

New Apostolic Church - Strandfontein Village Congregation
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Funeral service of DA Kitching

Our Chief Apostle officiated the funeral service in memory of the Late DA JR Kitching. He used the word found in Mathew 25: 21. He elaborated with the following words: Dear bereaved family, we never thought to meet so shortly after the retirement. But we trust our heavenly father and we know that what comes our way has always a purpose. I wish you the peace of Jesus Christ on your hearts. In these moments, the question why can be asked. Looking into Godly perspective, one day the disciple were without the Lord in the boat when the waves were tossing high, they cried, when the Lord came close to them he told them, be of good cheer, it is me, do not be afraid. Today we should also be of Good cheer because it is our heavenly father who is behind it. During that moment Peter asked the Lord if he could walk out of the boat on the sea, He could really do so for as long as he looked on the Lord he could still walk. For us water can be sorrows, pain, and sufferings but still we can walk on the water and we can cope as long as we look upon the Lord Jesus Christ. The peace will be always greater than we will realise that it is the heavenly father who planned everything. Lets us trust him and we can walk on the water [Reading of the Biography of the late DA JR Kitching]

After the reading of the Biography our CA W. Leber returned at the altar and said

The text word I read for this morning is taken out of the parable of the man who distributed his talents to men who were supposed to fructify them. On those who performed well he said "Well done, faithful servant" I am convinced this has happened right now for our DA Kitching

- Well done good and faithful servant It can be said to him.

* Well done, you have been a wonderful servant

* Well done that you loved the brother and sisters

* well done that you have been a loving husband and father

* well done that you have been a wonderful example

* well done that you always had a focus on the glorious goal

Lets look at the side of the Lord Jesus who will say all these "well done " to him.

District Apostle Kolb of the US was called to serve along and he said, we stand together with the bereaved family in sorrow, in grief and in faith. Our faith binds us together. Some years back, during the service where the district Apostle Kraus was retired, the late district Apostle Kitching was called to serve and he said to start "this moment is too big for me" . Today f i can also say the same that " this moment is too big for all of us". At this moment the heavenly father reaches to us like the Lord came to the apostle during the storm. We then reach to him also. Do not be afraid of the moments that are too big because God is close to us.

The District Apostle Andersen of Australia was also called to serve along and said: in our natural shocks we know that our heavenly father makes no mistakes. His compassion, his love and his grace will displace our sorrows. The late district apostle was not only a "talker" but he was a "doer". In Australia we do not say good bye but we say see you later because we pray for the Lord to come soon then we can meet again.

The Chief apostle came back to the altar and added, to the late District apostle, it can be said again " well done" because you are a great teacher and then he called the district Apostle Deppner to serve along.

The District Apostle Deppner said, upon retirement the District apostle Kitching had surely some good retirement plans but God had another plan.

The chief apostle concluded the service by recommending the ashes to ashes, the spirit and soul to the creator..... And then the body was led to it last resting place.