

Unreached Peoples: The Tribes of Myanmar Burma the 'Long Neck' Padaung

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The sermon highlights the significance of brass rings in Kyan culture and the importance of preserving their traditional heritage.

Scripture: Proverbs 22:6, Ecclesiastes 3:1, Colossians 3:23, 1 Peter 3:3-4

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Description

This sermon delves into the cultural traditions and practices of the Kyans, focusing on the significance of brass rings worn by women around their necks. It explores the pride and disappointment felt by the community in preserving these traditions, the craftsmanship involved in creating and maintaining these ornamental pieces, and the societal expectations tied to wearing them. The narrative paints a vivid picture of daily life in the village, showcasing the roles, activities, and beliefs that shape the Kyans' identity and interactions.

Transcript

Almost everyone knows and feels the sense of a stranger in this quiet little village. They are curious to know who have come and why. Our friend, old Kyan lady Domunwe, took us to her house and served a sort of very mild rice liquor to drink with a bamboo tube from the pot.

A very agreeable refreshment. She also introduced me with a husband who is proud to show me his collections of antique traditional drum and bells. While demonstrating, he explained to me how Kyans have kept their drum and bells in great appreciation.

For the time being, ladies are having an easy, friendly talk on a couch by the window. When I look outside through the window, there is another Kyan lady taking a bath at a village water tank. I was explained about their traditional belief that a woman is not a woman without brass rings around her neck.

And good women always keep their neck rings shiny. No men wear such ornaments. Domunwe, our guide, said she was very disappointed today that very few number of Kyan girls keep the tradition alive by adorably wearing them lifelong.

We then walked down along the village road to see more. Some women are pounding rice while another woman is weaving. Not many people are seen now.

Our guide explains that it was farming season and most people are out in the farms. When we come to a stilted house, certain women are preparing to encase a woman's legs. This lady is an expert whose professional skill is with brass rings.

She does the encasing, refixing works for her living. When looking closer, the brass rings are in fact one piece thing, not many separate rings as we thought before. They can be turned around and loosely worn around the neck.

This time, the expert lady is encasing the leg with long piece of spider brass ring. Her customer is having a new one because her daughter is getting married tomorrow. When asked why she wears such a wonderful ornamental piece, the old lady explains that she understands women have to wear brass rings around their necks.

And everyone was wearing in the neighborhood. This lady is wearing a brass ring around her neck.

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