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## THE 'HEAVENLY EMPEROR'

Emperor Shun lived from approximately 2317 to 2208 BC, making him a contemporary of Abraham according to some Bible timelines. Remarkably, the two patriarchs-despite living several thousand miles apart-shared many of the same characteristics in the way they sought to honour the true God of Heaven.

In a crucial decision that was to have major ramifications in China for countless generations, after ascending the throne Emperor Shun offered sacrifices to the Heavenly Emperor, Shangdi-which is the name still used for God in the Chinese Bible today.

The attributes of Shangdi include that He is the Creator of the universe, is all-knowing and all-powerful, cannot be represented by any image, and He controls all the affairs of mankind. Some have suggested the ancient Chinese must have heard of the sacrificial rites revealed by God to the Israelites, but Emperor Shun lived centuries before the Law of Moses was given.

The earliest Chinese rulers offered their sacrifices to Shangdi atop a circular mound, during a ceremony consisting of nine stages. During the annual Border Sacrifice, musicians played tunes and ancient lyrics were sung which told of events in history dating back to God's creation. Just when these songs were composed, and how the ancient Chinese knew the information contained in them has baffled historians.

One song, the Zhonghe Zhiqu ('Song of Central Peace') said:

*"In the beginning, there was great chaos, without form and dark. The five planets had not begun to revolve, nor the two lights to shine. In the midst of it there existed neither matter nor sound. You, O Spiritual Sovereign, came forth in Your sovereignty, and first did separate the impure from the pure. You made heaven; you made earth; You made man. All things became alive with reproducing power:"*

A second song, Yuanhe Zhiqu ('Song of Beginning Peace'), began:

*"Lord, when You separated the heavens and the earth, Your creative work had begun. You did produce, O Spirit, the seven elements. Their beautiful and brilliant lights lit up the sky and the earth. All things were good. I, Your servant, thank You fearfully, and while I worship, present this memorial to You, calling you Sovereign:"*

While this worship was conducted, the emperor of China prostrated himself on the ground in sub-zero temperatures before Shangdi.

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## THE 'HEAVENLY EMPEROR' .....

In a third song, the emperor proclaimed God's love and the greatness of His Name:

***"You have promised to hear us, for You are our Father. I, Your child, dull and unenlightened, am unable to show forth my dutiful feelings. I thank You that You have accepted our pronouncement. Honourable is your great Name.... As swallows rejoice in the spring, we praise Your abundant love:"***

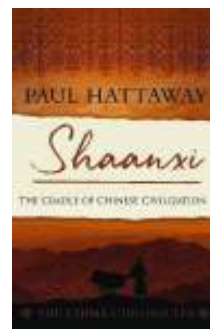
By offering an annual sacrifice, the emperor of China sought God's favor on the nation, and His blessing on their crops. Many centuries later, after China's capital was moved to Beijing, the emperors of the Ming Dynasty rekindled the annual sacrifice at the Temple of Heaven, observing rituals based on ancient records that stemmed from the time of Emperor Shun and his successors.

The annual sacrifices to the Creator continued for over one thousand years in China, until idolatry entered through the wicked Emperor Yu Di (reigned 1147-1112 BC), which started the Chinese race on a long slide into spiritual pollution and darkness.

What a beautiful God-fearing heritage for the nation of China. How sad that it is not currently embraced as a nation. Yet God would restore His people to Himself, their Heavenly Emperor Shangdi, and what an honour for us to prayerfully be a part of it.

God says in Psalm 2:8, "Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations as Your inheritance." So let us agree with our Lord Jesus in asking for China and the nations, including our own, to be restored to their Creator God, and to the fear of the Lord, so that they may be joyfully received into the inheritance of the kingdom of God.

*The above is Part 1 of an excerpt from Paul Hattaway's latest book 'Shaanxi- the Cradle of Chinese Civilisation'* You can purchase this book from Asia Harvest website: <https://www.asiaharvest.org/Shaanxi-a-new-book-by-paul-hattaway>



## REFRESHED BY THE WORD

**What a great joy to go out into the nations, encouraging and strengthening one another with the Word of God. My recent trip to Macedonia and Albania was no exception as we rejoiced together in the Word which is, "A lamp to my feet and a light to my path," and celebrated that His Word is Truth.**

It is incredible to think that some ministers believe we don't need the Word anymore. They say, "We are led by the spirit. We are above the Word." They are totally deceived as the Holy Spirit leads us to the Word of God and any spirit that does not exalt the Word of God is the spirit of the antichrist. (1John 4:1-3)

Jesus purposed the Word to cleanse His Church and prepare His Bride, "...that He might sanctify and cleanse her (the Church) with the washing of water by the Word, that He might present to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish." (Eph 5: 26-27)

We had the most beautiful times, enjoying the refreshing of the Word of God in the conferences held in Albania and Macedonia. The first conference had many hungry and thirsty Pastors and leaders that came from all over Macedonia for three days of fellowship, encouragement, refreshing and washing in the Word of God. The leaders were so blessed and encouraged they didn't want to stop!

Pray that the Lord will continue to refresh and encourage our brethren in these nations and that they will grow in truth and the Word of God.

We thank God again for the support of Mission Outreach in New Zealand for their donation of Bibles. We were privileged to purchase 100 bibles to be distributed to people of Albania, Kosovo and North Macedonia, and as such we were able to bless, encourage and refresh these precious people with the Word of nourishment for their spirits.  
*Blessings*  
*Russell*

***"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. ... For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building. By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, ... which is Jesus Christ." 1 Cor.3:6, 9-10a, 11b (NIV)***

PEARL 22

**Myanmar Bibles**

We are very excited to be able to add this new Pearl 22 Project of bibles for Myanmar. We have heard many are coming to Jesus in this nation and there is a great need for bibles to help grow the new believers. Price per bible is \$4.50, and our initial goal is for 40,000 bibles.

**Pearl 22 Project Goal: 40,000**

**Uganda Bibles**

The need for Bibles in Uganda is greater than ever to bring encouragement, give instruction, direction and transformation for individuals, couples, families and communities. What an honour to be able to meet this need. Price per bible is currently \$8.00.

**Pearl 22 Project Goal: 25,000 Balance: 22,500**



**Chinese Bibles**

Project Pearl in 1981 was significant for Eddie and the many others who helped with this epic delivery of Chinese bibles. Despite the Communist Party significantly reducing the quota of printed Bibles and closing down Bible websites and apps, we believe God will make a way where there is no way. Price per bible is \$4.50.



**Pearl 22 Project Goal: 100,000 Balance: 86,900**

**India Bibles: Telugu & Hindi**

We have several contacts for India who all have a need for bibles in the churches they work with. The church in this nation is growing rapidly, as fear and persecution have opened the door for the Lord's people to reach out and share the gospel of Jesus. The cost per bible is \$3.50.

**Pearl 22 Project Goal: 50,000 Balance: 45,000**



**OTHER PROJECTS:**

**Emmanuel School Student Sponsorship, Nepal**

Emmanuel School in Pokhara has been running since 2013, to give children of very poor families in Pokhara an opportunity to receive education. Many being from lower caste, suffer not only poverty but discrimination from society on a daily basis. You are invited to sponsor a student in Emmanuel School that will make a difference both to them, their family and their community. Monthly cost to sponsor one student is \$60. For More information email: wendy@nzmo.org



**Go or Give so someone else can go**

We are planning trips for 2024 to encourage, impart, bless and empower our brethren overseas. Please consider joining us next year. For more information contact Neil via email: neil@nzmo.org Or if you are unable to go, perhaps consider giving so someone else can go.

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## PEARL 22

**1&2** Give praise to God that as scripture is read, a great bonfire of the revelation of who God is, is lit. Ask for the release of money so that every person who is hungry can read God's Word, and receive the many spiritual blessings through knowing what God is like.

**3** As seed is scattered, then sprouts & grows until harvest time, pray for the watering of the seed of the Word of God, so that there may be an abundant harvest. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send forth labourers into His harvest field, let urgency build in people's spirits to do the work toward growing and maturing disciples.

## GLOBAL

**4** Praise God for unprecedented unity among so many different groups at a prayer event at Jerusalem on Pentecost Sunday. Agree with their prayers for Jerusalem and also to see the gospel reach the ends of the earth.

**5** Agree for the turning of nations to the true God in midst of suffering. Speak out the turning from false dead religion that does not satisfy. Pray that His name rings out throughout the nations.

**6** Agree with God to send his "excavators" to break up the rocky ground of people's hearts, preparing the way for the Lord, making hearts soft to receive the Word.

## NEPAL

**7** Praise God for 200 new converts. Pray that Father God would meet with them and heal them. Bless their first steps, and pray for a guard around their hearts and minds. Pray that they will be nurtured with good fellowship and worship, and the quickened Word to their spirits. Pray for the deep conviction to cut off all idol worship.

**8&9** Bless Emmanuel School. Pray for the manager, Sipora, for grace in administration and favour with teachers, parents and external authorities. Pray for growth of the school and support for every child. Pray for the 40% non-Christian families to be impacted by the atmosphere of the Kingdom of God at the school, and be saved.

**10** Praise God for the building progress for the 10th medical clinic. Declare Jesus be the Lord and the Wisdom of this project.

## UGANDA

**11** Continue to pray for the 7300 who recently received Christ. Pray for comfort, guidance, revelation, help with family situations, and healing for emotional and physical trauma. As they start a clean slate with Jesus, pray they are filled with love, peace, faithfulness, and fruits of the Spirit.

**12** Bless Pastor John and Ruth for trusting and rejoicing in their God through the many difficulties. Pray for an impartation of joy, so that many people are drawn to the Saviour. Pray for multiplication of labourers for the ministry, that others would pick up the baton, and the church would grow more and more. Bless Pastor John with good health and healing, wisdom and discernment as he guides the churches.

## SUDAN

**13** Ask God to bring the Sudanese leaders under the arrest of Holy Spirit, to reveal the love of the living God. Pray that they back away from destruction, and lay down pride. Pray that the light of Christ would sweep back the darkness and enable them to see their True Saviour, Healer and Deliverer. Pray that they will choose to serve Him.

**14** Pray for Christians in Sudan for angelic protection, Holy Spirit filling, provision, and divine appointments. Pray for a fresh surrender to God. Pray that God raise up significant leaders & strategies. Pray for God to move through the Christians in loving and caring for the vulnerable & displaced.

## PERSECUTED CHURCH

**15&16** Lift up our brothers and sisters in Christ, those in prison because of their love for Jesus. Pray for their pain and suffering to be eased by our Prince of Peace standing in their midst. Release the breath of peace upon them, and the tangible presence of Holy Spirit.

**17** Lift up refugees like those who fled Iran to escape beheading. Praise God that they have found safety in another nation. Pray that the God of miracles guard, protect, lead, refugees of many nations. Pray for rescue. Pray for connections and needs met. Declare the Lord Jesus is their Way Maker.

## MUSLIM WORLD

**18** Pray for the release of the power of Holy Spirit like rushing waters on these dry and thirsty lands. Ask God to make a way for His Word. Pray for trustworthy new contacts for the safe distribution of Bibles.

## AFGHANISTAN

**19** Pray for millions of people who are at risk of famine due to a cut in food supplies. Pray for miraculous provision and that aid organisations would have God-given wisdom and strategies to help these people.

## PAKISTAN

**20** Pray for conviction on authorities to stand against the kidnapping, forced conversion and marriage of young girls, and uphold the rights of women and children. Pray for a thwarting of all attempts to capture girls.

## MYANMAR

**21** Pray that other countries would take courage in practical ways to stand against the violence of the junta toward civilians in this nation. Release blessing on the countries that will stand for righteousness and justice for Myanmar.

**22&23** Praise God for His Word of hope going out, Bibles being released and distributed to brothers and sisters who are going through trials..

## UKRAINE

**24** Pray for Michael Turner that the hand of the Lord would continue to be upon the work in Ukraine. Pray for wisdom & guidance, and that Holy Spirit would walk in front of him making a way for people to be released from bondage.

**25** In chaos and deception, pray ministering angels be sent especially to those in leadership, to bring peace and turn hearts back to God.

## USA

**26** Praise God for 4000 baptisms at Pirates Cove on Pentecost Sunday this year, marking 50 years since the Jesus Movement began. Praise God for the unity of 280 churches involved, and 8000 people attending the event. Pray that this public declaration of faith would be a strong witness to the people of California, with those baptised having new zeal to share the gospel.

**27** Bind the religious spirit in the church of USA so they may be stirred with compassion for the lost. Break off fear and complacency so that their hearts burn with what is on God's heart again.

**28** Pray for encouragement for Warren and Jolene, and like-minded people to come alongside them. Pray that they would flourish in the purpose for which God has sent them.

## GLOBAL CHURCH

**29&30** Pray that the church would not be unaware of the devil's schemes to divide with offense and jealousy. Pray for an arming with the shield of faith and for a resistance to the voice of the enemy. Pray for a pursuit of humility, integrity and the fear of the Lord in the power of the Holy Spirit.

## NEW ZEALAND

**31** Pray for agents of God's truth to be planted in every school to give solid foundations to every child. Speak blessing and release over the minds of our children. Pray for a sifting out of things that are not of God. Pray for boldness and conviction on Christian leaders and teachers to stand and speak for righteousness and God's ways.



## Weekly Prayer Meeting:

Join us on Monday nights to pray for the nations at 'The Sanctuary' 159 Durham St, Tauranga at 7:30pm or via ZOOM. Email: [alan@nzmo.org](mailto:alan@nzmo.org) for an invite.

## Legacy Giving:

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