《天路导向(粤)》双语讲义

耶稣降生的目的 - 2 PURPOSE OF ADVENT - 2

- 1. Hello, listening friends. 亲爱的朋友,你好。
- 2. If you are joining us for the first time, 假如你第一次收听这个节目,
- 3. this is the second message in a series on the purpose of Advent. 我们现在所播出的是有关"耶稣降生的目的"这个系列信息。
- 4. In the last message, 在上次节目中,
- we saw that Jesus, the Son of God, came to destroy the works of the devil.
 我们讲到,神的儿子耶稣来到世上,就是要摧毁撒但的作为。
- 6. We saw that the works of the devil are death, darkness, hatred and lawlessness. 我们知道,撒但的作为,就是死亡、黑暗、仇恨和不遵行真理。
- 7. Today, we see how Jesus has dealt with sin. 今天,我们要看看,耶稣是怎么治服罪的。
- 8. The word "sin" expresses all these things that are the works of the devil. "罪"这个字代表了撒但一切的作为。
- 9. For example, 比如说,
- 10. death is the wages of sin. 死亡就是罪的工价。
- 11. Sin is due to darkness. 罪,来自黑暗。
- 12. Sin is due to hatred. 罪,来源于仇恨。
- 13. Sin is due to lawlessness; 罪,来自对神的反叛:
- 14. so, in today's message, we will see the purpose of Advent as it touches our human needs.

因此,在今天的信息中,我们要从人的需要这方面来看一看耶稣降生的目的。

- 15. The Bible said 圣经告诉我们,
- 16. that Jesus, the Son of God, was manifested to take away sin; 神的儿子耶稣来,就是要除去罪;
- 17. but, before we can even talk about taking away sin, 在我们讨论除去罪这个问题之先,
- 18. we have to understand what sin is all about. 我们必须先来看一看,罪到底是什么。
- 19. Sin is not a very popular word today. 当今时代,人们不喜欢提"罪"这个字眼。
- 20. We prefer to say that we made mistakes; 我们情愿说,我们是犯了错误;
- 21. but sin is more than just making mistakes. 可是,罪的含义要远远超过"犯错误"。
- 22. Sin is an implicitly aggressive quality. 罪是从骨子里发出的毒素,
- 23. Sin is ruthless. 罪是冷酷无情的。
- 24. Sin is hurting. 罪可以中伤他人。
- 25. Sin is rebellion. 罪,就是叛逆。
- 26. Sin has a willful and disloyal quality. 罪,就是蓄意地反叛。
- 27. In sin, someone is defied. 只要罪存在,就会有斗争。
- 28. Someone is hurt. 有人被伤害。
- 29. Someone is offended, 受攻击,
- 30. and to ignore sin or gloss over it would be dishonest.

 所以,忽视罪或掩盖罪都是不诚实的表现。

- 31. The New Testament uses five Greek words for sin. 在新约圣经当中,希腊文用了五个词来形容罪。
- 32. These words portray sin's various aspects, both passive and active.
 从各个不同的角度来描述罪的丑态。
- 33. First, there is a word that can be translated, "missing the mark;" 第一个是"亏欠;"
- 34. then, there is another word which can be translated, "unrighteousness;" 第二个是"不义;"
- 35. and, then, there is another word which can be translated "evil," or "vicious." 第三个是,"邪恶。"
- 36. There is another word which can be translated "transgression;" 第四是,"犯规;"
- 37. and, finally, there is a word which means "lawlessness," or "violation of the law;" 最后一个是,"违法"也就是"触犯法律"的意思。
- 38. but these sins, in the plural, stem from the principle of sin in the singular. 这些罪,归根结底,是来自一种罪。
- 39. The Bible emphasizes that the root of sin is self-centeredness.圣经强调,罪的根源,就是骄傲自大。
- 40. Every sin is a breach of what Jesus called the first and the greatest commandment, 任何罪都是由于人违背了神所颁布给我们最重要的诫命而引起的,
- 41. namely, loving God with all your being; 那就是,"你要尽心、尽力、尽意爱主你的神。"
- 42. so, when we don't put God first in all things, 因此,当我们不把神放在生活中首要位置时,
- 43. it means that we have rejected Him 我们就是背弃神,
- 44. and we want to be independent of Him. 我们老想着要挣脱衪的约束。
- 45. It means that we have unseated God and placed ourselves in the center; 这就意味着,我们想要推翻神,并把自己放在神的位置上;

- 46. and that's exactly what Satan tried to do in Heaven. 其实,这和撒但当初的行径没什么两样。
- 47. He attempted to unseat God and take His place; 当初,撒但就是想要取代神的地位;
- 48. and every time we do not put God first in our lives, 因此,每当我们不把神放在首位的时候,
- 49. we are doing the same thing Satan did many years ago. 我们就和撒但异曲同工。
- 50. Satan tried to tempt Eve to unseat God, 撒但引诱夏娃叛逆神,
- 51. but she failed; 结果,夏娃屈从了试探;
- 52. and, when she failed, Satan tried to convince Adam; 夏娃跌倒后,撒但又来诱惑亚当;
- 53. but he, too, failed; 同样,亚当也落入了试探当中;
- 54. and he has been trying to convince men and women in every generation to unseat God from their lives. 自古以来,撒但从没有停止引诱人来否定神在他们生命中的地位。
- 55. The consequence for those who try to unseat God from their lives will end up in eternal punishment. 凡是那些从生命中排斥神的人,他们的结局就是永远的刑罚。
- 56. My listening friends, please listen carefully to what I'm going to tell you. 我亲爱的朋友,请仔细听我讲。
- 57. Sin is not a regrettable lapse from conventional standards. 罪,并不是指普通标准下的小过失而已。
- 58. Sin is not okay because everybody else sins. 罪,也不能因为其他人都犯罪就不算为罪了。
- 59. Sin, in its essence, is a hostility toward God. 罪,从本质上说,是对神的仇视。
- 60. The Bible confirms this in Romans 8:7. 圣经在罗马书 8 章 7 节确定了这一点。

- 61. Sin is saying to God, "God, I am in charge of my life and no one tells me what to do." 罪,就是对神说:"上帝啊,我要自己当家作主,不用听任何人的指使。"
- 62. Sin issues an active rebellion against a holy God. 罪,就是跟圣洁的神正面作对。
- 63. Sin is getting rid of God in order to put ourselves in His place. 罪,就是想着要脱离神的管辖,自己作主。
- 64. That is sin. 这,就是罪。
- 65. You must understand that every sin you commit against another person is a sin against God. 你要知道,每一次我们得罪别人,其实就是得罪了神。
- 66. Listen to David's confession in Psalm 51, verse 4: 大卫在诗篇 51 篇第 4 节里祷告,说:
- 67. "Against you, and you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,..." "我向你犯罪,唯独得罪了你,在你眼前行了这恶;……"
- 68. In committing adultery with Bathsheba, 大卫和拔示巴犯了奸淫,
- 69. and committing murder against Uriah, 谋杀了乌利亚,
- 70. David did not only commit a serious offense against these individuals and against the nation,
 大卫得罪的不仅仅是这两个人,甚至这个国家。
- 71. he knew that it was God's law that he had broken, 他晓得,他干犯的是神的律法,
- 72. and, thereby, ultimately, he sinned against God.
 因此,说到底,他得罪的是神。
- 73. Now, do you understand the gravity of sin? 现在,你知道罪的破坏力有多深了吧?
- 74. We can now begin to see why Jesus said that He was manifested to take away sin, 现在我们可以来谈谈,为什么耶稣声称祂来就是要除去罪呢,

- 75. for John the Baptist kept on baptizing and kept on looking at the same time; 约翰在施洗的时候,很留意周围的人群;
- 76. and, on one night, he saw a man walking toward him 终于有一天,他看到一个人朝他这边走来,
- 77. and John the Baptist called out with a loud voice, 于是,约翰大声喊着说:
- 78. "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world." "看哪,神的羔羊,除去世人罪孽的。"
- 79. Well, some of you may be asking, 也许, 你会问:
- 80. "Why should our forgiveness of sin depend on Christ's death? "为什么非要借着耶稣的死,才能使我们的罪得到赦免呢?
- 81. Why does God not simply forgive us without the necessity of the cross? 神为什么不直接了当饶恕我们的罪,就不需要十字架了?
- 82. After all, when we sin against each other, we forgive each other, as we are required to do. 在平日里,人们彼此冒犯以后,我们岂不是只需要互相饶恕,问题就解决啦?
- 83. We do it without being crucified. 并不需要我们上十字架呀。
- 84. Why does God make so much fuss about forgiving our sins so that Jesus gets sacrificed?" 神为什么要这么麻烦,让耶稣被钉在十字架上才能赦免我们的罪呢?
- 85. Some will say, "It is unfair for a sinless Christ to die for my sin." 甚至有人会说: "让无罪的基督来代替我的罪而死,是不公平的。"
- 86. My friend, when you ask such questions, you are thinking of God like just another human being; 亲爱的朋友,当你发出这些问题时,那就说明,你把神当成人一样;
- 87. but God is not just a private citizen, 然而, 神既不是一个平常人,
- 88. nor is sin just a personal injury. 犯罪,也不仅仅是伤害人。

- 89. On the contrary, 相反地,
- 90. God is the Maker of these laws that we break 神,乃是立法者,而我们犯罪就是触犯了神的法律。
- 91. and sin is rebellion against Him. 罪,就是对神的叛逆。
- 92. The reason Jesus had to die on the cross 耶稣一定要死在十字架上的原因就是,
- 93. is because there was an inevitable collision between divine perfection and human rebellion.因为人的叛逆和神完全的圣洁,肯定是互相对立的。
- 94. There was an inevitable collision between God, as He is, and us, as we are. 人的罪性和神的神性,是绝对矛盾冲突的。
- 95. The problem wasn't just our sin of rebellion against God, 问题不只在于我们叛逆,得罪了神而已,
- 96. but, also, the divine justice and wrath toward that rebellion.
 也在于,神的公义不容许罪恶存在,叛逆会惹动祂的怒气。
- 97. Someone may say, 也许你会说:
- 98. "...but you say that God is love. How can He also be wrath and justice?"
 "可是,神就是爱,为什么神要发怒,彰显公义呢?"
- 99. God indeed is love; yet, His love is holy love 不错, 神的确是爱; 但是, 祂的爱是神圣的爱——
- 100. a love which yearns over sinners, 这种爱使衪怜爱罪人,
- 101. while, at the same time, cannot, by His very nature, condone sin.
 但是,按照神的本性,神爱罪人,却不能 姑息罪恶。
- 102. How, then, can God express His holy love? 那么,神的爱如何彰显呢?

- 103. How can He express His love in forgiving sinners without compromising His holiness? 在不向罪恶妥协、不让神全然的圣洁蒙尘之下,神如何彰显祂的慈爱来饶恕罪人呢?
- 104. How can He express His holiness in judging sinners without frustrating His love? 在不让神的慈爱打折扣的同时,神又如何审判罪人以维持祂全然的圣洁呢?
- 105. How could God be true to Himself as holy love and confront evil at the same time? 神既要实践祂神圣的爱,又要公正地处置邪恶,祂如何做到呢?
- 106. God had the answer. 神有祂解决的办法。
- 107. We could never provide a solution to this dilemma; 世上没有任何人可以解决这个难题;
- 108. only God could. 只有神能够。
- 109. God's solution was the shedding of His Own blood; 神用自己的血来解决这个难题;
- 110. and, there at the cross, 在十字架上,
- 111. God Himself, through Christ, 神通过耶稣基督,
- 112. paid the full penalty of our disobedience. 亲自为我们承担了悖逆神所该受的全部刑罚。
- 113. He bore the judgment we deserve in order to bring us the forgiveness we don't deserve. 他代替我们受了审判,我们才能得到本不配得的饶恕。
- 114. On the cross, 在十字架上,
- 115. the divine mercy and justice were equally expressed and eternally reconciled. 神的恩典和公义同时彰显,在永恒中得到和谐。
- 116. God's holy love was satisfied. 神圣洁的爱得以圆满。
- 117. Let me explain it another way. 让我用另一种方式来说明。
- 118. Habakkuk 1:13 said 哈巴谷书 1: 13 节告诉我们:

- 119. God's eyes are too pure to look on evil and He cannot tolerate wrong; 神的眼目清洁,不能容忍罪恶;
- 120. that He refused to listen to our prayers; 所以祂不听我们的祷告;
- 121. therefore, effectively, our sins separate us from God.
 因此,是我们的罪导致我们与神隔绝。
- 122. His face is hidden from us. 神转脸不顾我们。
- 123. and that is why in the Scripture, again and again, we see that no one was able to set eyes on God.

 这就是为什么圣经在很多地方都告诉我

这就是为什么圣经在很多地方都告诉我们,没有人可以在神面前站立得住。

- 124. All those who were granted even a glimpse of His glory were unable to endure the sight. 甚至,没有一个人可以在神的荣光中停留片刻。
- 125. Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look at God.
 摩西蒙上自己的脸,因为他害怕看见神。
- 126. When Isaiah had a vision of Yahweh exalted and lifted up, 以赛亚在异象中看见耶和华坐在高高的宝座上,
- 127. he was overwhelmed by a sense of his uncleanliness.他因自己的污秽不堪而惊慌失措,
- 128. When God revealed Himself, personally, to Job, 当神亲自对约伯说话,
- 129. Job's reaction was to despise himself and repent in dust and ashes. 约伯就厌恶自己,在尘土和炉灰中懊悔。
- 130. Ezekiel saw only the appearance of the likeness of the glory of God in fire and brilliant light; 先知以西结在闪烁着火光的一朵大云里,只能隐约看到神的荣耀;
- 131. and Daniel fainted with his face to the ground.

 而但以理则脸伏在地,昏睡过去。
- 132. Those who were confronted by the Lord Jesus Christ, 至于那些见过耶稣基督的人,

- 133. even during His earthly life, when His glory was veiled, 即使当时耶稣在世为人,祂的荣耀没有彰显出来,
- 134. they felt a profound discomfort. 这些人就已经感到惶恐不安了。
- 135. Peter told Him to get out of his boat because Peter was a sinful man. 彼得因为自己是一个罪人而央求主离开他。
- 136. John, in the Book of Revelation, fell on his face; 在启示录中记着,约翰俯伏在地;
- 137. and, closely related to God's holiness, is His wrath.
 与神的圣洁紧紧相关的,就是神的愤怒。
- 138. Some of you may think that the God of wrath belongs to the Old Testament, 有些人认为,神的愤怒只出现在旧约圣经中,
- 139. while the God of the New Testament is the God of love.

 而新约中的神是充满怜悯慈爱的神。
- 140. Let me challenge you to read what Jesus said in the Gospels about the fate of those who refuse to submit to His Lordship. 就让我们来看看,耶稣在福音书当中,谈到那些拒绝承认耶稣为生命之主的人,他们的结局是怎样的。
- 141. God's holiness and justice go hand in hand. 神的圣洁和公义缺一不可。
- 142. He has provided you a way of escape. 祂赐给你一条逃生之路。
- 143. He has provided you a way of salvation. 祂赐给你一条救恩之路。
- 144. He paid dearly to satisfy His holy love. 祂为了完全圣洁的爱付出极重的代价。
- 145. What else can He do? 祂还有什么不愿意替我们做的呢?
- 146. Yet, most people in the world don't know the true God.
 但,世上大部分人不认识这位真神。
- 147. They think they know about God, 他们自以为认识神,
- 148. but they really don't know God personally; 但是,他们却没有和神建立个人关系;

- 149. and that is why Peter tells us, in 1 Peter, Chapter 1, verse 17, 所以,在彼得前书 1 章 17 节那里,彼得说:
- 150. "Since you call on the Father who judges each man impartially, live your lives in reverent fear."
 "你们既称那不偏待人,按各人行为审判人的主为父,就当存敬畏的心,度你们在世寄居的日子。"
- 151. Even some Christians take God's forgiveness for granted.
 有些基督徒轻视神的饶恕之恩,
- 152. They sin and numb their conscience by saying, "God will forgive us and everything will be fine."
 他们拿犯罪不当一回事,蒙蔽自己的良知说:"没问题,神会原谅我的。"
- 153. Well, the problem is, everything is not fine, 其实,问题没那么简单,
- 154. for God hates evil. 因为神憎恶罪恶。
- 155. God is disgusted and angered by sin. 神因着罪恶发怒。
- 156. God refuses to come to terms with sin, other than through the cross. 神宁愿上十字架,也不会和罪恶通融的。
- 157. Jesus said that He came to take away our sin; 耶稣宣告说, 祂来要除去罪;
- 158. so, when you come to Him in repentance and faith, 因此,当你凭着信心来到神面前认罪悔改,
- 159. He forgives you. 神就会饶恕你。
- 160. He gives you a new nature. 祂要赐给你新的性情。
- 161. He regenerates you. 池要使你获得重生。
- 162. He takes you from death to life. 祂要让你脱离死亡,进入永生。
- 163. He takes you from darkness to light; 池要带领你离开黑暗,进入光明;
- 164. and that is why a true believer can never live a life of habitual sin. 这就是为什么一个真正的基督徒,再也不会习惯犯罪。

- 165. It's against God's nature, 因为这违反神的性情,
- 166. and, therefore, it is against the new nature. 也就是违反了神赐给我们的新性情。
- 167. To men and women without Jesus, sin is natural. 对于那些不认识耶稣的人来说,罪是一种天性。
- 168. They are not bothered with it; 犯罪也不觉得难过;
- 169. but, when they become a new creation in Christ, 但是,当他们在基督里成为新造的人之 后,
- 170. they will hate sin, just as God hates sin. 他们就会恨恶罪,就像神恨恶罪一样。
- 171. My beloved friend, listen carefully. 我亲爱的朋友,请仔细听我说。
- 172. God has provided a way of escape from sin, 神已经为我们预备了一条脱离罪恶的道路,
- 173. and the consequences of sin. 并可以脱离罪的刑罚。
- 174. He who had no sin 全然无罪的那一位,
- 175. came to take away our sin. 来到世间除去罪。
- 176. Have you experienced the forgiveness that only Jesus Christ can give you? 你有没有经历到只有耶稣基督才能够赐给你的饶恕之恩呢?
- 177. You can do so today; 你今天就可以经历到;
- 178. and, then, write to us and tell us about it. 欢迎你来信和我们分享你的经历。
- 179. Until next time, I wish you God's richest blessing. 我们下次再见,愿神大大地赐福给你。