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MOSAIC BIBLE FELLOWSHIP
Response Card

NAME:

E-MAIL:

PHONE: () -

PLEASE SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- ☐ I am a first-time guest.
- ☐ I am a returning guest.
- ☐ I am a regular attendee/member.

MY DECISION TODAY:

- ☐ I want to know more about the Gospel.
- ☐ I am committing my life to Christ.
- ☐ I am renewing my commitment to Christ.
- ☐ I want to join a small group.
- ☐ I would like to serve on a team.

COMMENTS/PRAYER NEEDS:

- ☐ For Prayer Team
- ☐ For Pastor

Day by Day by Grace
(September 21st)

God Dwelling with the Humble and Contrite

For thus says the **High and Lofty One** who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:
"I **dw**ell in the **high and holy place, with him** who has a **contrite and humble spirit**, to **revive** the spirit of the **humble**, and to **revive** the heart of the **contrite ones**." ([Isaiah 57:15](#))

God delights in pouring out His **grace** into **humble** hearts. "God...gives **grace to the humble**" ([James 4:6](#)). What a remarkable arrangement this involves. The God who dwells on high in heaven above wants to also **dw**ell with the **humble** here on earth below.

Our great God, the true and living God, is high and lofty. "For thus says the **High and Lofty One**." He is exalted. "For You, LORD, are most high above all the earth; You are exalted far above all gods" ([Psalm 97:9](#)). He rules far above, and completely over, every valid authority and every false god. Also, eternity is His rightful habitation: "who inhabits **eternity**." Furthermore, holiness is His essential character: "whose name is **Holy**." Among all professed powers or spiritual usurpers, none is like our holy Lord. "Who is like You, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like You, **glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders**?" ([Exodus 15:11](#)).

In light of His holy and eternal character, it follows that He would make this proclamation: "I **dw**ell in the **high and holy place**." Beyond the atmospheric heavens, beyond the stellar heavens, the Lord dwells in the heaven of heavens. In this spiritual dimension beyond time and space, the fullness of the Lord's presence is known. Yet, He is even greater than this "third heaven" itself. "**Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool...Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You**" ([Isaiah 66:1](#) and [1 Kings 8:27](#)).

The Lord is high, lofty, holy, and eternal. These truths impact us with awe and reverence. Yet, there is a corollary truth that brings us encouragement and hope (even though it seems almost contradictory). "I **dw**ell in the **high and holy place, with him** who has a **contrite and humble spirit**." God essentially dwells on high, but He also desires to dwell **with man** here **below**. Who are the people who experience the Lord dwelling with them? Such communion with God is for the **contrite** and **humble**. The Lord wants to make Himself known to the **repentant** and **meek** in order to bring them spiritual revitalization: "**to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones**."

O Lord God, I worship You as high, lofty, holy, and eternal. I exalt You as above all and ruling over all. Yet, I praise You for desiring to dwell with me here on earth below. I humble myself before You, confessing my need for spiritual revitalization, in Jesus' name, Amen.

Lunch offering can be placed in the offering box in the multi-purpose room.

For church members, offering can be dropped in the offering box in the EM room or sent to **NVCCC C/O Chen, P. O. Box 2758, Merrifield, VA 22116**.

(Offering is mainly for our church members and regular attendees. If you are visiting us today, just fill in the response card and place it in the offering box.)



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NVCCC English Ministry

September 21, 2025

SUNDAY SERVICE

Praise*
Prayer*
Scripture reading

Genesis 12:1-3

Message

Faith and Blessing

Speaker

Pastor Paul

Response Card and Offerings

Response song*

Announcements

Doxology*

Benediction/Closing prayer

Pastor Paul

(* Stand if you are able, please.)

UPCOMING

Save the date!

Fall picnic - September 27th 11AM @Burke Lake Shelter C
Fall retreat - October 17th - 19th

Thank you for being with us today. For sermon notes every week, go to Listen, and Message Note on our website.

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FAITH AND BLESSING

Genesis 12:1-3

12 The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

2 “I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.
3 I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you.”

God’s love for you is forever and ever in Christ!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Our country, our people, and our family and relatives are naturally the three major sources of our dependency. Have any of those visible matters created in you a sense of dependency on them rather than the invisible God and his trustworthy promises in the Scriptures? If so, identify them, and ask the Lord to increase your faith in him and his Word instead.
- 2. How would you come up with your definition of biblical blessing after this meeting?
- 3. Is there any area in your life that you haven’t been able to surrender yet to the Lord? See if you can let the Lord take it over and direct it so that his maturity takes root in you.

I AM INTERESTED IN TAKING A CLASS FOR MY SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

- () Membership 101
- () Maturity 201
- () Ministry 301
- () Mission/Evangelism 401

OTHER CLASSES

- () Foundations for basic Christian doctrines
- () Fresh Start for starting my faith in Christ
- () How to do daily Quiet Time with God

NEED TO TALK TO A PASTOR?

- () I would like to talk with a pastor to understand the biblical view on a subject.
- () I would like to know what it means to be a member of MBF (NVCCC)

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? LET US KNOW, PLEASE.

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