

Matters for Prayer

- Lael and Laura Luxford, South Sudan
- Australian Christian Lobby
- Jacob Damkani, Trumpet of Salvation, Israel
- Young Life • Missionary Aviation Fellowship (MAF)
- Island Gospel Ministries, Bohol, Philippines
- Maranatha Christian School, Talibon, Philippines
- Creation Ministries International • Herald of Hope
- Sri Lankan Fellowship • Korean Fellowship
- Those sick amongst the fellowship
- That the Gospel will continue to be proclaimed through Capital Bible Church
- Matthew Khanzadeh with his ministry into Afghanistan and Iran

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- CBC Statement of faith
- Links to missions supported
- Online Sunday morning messages

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Proclaiming Christ, Teaching and Living in
the Word of God

Newsletter – September 2022



*Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher
of our faith*

Hebrews 12:2

Please join us on Sunday for the service

A question that has been asked in the past few months is:

Why did Jesus warn against saying the word *raca* in Matthew 5:22?

From: <https://www.gotquestions.org/>

[Matthew 5:22](#) is the only passage in the Bible where the term *raca* is used. *Raca* comes from the Aramaic term *reqa*. It was a derogatory expression meaning “empty-headed,” insinuating a person’s stupidity or inferiority. It was an offensive name used to show utter contempt for another person. Jesus warned that the use of such a word to describe someone was tantamount to murder and deserving of the severest punishment of the law.

In [Matthew 5:21](#), Jesus recalled the sixth commandment, “You shall not murder” ([Exodus 20:13](#)). In characteristic fashion, Jesus took the old law one step further by explaining the true significance of the law—a deeper, spiritual meaning they had never seen.

First, Jesus warns that the very act of murder finds its roots in an angry, murderous spirit: “But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment” ([Matthew 5:22a](#)). God, who examines the very thoughts and intents of the heart, will issue judgment upon unrighteous anger. Next, Jesus warns against name-calling, using “raca” as an example (verse 22b). Then He issues a third warning against those who call someone a “fool” (verse 22c).

The first-century Jews recognized that “anyone who murders will be subject to judgment” ([Matthew 5:21](#)), but Jesus warns that even calling another person insulting names such as “raca” is sinful. Murder begins in the heart, and epithets such as “raca” are signs that there is hatred lurking within. The hatred that causes one person to hurl insults is the same hatred that causes another to commit murder. The attitude of the heart is the same, and it’s this attitude that makes a person morally guilty before God.

Jesus not only warns us against expressing unrighteous anger, which can lead to murder, but clearly commands that disparaging denunciations and name-calling be avoided. Such abusive words reveal the true intents of one’s heart and mind for which we will be held in judgment: “I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve” ([Jeremiah 17:10](#); cf. [1 Samuel 16:7](#); [1 Chronicles 28:9](#)).

September 2022, at Capital Bible Church

Date	Time	Event
Sunday, 4 th September	9.30 am	Family Prayer October
	10 am	Family Worship Service speaker: Graham Cochrane Speaking on Matthew 6:5-15 The heart of prayer
Tuesday, 6 th September	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting at the church
Sunday, 11 th September	9.30 am	Family Prayer
	10am	Family Worship Service Speaker: Matthew Speaking on Hebrews 4:14 - 5:10 The priest called of God
Tuesday, 13 th September	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting at the church
Sunday, 18 th September	9.30 am	Family Prayer
	10am	Family Worship Service Speaker: Karl Irving Speaking on Hebrews 5:11 - 6 Christ's Suffering as Redeemer
Tuesday, 20 th September	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting at the church
Sunday 25 th September	10am	Family Worship Service Speaker: Ian Daley Speaking on Hebrews 7 His Glory as Son leading to the promised rest
Tuesday, 27 th September	7.00pm	Creation Meeting at the church
Sunday, 2 nd October	10am	Family Worship Service Speaker: Pete Locke Speaking on Hebrews 8 The Mediator of a better covenant

See also: www.cbc.asn.au/calendar

- * Saturday & Tuesday Night Bible Studies – See Karl Irving for Details
- * Women’s Bible Study- Thursday mornings – See Judy Irving for details.