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Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

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MEDITATION

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Text: Deuteronomy 32; Exodus 4

I WILL TEACH YOU

FORTY YEARS OF MINISTRY

Moses had devoted 40 years of his life in serving the Lord. His focus was well-stated in the following text:

Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak;
And hear, O earth, the words of my
mouth.

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MEDITATION

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² Let my teaching drop as the rain,
My speech distill as the dew,
As raindrops on the tender herb,
And as showers on the grass. Deuteronomy 32:1-2

1. Confidence of Moses in speaking
 - a) He addressed "heaven" and "earth"
 - b) He would "speak" to them with "the words of his mouth"
2. Content of what Moses would say
 - a) It was "his teaching"
 - b) It was "his speech"
3. Comparisons made
 - a) It is compared to the rain
 - i) Raindrops on the tender herb
 - ii) Showers on the grass
 - b) It is also compared to the dew
 - i) Gentle
 - ii) Refreshing

GOD AS A TEACHER

It was the LORD Himself who told Moses that He would personally teach him.

Now you shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth. And I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and I will teach you what you shall do. Exodus 4:15

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MEDITATION

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1. Moses had declared the following things to God:

a) "I am not eloquent"

a) "I am slow of speech"

b) "And slow of tongue" Exodus 4:10

2. God's response

a) I will be with your mouth and with his mouth

b) I will teach you what you shall do Exodus 4:15

God patiently taught Moses all that he needed to know and to do as His servant!

AN EXCELLENT TEACHER

No one could have asked for a more excellent Teacher! Moses did his part well.

1. He listened well

2. He comprehended

3. He complied with all that God said to him

He went on to become a skilled teacher of God's word. His knowledge of God was vast and deep! The challenge is to learn well even as the Lord teaches!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus with us today, on-site or on-line! May your heart be refreshed through worship!



CATECHISM CLASS

1. We will resume Catechism Class soon
2. This will be in preparation for the Christmas Baptismal Services
3. First Catechism Class
 - a) Saturday, 14 August 2021
 - b) Time: 1.00pm
 - c) Church Sanctuary



ESPECIALLY FOR SENIORS

*For we have been consumed by Your anger,
And by Your wrath we are terrified.
Psalm 90:7*

1. The anger/wrath of God
God displayed His anger from time to time to the children of Israel
2. The general response of the children of Israel
They were “terrified”
3. Essential understanding of God’s wrath/anger
 - a) This is NOT a part of God’s character
 - b) His anger is always justified!
4. The Display of God’s anger was against the following:
 - a) Rebellion against God
 - b) Rejection of His laws
 - c) Refusal to listen
5. God’s anger can be turned away
 - a) In confession of sin
 - b) In cleansing of sin
 - c) In complying with God’s commandments humbly

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 18 July 2021

Text: Genesis 6:9 Noah was a just man

*This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations.
Noah walked with God.*

1. An appreciation of Noah's features

- a) He was a just man
- b) He was "perfect" (compared to the sinful generations)

2. A challenge

- a) Noah chose to walk with God
- b) May we desire to emulate his example

NEXT SUNDAY: 25 July 2021

Text: 1 Samuel 16:7 The LORD looks at the heart

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 119:73-74

*⁷³ Your hands have made me and fashioned me;
Give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments.*

*⁷⁴ Those who fear You will be glad when they see me,
Because I have hoped in Your word.*

1. Created by God

- a) We are made and fashioned
- b) By God's own hand

2. Commandments of God

- a) We must seek understanding
- b) We must seek to learn His commandments

3. Communion with others

- a) With all who fear the Lord
- b) Hope in God would be a common subject worth sharing

POETRY CORNER

1

I WILL TEACH YOU

Diffidence and Fear fill Moses' mind;
He felt that he was caught in a bind.
He had never been eloquent in speech;
Speaking for the Lord was out of reach!

"I will teach you," was God's commitment;
He will not send a servant without equipment.
He will give the words that need to be said;
Fear must not get into the heart and head.

Moses learned to listen and to contemplate;
Spending time in prayer, he did not hesitate.
God had many commandments to be given;
Each word had to be carefully discerned.

Over time, Moses became a skilled teacher;
He had become a most effective speaker.
His teaching was like the refreshing rain;
His words were like a wonderful refrain.

Charles Tan
Exodus 4; Deuteronomy 32

POETRY CORNER

2

Remembering Our Nature and Appreciating God's Grace

There are times when we feel a deep sense of discouragement,
That sinking feeling, an emptiness, the soul needs nourishment.
Times when there is undeniable melancholy, feeling lost,
Times when the circumstances seem bleak, cold with frost.

These are the times when appreciation can warm the heart,
Appreciation of the depth of a grace that brought fresh start.
For we were once spiritually blind, lost to trespasses and sin,
Swayed by the world, entrapped by evil, no way to win!

But it was through mercy so rich, love so great, grace unequalled,
That we may come alive and be raised to places unrivalled.
That we may sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus our saviour,
Thus, a new appreciation of His glory, a wonderful blessing to savour!

Dr. Tan Kok-Yang
Inspiration Ephesians 2:1-6

POETRY CORNER

3

Leadership succession

Moses was a faithful and honoured servant of the Lord
Yet he had to face death for rebelling once against His commandment
Care therefore must be exercised in our ways in relationship with God
For He will not hesitate to show His displeasure against sins with punishment

Aware that he would not be able to complete his mission
Moses asked the Lord to appoint a leader to lead the congregation
That they may not be like sheep scattered in hapless situation
But guided, going out and in before them leading the way to salvation

Joshua was identified to succeed Moses who was told to lay hands on him
He is the man in whom is the Spirit said the Lord
Here was one person deemed fit and capable of ministering
To take over from Moses and carry on the work of God

Thus, God finds men and makes them fit to serve the church
The Lord answers prayers to set a man over the congregation
Let us pray to Him for the blessings of the Spirit on our church
May Bethany Independent continue to prosper and grow under His supervision

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Numbers 27:14-23

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

INVOCATION

MESSAGE

“A man in whom is the Spirit”

Text: Numbers 27

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



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