

An aerial photograph of a lush green valley. A winding road curves through the center of the valley. In the foreground, a dark, forested hillside slopes down towards the valley. The background shows rolling hills under a bright sky.

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ISAIAH 55:12

Song of the Hills and Mountains

Hills and mountains symbolize praise, worship, and spiritual success in the high places of our lives. Being in such places will broaden our perspective and vision and provide the alertness and awakening needed to prevent fatigue in our spiritual journey. God has His spiritual beings (angels) standing around the throne of God, worshiping Him endlessly. We worship God because He is worthy to be praised. We were in His heart throughout eternity. He gave us a chance to come into this world. Every person's life is a chance. We must use that chance to magnify our Heavenly Father.

Nature declares the glory of God. God, in His infinite knowledge, created everything to forever worship Him. "The mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands" Isaiah 55:12. In ancient times, people lived in mountains, valleys, and cities were established there. The people living in these mountains and hills built places of worship to praise and worship Him. Their lives were centered around these places of worship. One such monumental and historical site is the Jerusalem Temple, built upon the Temple mount.

When the people in the hills and mountains were spiritually blessed and awakened, their spiritual lives were enriched, and they gave more importance to spiritual things. They spent much of their time singing, praising, meditating, and adoring God's mercies and goodness. They also stayed away from sin. They did good, moral things for their fellow brothers. When they were spiritually weak or down, they did not focus on spiritual things, and their prayer lives and worship crumbled. When spiritual darkness ruled over the hills, mountains, and people's lives, they did not praise, worship, or repent but fell into sin. We must have spiritual motivation and revival in our lives. It encourages us to live for God and repent. At the same time, we must avoid spiritually weakening things that lead us to sin.

Beloved church, as a body of Christ, God has placed us in spiritually high places such as the mountains and hills. God has a special purpose for us when he puts us in those places. We must always be spiritually revived when we are in God's presence. When we are revived, those high places will burst forth spiritual songs and praise for the glory of God. There, everyone will take care of and support each other and will keep divine fellowship without causing any wounds. Reconciliation and repentance will be a normal part of life. Most of all, everyone will always be ready to praise and sing to the Lord. That is the way the mountains and hills, like the high places, will sing and praise the Almighty God. "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands" Psalms 19:1.

...Pr. Shaju Pappachan

God's Promise

"You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands". (Isaiah 55:12)

The above-mentioned verse begins with the promise, "You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace," and I would like to focus on that promise.

Who is this promise for?

Isaiah begins the chapter with an invitation: "Come, all you who are thirsty" and as we read through the chapter, it reveals to us God's conditions to receive the promise:

- Seek Him while He may be found
- Call on Him while He is near
- Forsake wicked ways
- Turn away from unrighteous thoughts

What is the promise?

- **Go out in joy.**

In our day-to-day lives, short-lived happiness based on situations, mood, circumstance, etc is misunderstood as joy. However, the joy of the Lord can neither be compared to what the world can offer, nor is it short-lived. The inner joy that the Lord gives is from above, an everlasting joy that we experience when we truly understand God's grace and abide in Him. Joy is a fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22).

Nehemiah 8:10 says, "the joy of the Lord is my strength". It also means that without the joy of the Lord, we are weak. When we face difficult times in our lives, when things don't go as expected, we can get anxious and upset. But those who trust the Lord, who understand God's grace, will still be joyous from within, irrespective of the situation.

- **Led forth in peace.** Living in this world comes with multiple challenges. We may face different kinds of stress on a daily basis. But when we allow Christ to lead us and guide our steps, we find peace. Note that the verse says LED FORTH. God has to lead us to attain the peace that He promises in Philippians 4:7. Anxiety or fear or stress don't cease to exist in this world, but when we truly have peace of God, we stop having to worry about everything. We can simply trust His plans and find peace from within.

What is the result of this promise being fulfilled?

So when you respond to His invitation, you will go out in joy and be led forth in peace. As a result, the mountains and hills will burst forth into song before you. A positive response to God's call promises a beautiful future for you, where every curse is overcome and there is a celebration in nature that God beautifully created. The beautiful future is not only for the days in this world but also for eternity in heaven. May God's promises be fulfilled in our lives these days as we surrender our lives in accordance with His ways.

...*Sis. Divya Balachandran*

Schedule of Events for 2023

<p style="text-align: center;">January 2023</p> <p>Jan 7: Special Service: Baptism Jan 21: SS and PYPA Anniversary Jan 28: Meeting @Church</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">February 2023</p> <p>Feb 4: Alex Varghese: Funeral Service Feb 11: Cell Meeting Feb 18: ICPF One-Day conference Feb 25: Meeting @ Church</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March 2023</p> <p>Mar 4: Fasting Prayer Mar 11: Cell Meeting Mar 18: PYPA Mar 25: Special Service: Baptism</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">April 2023</p> <p>Apr 1: Fasting Prayer Apr 8: Cell Meeting Apr 15: PYPA Apr 22: Outreach Apr 29: Picnic</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">May 2023</p> <p>May 6: Fasting Prayer May 13: Cell Meeting May 20: PYPA May 27: Mens'/Ladies'/Childrens' Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">June 2023</p> <p>Jun 3: Fasting Prayer Jun 10: Cell Meeting Jun 17: PYPA Jun 25: SS Exam</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">July 2023</p> <p>Jul 1: Fasting Prayer Jul 8: Cell Meeting Jul 15: PYPA Jul 22: Outreach Jul 29: Picnic</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">August 2023</p> <p>Aug 5: Fasting Prayer Aug 12: Cell Meeting Aug 19: PYPA Aug 26: VBS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">September 2023</p> <p>Sep 2: Fasting Prayer Sep 9: Cell Meeting Sep 16: PYPA Sep 30: Special Meeting</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">October 2023</p> <p>Oct 7: Fasting Prayer Oct 14: Cell Meeting Oct 20-22: Retreat Oct 28: Outreach</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">November 2023</p> <p>Nov 4: Fasting Prayer Nov 11: Cell Meeting Nov 18: PYPA Nov 25: Thanksgiving Fellowship</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">December 2023</p> <p>Dec 2: Fasting prayer Dec 10: SS Exam Dec 16: Outreach Dec 23: Cell Meeting Dec 31: Year end meeting</p>

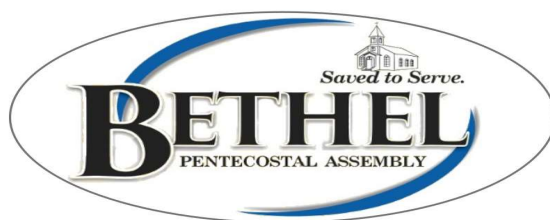
March @ Bethel Pentecostal Assembly

Sun	09:45 - 11:00 am	Sunday School / Bible Study
	11:00 - 01:00 pm	Worship Service
	08:00 - 09:00 pm	Youth Conference Prayer
Mon	09:00 - 10:00 am	Women's Conference Prayer
Tue	08:00 - 09:00 pm	Intercessory Prayer
Sat		
	Mar 4	10:30 am - 02:00 pm Fasting Prayer@IPC Church
	Mar 11	06:30 pm - 08:30 pm Cell Meeting
	Mar 18	06:30 pm - 08:30 pm PYPA@IPC Church
	Mar 25	10:00 am - 01:00 pm Baptism@Rock of Salvation

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