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God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

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TEXT: DEUTERONOMY 32

“SET YOUR HEARTS ON ALL THE WORDS”

MIGHTY ACTS OF GOD

There were many things that must have been very special to Moses and to the children of Israel.

1. Seeing the mighty hand of God inflicting plagues on Egypt

2. Crossing the Red Sea dry-shod

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3. Provision of Manna and Water in the Wilderness journey

But Moses did not place a whole lot of emphasis on these things. They were not unimportant, but these were not things that God would do every day!

THE WORD OF GOD

To Moses, the most vital thing that the children of Israel should hold in high regard was the Word of God!

“Set your hearts on all the words which I testify among you to-day, which you shall command your children to be careful to observe—all the words of this law. ⁴⁷ For it is not a futile thing for you, because it is your life, and by this word you shall prolong *your* days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess.”
Deuteronomy 32:46-47

1. Set your hearts

- a) The regard for God’s word begins with the heart
- b) Where the heart has little regard for God’s word, interest would fade away
- c) The heart must be set to have the highest regard for God’s word

2. Command your children to be careful to observe—all the words of this law

- a) Our children need to be taught how to regard God’s word
- b) They must learn to observe all the words taught

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3. For it is not a futile thing for you

- a) To regard and observe God's word would not be a futile effort
- b) God Himself would bless those who love His word

4. Because it is your life

- a) Our life is prolonged as a sign of God's blessing
- b) Our life would be enriched and enhanced because God's word is observed

APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

Let us consider how we may make an appropriate response to what we have read in this text.

- 1. Let us set our heart to love God's word
- 2. Let us set our heart to live out what we read in His word

May the Lord bless wonderfully!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

We are glad to be able to have on-site Worship today!
Thank God for every opportunity to offer Worship!



ORDINATION SERVICE

**29 August 2021
10.00am**

Ordinands:

1. Moses Kwek
2. Eugene Seow



40+8 ANNIVERSARY

1. Thank God for His obvious blessings
2. We will be celebrating Anniversary Sunday
29 August 2021



ESPECIALLY FOR SENIORS

*Return, O LORD!
How long?
And have compassion on Your servants.
Psalm 90: 13*

1. Return, O LORD

Praying for God to return

- a) Because of sin, God may withdraw Himself
- b) A needed prayer that God would return when we repent

2. How long?

- a) Even a single day when God withdraws, it is one day too long
- b) May we desire and long for God to reveal His presence

3. And have compassion on Your servants

- a) To appeal to God's compassion is wise
- b) God's compassion is infinite
- c) Let us plead humbly as God's servants

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 15 August 2021

Text: Romans 8:29

Predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

1. God's foreknowledge and Predestination

a) These are profound truths

b) They are beyond our human capacity to comprehend

2. Conformed to the image of the Lord Jesus Christ

a) God has decreed that we are to be like the Lord Jesus Christ

b) We are given the privilege to be called His "brethren"

3. The Lord Jesus as the firstborn

a) That is His right

b) May He always be accorded honour and glory

NEXT SUNDAY: 22 August 2021

Text: Romans 8:30 These He also glorified

Moreover, whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 119:81-82

*⁸¹ My soul faints for Your salvation,
But I hope in Your word.*

*⁸² My eyes fail from searching Your word,
Saying, "When will You comfort me?"*

1. God's salvation is a reference to deliverance
 - a) Sometimes we grow faint-hearted
 - b) Let us seek to renew our hope in God's word of promise
2. Searching for Comfort
 - a) The heart longs to have a word of comfort
 - b) That comfort may be found in God's word

POETRY CORNER

1

SET YOUR HEART

Moses was wise in giving this admonition;
Nothing could be more important!
The heart must recognize the value of God's Law;
The words of God are pure and without any flaw.

The heart must be set and not be distracted;
Distraction is to be deeply regretted!
The heart must be set to observe and to obey;
In relating to God, there really is no other way.

The keeping of God's word would not end in futility;
The Lord Himself will add to life, in quantity and quality.
The blessings that He will give are related to obedience;
Let us remember that we have a God with omniscience.

Moses' life was truly significant and outstanding;
He began his ministry with limited understanding.
But in time, he cultivated a vast knowledge of God;
His writings reflected a life enriched by the Lord.

Charles Tan
Deuteronomy 32:46-47

POETRY CORNER

2

The Son-Father Relationship

Teach us to relate to the Lord as our Father
He is our God, the rock of our salvation
Let us love Him as He first loved us like no other
Obey His Word, praise and glorify Him for His creation

To all flesh He gave His Spirit as a foundation
To commence a son-father relationship with Him
The challenge for believers is not to drift away into cessation
But to commit to sustain the relationship one not based on a whim

Explore the depths of our heart to locate our faith
Like a child place all trust in the Lord to lead
Our deep convictions in the Lord whom we seeketh
Will grant us His revelations and keep us in good stead

Humility is a virtue that the Lord wants us to learn
Who we are, what, where and how are all of His works
David was reminded that he was the Lord's servant
So let's be mindful lest we get too big for our boots

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Psalm 89:26; John 4:19; Joel 2:28

POETRY CORNER

3

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

“I am the Bread of Life”, declared the Lord Jesus,
Many did not understand His message and focus.

The multitudes sought after things physical,
They missed the value of things spiritual.

The Lord did miracles to help people believe,
His power, people were meant to perceive.
But the heart was hardened unfortunately,
They did not recognize the Messiah King, sadly.

The Lord as the Bread of Life, we must discover,
He gives everlasting life to every true believer.
Our needs in life, He knows and understands,
He provides and sustains daily with His hand.

True satisfaction can only be found in the Lord,
Our part is to seek Him more deeply, as we ought.
The Lord Himself, the heart must learn to cherish,
May we learn to go beyond the things that perish!

Yvette Seow

Inspiration: John 6:35

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

INVOCATION

MESSAGE

“My lovingkindness I will not utterly take away from him”

Text: Psalm 89:30-37

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



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