

**PREFACE**

*“Thank God for the privilege I have to spend at least 3 Sabbaths up here in Cameron Highlands. I am blessed to be up here from the pre-Conference to the post-Conference and I felt this season up here has given me a very different perspective from the other conferences. Daily I see pastor’s burden for the souls of the young ones in our midst, for our dying parents, for the souls that our missionary brethren are trying to reach out to in the fields. The work of God is great and they are all upon his shoulders. From his ministration to us from Nehemiah and Esther and even today, pastor also shared with us his sadness, disappointment and his tears (though not shown outwardly), his bleeding heart because many of us just do not see the greatness of this work. We do not sense the battle of Gog and Magog we are faced with and the heat of this battle that we are very much engaged in today. Thank God for pastor fighting for the young ones because old horses like me cannot grasp doctrines and he is pinning his hope on the young ones but Satan and the world also want them. He ministered to them to wean them from the world; the only way to knock sense into them besides preaching is the application of the law – that they may see that they are heading towards hell. Thank God for the love of Yeshua Christ in pastor because he owes no man anything; why should he soil his hands? We are always undoing what he has done by going back to the world; and parents are undoing the work done on their children. I see the sentence of death ministered to him while life and spirit is given to us every day. Every time he stands at the pulpit, he stands as an infirmed man. Thank God he travails through the night to give birth to these messages and make them very pastoral to our hearts. Many brethren were sharing their blessings of being in the advanced party and provoking one another as to who is more advanced but the conference only starts when pastor comes up. So it does not matter even if you are in the advanced party. Nehemiah of the Scriptures applied 12 years leave but pastor gave up his work to engage full time in God’s work. He keeps telling us that his ministry is global for the twin battles are also global in scope; he beckons many of us to come forth, to actively contribute to this work. Many of us talk about knowing our niche but still we fail on our part to make a contribution to the work of God. Thank God despite what we are, pastor is longsuffering. Yesterday, he condescended himself to show us from the Old Testament to the New Testament how to preach to different audiences. Pastor’s responsibilities in his ministry are increasing. He does not just make a yearly pilgrimage to USA, but now Australia and China and India are waiting for him. Haziell Qi said he has already prepared a bed for pastor. There are only 365 days in a year and I really feel that it is the grace of God that will enable pastor to travel from north to south and from east to west. We have to appreciate every moment he is with us here every day. We cannot take for granted that he is always with us in Singapore and Johor (Malaysia). We are all blessed because pastor has laboured to minister life and spirit to us. Thank God for today’s worship. Pastor always nips every problem in the bud; he does not wait till he has to bring a fire extinguisher to put out the fire. Pastor is not afraid to address us. Thank God for the way he addresses our problems – by bringing us back to the Scriptures. Everything is from the Scriptures—the Scriptures alone is sufficient for our faith and every compartment of our lives. How to nurture children in the fear of the Lord? I really marvel at the way pastor selected the verses from the book of Proverbs. When I put them together, it brings out a wholesome treatment on how we should nurture children in the fear of God so that the end is to bring them to heaven. Many parents bring their children to church so that they will sit still but pastor’s purpose is that they be pushed to heaven. Pastor believes in the Word of God and he sees the potential of every child in Christ. He has never given up on any child. We talk about Daniel Fong; many have given up on him but he is a child having the potential of the power of the grace of Christ. Recently Naomi Chua shared with us what Daniel counselled her and we were filled with unbelief but this is what the grace of Christ can do. Thank God pastor did not give up on any one of us. When pastor heard about Joseph Fong, he sent Daniel his brother and a few children to speak to him. Pastor fights for every one of us in our midst. I was encouraged to see the effects of what the rod can do to every child—to drive away the evil spirit so that the wisdom of God can be injected. No matter how hard the child is beaten, he will not die but rather consolidate his hope of going to heaven. It is one thing to hear this and many of us want to go back and start caning the child but pastor believes in the Word of God and has never doubted it. He shared concerning Israel Thomas who went away last time. During that period the enemies took the opportunity to mock at him. But pastor never moved away from the Word of God. If this is the Word of God, God will do it and I thank God that God exalted and extolled the Word of God when Israel came home and moreover he is a different Israel today. Israel is not an expressive person but to see him writing ‘I miss you’ to pastor, this is nothing but the grace of God. After I came back from the States, Philo (my son) was a different person. Surely it cannot be me because I was in the States. Pastor was a father to him that he is a changed person and enjoys the Word of God and loves to go for mission work. Recently he asked me what I want him to do in his course. He said pastor wants him to go into the mission field. So he will just go through the course because he knows that pastor wants him for the mission work. Such a mentality is in him because pastor brings him up as his own son. Pastor says we beat the child to drive out the demonic spirits from the heart of the child. But if I apply the law, it is that in the end*

***I may win back the child for Christ.***” Damaris Koh’s response to pastor’s message on ‘The Upbringing Of Children In The Fear and Admonition Of The Lord’ from the book of Proverbs, Part 1, Cameron Highlands, Malaysia; 15 June AD 2014