

PREFACE

*“It is the love of God upon all of us that the Almighty God should condescend to us through His servant in such a manner to show us wherein we have failed peradventure we can amend our ways. It is like pastor addressing two different clusters of people: one who is seeking to be justified and the other who is following because of other agendas. This address is for both groups to acknowledge their true spiritual disposition. While reading three parts of the series of prefaces, I was struggling to see my disposition. Sometimes the power of presumption overcame me over the perception of my true spiritual disposition! I thought, oh I do not love the world that much; I do not crave for shopping; I do not enjoy the world but I find peace in the things of God. I am not surfeiting; I am not sleepy in meeting; I love to hear preaching and so on. All these self righteous spirit came down when pastor in the fourth part (17th March) said that, ‘Almost all of ye love the world very much. You forsake your own mercies if you don’t acknowledge that...’ Then I started to examine myself how positively I have failed to wait upon God. That is the mark in itself that I am not justified yet. Once pastor preached Psalm 1 that we cannot stop only in separating from ungodly, sinners and scornful but we need to delight in His law. **I am convinced that I am not justified yet!** Because there is no natural desire to delight in the Word of God, no natural love for His people and His Kingdom. If not for pastor, the Word of God is merely dead letters to me. How to have peace then? I felt there is the lack of the fear of God in me. I am unstable like water. I am so soon disturbed by small things. I have no faith. I am the most blessed person in the ministry of pastor because I am not working at all, unlike other brethren who received direct rebuke and reproof from pastor after working long hours. Yet I cannot wait. I try to use this time to go back to pastor’s messages and meditate. But I am not effectually waiting upon Him. As the standard of salvation is so high; so is the standard of waiting. Pastor said that it is an understatement to say waiting is active. My unbelief says, ‘Then there is no hope.’ How to take the Kingdom of God by violence when in my best state I am but lukewarm?? Oh that God have mercy! Hope is evoked at the place of anointed preaching! Yet the fearful thing is my heart remains the same even after hearing so many times. Pastor repeatedly quoted Deuteronomy 29:4 ‘Yet the LORD hath not given you an heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day’. It is a verse that generates fear when I apply the verse to my current spiritual disposition. It really flattens me. It is God’s prerogative even to give me the spirit of waiting. Thank God pastor through the guidance of the Holy Ghost did not tilt the balance between the sovereignty of God and responsibility of man. In this year God really gave solid food to His people to digest the ‘Philosophy of the Gospel’ and ‘Justification By Faith’. Though we may give excuse that they are too deep to understand but now there is no excuse at all. This address sums up these two messages aptly at our level. At the end what matters is the subjective aspect, whether I have experienced Justification by Faith. Pastor’s personal testimony is very inspiring and God glorifying. It is the sovereign God Who has given him such delight in the Word of God. He enjoys the Word of God as finger licking good. Yet we murmur how come people in the world look happier than us. Such perception is in us because we have not tasted justifying grace. That is the reason we go back to our vomit again and again. Even with the sweet promises of God, we do not turn to Him because this world has become like heaven to us. Therefore thank God for the threatening of God through pastor’s address which peradventure may convict us of the reality of what the world is. Pastor has the doctrinal and scriptural basis to say that our times are darker than the Dark Ages. And it is because of the lack of understanding and the experience of this doctrine. We have the right understanding of this doctrine yet fail to experience it hence there is more darkness in our hearts than others. The evil fruits are seen in our own children. They do not have spiritual appetite. Yet thank God for the likes of Baca Chia and her daughters and Abigail Loh and some others to encourage His servant. Pastor warned that a spiritual flood as in the days of Noah is about to break out! My safety is to be in the ark of Noah to be at the feet of the servant of God and to receive rebuke and reproof. I fear this address can be like Deuteronomy 32. It is fearful to see pastor moving to the West. Hope this address will become a tract so that the generations to come can also read these things.”* Eliezer Pandey, Part 2 (final), Naigaon, Thane, Maharashtra, India; 17 March 2015 AD