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Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

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MEDITATION

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Text: Exodus 3; Deuteronomy 32

"THE NAME OF THE LORD"

"WHAT IS HIS NAME?"

There was a time when Moses did not know the name of the LORD. He posed this question to God at the site of the Burning Bush.

Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, *when* I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers

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has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them? Exodus 3:13

GOD'S ANSWER

Graciously God answered Moses forthrightly. But God's name was then too profound for easy comprehension.

¹⁴And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' " ¹⁵Moreover God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.'" Exodus 3:14-15

1. "I AM WHO I AM."

- a) There is no single tittle or name for God
- b) He is not confined by any name given
- c) God is who God is!

2. He is the God of the patriarchs

- a) The God of Abraham
- b) The God of Isaac
- c) The God of Jacob

He is the great and living God of Moses and the children of Israel too! This "definition" of God's name was difficult to comprehend!

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PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S NAME

Some forty years later, after having served the Lord for so long. Moses was able to make this statement.

³ For I proclaim the name of the LORD:

Ascribe greatness to our God.

⁴ *He is the Rock, His work is perfect;*

For all His ways are justice,

A God of truth and without injustice;

Righteous and upright is He. Deuteronomy 32:3-4

1. God's Name is associated with what He has done

a) Perfection

His work is perfect

b) His way

His ways are characterized by justice

c) Truth

He is a God of truth

d) Righteousness and Uprightness

God is also characterized by these attributes

2. The greatness of God

a) God's greatness is indisputable

b) May His great name ever be praised

May we ever honour the Lord for all that He is! May we stand in awe of the Lord always!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

We regret that we are unable to have on-site Worship today! Nevertheless, let us thank God for every opportunity to offer Worship, albeit virtually



ON-LINE WORSHIP TILL 18 AUGUST 2021

Reasons for going On-Line for Worship:

1. The worsening Covid-19 scenario in Singapore
2. This affects all public gatherings
(Including Worship)
 - a) Seating in Twos
This limits our capacity
 - b) Speaker to be masked throughout
 - i) Clarity of speech will be affected
 - ii) In turn, the hearing of the Message
 - c) The problem of Inter-mingling
This is almost unavoidable
 - d) Vulnerability
This remains a problem (subtle or otherwise)

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3. Thank you:

- a) For Understanding
- b) For Adapting
- c) For Supporting



SECOND FLOOR TOILETS

Thank God that the 2nd Floor Toilets can now be used. The contractor has handed back the Toilets to Bethany. The hoardings have been removed. Thank God for His provision for all our needs!



ESPECIALLY FOR SENIORS

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*You have set our iniquities before You,
Our secret sins in the light of Your countenance.
Psalm 90:8*

1. Our iniquities

- a) This may also be called "secret sins"
- b) They are sins of the heart
- c) No one can see these hidden sins

2. Transgressions

- a) These are "external sins"
- b) The commandments of God are broken

3. To God

- a) Nothing is hidden
- b) Thank God that He is willing to pardon us from all our sins
 - i) External sins
 - ii) Secret sins

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 119:75-76

⁷⁵ I know, O LORD, that Your judgments *are* right,
And *that* in faithfulness You have afflicted me.

⁷⁶ Let, I pray, Your merciful kindness be for my comfort,
According to Your word to Your servant.

1. Afflictions of life

- a) They are better accepted and understood through knowledge
- b) Behind all afflictions we may see two truths
 - i) That God is right in His judgment
 - ii) That He is always faithful

2. Amidst affliction

- a) To pray for God's merciful kindness and comfort
- b) To trust in the Lord and His word that is given

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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."

1. The Human Perspective

- a) This is limited
- b) We often view a person from his "stature"
- c) Physical and outward appearance

2. The Divine Perspective

- a) This is limitless
- b) God sees the heart
- c) This is something only God can do

NEXT SUNDAY: 01 August 2021

Text: Psalm 65:4 Blessed is the man You choose

Blessed is the man You choose,

And cause to approach You,

That he may dwell in Your courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house,

Of Your holy temple.

POETRY CORNER

1

THE NAME OF THE LORD

God's proclamation of His name is profound;
There is mystery and majesty all around!
God is who He is and He is eternal;
But His manifestations are historical!

Moses' proclamation of God was different;
He could only declare what he experienced.
He discovered God in life and in ministry;
He stood in awe of the Lord's great glory!

God was like a massive and majestic Rock;
Such is the awesome greatness of the LORD.
His ways are truly full of Justice that is Divine;
His word was revealed to Man over time.

He is a God of truth and He has no injustice at all;
Blessed are the nation and the people He calls!
God's name is associated with righteousness;
He will uphold His people in absolute uprightness!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Exodus 3; Deuteronomy 32

POETRY CORNER

2

The Indwellina Spirit

(Inspiration: Numbers 27:18, Genesis 1:1-2, John 14:17)

Joshua was chosen to succeed Moses because in him was the Spirit
That he bore the fruit of the Spirit was to the Lord apparent
With the spiritual power vested in him the Amalekites he did defeat
He was an obvious choice as the dwellina of the Spirit in him was permanent

The Spirit of God abides with every Christian forever
It is a gift from the Lord after the resurrection of Jesus
To every believer the Spirit is an advocate and a helper
May we seek for the Holy Spirit to live within us

When the Spirit of God indwells a believer permanently
Powerful life changing transformation takes place
There will be manifestations of wisdom, courage and humility
Reflecting the continual work of the Spirit in His grace

Blessed is the person in whom the Spirit dwells
He is empowered by a member of the holy Trinity
Who was present in the beginning hovering over the waters
When God the Father created heaven and earth in His divinity

Jessie Quek

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

INVOCATION

MESSAGE

“Be strong and of good courage”

Text: Joshua 1

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



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