

## *Devotional From Charles Spurgeon*

*"Do as thou hast said."*  
2 Samuel 7:25

God's promises were never meant to be thrown aside as waste paper; he intended that they should be used. God's gold is not miser's money, but is minted to be traded with. Nothing pleases our Lord better than to see his promises put in circulation; he loves to see his children bring them up to him, and say, "Lord, do as thou hast said." We glorify God when we plead his promises. Do you think that God will be any the poorer for giving you the riches he has promised? Do you dream that he will be any the less holy for giving holiness to you? Do you imagine he will be any the less pure for washing you from your sins? He has said "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Faith lays hold upon the promise of pardon, and it does not delay, saying, "This is a precious promise, I wonder if it be true?" but it goes straight to the throne with it, and pleads, "Lord, here is the promise, 'Do as thou hast said.'" Our Lord replies, "Be it unto thee even as thou wilt." When a Christian grasps a promise, if he does not take it to God, he dishonours him; but when he hastens to the throne of grace, and cries, "Lord, I have nothing to recommend me but this, 'Thou hast said it!'" then his desire shall be granted. Our heavenly Banker delights to cash his own notes. Never let the promise rust. Draw the sword of promise out of its scabbard, and use it with holy violence. Think not that God will be troubled by your importunately reminding him of his promises. He loves to hear the loud outcries of needy souls. It is his delight to bestow favours. He is more ready to hear than you are to ask. The sun is not weary of shining, nor the fountain of flowing. It is God's nature to keep his promises; therefore go at once to the throne with "Do as thou hast said."

## News Bites

### **Drug Warlord Converts To Christianity**

Joshua Milton Blahyi, once dubbed to be one of Liberia's most feared warlords, is now renouncing his violent past – which includes confessing to killing nearly 20,000 people during Liberia's 14-year civil war – after converting to Christianity, Blahyi seeks to reinvent himself as an evangelist, traveling the nation as a preacher and asking for forgiveness from those whom he had hurt in the past.

### **Malaysian Christians Live in Fear**

In a Dec. 12 article, the New York Times detailed the fear that Malaysian Christians live in as a result of constant accusations by Muslim organizations that they are trying to "Christianize" the entire country. Although "Christianizing," or spreading the faith of Christianity, is against the law, Muslims are free to proselytize to others in Malaysia. The central government's Department of Islamic Development holds that no one has ever been charged with trying to convert Muslims, but penalties in Selangor State for the crime of attempted conversion by Christians include a year in prison and a fine of 10,000 ringgit, or nearly \$3,200.

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## Upcoming Things...

**Young Men's Bible Study.** – New Bible starting with the focus being on how to study the Bible. Starting Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. The study will be at 2609 Sidney. For more information, contact Bill Schwalm at 317-3339.

## Quotes

The worse men are, the less they are bound by oaths; the better they are, the less there is need for them. Our Lord does not enjoin the precise terms wherein we are to affirm or deny, but such a constant regard to truth as would render oaths unnecessary.

Matthew Henry

