

# BETHANY

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PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*God's Kind of Church...*

*Where God is touching lives...*

*And people care for people.*

*Bethany IV ... 23 January 2022*

## MEDITATION

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Text: Psalm 16

## THE PRACTICE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

### MANY WORTHWHILE THOUGHTS

How does one practise righteousness? Psalm 16 offers many worthwhile insights. We have a good long list of things to ponder over.

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# MEDITATION

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## 1. Praying and trusting

- a) This is what the righteous will practise
- b) This was how Psalm 16 began  
(With a prayer and expression of trust in God)

*"Preserve me, O God, for in You I put my trust." Psalm 16:1*

## 2. Relating to the LORD

- a) Speaking to the LORD
- b) Declaring faith in God

*O my soul, you have said to the LORD,  
"You are my Lord,  
My goodness is nothing apart from You." Psalm 16:2*

- i) A declaration of a personal faith in God
- ii) A statement of dependence on God

## 3. Commitment to be faithful to God

- a) The Psalmist David was a rare king who never worshipped an idol
- b) This was his declaration of faithfulness to God

*Their sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten after another god;  
Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,  
Nor take up their names on my lips. Psalm 16:4*

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# MEDITATION

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- i) He would never hasten to worship an idol
- ii) He would never offer offerings to any idol
- iii) He would not even mention their names
- iv) To worship anyone else but the LORD was unthinkable

## 4. Appreciation of God in life

- a) David expressed great appreciation of God
- b) He had this to say!

*<sup>5</sup> O LORD, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup;  
You maintain my lot.*

*<sup>6</sup> The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places;  
Yes, I have a good inheritance. Psalm 16:5-6*

- i) The LORD was his portion and cup
- ii) God maintained his lot in life
- iii) The LORD has given him a good inheritance

## OUR CHALLENGE

Let us learn how we may practise righteousness in our life. May we emulate the example of the Psalmist David!

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## WELCOME TO BETHANY

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today. May your heart be uplifted through Worship!



## NEXT WEEKEND

1. Saturday, 29 January 2022

a) Catechism Class

1.00pm

b) Youth Worship

3.00pm

2. Sunday, 30 January 2022

a) Morning Worship

Main Sanctuary

10.00am

b) Chinese Worship

Level 4 Auditorium

10.00am



## SPECIAL SENIORS PROGRAM

1. Tuesday, 25 January 2022

9.30am- 11.30am

2. Thursday, 27 January 2022

9.30am-11.30am



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## CONGRATULATIONS!

Heartfelt congratulations to Paul and Si Hui on the occasion of their wedding on 22 January 2022. May the Lord's richest blessings be yours!



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## ESPECIALLY FOR SENIORS

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*<sup>60</sup> So that He forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh,  
The tent He had placed among men,*

*<sup>61</sup> And delivered His strength into captivity,  
And His glory into the enemy's hand.*

*<sup>62</sup> He also gave His people over to the sword,  
And was furious with His inheritance.*

*<sup>63</sup> The fire consumed their young men,  
And their maidens were not given in marriage.*

*<sup>64</sup> Their priests fell by the sword,  
And their widows made no lamentation.  
Psalm 78:60-64*

### 1. Devastating events in Israel

a) The Tabernacle at Shiloh was abandoned  
This took place in the days of Eli the priest

b) Israel in captivity

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- c) Many died in wars
- 2. Reasons for all the tragedy that befell Israel
  - a) Their sinfulness
  - b) Their rejection of God
  - c) Their stubbornness

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## WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

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### **Psalm 119:127-128**

*<sup>127</sup> Therefore I love Your commandments  
More than gold, yes, than fine gold!*

*<sup>128</sup> Therefore all Your precepts concerning all things  
I consider to be right;  
I hate every false way.*

- 1. Love for God's word
  - a) This was declared
  - b) This love was compared as better than gold
- 2. Appreciation of God's word
  - a) The word of God is always right
  - b) False ways and teachings are to be abhorred

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# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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## **TODAY: 23 January 2022**

Text: "The LORD knows the days of the upright"

*The LORD knows the days of the upright,  
And their inheritance shall be forever. Psalm 37:18*

### 1. The days of the upright

- a) They are known to the LORD
- b) He will bless those days

### 2. Inheritance

- a) Spiritual inheritance especially
- b) This inheritance will last forever

## **NEXT SUNDAY: 30 January 2022**

Text: "The steps of a good man is ordered by the LORD"

*The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD,  
And He delights in his way. Psalm 37:23*

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 1

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## YOU ARE MY LORD

How wonderful it is to have faith in the LORD;  
Even more precious is our relationship with God.  
There are meaningful ways to relate to Him;  
Great should be our sense of thanksgiving!

Praying is a wonderful way of relating;  
We may turn to God for everything.  
We may ask Him for our preservation;  
It is good to devote time to meditation.

The LORD is the portion and our cup;  
With His grace, we need never give up!  
The LORD's blessing includes an inheritance;  
Keeping close to God is of great importance.

Let us learn to always bless the LORD;  
Our heart must always treasure God.  
Let us bless Him with every breath in us;  
He is the LORD God of our righteousness!

Charles Tan  
Inspiration: Psalm 16:1-6



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# POETRY CORNER

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# 2

## TRUST IN THE LORD

It is not easy to practise trust in the Lord,  
There is far more to trust, than we have thought.  
Trust must be learnt when we face difficulties,  
It is wiser to trust than to yield to anxieties.

How do we respond when others are plotting?  
Our part is to trust and keep doing good things.  
Good will prevail and we need not be anxious,  
It is vital for us to feed on God's faithfulness.

We do not know what lies ahead in life,  
We may be afraid that there may be strife.  
We must trust that God knows our days,  
To Him, we can certainly commit our way.

All who do good may be mocked by the wicked,  
To be righteous, we must stay committed.  
Keeping God's way brings to the heart delight,  
We must trust that He watches over the upright!

Yvette Seow  
Inspiration: Psalm 37:3-6

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 3

## WAITING ON THE LORD

If chasing to attain goals in life is being proactive;  
Then to sit and wait for things to happen would appear passive.  
But waiting on someone or something cannot be deemed dismissive;  
If we understood how waiting is to be effective.

To wait on the Lord means we do not fret when situations feel oppressive;  
In the most dire of circumstances, we pray and trust He will relieve.  
It means we choose not to react rashly and become impulsive;  
Instead exercise patience and to His leading, be perceptive.

Faith is needed if we are to stand firm in our belief;  
That the Lord is in control even during times of pain and grief.  
Wisdom is what we need to enable us to seek reprieve;  
From the devastation caused by sins we need to face up to and deal with.

May we learn to wait on the Lord in the days we live;  
To keep His ways and to His commands, be submissive.  
The Lord will exalt those who wait on Him with a great gift;  
He will bless them with the inheritance of the earth He has promised.

Dr. Sng Li Wah  
Inspiration: Psalm 37

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 4

## **Wait on the Lord**

Recognise that we are creatures dependent on the Lord  
When we are at the doctor's clinic waiting for consultation  
The doctor may play a part in healing as per the plan of God  
But ultimately it is the Almighty who decides in all situations

Scriptures tell us to trust in the Lord and not be afraid  
It is easy to acknowledge the scriptures with head knowledge  
When our world is tumbling are our hearts in tune and making the grade  
How steadfast is our faith when suffering to not go over the edge?

Learn to tame the human spirit to wait on the Lord  
There is really no other way but to seek Him for courage and wisdom  
Then peace He will grant us accomplishing what we cannot  
Let us cultivate our faith and trust in Him who is difficult to fathom

Rest in God and practise daily the art of patience  
He will not disappoint although His response may be a long time coming  
For He is waiting for us to steel ourselves with perseverance  
When we are ready the Lord will reveal and bring things to pass in His  
own timing

Jessie Quek  
Inspiration: Psalm 37

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Rev. Dr. Charles Tan*

## INVOCATION

## MESSAGE

“They shall inherit the earth”

Text: Psalm 37:9, 11, 18, 22, 29

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

