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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 33; Exodus 19-20

"THE LORD CAME"

GOD'S MANIFESTATION AT MOUNT SINAI

The LORD God graciously manifested Himself to the children of Israel at Mt. Sinai. This event was carefully recorded in Exodus 19-20.

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1. The Preparation

- a) The children of Israel had to make special effort to receive God
- b) The key word: They must be sure they are “clean” before a Holy God

2. The Presence of God

- a) The mountain quaked
- b) Fire and darkness surrounded Mt. Sinai
- c) The Presence of God came with a tremendous display of power

3. The People of God

- a) They trembled as they listened to the voice of God
- b) God gave them 10 Commandments at Mt. Sinai

REMEMBERING THIS WONDERFUL MOMENT

Forty years later, Moses still remembered this special moment. He described it for a new generation of the children of Israel.

“The LORD came from Sinai,
And dawned on them from Seir;
He shone forth from Mount Paran,
And He came with ten thousands of saints;
From His right hand
Came a fiery law for them. Deuteronomy 33:2

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MEDITATION

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1. The Coming of the LORD

- a) From Mount Sinai
- b) From Mount Seir (in Edom)
- c) From Mount Paran (in association with Sinai)

The mountains represented the Majesty and Powerful Presence of God!

2. With ten thousands of saints

- a) The word "saints"
It means holy ones
- b) In this context this would be a reference
 - i) To the holy angels of God
 - ii) Rather than human saints

3. The law of God

- a) This is a reference to the 10 Commandments
- b) The law of God is to be held in the highest esteem

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LET US NEVER FORGET

There are things we must never forget, no matter how many years have passed!

1. The blessings of God
2. The lessons learned from the law of God

May we ever treasure all the blessings given to us these past 48 years!

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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!



NEXT SUNDAY: 29 August 2021

1. We celebrate Bethany's 40+8 Anniversary
2. We will also be seeing Moses Kwek and Eugene Seow become ordained pastors



ESPECIALLY FOR SENIORS

*Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy,
That we may rejoice and be glad all our days!
Psalm 90:14*

1. It is good to learn how to pray better
2. A good prayer
 - a) For God's mercy to be given
 - b) In God's mercy satisfaction may be found
3. Result of God giving mercy
 - a) Rejoicing in the Lord
 - b) Gladness to be felt wonderfully

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 119:83-84

⁸³ For I have become like a wineskin in smoke,
Yet I do not forget Your statutes.

⁸⁴ How many *are* the days of Your servant?
When will You execute judgment on those who persecute me?

1. Trials in life can affect adversely

a) The imagery of a wineskin in smoke

i) It is dried up

ii) It is sooty

b) But amidst the trials of life

i) Faith in God's word remained firm

ii) The word of God was not forgotten

2. Speaking to God about his persecutors

a) He pleads for justice to be upheld

b) May the Lord judge the wicked persecutors

c) He pleads with a sense of urgency for life on earth is very short
and limited

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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.

1. There is a wonderful flow of thought
2. The flow
 - a) Predestination
 - b) Calling
 - c) Justification
 - d) Glorification
3. This summarizes God's salvation plan
 - a) This is a wonderfully assuring plan of salvation
 - b) Let us appreciate God's salvation afresh

NEXT SUNDAY: 29 August 2021

Text: John 15:16 I chose and appointed you

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

POETRY CORNER

1

THE LORD CAME

The LORD came down to Mt Sinai in great majesty;
Attending Him were thousands of angels in glory;
There was a great fire that caused all to fear;
The LORD had chosen, to His people, to draw near.

At Sinai, God gave His Law, the Ten Commandments;
These were profound words, all of them important!
The Presence of God made the mountains tremble;
This was the Creator God, who speaks to His people.

In greatness of might and majesty, the LORD came;
His wondrous Laws reflected His glorious Name.
This single experience should last every aspect of life;
Sadly, so many are still caught up with earthly strife.

The LORD came to introduce Himself as our God;
Wonderful untold blessings are given by the LORD!
Let us take the time to recall and remember God's blessings;
May our heart be wonderfully filled with great thanksgiving.

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Deuteronomy 33:1-2; Exodus 19-20

POETRY CORNER

2

Faithfulness of God

Praise God for His mercies no matter what the situation
Be it weathering through the covid 19 pandemic
Or rejoicing in the new family member addition
May we be constant in praise of the source of all our benefits

When heavily burdened remember God's goodness and lovingkindness
Many examples bear testimony to His faithful mercy
None can rival the Almighty with His dominion over all creatures
Shall we express our thankfulness and prostrate before Him in humility

Let us ensure our children's children know of His faithfulness
He will not forsake believers who walk in His light in awe
For the Lord made an everlasting covenant with His chosen in Christ Jesus
A promise of redemption by His grace rather than adherence to the law

If the future generation disobeys and commits iniquity
The Lord will not hesitate to chasten and use the rod
But He will not utterly take away His mercy
Blessed be His name and the faithfulness of God

Jessie Quek
(Inspiration: Psalm 89)

POETRY CORNER

3

Oneness Through the Blood of Christ

What a challenge our world can be! Many deep and great divides!
Tensions of ethnicity, segregation through politics, taking religious sides.
Within the heart, an inner struggle, to uphold righteousness and integrity,
Yet yielding to implicit biases, filled with prejudices much like the majority.

Indeed, hope fades as great flowing rivers bisect people and ideologies,
Middle walls of separation erected, vengeful partitioning without apologies.
Such times are a crucial reminder of the wonderful truth of our Prince of Peace,
Once far off, we were brought near; by His blood and in our lives a new lease.

Through Christ's sacrificial blood, there is abolishment of much enmity,
Broken down are the barricades of the ways of the world, prides of identity.
But the most supreme role of our blessed Peacemaker is that of reconciliation,
Reconciliation with our Father who gives infinite mercy to all of His creation!

Dr. Tan Kok Yang
Inspiration: Ephesians 2: 11-16

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

INVOCATION

MESSAGE

“Where are Your former lovingkindnesses?”

Text: Psalm 89:38-52

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



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