



"The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple" (Ps 119:130).

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The Year of
Proving**

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LIGHTHOUSE BBC ENTERS NEW YEAR WITH THE THEME, PROVING ALL THINGS IN 2016

"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good" (1 Thes 5:21).

"...remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years...to humble thee, and to prove thee..." (Deut 8:2).

A Word from the PASTOR



As we know, the Lord God led the children of Israel through the wilderness for forty years because they tempted God with their unbelief. But because His covenant to His people could not be broken, the Lord made them to wander for 40 years to humble them and prove them. Our text above explicitly mentions this.

The number 40 in the Bible is the number of probation or proving. We therefore find that soon after the children of Israel spent 40 years in the wilderness, the Lord allowed them to enter their land of promise where they proved God to be true in all His promises.

As a church, we have set for this new year 2016 the theme, "Proving All Things in 2016." One of the reasons for this is, this year, we come to our 40th year as a work of God. It is time for us to "prove all things and hold fast that which is good."

Relative to this theme, we are launching today our First Quarter Focus, "Proving the Sincerity of our Love" based on 2 Cor 8:8. This is the first area in our life as a church which we need to prove.

For the many years that the Lord, by His grace, kept us, sustained us, enlarged us and made us far reaching in our ministries, we would have been settled in our love for Him and for His work. Let us then prove the sincerity of love for Him and for the work He has given to us. The Lord Jesus has proven His love for us. It is just fitting and proper that we prove our love for Him, too.

COUNTDOWN
to the
40th ANNIVERSARY
and
SACRIFICIAL
CELEBRATION
of the
LIGHTHOUSE BBC

12 WEEKS

Coming Events

January 11-14

BIBLEMODE's National Conference

January 18-19

All Lighthouse Workers' Workshop



The more than 200 of Lighthouse BBC members who joined the Lighthouse Family Camp at the Rizal Re-Creation Center in Rizal, Laguna pose for a picture immediately after the challenge last Wednesday morning. Plans are being made to hold the 2016 camp at the same place, the Lord willing.

First Quarter Focus :
"Proving the sincerity of our love."

2 Cor 8:8, "...prove the sincerity of your love."

"Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen" (Eph. 3:21)

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
Special New Year Lesson

TITLE : THE GOODNESS OF GOD
TEXT : PS 107:1, "O GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD: FOR HIS MERCY ENDURETH FOR EVER."

INTRODUCTION

TTrue Biblical Christians do not base or condition the goodness of God by their life experiences be they success or victories over challenges.

God is good because the Word of God says He is good. And His goodness was shown and demonstrated to us when He sent His only Begotten Son to give His Life a ransom for us. Throughout this New Year 2016, let us establish ourselves in this truth, whatever comes to our lives.

A) God is good to those who are lost

Ps 107:4-9, "They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in. Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them. Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses. And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation. Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness."

B) God is good to those who are bound

Ps 107:10-16, "Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron; because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the most High: therefore he brought down their

heart with labour; they fell down, and there was none to help. Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder. Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder."

C) God is good to those who are sin-sick

Ps 107:17-22, "Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted. Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death. Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses. He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions. Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing."

D) God is good to those who are hopeless

Ps 107:23-32, "They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; these see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep. For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof. They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble. They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are

at their wits' end. Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses. He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven. Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

E) The goodness of God addresses highest needs of man

Ps 107:35-43, "He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into watersprings. And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation.....He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly..."

All these are fulfilled in Christ when He said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

Rom 2:4, "...the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance..."



Above pictures from top, mid-left, right and bottom: The Red Team (3rd Runner-up), the Orange Team (2nd Runner-up), the Yellow Team (1st Runner-up), then, the Lighthouse Family Camp 2015 Champion, the Green Team). For the Bible Quiz, the Green Team took the Championship post, then Orange Team (1st Runner-up), then Yellow Team (2nd Runner-up) and Red Team (3rd Runner-up). The camp theme was, Bearing Fruit By God's Word.

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