

Thanksgiving speech

I thank God for our GLE forum this year. I thank Him that I got the privilege to participate here for 5 years already. I thank God for the grace to work together again this year in many ways. I thank Him for letting me present my testimony, lead the Bible study three times, and prepare a presentation on Psalm 137. I also thank God for allowing me to work diligently in the background this year, through the camera work, the summary video, and as a leader for the worship service.

I also thank God for allowing me to participate here because I was able to learn many new things and also study and learn about the book of Hebrews more deeply.

At the beginning M. Debora Elsholz gave us a summary about the letter to the Hebrews. Through this I was able to get to know that Jesus is the beginner and perfecter of faith. Therefore, I may now lay aside everything that weighs me down and run and fight with patience. The race that is meant for me is, for example, my school struggle and the preaching of the gospel. I am allowed to struggle with faith in school. But especially, I may run my race of faith by looking up to Jesus and faithfully running my spiritual race of faith. Here I must repent of not always fixing my eyes on Jesus, but often allowing myself to be distracted by the things of the world. But I may fix my eyes on Jesus alone. He may remain the focus of my life, after which I direct my whole life. I may leave Jesus in the first place of my life and strive for Him and His kingdom.

Through the first lesson, I have come to know that Jesus is higher than the angels. Although Jesus was even higher than prophets and angels, he humbled himself and came to this earth. I thank God that I have now received complete salvation through Jesus. I may now always remember the word of God, hold on to it, obey it, and also be careful not to drift away. I may also listen to God's reminder to hear the word of God and hold fast to Jesus' salvation.

Through the second part, I have come to know that Jesus is also higher than Moses, as well as that we have been made holy through Jesus. I was admonished not to turn away from the Lord but to follow Jesus. I also learned about the rest of God once again. I have once again made a new decision not to seek the fun of the world, or worldly rest, but to seek Christ's rest. In doing so, I may make every effort to receive that rest. Here I had to realize that I did not always make every effort to receive God's rest, but thought that I was already doing enough for the work of God, while also living a life in the world and doing what I wanted to do. However, I may make a decision here to put Jesus in the first place of my life and strive for His true rest and firmly hold on to faith and hope.

The sixth lesson was about the examples of faith. I was encouraged to also follow in the footsteps of the faith role models, such as those from the Bible, as well as UBF and especially my parents and M. Peter and M. Sarah, and to learn from them. I pray that I may grow up to be a mother of faith like Sarah.

I thank God that I got the chance to lead our group Bible study even three times this year. It allowed me to gain experience as a Bible teacher, as well as challenge myself by holding it in English. I also thank God for the prayer and Bible study of M. Grace

Park. I thank God for my Bible study group, which always worked well together. I pray that I may continue to study and know the Word of God deeply and continue to be trained as a Bible teacher.

In summary, I have repented at this GLE forum of often looking for the fun of the world. However, I was allowed to choose to fix my eyes only on Jesus and follow Him and not be distracted by other things.

One Word: Fix your eyes on Jesus!