

Yesterday we celebrated Australia Day "side by side" with the start of the Lunar New Year (Gong Xi Fa Cai!). The choir sang the song "We are one, but we are many" & "The Blessing". You and I can make a difference in this nation when we keep the soil of hearts in a good condition. We can produce a 30-60-100-fold harvest in this nation if we allow God's words of faith, hope and love to fill us.

The values of a nation are never neutral. They either conform to God's character or not. Righteousness is not accidental. When the majority of people in a nation purpose in their hearts to know God and walk in His will, then that nation will reflect righteousness and be morally strong. When leaders and citizens choose righteousness, the nation is lifted up and reflects the highest and best in mankind. But sin destroys a nation; and it does so from the inside out (arrogance, selfishness, greed, hatred, etc.).

Righteousness is taught from one generation to the next. It starts with believers learning and living God's Word, then teaching their children to do the same. Each child must choose to accept the biblical values of the parents, then to walk in those values. When God established Israel as a nation under the leadership of Moses, the Lord commanded the parents to teach His word to the children. God said:

These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. (Deut 6:6-7)

PRAY: Pray for the next generation to Rise UP in Righteousness, Truth, and Boldness. also pray for peace and joy in our homes - may our roots go deep into the soil of God's love. May our homes and church have atmospheres full of God's love, hope (an encouraging culture) and faith (believing for healings, miracles, signs and wonders).

Link to all devotionals: iccbribsbane.org/journaling