《天路导向》双语讲义

平凡人非凡的祷告 - 9 ORDINARY PEOPLE, EXTRAORDINARY PRAYERS - 9

SECTION A

<u>甲部</u>

- 1. Hello, listening friends. 亲爱的朋友,你好!
- 2. We are so pleased that you joined us today. 我们很高兴你今天收听我们的节目。
- 3. We pray that this series of messages are blessing you. 我们祈求神,让你借着这一系列的信息而蒙福。
- 4. We have been studying a series of messages entitled "Ordinary People Who Prayed Extraordinary Prayers". 我们目前所讲的题目是: 《平凡人非凡的祷告》,
- 5. And today I want to begin with a new one. 今天我要讲一个新的祷告。
- 6. And I want to begin by saying this. 首先我想告诉你,
- 8. Why is emotional depression on the increase worldwide? 为什么世界上的人越来越忧郁?
- 9. I'm not talking about clinical depression or chemical depression or anything physiological. 我并不是指那些医学方面,或因身体缺乏某种化学元素而引起的忧郁症。
- 10. I am talking about shear emotional depression. 我讲的是一般情绪的低潮。
- 11. You find that the more prosperous countries get, the more depressed the people become. 你发觉一个国家越富庶,她的人民就越忧郁。
- 12. For example, in countries where there is the highest per capita income on the earth. 举例来说,在国民收入最高的国家,

- 13. In countries with some of the highest technological advancement. 在拥有尖端科技的国家,
- In countries where modern conveniences abound.
 在非常现代化的国家,
- 15. You find that there are more depressed people in those countries than anywhere else in the world. 你会发现,这些国家的国民患上忧郁症的,比世界上任何地方都多。
- A few years ago, I began to sense the answer to my question.
 几年前,我开始意识到其中的原因,
- 17. And the answer was simply this. 原因很简单,
- 18. In fact, it's one word. 只是一个词,
- 19. Expectations. 就是"期望"。
- 20. What do I mean by this, 我的意思是,
- 21. The higher the expectations, the greater the disappointment when the expectations are not met.
 期望越高,失望越大。
- 22. The higher the build up the harder the fall. 爬得越高,摔得越重。
- 23. The greater the expectations, the deeper is the despair.
 期盼越大,失落越深。
- 24. The more unrealistic the expectations are, the steeper the disappointments. 越是不切实际的期望,往往带来更深的失望。
- 25. I have seen my fair share of unrealistic expectations. 我就曾经有过不切实际的期望,果然是这样。

- 26. I have seen unrealistic expectations between husbands and wives. 我见过夫妻间不切实际的期望;
- 27. I have seen unrealistic expectations of children. 我见过对儿女不切实际的期望;
- 28. I have seen unrealistic expectations of a job. 我见过对工作不切实际的期望;
- 29. I have seen unrealistic expectations of a boss. 我见过对老板不切实际的期望;
- 30. I have seen unrealistic expectations of a church. 我见过对教会不切实际的期望。
- 31. Most of the discontentment in a marriage is due to unrealistic expectations. 大部份不美满的婚姻,是因为双方都有不切实际的期望。
- 32. People who marry for physical attraction and expect the youthful desire to stay the same through the passing years.
 有些人因外表的吸引而结婚,于是期望青春 永驻:
- 33. People who marry for financial security are amazed when the marriage sustains financial problems.
 有些人为了经济的安全感而结婚,却没想到婚后充满了金钱的烦恼;
- 34. People who marry to run away from their problems, do not expect their marriage to create new problems.
 有些人借着婚姻逃避问题,却没想到婚姻制造更多麻烦;
- 35. Unrealistic expectations. 都是不切实际的期望。
- 36. Of course, some people move to the other extreme and join those whose motto is, "Blessed is he whose expecting nothing, for he shall never be disappointed".

 当然,也有人走向另一极端说:"没有期望,就没有失望。"
- 37. Someone said, always borrow from a pessimist, he never expects to be repaid. 有人说,最好向悲观的人借钱,因为他们不会期望你还钱。
- 38. Any unrealistic expectations can lead to depression.
 不切实际的期望带来忧郁。

- 39. But on this broadcast, I want to tell you about one expectation that will never disappoint you. 今天我要告诉你,有一个盼望是永远不会落空的。
- 40. What expectation is this? 是怎样的盼望呢?
- 41. If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, 如果你已经是一个基督徒,
- 42. When you place your expectations on the promises of God you will never be disappointed, 当你把你的期望建立在神的应许上,你就永不会失望,
- 43. No matter how long it may take, it will come to pass.
 无论等多久,它必定会实现。
- 44. Whenever you place your expectations on what God said, 只要你把盼望建立在神的话语上,
- 45. No matter how long it takes, he will always keep his word.无论等多久,神一定履行诺言。
- 46. Whenever you cling to God's covenant with you, 只要你抓紧神跟你立的约,
- 47. No matter what's going on around you, he always keeps his side of the covenant. 无论你周围发生什么事,衪必定信实守约。
- 48. Whether you see it or not, 不论你看得见或看不见,
- 49. Whether you experience it firsthand or not, 不论你是否亲身经历到,
- 50. God will always keep his word. 神必定信守诺言。
- 51. Whenever your expectations are placed firmly and squarely on God's pledges, 只要你把盼望牢牢地建立在神的应许上,
- 52. No matter how long it takes, 无论等多久,
- 53. God will always fulfill those expectations. 神一定会满足那些期望。
- 54. Today I want to draw your attention to another ordinary person who prayed an extraordinary prayer.
 今天我要请你看另外一个平凡人作的不平凡

今大找要请你看另外一个半凡人作的个半凡 的祷告。

- 55. If you are joining us for the first time, 如果你是第一次收听这个节目,
- 56. We are approaching the end of a series called, "Ordinary People Who Prayed Extraordinary Prayers". 我们所讲的题目是: 《平凡人非凡的祷告》,这一系列信息已接近尾声了。
- 57. Our study comes from the historical record according to Dr. Luke. 我们根据路加医生所记载的历史,来讲今天的信息。
- 58. If you do not have a Bible, write to us and we'll get you one. Let me remind those who have been following this series of broadcasts about what we have studied so far.

 如果你一直都在收听这个系列,让我们来温习一下所讲过的内容。
- 59. The first thing we studied was the prayer of Abraham's servant, Eliezer. 我们先从亚伯拉罕的仆人,以利以谢的祷告开始讲的。
- 60. Eliezer prayed a prayer of faith and God met the details of his prayer. 以利以谢带着信心向神祷告,神一一应允了他的要求。
- 61. Next, we saw the prayer of Samuel's mother, Hannah. 然后,我们看撒母耳母亲哈拿的祷告,
- 62. She prayed with faith and absolute confidence in the God of power and might. 她凭信心祷告,专心仰望神的大能大力,
- 63. And God met her needs and fulfilled the promises. 神应允了她的祷告,成全了她的愿望。
- 64. Today we look at a prayer of Simeon. 今天我们要看西面的祷告,
- 65. Listen as we read Luke chapter 2 verses 22 to 33.

请听我们读出路加福音 2:22-33。

按摩西律法满了洁净的日子,他们带着孩子上耶路撒冷去,要把他献与主。

(正如主的律法上所记: "凡头生的男子必称圣归主;")

又要照主的律法上所说,或用一对斑鸠,或 用两只雏鸽献祭。 在耶路撒冷有一个人,名叫西面,这人又公 义又虔诚,素常盼望以色列的安慰者来到, 又有圣灵在他身上。

他得了圣灵的启示,知道自己未死以前,必 看见主所立的基督。

他受了圣灵的感动,进入圣殿,正遇见耶稣 的父母抱着孩子进来,要照律法的规矩办 理。

西面就用手接过他来,称颂神说:

主啊!如今可以照你的话,释放仆人安然去世:

因为我的眼睛已经看见你的救恩,

就是你在万民面前所预备的:

是照亮外邦人的光,又是你民以色列的荣 耀。

孩子的父母因这论耶稣的话就希奇。

- 66. We know few things about Simeon. 关于西面的事,我们知道的不多。
- 67. He placed his expectations squarely upon the promises of God. 他把他的指望单单建立在神的应许上,
- 68. He trusted God completely. 他完全信靠神,
- 69. He let all of his expectations, hopes, and dreams be based upon the Word of God. 他把他所有的盼望和梦想都建立在神的话语上,
- 70. And God did not disappoint him. 神没有叫他失望。
- 71. I want you to look at Luke 2:25. 请看路加福音 2:25,
- 72. Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

 在耶路撒冷有一个人名叫西面,这人又公义又虔诚,素常盼望以色列的安慰者来到,又有圣灵在他身上。
- 73. Let me tell you a few things that are Biblically and historically accurate. 让我告诉你一些合乎圣经真理又具有历史准确性的事。
- 74. In times of spiritual degeneracy. 当人的属灵光景退化的时候:

75. In times when the official church hierarchy is focused on the form of religion, but deny its power.

当教会的领袖埋首于宗教的形式,却否定教 会的能力时;

- 76. In times where the clergy of the church are more concerned about the institution than the gospel of Jesus Christ.
 当教会的牧者关心教会架构,多于传扬耶稣基督的福音时;
- 77. In times of spiritual crisis, 在属灵危机当中:
- 78. In times where religious leaders become preoccupied with politics and compromise, 当宗教领袖忙着谈论政治,并且向世界妥协让步时;
- 79. In those times, 就在这些时候,
- 80. God always calls ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things. 神往往使用平凡的人为祂作大事;
- 81. God calls ordinary people to pray extraordinary prayers.

 神叫平凡人作不平凡的祷告。
- 82. When Hannah prayed her prayer and God blessed her with Samuel. 当哈拿向神祷告,神就赐福给她生下撒母耳。
- 83. Eli the priest was preoccupied. 祭司以利为别的事分心,
- 84. So, God called an ordinary woman to exercise extraordinary faith. 于是神让一个平凡的妇人,使用超凡的信心。
- 85. God always calls ordinary people to believe the impossible. 神常常叫平凡的人相信那不可能实现的事;
- 86. God calls ordinary people to expect the unexpected. 神常常叫平凡的人期待那出乎意料的事;
- 87. God always calls ordinary people to hope for hopeless. 神常常叫平凡的人指望那没有希望的事:
- 88. God always calls ordinary people to attempt the unthinkable. 神常常叫平凡的人尝试那不可思议的事;

- 89. God always calls ordinary people to be convinced of the inconceivable. 神常常叫平凡的人接纳无法想象的事:
- 90. God always calls ordinary people top see the invisible. 神常常叫平凡的人看得见隐密的事;
- 91. God always calls ordinary to do the undoable. 神常常叫平凡的人去作常人做不到的事。
- 92. Let no one therefore say, I am just an ordinary Christian. 所以我们不该说,我只是个平凡的基督徒。
- 93. God specializes in using ordinary Christians who believe in an extraordinary God. 神专门使用一些普通的基督徒,但他们相信神是伟大超凡的神。
- 94. Now there are some people who try to speculate about this man Simeon. 有些人喜欢猜测这个叫西面的,到底是个怎么样的人。
- 95. Someone said, he must have been a rabbi. 有人说,他大概是犹太教的老师;
- 96. Others said, he must have been a retired priest. 也有人说,他大概是已经退休的祭司;
- 97. This is all speculation. 这全都是瞎猜。
- 98. Why do they speculate? 为什么他们要猜测?
- 99. The fact is that Simeon was an ordinary man. 因为他们不愿意相信西面不过是一个平凡的人,

SECTION B

<u>乙部</u>

- 1. They do not want to accept the fact that God uses ordinary people. 他们不愿意相信神会使用一个平凡的人。
- 2. But the whole Scripture proves it. 可是,整本圣经充满这样的例证,
- 3. What Luke is telling us about this man is that he was an ordinary man. 路加告诉我们,这是一个平凡的人,
- But he had unshakable expectations about the coming Messiah.
 但是,他对弥赛亚的来临深信不疑。

- Dr. Luke was a very meticulous man and a scientist.
 路加医生是个非常细心的人,他也是一个科学家,
- 6. He paid attention to details and did not leave anything out. 他注意每一个细节,绝对不会遗漏什么的。
- 7. If Simeon were anything other than just an ordinary man that was filled with the Holy Spirit, Luke would have told us. 如果西面不是一个被圣灵充满的平凡人,路加一定会告诉我们。
- 8. While we do not know a great deal about Simeon.
 虽然我们对西面所知不多,
- 9. We know the few things about him that are mentioned in Luke chapter 2. 但路加福音第二章的记载,让我们知道一些有关他的事。
- 10. The few things that we know about him, are the things that really matter to God, if not to people.

 神一定觉得我们所知道的这些事很重要,即使人不认为是重要的。
- 11. What do I mean by that. 我的意思是,
- 12. We often think that people who really matter are people with big titles. 我们常常以为只有带着显赫身分的人才重要:
- 13. We often think that people who really matter are people with a string of degrees after their name. 我们常常以为那些拥有好几个学位的人才了不起;
- 14. We often think that people who really matter are people who are highly regarded in society. 我们常常以为只是那些拥有社会地位的人才举足轻重,
- 15. But God the Holy Spirit inspired Luke to tell us what is important to God about this man. 但是,神的灵感动路加告诉我们,神为什么看重这个人,
- 16. Verse 25 of Luke chapter 2. 路加福音 2:25 说,
- 17. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon.
 在耶路撒冷有一个人,名叫西面。

- 18. Then Luke gives us the man's qualifications. 然后路加告诉我们这人的特质,
- 19. Qualification number one, 第一个特质,
- 20. He was righteous. 这人是公义的。
- 21. Qualification number two, 第二个特质,
- 22. He was devout. 这人是虔诚的。
- 23. Qualification number three, 第三个特质,
- 24. He was looking for or watching for the consolation of Israel.他素常盼望以色列的安慰者来到。
- 25. Now my listening friend, my time is coming to an end. 亲爱的朋友,我们的节目时间又差不多到了,
- 26. In the next broadcast we will be looking at all these qualifications in detail. 下一次节目我们会详细地讨论这些特质,
- 27. But before I conclude this broadcast, I want to ask you this.
 但是,在结束以前,我想问你一个问题,
- 28. Can people look at your life and say that you are righteous, devout, and looking with expectations for the coming of the Lord Jesus. 别人可以从你身上看出你是一个正直、虔诚和指望着主耶稣再来的人吗?
- 29. My prayer is that your answer is yes. 我祈求神让你回答说,是的!
- 30. Tune in to our next broadcast when we will learn how long the people of God had been waiting to see what Simeon was able to see. 下次请继续收听,我们会讲神的子民等了多久才看到西面所见到的。
- 31. Until then, I wish you God's richest blessing. 愿神大大的赐福给你,我们下次节目时间再会。