly check whether I am fully convicted of thy special calling and ministry. The preface exposed me that I am not sharing thy messages to win souls to Christ but to myself. As thou said (in the message) we are not so much bringing the Gospel of peace but more of the Gospel of sword. Praying that God open our spiritual eyes and quicken us who are dead in trespasses and sins. I still need to go through its content again and again. Thank you and NJT team for publishing it.” ***Tryphena Ma, Nallasopara, Maharashtra, India***

“Greetings pastor! The NJT dated 7 June give us the essence of what should be our goal is to admonish people to repent from their sins from the Scriptures and be ready for the second coming of our Lord Yeshua Christ not so much to make new churches and friends. There is the special mandate given to thee with the illumination of the Holy Spirit in this last and the last of days to restore all things and we are to assist thee, not to attract the people to ourselves. I pray and hope that I might not abuse and convey thy teaching for my own agenda but understand experimental Calvinism and have the privilege even to faithfully assist thee to restore all things. Thank you!” ***Zebadiah Debbarma, Delhi, India***

“Dear pastor, I trembled when I read the contents therein for I heard the voice of Christ speaking through you in your missive to Rhoda and the summary of your discourse on this matter. You brought us to focus as you reiterate and underscore the scope of our ministry - that it is more than just fulfilling the Great Commission; it is to restore all things. And what does it really entail? We are to faithfully convey our distinctives of the Gospel, which is aligned to ‘the Historic Faith of the covenantally faithful forebears’ and is based upon ‘experimental Calvinism’. Secondly, I am spoken strongly to acknowledge and affirm constantly of whom I learn these things - my pastor whom God has specially illumined him with the understanding of the Holy Scriptures. It is not by my derived understanding. Lest I think otherwise and become conceited and do my own agenda. Your admonishment is timely, and ever needful to keep me in check of my evil propensity to go astray.” ***Zechariah Tan, Costa Rica, Central America***

“Stunning and very necessary! I'm grateful for another precision strike by thee at multiple targets, pastor! I'm thankful to the design of divine providence for affording thee this provision to address us on our specific mission to assist thee to ‘restore all things’ among the Israel and Judah of our days rather than robbing from what we have received from thee and making merchandise to establish our own empires at our own corners. As pointed by thee; some of us lack the 'grey matter' but others are plainly stubborn and lacks integrity to acknowledge the extent of divine illumination

upon thee because of the special calling and ministry given to thee. The issue on the distinction between special mandate and Great Commission is reiterated in great potency and hence thy justified holy anger against our unwise employment of limited resources at the mission fields that reflects a greater worry of our murkiness and malaise. On the whole, it dispels haziness, brings amazing clarity and definition to our mission objectives and it is heartening to hear that ‘our restoration is founded on the Historic Faith of our covenantally faithful forebears’. May the omniscient God help us to repent and grant us grace to be integral and faithful!” ***Zephaniah Soh, Santiago, Chile, South America***

“The NJT June 7th is very instructive. It provides clear and specific directives on how we should best use our time and resources in the mission fields. In your concise remarks, you pungently brought across your special ministry in restoring historic faith and experimental Calvinism while exposing the heresies of our days. I felt it is important to be reminded again and again that our aim is not to start our own churches or pursue our agendas but to bring souls to repentance and prepare them for the second advent of Christ. From your anger, I also see that how often we thought we know but in practical application we bring more harm than good to your ministry, exposing our inability to grasp your doctrines and instructions rightly. I pray God grant me the capacity to understand all that you have taught me and not to remain a moron.” ***Zipporah Lee, NJ, USA***



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Given the limitation of space, we had to preclude certain responses.

We do not endorse all the opinions and perceptions published in this issue.

“Yet many years didst Thou forbear them, and testified against them by Thy Spirit in Thy prophets: yet would they not give ear: therefore gavest Thou them into the hand of the people of the lands. Nevertheless for Thy great mercies’ sake Thou didst not utterly consume them, nor forsake them; for Thou art a gracious and merciful God.” *Nehemiah 9:30,31*



*A farm in Andes, the Catskills, NY
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