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Where God is touching lives...

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MEDITATION

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TEXT: DEUTERONOMY 32

**"REMEMBER THE
DAYS OF OLD"**

COMMEMORATIVE FEASTS

Many were the blessings the Lord gave to the children of Israel. Lest they be taken for granted, the Lord taught them how to commemorate special events.

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1. The weekly Sabbath

a) Designed for rest

b) Dedicated for worship

Exodus 23:10-13

2. Three Annual Feasts

a) Passover/ Unleavened Bread

b) Firstfruits/ Tabernacles

c) Harvest/ Pentecost

Exodus 23:14-19

These events were meant to help the nation to remember all that God had done and be grateful too!

THE CALL TO REMEMBER

Moses made it a point to call Israel to remember what the Lord did!

Remember the days of old.

Consider the years of many generations.

Ask your father, and he will show you;

Your elders, and they will tell you. Deuteronomy 32:7

Let us seek to practise this principle-practice this Anniversary month. Let us not forget what God has done for us, individually and as a Church!

THINGS MOSES HIGHLIGHTED

The following were the things Moses highlighted:

1. The Inheritance of Canaan

Deuteronomy 32:8

a) Israel inherited the land

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MEDITATION

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- b) Each tribe was given land according to its size
- 2. What was God's portion?
 - a) God's portion or inheritance was His people
Deuteronomy 32:9
 - b) This was a truth that was truly moving!
- 3. How did God regard His people?
 - a) He encircled
 - b) He instructed
 - c) He kept His people "as the apple of His eye"
Deuteronomy 32:10
 - d) He carried them on His wings Deuteronomy 32:11

APPROPRIATE RESPONSES

It is right that we consider making an appropriate response!

- 1. Let us remember
 - a) What God has taught
 - b) What He has done
- 2. Let us rejoice
 - a) As we recall
 - b) As we are moved by God's grace and love

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

Let us be glad to be able to have Worship at all! Virtual worship is not without its significance.

May our hearts find comfort amidst all the challenges of life!



BETHANY ANNIVERSARY MONTH

1. Our humble beginning

a) Bethany began in a little terrace house

b) Let us "remember the days of old"

Deuteronomy 32:7

2. We discovered much about God as "The Most High"

Deuteronomy 32:8

a) This was the title of Melchizedek for God

b) Full title "God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth"

Genesis 14:19-20

3. Precious lessons learned

a) God's Protection

b) His Provision

c) His Presence with us most of all



ESPECIALLY FOR SENIORS

*⁹For all our days have passed away in Your wrath;
We finish our years like a sigh.*

*¹⁰The days of our lives are seventy years;
And if by reason of strength they are eighty years,
Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow;
For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
Psalm 90:9-10*

1. The Normal Life Span

- a) They may be 70 years
- b) They may be extended to 80 years or more (because of strength)
- c) But they are like “a sigh” (How long can a sigh be?)

2. A lifetime

- a) Of Labour
- b) Of sorrow
- c) But all too soon, our “long life on earth” ends
 - i) It is cut off
 - ii) We fly away
(Imagery of a bird that alights for a while and flies off all too soon)

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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.

1. Approaching God is not to be taken for granted

a) God's choice is involved

b) It is God who bids us approach

c) It is by His grace that we may dwell in His presence

2. In the presence of God

a) We will find satisfaction

b) We will find God's goodness in His house

c) The temple of God is described as His house

NEXT SUNDAY: 08 August 2021

Text: Romans 8:28 Called according to His purpose

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 119:77-78

*⁷⁷ Let Your tender mercies come to me, that I may live;
For Your law is my delight.*

*⁷⁸ Let the proud be ashamed,
For they treated me wrongfully with falsehood;
But I will meditate on Your precepts.*

1. The tender mercies of God

- a) The mercy of God is to be prayed for
- b) By God's mercies we will be able to live

2. The challenges of life

- a) There may be problems from the proud people
- b) They may ill-treat people by speaking false things against them

3. Meditating on the precepts of God

- a) This is the wisest thing to do
- b) May Meditation be a part of our daily life!

POETRY CORNER

1

REMEMBER THE DAYS OF OLD

We must make every effort to remember;
Especially of God as our wonderful Provider.
He is truly the Lord, our God Most High,
He has been faithfully drawing nigh!

How wonderful to know we are God's inheritance;
This is knowledge that is glorious and awesome.
To His people, God has proven Himself kind and tender;
His mercies and His kindness He will keep forever.

The Lord has indeed encircled us and instructed us;
His faithful promises are given in His righteousness.
He has kept us so marvelously as the apple of His eye;
He knows all our challenges and He has heard our cries.

He bears us on eagles' wings lifting us ever higher;
He has enabled us to soar, ever gracious and tender.
The Lord has led us and we remember Him gratefully;
Let us be challenged to follow the Lord most faithfully!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Deuteronomy 32:7-12

POETRY CORNER

2

Coping with Age

She pants after climbing just half a flight of stairs;
She can no longer walk to the market without stopping to catch her breath.
As age catches up, failing health has become her nightmare;
Increasingly, she has had to contend with the notion of death.

The psalmist asked, "What man can live and not see death?"
All must grow old and endure the torment of illness and age, no less.
But are we to wallow in despair and fester in fear?
Have we forgotten the Lord's mercy extended to us over the years?

The Lord has created the north to the south, the west to the east;
Have we not also enjoyed the mountains and the seas?
God has provided, protected and blessed all the generations before us;
His Covenant with David and his descendants, we can trust.

May not we be defeated by the perishing of the outward man;
Rather, let us focus on what renewal of the inward man can lend.
Let us not allow what is temporal to cause us to lose faith or falter;
For it is the hope we have in Christ which is forever.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Psalm 89; 2 Corinthians 4:16

POETRY CORNER

3

The ultimate captain

The ultimate captain of our salvation is the Lord Jesus Christ
He leads sinners to become sons of God
However, as mankind is prone to wander, earthly leaders have been identified
As shepherds to herd the congregation towards the path to the Lord

Leaders are groomed and not created overnight
Joshua was an assistant to Moses for a long time
He faithfully followed in Moses' footsteps and was upright
Bearing the indwelling Spirit steadfastly sublime

Upon the death of Moses, Joshua was now on his own
He had to lead the children of Israel into the Promise land
Facing treacherous enemies was frightening but he was not alone
The Lord promised that before him "no man shall be able to stand"

For new leaders building a relationship with the Lord is of utmost importance
They shall "meditate on the Book of the Law day and night"
To follow all that is written in it in full accordance
For the Lord will not forsake them and take flight

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Hebrews 2:10; Joshua 1:5,7; Numbers 27:17

POETRY CORNER

4

BE STRONG AND OF GOOD COURAGE

God chose Joshua to be His servant,
He gave him needed encouragement.
To hear God speak was a great privilege,
He said, “Be strong and of good courage”.

God tasked Joshua to conquer the land,
Many difficulties, he needed to withstand.
Strength and courage, he would need,
To serve God well, and His people lead.

Joshua must not forsake the Word of God,
It must fill him and guide all his thoughts.
God’s work must be done according to His way,
It would take faith and courage to fully obey!

God’s words to Joshua are special indeed,
For the future, these words, we also need.
We must never give in to fear or dismay,
The Lord our God is with us all the way!

Yvette Seow

Inspiration: Joshua 1:5-9

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

INVOCATION

MESSAGE

“I have found My servant David”

Text: Psalm 89:19-29; 1 Samuel 15-16; 2 Samuel 7; 1 Chronicles 17

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

