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Where God is touching lives...

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REV DR CHARLES TAN

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TEXT: ISAIAH 8

INSTRUCTION FROM THE LORD

LEARNING HOW TO FEAR THE LORD

Isaiah had to learn how to put into
practice "the fear of the LORD."

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¹¹ For the LORD spoke thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying:

¹² "Do not say, 'A conspiracy,'
Concerning all that this people call a conspiracy,
Nor be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled.

¹³ The LORD of hosts, Him you shall hallow;
Let Him be your fear,
And *let Him be your dread.*

¹⁴ He will be as a sanctuary,
But a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense
To both the houses of Israel,
As a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

¹⁵ And many among them shall stumble;
They shall fall and be broken,
Be snared and taken." Isaiah 8:11-15

1. Instruction from the LORD

- a) The Lord Himself instructed Isaiah
- b) This teaching came with a strong hand from God
- c) Isaiah must not walk in the way of the people
- d) He must determine to walk in the way of the Lord instead

2. There must be no fear of the people

- a) They held a conspiracy theory
- b) They employed threats

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- c) They were hostile to all who did not follow them
- d) Isaiah must not yield to these people out of fear

THE PRACTICE OF THE FEAR OF THE LORD

Isaiah must learn how to practise the fear the LORD in his life and ministry.

1. He must focus on the LORD of hosts
2. He must "hallow" the Lord
 - a) To regard Him as the LORD
 - b) To sanctify the LORD God in his heart
3. He must fear (dread) the LORD
4. He must make God his sanctuary

The fear of the LORD can be learned. When we learn how to do this, we will become that much stronger in our outlook of life.

Write to me at: charlestan@bethanyipc.sg

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today. May your heart be strengthened through worship and fellowship!

*Welcome
to Bethany TV*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS FROM PASTOR CHARLES TAN

Pastor sends greetings from Perth. He will be returning this evening.
He was ministering in Bethel this past week.



CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00 pm | Venue: Auditorium 4.07



PREMARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 20 January 2020 | Time: 7.00pm

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 20 January 2020 | Time: 8.00pm

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 21 January 2020 | Time: 8.00pm



NEXT SUNDAY: 26 JANUARY 2020

(LUNAR NEW YEAR)

We will be having a Combined Worship.
There will be NO Fellowship Lunch next Sunday.



SSTT

Date: Thursday, 23 January 2020

Time: 8.00pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LUNAR NEW YEAR SPECIAL

Date: 1 February 2020 | Time: 4.00pm

Please sign up. Please indicate if you are 65 and above. Let us share our faith with our relatives and friends. Let us share with all who are coming what it means to know the Lord and have His blessings.



OPEN HOUSE

Date: Saturday, 25 January 2020
(1st day of the Lunar New year)

Venue: 1 Gerald Crescent (799735)
Time: 9.00am to 4.00pm

(We end an hour earlier because the next day is
Sunday, 26 January 2020).



SSS 4 SENIORS SPECIAL

Date: 14 February 2020 | Time: 6.30pm

Please sign up as soon as possible. This is a special program for Seniors. The evening years of life can be tough. One of the biggest problems is that of feeling sad and lonely. This program seeks to reach out to our Seniors with a message of God's love in the evening years of life.



ACM

23 February 2020 | Time: 1.00pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

15-20 March 2020

"O LORD, You are my God" Isaiah 25:1

The Family Camp has always been such a special source of blessing. This year our focus is to help all attending learn how they may cultivate a strong personal relationship with God. This is more than possible!

Plan to sign up as soon as possible.



HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Billy and Ricky Wan on the home-going of their father Mr. Wan Yam Foon. The late Mr. Wan was 86 when he passed away on 11 January 2020.

LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

Dear Brethren,

On behalf of my family, I would like to thank the Pastoral team and the church for being by our side throughout this time of bereavement. We experienced God's love outpoured towards us through the Bethany family during these challenging times. My mother and brother were especially touched by how the church came together to provide support for our family in so many ways. They were particularly impacted by how the church gave so freely, be it in condolences or with their time and labour of love.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to these people, without whom the memorial services would not have been meaningful, and the Glory of God's Grace would have been missed:

The Kakis, who took the time to come early and ushered.

The AV, photography, bulletin, and music ministries, who supported us by providing logistically for the memorial services.

The translators, who conveyed the purpose and message of the memorial services to many of our mandarin-speaking relatives.

Eileen Yeo, who lovingly providing lunch for our family every day.

The pastoral team, who shared many words of comfort and encouragement.

And finally, all at Bethany who specially took the time to be with my family to fellowship and to minister to us despite your busy work schedules. Through this event, we have truly experienced for ourselves how Bethany is truly God's kind of church, where God is touching lives and people care for people. The Lord's grace and blessings upon our family can be seen clearly, and we praise and thank God for how He blessed Dad richly too. Blessed and privileged to be experiencing God's amazing grace, to be enveloped by His love and greatly encouraged by His Word.

Thank You

Billy, Evelyne, Gaby and Reuben Wan

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 104:31-32

*May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
May the LORD rejoice in His works.*

*He looks on the earth, and it trembles;
He touches the hills, and they smoke.*

1. The glory of the Lord is seen in His power

- a) His power affects everything
- b) The entire earth may be affected
- c) The hills tremble at His touch

2. The glory of the Lord

- a) May it endure forever indeed!
- b) May He rejoice in all His works!
- c) These were heartfelt prayers

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 19 January 2020

*Text: Psalm 19:9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever
The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.*

1. The Fear of the LORD

- a) It is placed in the midst of extolling the Lord's word
- b) It is to be appreciated as much as the Word of the LORD

2. It has a cleansing effect

- a) The believer on reading the Lord's word would desire to be clean
- b) The word of the LORD would enable the individual to live cleanly

NEXT SUNDAY: 26 January 2020

*Text: Psalm 22:23 You who fear the LORD, praise Him
You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, and
fear Him, all you offspring of Israel.*

POETRY CORNER

#1

LET HIM BE YOUR FEAR

The fear of the LORD can be learned;
Instruction from the Lord must be discerned.
God is none other than the LORD of hosts!
He is all-powerful and in Him we may boast!

He is to be hallowed and sanctified in our heart;
From this Fear of the LORD, we must never depart.
He will be our refuge and our sanctuary;
There is no need to be fretful or to worry.

There will always be those who will resort to bullying;
They will use every means, and seek to be intimidating.
They will threaten violence and will not hesitate to kill;
The Fear of the LORD, in our hearts, must be instilled.

The LORD Himself will teach us with a strong hand;
No one can thwart His will or derail His great Plan.
The Lord will offer protection for who will trust Him;
He guards His people with His angelic hosts accompanying.

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Isaiah 8:13

POETRY CORNER

#2

Courage Through Fear

Fear so real as I awaken in the depths of a quiet night,
Thoughts racing in the mind where darkness remains, no light.
Flinching about ongoing challenges that abound with uncertainties,
Apprehension prevails, not able to see any positive opportunities.

Then comes into this weary heart, a note, so sweet and so tender,
This note unlocks a chain of melody that dances with much splendour!
This hymn, its tune so soothing, brings a calming comfort and peace,
Your goodness and presence sing to an anxious soul, not easily appeased.

A rousing realisation of where my fear should truly be placed,
Its focus should not be on harsh realities of life nor health issues faced.
My fear should centre on Your precious Word and its important lessons,
Through this, my heart, I examine and earnestly my faith, I question.

And when my fear is well placed in the righteousness of Your bosom,
Your statutes and commandments I keep and love for You blossoms!
This fear will lead me to a higher level of trust where I find new courage,
Renewed thus my strength and a closer walk with You, I am encouraged!

Dr. Tan Kok-Yang
Inspired Deuteronomy 4:10, 5:29, 6:2

POETRY CORNER

#3

FEAR THE LORD YOUR GOD

When we think of who God is and all that He is to us,
We must also consider what the Lord requires of us.
He wants us to fear Him and it is not to be dreaded,
This fear is for our good if it is well-appreciated.

The Lord Himself has to create within us this fear,
To revere a holy God who allows us to draw near.
If the heart is amiss, this fear will disappear quickly,
The heart must be cultivated to fear Him consistently.

To fear the Lord is not a choice but a commandment,
This is His word given as a concrete reinforcement.
To obey this word reflects good and wise judgment,
To truly fear the Lord requires much commitment.

The Lord will shape our lives if we fear Him truly,
A construct will form in all who hold fast faithfully.
We will follow His Word and walk in all His ways,
We will also love Him and serve Him all of our days!

Yvette Seow

Inspiration: Deuteronomy 4:10, 5:29, 6:2, 8:6 and 10:12

POETRY CORNER

#4

“STAND ON YOUR FEET”

The re-reading of Ezekiel 2-3 brings new insights,
Into how we should be reading God’s Word and our bad habits to make right.
Focus and engagement are vital when the Word of God we read;
Let us be mindful of His command to “Stand on your feet”.

Quiet time can become a mere routine in the hustle and bustle of life;
The reading of God’s Word risks becoming a cursory activity for the sleep-deprived.
Timely is the reminder that we are but mere sons of man in need of God;
Vigilance and sensitivity to His voice is surely our necessary lot.

Convention may dictate that we learn by adding new knowledge to past understanding;
Yet preconceived ideas are liable to distort God’s intended meaning.
It is the Spirit who must enter us and cause us to feed on the Word in earnest;
Only He can lift us up to experience the Word as “honey in sweetness”.

So as we read and talk to God each morning;
May the Lord not only open our eyes and ears to His bidding.
May He also open our hearts to love and receive all of the words He is speaking;
And may the Spirit move within to inspire us to follow His leading.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Ezekiel 2-3

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POETRY CORNER

A Man Who Fears God

How can you tell that a man fears God?
The Book of Job is a striking record,
Of an exemplary man who lived long ago,
Job truly feared God, his life tells us so.

Job had a reputation, he was blameless and upright.
He shunned evil, resisting it with all of his might.
He was conscious of sin, even those of his children.
He prayed for their forgiveness, in this practice he was consistent.

Then calamity came, and Job lost everything.
His response was to worship, amidst his great mourning.
Next suffering came, intense pain to endure,
But Job did not complain, his faith was as strong as before.

Yet even the strongest can crack under pressure,
As the suffering wore on, Job began to falter.
He questioned God, and at times lost hope,
God seemed far away, it was so tough to cope.

If someone like Job who truly feared God,
Had to be humbled and corrected by the LORD,
How much more me, with all of my flaws?
Learning to fear God, must be my lifelong cause.

Alvin Foo
Inspiration: Book of Job

THEME : THE FEAR OF THE LORD

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

10.30AM | CHURCH SANCTUARY

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom" Proverbs 1-2

Chairmen

Deacon Jacob Chacko
Student-Pastor
Jonathan Jacob

Speaker

Rev Benjamin Chong

Pianist

Dr Daniel Chia

Organist

Mrs Kathy Lai

Interpreter

Mrs Koh Baoling

TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

10.30AM | 3RD FLOOR AUDITORIUM (3-8)

" Learning the fear of the Lord" Psalm 34

Chairman

Ms Lin Wenyan

Speaker

Rev Mark Tan

Ushers

Mr Asher Tan
Mr Leon Lai

Pianist

Ms Ho Lianya

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10.30AM

"God's Word is important for life" Luke 4:1-4

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Ms Camille George

Speaker

Student-Pastor Moses Kwek

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

4.00PM | 4TH FLOOR AUDITORIUM (4-7 & 4-8)

"The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever" Psalm 19

Chairmen

Mr Samuel Cheong
Mr Charles George

Speaker

Rev Benjamin Quah

Pianist

Ms Tay Soo Leng

Interpreter

Deacon Dr Tan Peng Hui

Breakfast: Berlinda Cheong
Fellowship Lunch: Mark & Chen Kee
Evening Tea: Davina Y. Canlas

BETHANY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

| | Day | Time | Venue | Location |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| WORSHIP SERVICES | | | | |
| Morning Worship Service | Sun | 10.30 am | Church Sanctuary | 2 nd floor |
| Children's Worship I (P1 – P3) | | | Auditorium 3-1 | 3 rd floor |
| Children's Worship II (P4 – P6) | | | Auditorium 4-1 | 4 th floor |
| Teens' Worship Service | | | Auditorium 3-8 | 3 rd floor |
| Evening-Bilingual Worship | | 4.00pm | Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8 | 4 th floor |
| SUNDAY SCHOOL | | | | |
| Crèche | Sun | 8.30am 10.30am | Green Turf | 1 st floor |
| Beginners' Sunday School | | 8.30am | Auditorium 2-1 | 2 nd floor |
| Junior Sunday School I | | | Auditorium 3-1 | 3 rd floor |
| Junior Sunday School II | | | Auditorium 4-8 | 4 th floor |
| Intermediate Sunday School | | | Auditorium 3-8 | 3 rd floor |
| Senior Sunday School I | | | Fellowship Hall | 1 st floor |
| Senior Sunday School II | | | Main Sanctuary | 2 nd floor |
| Senior Sunday School III | | | Prayer Room 4-1 | 4 th floor |
| Senior Sunday School IV | | | Fellowship Hall | 1 st floor |
| Senior Sunday School IV. II | | | Auditorium 2M | 2 nd floor |
| Special Needs Ministry | | | Auditorium 4-7 | 4 th floor |
| CHOIRS | | | | |
| Singing Kakis | Thurs | 8.00 pm | Auditorium 3-2 | 3 rd floor |
| One Voice | Sat | 5.00 pm | Auditorium 4-8 | 4 th floor |
| Youth Choir | | 5.00 pm | Auditorium 3-1 | 3 rd floor |
| Evergreens | Sun | 1.00 pm | Auditorium 3-1 | 3 rd floor |
| BIBLE STUDY | | | | |
| Church Bible Study | Tue | 8.00 pm | Church Sanctuary | 2 nd floor |
| Home Bible Study | 2 nd and 4 th Thurs | 3.00 pm | - | - |
| Mandarin Bible Study | 1 st and 3 rd Fri | 7.30 pm | 4 th Floor Auditorium | 4 th floor |
| CATECHISM CLASS | | | | |
| | Sun | 1.00 pm | Auditorium 4-8 | 4 th floor |
| PRAYER MEETING | | | | |
| | Mon | 8.00 pm | Church Sanctuary | 2 nd floor |
| FELLOWSHIP GROUPS | | | | |
| Young People's Group I | Sat | 3.00 pm | Auditorium 2-1 | 2 nd floor |
| Young People's Group II | | | Auditorium 3-8 | 3 rd floor |
| Young People's Group III | | | Auditorium 3-1 | 3 rd floor |
| Young Adults' Group | | | Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8 | 4 th floor |
| Young Married Group | | | Auditorium 4-1 | 4 th floor |
| Adults' Ministry | | 4.00 pm | Auditorium 4-1 | 4 th floor |

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
19 January 2020
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Dr Daniel Chia
Organist : Mrs Kathy Lai

VIP No. 453

'Til the Storm Passes By

Prelude

Call to Worship

Deacon Jacob Chacko
Student-Pastor Jonathan Jacob

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

HWC No. 415

He Giveth More Grace

HWC No. 441

Take Time to be Holy

Century Praise 451

It is Well with my Soul

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom”

Text : Proverbs 1-2

Speaker: Rev Benjamin Chong

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 331

Be Thou My Vision

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE
19 January 2020
Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Ms Tay Soo Leng

Century Praise 308

Thanks to God for my Redeemer 感谢神

Prelude 前奏

Call to Worship 齐来称颂

Mr Samuel Cheong
Mr Charles George
Interpreter : Ms Aleena Kua

Invocation 祈祷

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns

Century Praise 89

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 赞美全能神

HWC No. 355

Trusting Jesus 信靠耶稣

Century Praise 321

Blessed Assurance 有福确据

PRAYER 牧祷

“PREACH THE WORD” 证道

Message: “The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever”
“耶和华的道理洁净，存到永远”

Text : Psalm 19 诗篇 19

Speaker: Rev Benjamin Quah
Interpreter : Deacon Dr Tan Peng Hui

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献

Hymn

HWC No. 410

My Faith Looks up to Thee 我以信心仰望

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

19 JANUARY 2020

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

THE REALITY OF LIFE

The reality of life includes illness and death. And we need to be prepared fully for such eventualities! Let us be reminded of a text that we read at Down Memory Lane Service.

*"Seek the LORD and His strength;
Seek His face forever more." 1 Chronicles 16:11*

FULFILLING OUR PART

Let us not fail to do our part diligently and faithfully.

1. What does it take to seek the LORD effectively?
 - a) It requires a genuine interest
 - b) It requires diligence
 - c) It requires thoroughness
 - d) It requires faithfulness
2. Wisdom in our search
 - a) We are encouraged to seek specifically
 - b) Two things are highlighted in the above text:
 - i) Let us seek strength to cope with the vagaries of life
 - ii) Let us seek the Face of the Lord too
 - c) A general approach may not yield the desired results

SEEKING ALSO TO SHARE OUR FAITH

The challenge is also to share our faith with relatives and friends. The following are things we can do:

1. Let us share our faith genuinely
2. Let us share our faith gently
3. Let us seek to share our faith graciously

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*