



Praying as families for those enduring oppression due to racial discrimination.

Day 16

None of us selects our place, nation, religious affiliations, or parents at birth. Each individual enters the world with diverse colors, castes, and creeds. While some are born into affluent homes, others find themselves in impoverished ones. The giver of life intentionally places us in our context with a purpose. God, in His wisdom, designs us with a spectrum of colors and languages, bestowing unique and beautiful interests and food habits upon us. Regrettably, instead of celebrating our differentness, we have allowed these God-given varieties to divide us.

People face marginalization based on their color, nationality, and even food preferences. This stems from a prideful heart that deems one's birth superior to others. Such discriminatory actions grieve the heart of God. He is displeased with these notions and behaviors, aligning Himself with those oppressed due to factors predetermined by God, such as their color and language.

Biblical examples reveal God's disapproval of such discriminatory attitudes. The account of Aaron and Miriam speaking against Moses due to his Cushite wife illustrates God's disdain for racial discrimination. In Numbers 12:1, it is written, "Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite." God intervened, afflicting Miriam with a severe skin disease, prompting Moses' intercession for Miriam's healing. God cared deeply about racial discrimination within the household of Moses, sparing not even the prophetess Miriam.

In the New Testament, we witness the Lord opening Peter's eyes in Acts 10, showing that God does not show favoritism based on race, be it Jews or Gentiles. God worked powerfully



by sending His Spirit even before their baptism, emphasizing His impartial love for every human race. Dividing and treating those outside one's race with contempt is unchristian, leading to humiliation and prejudice. It is time to pray for those still grappling with oppressive forces due to their race. If racial prejudice hinders our love for fellow beings, let us repent and seek God's forgiveness and grace, acknowledging everyone in the light of what Jesus accomplished on the Cross for all mankind.

LET US PRAY

Lord Jesus, creator of diverse mankind with various ethnicities, our colors and languages are your precious gifts. We confess our past devaluation of people based on birthplace or origin. Grant us your grace and forgiveness, that we may value others as you do. We also lift up those struggling due to racial discrimination worldwide. May godly leaders arise to work towards a world where everyone is treated with love and dignity. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

