# Religion today: tradition, modernity and change

Assemblies of God church in prayer

Congregation singing and music playing : Onward Christian Soldiers

# **Rhema Church**

Pastor Samuel Ferreira. *(addressing congregation) (subtitles)* Oh God, we are gathered here to praise, adore and glorify you. My God, blessed by your ways dear father. In this meeting we will adore you. Speak to us our dear God, our dear father, send us your word, send us your anointment

Pastor Samuel Ferreira (addressing congregation) (subtitles) I will now read a verse brothers, then another verse, and I will go on until the last verse in the chapter. Set up a table before me in the presence of my enemies, anoint my head with oils

*(congregation singing – subtitles)* I am more than a winner. Christ is my saviour. I want to hear the horns playing. I want the torches to be lit. I am more than a winner I am more than a winner Winner, winner, winner

# Pastor Samuel Ferreira (subtitles)

I want you to value what you have, you are a being, you are someone and we are the ones chosen by God, to be the elected nation of Jesus Christ.

## (congregation sing + musicians)

## Pastor Samuel Ferreira (subtitles)

Throw thy bread over the waters thou shall find it over many days. Amen By beloved brothers we live in an era of materialism, no one wants to swap the certain for the uncertain. No one wants to take risks. Domestic life is so difficult that we naturally tend to avoid risks However the Lord Jesus came and broke that rule. Would you do that? Would you through your bread over the waters? No-one enjoys such a thing. But the bible says throw your bread over the waters. The human rule is: do not place your hat where you can't reach it, isn't that so? The bible says: God makes the impossible possible. But tonight I want to urge you to throw your bread over the waters, not the bread made by the baker. But for those of you who believe in God the bread symbolizes faith. It is faith that makes us walk. It is because we have faith that we stand and endure and tonight I am urging you to throw your bread onto the waters. Placing your faith in him is to believe that whatever you have to endure, however difficult your life might be there is a God who has not failed or abandoned you. There is a God who has not left you. There is a God, who when you place your faith in Him, will provide a solution for your problems. If the fields are not fruitful He will nevertheless love you. If the cattle are not fruitful He will nevertheless love you. If you become ill He will love you. If your family abandons you He will love you. If your friends abandon you He will love you. If the church no longer provides for you He will love you. If I'm not here to attend you He will love you. Raise your head. Don't give up, endure and one day you will win in the

name of Jesus. I want you to seize the opportunity to pray, all you who have been struggling, toiling, all you who need praying, you who need God to take action. You for whom only God can provide the solution. While we sing I want you to get up. I want you to come closer and we will pray for you, for I believe, piously, piously, that God will answer your prayers. Come to the cross, because it is by the cross that you will find victory

## (congregation sing + music)

## Pastor Samuel Ferreira (subtitles)

God understands your anguish and your pain. Do not give up and the hour of your victory will come. Don't give up. Now let us pray for this child. Mr Manuel would you step in and pray

#### Mr Manuel

Pray eternal and sovereign God, father of our saviours Lord Jesus Christ. In the name of thy beloved son Jesus Christ. At this moment in history we present this child to thee. Lord take into thy hands this child. Lord let this child grow in awe of your wise words. Let the child be a blessing. The parents of the child are present so that the child can know the Kingdom of God. And now I thank you Father in the name of your beloved son Jesus Christ. He reigns forever, Amen

(congregation sing + music)