

PREFACE

“Greetings dear pastor, as Micah and I endeavoured to convey the blessings of the recent 6th China Conference to the brethren in Shiloh, Kathmandu, I felt compelled to pen down this thanksgiving to the three Persons of the Godhead, God the Father, our Lord Yeshua Christ and the blessed Holy Spirit. At the end of last December conference, Micah encouraged and urged me to apply leave again for the China conference. Frankly speaking, to my shame, there was unbelief in my heart that I could obtain long leave once again at such short notice. Thank God for touching my school HOD to grant me leave in the midst of our second semester examinations. To me, it was a miracle of sorts! Then we read about the worrying news of thy ill health and hospitalization. We were praying daily for thee that thou would recover speedily and fully. It gladdened my heart to see thy fresh and healthy countenance on the first day of our arrival.

*One of the greatest blessings I received in this conference is thy first message from the book of Philippians. It drastically changed my view about motherhood! Sometimes, I am bitter and negative with regards to motherhood. It is a form of law to me. I am puzzled why Psalm 113:9 describes mother as “joyful mother”. I could not understand Psalm 127:3 that says, ‘... the fruit of the womb is His reward’, and neither could I be grateful for the blessed ambience of Psalm 128. I was very impressed when pastor described how Ruth Thomas Lovelace enjoys taking care of little Isaiah, bringing him hither and thither to meet up with God’s servant and God’s people; it is not a chore for Ruth; and little Isaiah was a companion to Ruth. Pastor went on to say that motherhood is a blessing. There are so many things that we can give thanks to God for in His preservation, mercies and grace upon us the parents and the child. If we have more than one child, then the blessings of God multiply (not mere addition) according to the number of children that we have! I am brought to appreciate the blessed portion God has given to me. In the same vein, we are to be thankful for every brother and sister in the church. We should not lose the spirit of thanksgiving for a few problems in our lives. But God is angry when we put family above the house of God. Pastor showed me that the relationship in the house of God transcends family ties. The relationship of Paul and Timothy is like that of Moses and Joshua, David and Jonathan, Naomi and Ruth; it was cemented by the Holy Spirit. They had first experienced the love of God the Father Who withheld not His only begotten Son and the love of Yeshua Christ Who condescended Himself in His incarnation. **I saw the root of my poverty. I am living a man-ward and man-pleasing religion.** I need to first experience John 3:16. Those who tasted John 3:16 will naturally manifest the spirit of I John 3:16.*

Besides, I want to thank God for bringing Ruth Thomas Lovelace and Zipporah Lee to this China Conference. They both had rendered great help to thee and they brought immense blessings to the sisters especially in the absence of the Singapore elder sisters. Although I was busy assisting Eunice Lim in the culinary work, thank God that I could enjoy the sessions of responses and revisions led by Ruth. I felt really happy for the China sisters to have Ruth in our midst to teach and guide them. Ruth wisely and sensibly regulated the response sessions by regulating the feedback of the China sisters. She taught them the importance of capturing the doctrines, to appreciate the flow and development of thy messages. Nevertheless, she would always remind the China sisters not to repeat thy messages after the first few had responded. Many of us are guilty of parroting and regurgitating thy messages without understanding them properly. Most of our responses are quotations of what thou had said or what others had said. Instead of repeating thy messages, Ruth taught us to respond with our own analysis. At one juncture, Ruth even stopped a China sister who was sobbing and crying. She told the sister that her crying was not based on that particular sermon. I fondly remember how Ruth had also taught me the same many years ago that our cries or laughter should have a basis in the Word of God or doctrines.

I thank God too for using Zipporah Lee to help thee to a great extent in the interpretation of thy messages to Mandarin. Sometimes, it was really hard to remember the big portion of thy exposition. But, the grace of God was upon Zipporah to capture the concepts and the spirit of thy exposition. She was able to interpret systematically and fluently for the edification of the China brethren. In one of the table talks, pastor told us that Zipporah has improved a lot because she was very wise to watch news, debates, speeches and good programs together with Ruth in the US. Zip has learned a lot from Ruth. Both Ruth and Zip also have good and intelligent bosses to train them up. As for me, I would rather sleep or complete the house chores than to watch the news. Thus, I am not improving. Actually, when I was staying with pastor and God’s people in Block 173 Singapore, pastor used to invite us to watch good programs. That’s where I was trained spiritually, physically and intellectually. Looking at the growth of some China sisters, I need to wake up and catch up. Both Ruth and Zip have taken heed to thy preaching to be grounded and rooted in the Word of God first so that they could assess all things from the perspective of the Word of God.

Thy final sermon on Deuteronomy 32 in the China conference instructed me to be urgent to seek for the salvation of my own soul. Or else I may end up being consumed by His sword. Thy anger is a reflection of the anger of God towards us. In this conference, I was brought to see the reality of the work of the evil trinity. Anyone of us can be the launching pad of the Antichrist to destroy the work of God. I thank God for thy great

warning and strong rebukes, lest I wallow in presumption and complacency straightaway after the conference. I am also touched by thy care and love towards Micah and I. Thank God that we could bid thee farewell in John Bunyan house before we left for Nepal. May God answer thy benediction for us.” Adaiyah Basnet, Kathmandu, Nepal; 4 March 2018 AD