

Preaching Dates

Saturday 2 June 2018

Aubrey Jamieson at the Inverness Festival of Male Voice Praise, East Parish Church, Inverness.

Sunday 3 June 2018

Peter Trotter (am) at Faith Fellowship Dagupan, Bonuan Gueset, Dagupan City, Philippines

Andrew Swanson (am) at South Beach Baptist Church

Phill March (am) at Lambhill Evangelical Church, Glasgow

John Perkins (am) at Auchlochlan Retirement Village (Methodist Homes Association), Lanark.

David Craig (am) at Ayr Baptist Church

David W Andrew (am) at EU Congregational Tillicoultry

David Rathel (am) at Coastline Community Church, Pittenweem

Nigel Johns (am) at Kingspark Baptist Church

Stan Paliwoda (am) at Campbeltown Community Church

Tony Walters (am) at Lighthouse Christian Fellowship

Gordon Dickey (am) at Hawick Baptist Church

Douglas Inglis (pm) at Newton Mearns Baptist Church

Arthur Jones (pm) at South Beach Baptist Church

Charles Sommerville (am + pm) at PWMI at North Berwick Baptist Church

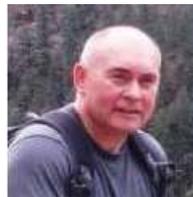
Jim McNulty (am + pm) at Islay Baptist Church

Monday-Wednesday 4-6 June 2018

Peter Trotter at "Youth Convergence Conference" - Faith Evangelical Church of the Philippines

Tuesday 5 June 2018

Aubrey Jamieson at Fishermen's Mission Praise Service at Salvation Army Citadel, Aberdeen



"Psalm 55"

By Gordon Dickey

In Psalm 55v6 it says

'Oh that I had wings like a dove I would fly away and be at rest'.

So David says that he wants to be at rest or escape from his present circumstances. We often talk about holidays being a relaxing time and it is great when we can take a break from all the stress and pressures of work. When you think about it everyone needs an escape of some kind. Some people look to a sport or a hobby, but the problem is all of these escapes are temporary. It doesn't matter if I go to the pool or the gym, it doesn't matter if I escape for two weeks in the sun. The fact is that I have to come back. Someone once said that coming back from holiday and going back to work is like the space shuttle as it re-enters the earth's atmosphere. In space for the astronauts, the weight of life is removed, it is an unreal world, but when they enter back into the real world there is the incredible resistance and pressure.

But in Psalm 55 David is talking about a different kind of escape. When you read the Psalm it is clear that David's life was in danger. Life had become unbearable. In v6 he wants a quick escape, in v7 just like Elijah he wants to lodge in the wilderness and stay there. In v8 he wants to be free from the storms of life. People are willing to pay big money for this package.

But this desire to escape was unrealistic. David practically admits that in v6, 'Oh that I had wings like a dove'. David understands that to escape from his problems was to lay them in God's hand. Again having a holiday is a wonderful thing where you can change the scenery, but if you have fear and anxiety in your heart then that very fear and anxiety can still be very deep in your heart. Notice what David says in v22 'Cast your burden on the Lord and He will sustain you'. David knew the escape which really needed was into the presence of God. David understood that there is strength in not running away but running to.

Ps55 teaches us that we are not to run from the problem but run to the Lord and it is there that we shall receive God's sustaining grace.