

## Introduction to 'Malcolm's Monday Musings' and his 'Short Meditations'.

**(i) Malcolm's Monday Musings.** The articles comprise a set of weekly 'Musings' which were written to encourage believers who, on account of Covid-19 restrictions, were unable to access normal assembly meetings.

The first 'Musing' was dated 6 April 2020, and was circulated under cover of the following self-explanatory email:

*Greetings. Fear not ... in words which Henry VIII could have addressed meaningfully to each of his wives, 'I won't keep you very long'. In a nutshell, given this time of COVID-19 enforced leisure, I intend, God willing, to write a brief weekly email comprising three items. Each will provide:*

*(i) **Something to meditate on.** This will consist of scripture without comment. (Bible versions will differ.)*

*(ii) **Something to think about.** This will take the form of brief comments on some aspect of biblical truth, often accompanied by quotations from others. Separately, for those with more time available, I will attach detailed notes of a message I have given in the past.*

*(iii) **Something to smile at.** This is included deliberately at a time when many people find only things to worry about.*

*If, for any reason, you prefer that I do **not** add to your input of emails, simply reply to this email with a 'No, thank you'. I will do my best to bear no grudge, but don't expect a Christmas card this year!*

*With no more ado, here is this week's 'Monday Musings'.*

*Yours in our Lord Jesus,*

**(ii) Short meditations.** These consist of short meditations which were requested for circulation to the saints at Malcolm's local assembly, Bethesda, Cardiff, during the time of the Covid-19 restrictions.