

TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Wunmi

OFFERING: Remy

WORD: Guest Minister

WELCOME

We warmly welcome you, if you are worshipping with us for the first time. We believe you've become a member of our church family by God's grace.

Please ensure you speak to the Pastor or one of today's facilitators before you leave.

May God bless you richly (Amen).

VERSE(S) OF THE DAY

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV)

GROWTH & ADVANCEMENT

To build a church that is **growing, healthy and full of love**, do you have comments, ideas or suggestions? If so, please talk to the Pastor or a minister.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know you could join most of our services online when **you are unable to attend?** Talk to the technical team or the Pastor to find out how.

**Look
and
live**

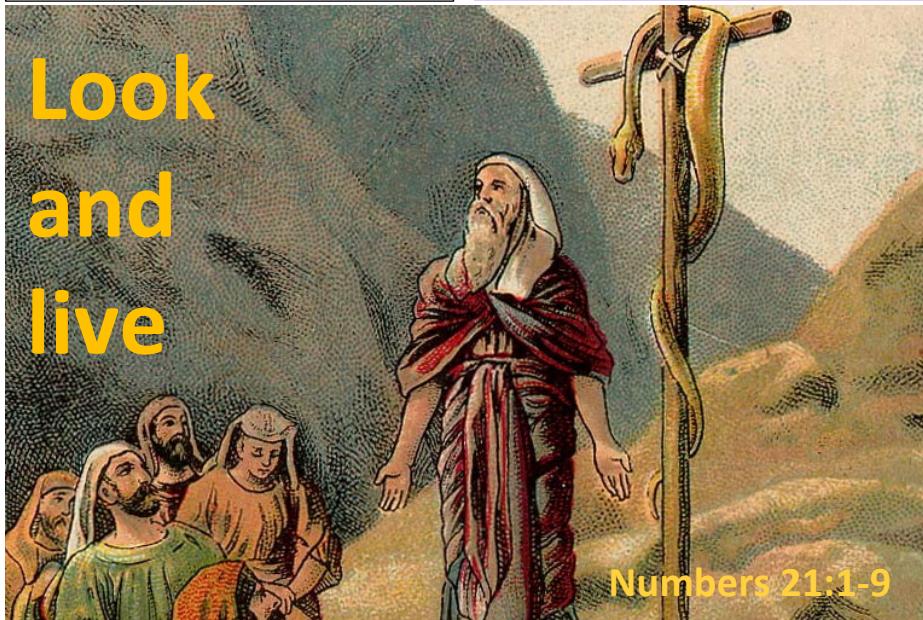


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Sunday 29 August 2021

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Redeemed Christian Church of God

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WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship service
From 10am

FRIDAY

Prayer meeting / Bible study
From 7pm

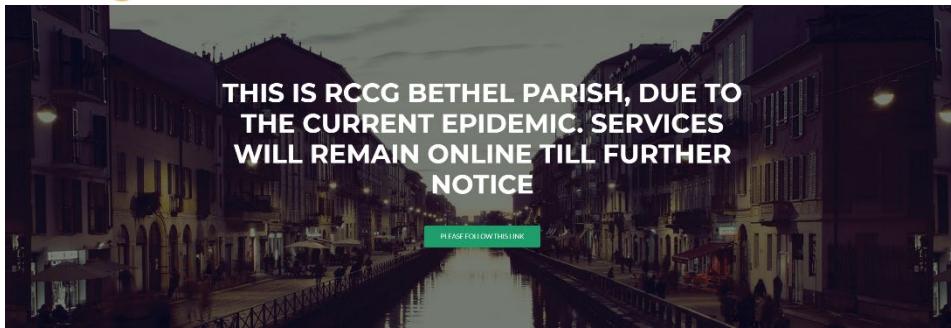
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Our website is a treasure trove of information, and not only about our focus and mission. You could subscribe to our podcast or listen to past sermons too (<http://rccgbethel.church/sermons/>). This is particularly useful for when you are unable to attend services or for refreshing your recollection as an essential part of your private Bible study.

There's more! Details of events and outreach will almost certainly be available from relevant pages on our website and updated regularly, along with downloadable copies of our Sunday bulletins (<http://rccgbethel.church/category/bulletins/>).

So, why don't you set our homepage as one of your **startup page(s)** in your browser now? The following instructions for most of the common browsers may help.

Google Chrome

1. Open the browser and the **Settings** menu (or the **three vertical dots** to the right of the menu bar).
2. Scroll down and click on **Advanced Settings**.
3. Select **Open a specific page or set of pages** under **On Startup**.
4. Select **Set pages** and enter or add <http://rccgbethel.church/>.

Mozilla Firefox

1. Open Firefox. Press **Alt-T** on the keyboard and select **Options** from the drop-down menu or go to **Tools >> Options** from the main menu.
2. In the **Home** section, select **Homepage and new windows** and **Custom URLs...** from the field's drop down.
3. Enter or paste the URL: <http://rccgbethel.church/> or click **Use Current Page** if you are already on our website.

Microsoft Edge

1. Click the **three horizontal dots** to the right of the top menu bar.
2. Select **Settings** and select **A Specific Page or Pages** from the **Open Microsoft Edge With** section drop down options.
3. Enter <http://rccgbethel.church/>. (Click the Plus sign to add more pages if required).
4. Click the **three horizontal dots** to the right of the top menu bar again to close **Settings** menu.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Look and live

Text: Numbers 21:1-9

During the last 16 months, we've had to stay at home, play it safe and reduce our interactions with each other. COVID-19 has resulted in many difficulties as well as providing some opportunities. We pray we won't have to go back to some of that, but we must find out what God may be saying to us during these unprecedented times.

God wants us to rise into our destiny. There are people all around us who need us and we cannot let fear keep us from moving (Deut 1:6-8). Everything happens for a reason; for our example, admonition and to make redress (1 Cor 10:11). As the end times approaches, are we prepared? The bible told us that some fail to enter into his rest as a result of their unbelief and because "**the message they heard was of no value to them**" (Heb 4:1-6). Are we failing too?

In today's text, we can see that God provided a way for those who repented of their sins to be saved from bites from the venomous snakes sent to punish them. If we believe that God is in control and everything happen for a reason, we need to reflect on current events and be sure of what God is trying to say, constantly. What are the things we ought to do and what are we not doing? What are the things we should drop? How obedient are we to God's instructions?

We must also examine these events with spiritual understanding because the things God will not make sense to the natural man (1 Cor 2:14). Obedience is key. We must renew our minds constantly with the word of God, and ensure we're not imitating or becoming too immersed in worldly things and the cultures around us (Rom 12:1-2).

Note that God did not take away the venomous snakes in today's text. Instead, God saved them by asking them to focus somewhere else, on a bronze snake on a pole (Heb 12:2). Strive towards perfection (Matt 5:48) and make sure you partner with the Holy Spirit. It is impossible to do the will of God otherwise (Zach 4:6). God is calling all of us today, whatever your circumstances.

Bottom line:

We're being reminded over and over again, for some time now, that God has a plan for each of us. Will you heed the call? Will you allow yourself to the needful (Lk 10:42). Ensure your focus is on God and God alone, knowing he's the only one who can save you from all ills (Heb 12:2).

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