

Sunday worship

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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

"Is not My word like a fire?" says the Lord, "And like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?" "Therefore behold, I am against the prophets," says the Lord, "who steal My words every one from his neighbor."

Jeremiah 23:29-30 (NKJV)

THEME FOR THE YEAR

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Nehemiah 2:12

I slipped out during the night, taking only a few others with me. I had not told anyone about the plans God had put in my heart for Jerusalem. We took no pack animals with us except the donkey I was riding.

DID YOU KNOW?

Every Sunday, we worship together at **Unit 26, Skylines Village**. When unable to attend, do visit our website or YouTube channel for recorded sessions.

For the word of God is quick,
and powerful, and sharper than any
twoedged sword, piercing even to the
dividing asunder of soul and spirit,

The sword of the Spirit
Ephesians 6:17
which is the word of God

and of the joints and marrow,
and is a discerner of the thoughts
and intents of the heart.

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Hebrews 4:12

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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 'must-visit' website



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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/>).

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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**.
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Horse Gate – Part IX

Text: Ephesians 6:10-17 AMP

We continue our studies on spiritual warfare and weapons of war. The final weapon mentioned in Paul's letter to the Ephesians is the sword of the spirit, which he calls the word of God (Eph 6:17). The word of God is sharper than any weapon, including a two-edged sword (Heb 4:11-13). Therefore, it must be handled with care. When God speaks, it comes to pass (Isa 55:11).

Zachariah and his wife Elizabeth have given up, well past child-bearing age (Lk 1:11-20). We can imagine they've prayed again and again to no effect, until Angel Gabriel appeared with a message from God. Hence, Zachariah was skeptical, but the angel made it clear the word of God must be fulfilled (Lk 1:20b). Thus, God will always honour his word.

In fact, even when God hasn't spoken or relents, his anger can be a consuming fire (Num 16:35; 41-50). The scriptures said the weapons of our warfare are not carnal (2 Cor 10:4-6). Thus, if we have the right level of respect for God's word, we can handle and wield it like a sword (1 Sam 3:19-21).

A time comes at certain points in a man's life, depending on his faithfulness to God, that his own spoken word becomes the word of God (1 Kn 17:1-2). That's why James cautioned us to watch what we say (Jas 3:9-10). You dare not disrespect a man who speaks as from God like Elijah (2 Kngs 1:10-15). Hence, James used Elijah to illustrate the power of prayer (Jas 5:15-18).

However, the word of God is only as sharp as our understanding. For example, until you learn how sharp a knife is, you're unlikely to handle it with the care necessary and that may prove dangerous. When the word of God becomes active, we can wield it with power (Heb 5:14). Every time we encounter the word, it should do something in our lives. These later become weapons in battle (1 Sam 17:33-37). It's the truth in the word of God that can set us free (Jn 8:32).

Bottom line:

We have enough weapons of defense / offence to be invulnerable in any battle or against **"the schemes, the strategies and the deceit of the devil"** (Eph 6:11 AMP). Elijah and Elisha operated at a prophetic level, doing great exploits. Where are you on the spectrum? Pay attention to the teachable moments God brings your way so you can operate at the same level too (Matt 17:20; Jn 14:13-14).

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