

重返教會 - 親歷神的臨在 劉展權傳道

弟兄姊妹大家好。很高興能夠有機會以文會你，透過文字和你分享我的一些想法。在上一次的分享中，我和大家思考神創造當中的重點，那就是創造中的特別之處，不是在於創造的本身，而是創造的目的。因為我們透過創造的目的，看見了智慧。這個智慧就是神祂自己。祂創造一切是有序而且是有一種想法在背後，不是一種隨機的 formed，而是在創造的背後中展現了智慧。

在整個創造中，人類的創造可以說是整個創造的最高峰。但是，我卻對聖經如何形容第七天感到好奇，因為聖經說“神歇了”。神會休息的嗎？休息的意思是什麼呢？以我們理解，歇了就代表累了。如果是累了的話，那就表示神是有限制的，因為祂會累，是這樣的嗎？原來，在聖經裡，“歇了”代表了臨在。也就是說，當一切的被造物都已經造好，神就選擇在這個時候與一切被造物在一起。這個就是在聖經裡所講“歇了”的意思。不是神累了，而是神選擇與我們臨在。神的臨在標誌了一切被造物開始依照被造的原意運作。也就是說，神的臨在才是一切的開始。我們每次在想創造的最後一天就是神歇了。其實，第七天才是一切的開始，因為神選擇與一切被造物同在，一切被造物開始運行。

如果是這樣看的話，那神告訴我們要守安息日的原意，就不是要我們什麼都不做，而是要用來紀念神的臨在，要讚美神，要歌頌神，也要享受神的臨在的美好。這個就是敬拜。守安息日原本就不是什麼都不做，而是要用來榮耀神，享受神的臨在。我們的敬拜也應該要有這樣的展現。敬拜本身不是一種儀式，而是與其他弟兄姊妹在一起來歌頌神，榮耀神。當然，歌頌神和榮耀神不是只有在特定時間才發生，而是應該在每時每刻都要有敬拜的心。但是，我們必須要有一段時間分別出來，享受神的臨在。這個就是敬拜的意義。我們透過神的臨在被感動，被鼓勵，繼續在世界上活出神的子民的樣式。

列宣家教牧同工最近正在緊鑼密鼓地籌備重返教會，目的就是希望能夠讓弟兄姊妹實體聚在一起敬拜神。這種敬拜是應該的。而這樣敬拜是幫助我們能夠記得我們到底是誰。我們是神的子民，更是神的兒女，教會提供地點讓我們能夠享受神的臨在。這個就是重返教會的意義。敬拜不是神需要，而是我們需要。透過敬拜，我們享受神的同在，接受神的鼓勵和教導，然後繼續在世界中為祂的名作見證。

Return to Church - Experiencing God's Presence In Person
Pastor Mark Liu

Dear brothers and sisters of RCAC,

It is by God's Grace that I have the opportunity to use this forum to share my thought. In my last sharing, I share with you about the essence in God's creation, that is, the importance is not creation itself but the purpose of creation. Because we see wisdom through the purpose of creation. This wisdom is God Himself. He created everything in order and there is a purpose behind creation, not a random formation, but there is wisdom behind.

In the entire creation, human creation is perceived as the prime of the entire creation. However, I am curious about how the Bible describes the seventh day, because the Bible says that God has rested. Why would God need rest? What does it mean to rest? In our understanding, resting means the one is tired. If God is tired, it means that God is limited because He can be tired. Is that true?

It turns out that in the Bible, "rested" represents presence. In other words, when all creations have been created, God chooses to be with the creations at this time. This is the meaning of "rested" in the Bible. It is not that God is tired, but that God chooses to be with us. The presence of God marks the beginning of all creation to operate according to the original intent of creation. In other words, the presence of God is the beginning of everything. Every time we think about creation, the last day is when God rests. In fact, the seventh day, the day God rests is the beginning of everything, because God chooses to be with all creation, and all creation begins to function accordingly.

If we look at it this way, then we understand the true meaning of Sabbath. God tells us to keep the Sabbath, not because He wants us to do nothing, but to commemorate God's presence, to praise God and to enjoy God's presence. This is worship. Sabbath-keeping is not about doing nothing, but glorifying God and enjoying His presence. Our worship should demonstrate this. Worship itself is not a ritual, but to be with other brothers and sisters to sing and glorify God. Of course, praising and glorifying God does not only happen at a specific time, as there should be a heart of worship at all times. However, we must have time to be separated so that we can enjoy the presence of God. This is the meaning of worship. We are moved and encouraged through the presence of God so that we can continue to live as God's people in the world.

We are currently working hard to prepare to return to church, with the goal of bringing brothers and sisters together to worship God in person. This kind of worship is needed. Worship helps us remember who we are. We are God's people, and we are God's children. The church provides a place for us to enjoy His presence. This is the meaning of returning to church. Worship is not what God needs, but we need. Through worship, we enjoy God's presence, receive His encouragement and teaching, and then continue to bear witness to His name in the world.