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God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

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MEDITATION

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Text: Deuteronomy 32:10-12

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IN GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE

THE WORKS OF GOD GRATEFULLY REMEMBERED

Moses recalled the mighty works God did for the children of Israel. In beautiful poetic language, he described what the Lord did for His people.

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¹⁰ "He found him in a desert land
And in the wasteland, a howling wilderness;
He encircled him, He instructed him,
He kept him as the apple of His eye.

¹¹ As an eagle stirs up its nest,
Hovers over its young,
Spreading out its wings, taking them up,
Carrying them on its wings,

¹² So the LORD alone led him,
And *there was* no foreign god with him.

Deuteronomy 32:10-12

1. The plight of the children of Israel

a) Israel was living in Canaan

b) A great famine had struck

i) It was like a desert land

ii) A wasteland

iii) A howling wilderness

c) Jacob had to send his sons to Egypt to buy food

2. The children of Israel in the land of Egypt

a) Joseph provided for his brothers and families

b) It was God who hovered over the children of Israel after
Joseph's death

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i) He encircled them
(His presence was always with the people)

ii) He instructed them (through Moses)

c) He kept them as the apple of His eye

i) Egypt was plagued

ii) Israel was spared

3. Out of the land of Egypt

a) He stirred up the nest where the young eagles were nesting

b) He brought out the children of Israel out of Egypt

c) The LORD alone led them from Egypt to the Promised Land
of Canaan

THE HAND OF GOD

It is wonderful to trace the hand of God in the history of Israel. If we look carefully, we can also see the unmistakable hand of the Lord in our life too. May we stand in awe of how the Lord has protected us and provided for us!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

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



SPECIAL CATECHISM CLASS

Saturday, 30 January 2021

Time: 1.30pm

Venue: Auditorium 4.01



YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

Saturday, 6 February 2021

Time: 3.00pm

Venue: Sanctuary



HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

Andy Chew (Bethel IPC) went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, 20 January 2021. Heartfelt condolences to his wife, Lai Heng and his two sons, Fred and Daryl and their respective families.

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 119:21-24

*²¹ You rebuke the proud—the cursed,
Who stray from Your commandments.
²² Remove from me reproach and contempt,
For I have kept Your testimonies.
²³ Princes also sit and speak against me,
But Your servant meditates on Your statutes.
²⁴ Your testimonies also are my delight
And my counselors.*

1. The Lord's rebuke

- a) The proud
- b) The ones who stray from His commandments

2. Bad encounters

- a) Reproach and contempt
- b) Powerful enemies

3. Facing problems in life

- a) Meditating on God's statutes
- b) Testimonies in the Scriptures bring delight and counsel

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 24 January 2021

Psalm 63:3 “Your lovingkindness is better than life”

*Because Your lovingkindness is better than life,
My lips shall praise You.*

1. God's lovingkindness

- a) To be appreciated deeply
- b) It is better than what life can offer us

2. Response to God's lovingkindness

- a) Praise is an appropriate response
- b) May there always be personal praise

NEXT SUNDAY: 31 January 2021

Psalm 69:16 “Your lovingkindness is good”

*Hear me, O LORD, for Your lovingkindness is good;
Turn to me according to the multitude of Your tender mercies.*

POETRY CORNER

1

THE APPLE OF HIS EYE

It is good to take time to remember;
The mighty works of God are a treasure.
There was a time when life was bleak indeed;
There were many problems and also many needs!

The Lord was there, though we may not see His presence;
He was there to provide and He also gave His protection.
God was there, keeping us as the apple of His eye;
Upon this great God, we may completely rely!

The Lord was there like a mighty eagle hovering;
The young eaglets must learn lessons of flying.
The Lord would be to lead and to teach His children;
They are the apple of His eye, even the God of heaven!

It was the LORD who had led through the wilderness;
He was there providing all needs out of His faithfulness.
The mighty hand of the Lord is to be truly treasured;
May His glorious name always be praised and honoured!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Deuteronomy 32:10-12

POETRY CORNER

2

Under the Shadow of His Wings

A new year ushered in quietly amidst news of rain, its ravages.
A heart still nursing deep sorrow yet facing fresh challenges.
What is the meaning of each new year? What of resolutions?
Anxieties and despair enshroud the mind; in need of restitution.

Many are the resolutions in the mind, flurry of ambitions.
But often the flesh is weak, rules are bent, uncompleted missions.
How am I to rise to a higher plane and do my lost love proud?
Searching for rays of illumination through those gloomy clouds.

But here in this darkness, an undeniable warmth, a familiar presence.
An awareness of mighty wings over me, grace and mercy in essence.
Here in the shadow of His loving-kindness will there be reassurance,
Here in the shadow of His refuge, a certain comfort, blessed assurance!

Crouched in this shelter, bathing in solace, the strength to lift my head.
I feel the firmness in my legs, I stand up tall, ready to move ahead!
Each stride I take will be with confidence, protected by His wings,
And a new joy I hope to discover, under the shadow of His Wings!

Dr. Tan Kok Yang

Inspiration: The theme of 'Shadow Under His Wings'.

Psalms 17:8, 37:6, 57:1, 61:4, 63:7

POETRY CORNER

3

The Faithfulness of God

Although our mental faculty matures as we age;
Our human minds are finite and defined by a limited mindscape.
No matter how we tailor lessons which are deemed age-appropriate;
The infinite being of God is impossible for us to fully appreciate.

Our perspectives are aligned to past knowledge and experience;
We view circumstances relative to one another in similarity or variance.
But with God, His precepts are constant and absolute;
A notion far beyond our comprehension and dispute.

It is foolishness to ascribe trials and misfortunes to God's unfaithfulness;
For the Lord judges according to His righteousness.
Indeed, God's faithfulness is that which is irrefutable;
Demonstrated time and again, in the history of Israel as recorded in the Bible.

Our challenge is to get to know the Person of God much better;
To trust Him more and under His wings, seek shelter.
For the Lord's mercy and faithfulness extend to the heavens and reach the clouds;
We are beholden to Him to give thanks and praise aloud!

Dr. Sng Li Wah

Inspiration: Deuteronomy 7:6-10; Psalm 36

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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