

BETHANY

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CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 26 January 2020 ... Happy Lunar New Year!

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MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

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Text: Psalm 31

“FOR THOSE WHO FEAR YOU”

THE MANY STRUGGLES OF LIFE

The Psalmist David experienced many struggles in life. Despite being a king, there were many things that caused him to feel distressed and fearful.

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| 1. There was grief | Psalm 31:9 |
| 2. He sighed a lot | Psalm 31:10 |
| 3. He felt weakness | Psalm 31:10 |
| 4. He was reproached | Psalm 31:11 |
| 5. He was slandered | Psalm 31:13 |
| 6. He could not shake his fears | Psalm 31:13 |

What could he do to overcome all these thoughts and feelings that threaten to overwhelm?

THINGS HE COULD DO

There were things that David could do. He sought the Lord's mercy.

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| 1. He admitted his sins | Psalm 31:10 |
| 2. He pleaded for mercy | Psalm 31:9 |
| 3. He sought to trust God | Psalm 31:1 |
| 4. He begged for deliverance | Psalm 31:1 |
| 5. He appealed to the Lord as his God | Psalm 31:14 |

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FAITH IN THE LORD

One of the things that David held on to was his faith and hope in the Lord.

*Oh, how great is Your goodness,
Which You have laid up for those who fear You,
Which You have prepared for those who trust in You,
In the presence of the sons of men. Psalm 31:19*

1. Those who fear You
They are also those who have placed their trust in the Lord
2. Faith in the Lord's favourable response
 - a) Because of His great goodness
 - b) He has laid up His good blessings for those who trust Him
 - c) He would display His favour in the presence of the sons of men

OUR CHALLENGE

Let us cultivate a fear of the Lord. It involves trusting Him though we may be surrounded by many difficulties! Let us believe with all our heart in the goodness and mercy of the LORD our God!

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 encouraged and blessed through worship and fellowship!

*Welcome
to Bethany TV*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR!

The Pastoral Team and Session send Lunar New Year Greetings to all at Bethany. May His Presence and Goodness be felt in the New Year!



COMBINED WORSHIP TODAY

We will be having a Combined Worship today.
There will be no Fellowship Lunch after the Worship Service.



CATECHISM CLASS

There will be no Catechism Class today.



NEXT SUNDAY

We will be observing The Lord's Supper.
Let us prepare our hearts and minds to partake meaningfully.



LUNAR NEW YEAR WEEK

We will not be having the usual Pre-marital Counseling Class, Prayer Meeting, and Bible Study this week because of the Lunar New Year.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CNY SPECIAL

Date: 1 February 2020

Time: 4.00 pm

Theme: "Forget not all His benefits" Psalm 103

Let us seek to share our faith gently with relatives and friends. We will be expecting many older folks at the Lunar New Year Special.



CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

15-20 March 2020

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

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings.

Please plan to sign up as soon as possible!



ACM

Date: 23 February 2020

We will be holding our ACM for Church and BTS.

Time: 1.00pm

Special feature: Election of new Session Members



BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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!

1. Fear of the LORD

a) This should be our natural desire.

b) All who are true spiritual offspring must praise God

2. True practice of the Fear of the LORD

a) It would lead us to praise God

b) It would lead us to glorify Him

NEXT SUNDAY: 2 February 2020

Text: Psalm 33:8 Let all the earth fear the LORD

Let all the earth fear the LORD;

Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 104:33-35

³³I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

³⁴May my meditation be sweet to Him;
I will be glad in the LORD.

³⁵May sinners be consumed from the earth,
And the wicked be no more.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!
Praise the LORD!

1. Singing to the LORD

a) May this be a natural desire from our heart!

b) It should be natural to sing praise to God

2. Meditation

a) May our meditation be sweet in the eyes of God

b) Let there always be gladness in the heart

POETRY CORNER

1

HOW GREAT IS YOUR GOODNESS!

There are many hard struggles in life;
There is weakness felt amidst strife.
The heart feels faint and fearful amidst grief;
It so desires to find much-needed relief.

But where may hope and strength be found?
It seems as if there is nothing but evil around!
The problems of life do not seem to go away;
And the weight of sin causes much decay.

Hope lies in the great goodness of the LORD;
There is wonderful mercy in our great God.
There must be an exercise of faith by the heart;
Surely much grace and strength He would impart.

The goodness of the LORD would be revealed;
To those who trust, His mercy is not concealed.
To those who practise the fear of the LORD;
They would experience the goodness of God.

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Psalm 31:19

POETRY CORNER

2

REALITY CHECK

Shakespeare once said that “Reputation is an idle and most false imposition;
oft got without merit”;

How true since reputation is what others think of us, even when we do not deserve it.
Reputations wane and we crumble when reality checks set in;
But real character, even when tested, will shine through from within.

Job was a man blameless and upright, who feared God and shunned evil, we were told;
Yet God tested him with material loss, family calamities and ill health from head to toe.
Job had begun to crack under pressure as he struggled with his torment and his life forlorn;
Yet never did he once blame God, he only cursed the day he was born.

Job didn't know then that God would restore his losses manifold;
He didn't know then that God would make him the example for all the ages to behold.
Yet for all of his questions and the negative emotions he had felt;
He finally repented as he realized no purpose of God could ever be withheld.

Let us not begrudge God for His testing and the lessons He wants us to learn;
May we seek Him with a genuine faith and repent in return.
It is necessary for God to redress our presumptuous sins and faults carefully concealed;
For then will our real self and character be moulded and revealed.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Job 1-3; 42

POETRY CORNER

3

A REAL FAITH

Job was a man who was blameless and upright,
He feared God, shunned evil and did what was right.
The Lord gave Job great possessions and fame,
This man enjoyed a good reputation and name.

The Lord allowed Job's faith to be tested sorely,
Job lost his children and possessions unexpectedly.
The Lord also allowed Job's health to be attacked,
The painful reality check caused his faith to crack.

Job struggled badly and there was self-justification,
His friends' poor counsel added more frustration.
Then God revealed Himself to Job as the Almighty,
Job was corrected and he repented with humility.

When things go wrong in life and we feel shaken,
We must still believe that the Lord is sovereign!
He will test us and what is within He will reveal,
Amidst the trials in life, may we find our faith real!

Yvette Seow
Inspiration: Job 1 and 42

THEME : THE FEAR OF THE LORD

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

10.30AM | CHURCH SANCTUARY

"Who is the man that fears the LORD?" Psalm 25

Chairmen

Dr Tang Kong Choong
Mr Milton Ong

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Organist

Mrs Elsie Poey

Pianist

Mrs Amelia Toi

Interpreter

Mr Alex Tan

TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

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

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE THIS WEEK

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10.30AM

"Strong and True" Luke 4:5-7

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Student-Pastor Eugene Seow

Speaker

Rev Benjamin Quah

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

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

NO EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE THIS WEEK

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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COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE
26 January 2020
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Amelia Toi
Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey

Century Praise 370

He Keeps Me Singing

Prelude

Call to Worship

Dr Tang Kong Choong
Mr Milton Ong

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 8

Holy, Holy, Holy

Century Praise 6

How Great Thou Art

HWC No. 358

I Am Thine, O Lord

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “Who is the man that fears the LORD?”

Text : Psalm 25

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 340

O, To Be Like Thee

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

26 JANUARY 2020

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR

Thank God for His gracious blessings in the past year. Let us begin the new Lunar New Year with a wonderful promise of blessing from the Lord.

*You who fear the LORD,
Trust in the LORD;
He is their help and their shield.*

*He will bless those who fear the LORD,
Both small and great. Psalm 115:11, 13*

1. You who fear the LORD
 - a) These are specially addressed
 - b) The challenge is to exercise Trust in the Lord
 - c) Let us trust:
 - i) That the Lord is our Help
 - ii) That He is also our Shield
2. The promise of the LORD
 - a) That He will bless
 - b) Especially those who trust in Him
3. Anyone may receive the Lord's blessings
 - a) Those who enjoy "greatness"
 - i) In status
 - ii) In possessions
 - b) Those who seem "small"
 - i) In the eyes of the world
 - ii) But in God's sight they too would be blessed

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*