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God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

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MEDITATION

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Text: Psalm 16

THE LORD'S COUNSEL

THE WONDROUS BLESSINGS OF GOD

There are many blessings that God will give to the righteous. King David noted some of the blessings that he treasured greatly.

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MEDITATION

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⁷ I will bless the LORD who has given me counsel;
My heart also instructs me in the night seasons.

⁸ I have set the LORD always before me;
Because *He is* at my right hand I shall not be moved.
Psalm 16:7-8

1. The Counsel of the LORD

There were a number of ways in which God gave counsel to David.

a) Through the ministry of prophets

i) Samuel

ii) Gad

iii) Nathan

b) Through the Scriptures

i) David knew the Scriptures

ii) He wrote about how wonderful the Scriptures are
(Psalm 19:7-11)

2. Responding to the LORD's Counsel

a) David thought much about God's counsel

i) In meditation

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MEDITATION

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ii) In prayer

b) His heart instructed him

i) The word of God was affirmed

ii) There was understanding and enlightenment

DAVID'S DETERMINATION

David determined what he would do as he pondered God's Counsel given to him.

1. He would always set God before him

2. He would always have God at his right hand

OUR CHALLENGE

Let us be challenged to emulate the example of King David.

1. The Counsel of the Lord

Let us take time to meditate on God's word

2. The Place of God in our life

Let us make sure that the Lord would always be close by our side!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today. May your heart be challenged to follow the path of uprightness!



HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR

The Pastoral Team and the Session Members wish all at Bethany "Happy Lunar New Year!" May the LORD show us His marvelous kindness in the New Year (Psalm 31:21)!



SPECIAL SENIORS PROGRAM THIS WEEK

We will not be having the usual Seniors Program this Chinese New Year week!



NEXT WEEKEND

1. Saturday, 5 February 2022

- a) Catechism Class | 1.00pm
- b) Youth Worship | 3.00pm

2. Sunday, 6 February 2022

- a) Morning Worship | Main Sanctuary | 10.00am
- b) Chinese Worship | Level 4 Auditorium | 10.00am

ESPECIALLY FOR SENIORS

*⁶⁵Then the Lord awoke as from sleep,
Like a mighty man who shouts because of wine.*

*⁶⁶And He beat back His enemies;
He put them to a perpetual reproach.*

*⁶⁷Moreover He rejected the tent of Joseph,
And did not choose the tribe of Ephraim,*

*⁶⁸But chose the tribe of Judah,
Mount Zion which He loved.*

*⁶⁹And He built His sanctuary like the heights,
Like the earth which He has established forever.*

*⁷⁰He also chose David His servant,
And took him from the sheepfolds;*

*⁷¹From following the ewes that had young He brought him,
To shepherd Jacob His people,
And Israel His inheritance.*

*⁷²So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart,
And guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.*

Psalm 78:65-72

1. The Sovereignty of God

a) He can reject

b) He can appoint

2. God's Sovereign Choices

a) Choosing Judah instead of the stronger tribe of Ephraim

b) Choosing David in place of King Saul

ESPECIALLY FOR SENIORS

3. God's Sovereign Plan

- a) To shepherd His people
- b) He gives good human shepherds

4. Appropriate response

- a) To serve with integrity
- b) To serve with skill

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 119:129-130

*¹²⁹ Your testimonies are wonderful;
Therefore my soul keeps them.*

*¹³⁰ The entrance of Your words gives light;
It gives understanding to the simple.*

1. The Testimonies of the Lord

- a) They are wonderful
- b) They bring light that leads to understanding

2. Appropriate Response

- a) They are to be deeply appreciated
- b) They are to be kept close to the heart

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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*

1. The challenge to be that “good man”

- a) Upright
- b) Righteous

2. The blessings of the LORD

- a) God will order his steps
- b) The LORD will delight in his way

NEXT SUNDAY: 6 February 2022

Text: “Mark the blameless man”

*Mark the blameless man, and observe the upright;
For the future of that man is peace.
Psalm 37:37*

POETRY CORNER

1

THE COUNSEL OF THE LORD

The Counsel of the LORD is to be treasured;
His Word must never be taken for granted!
It is through His Counsel that wisdom is found;
The heart is then able to find Peace that abounds.

The Counsel of the LORD is not easy to understand;
The heart must seek God's Spirit to comprehend.
Time and effort must be put in for meditation;
The LORD will grant wisdom through contemplation.

How should we respond to God's Counsel given?
This is glorious Wisdom from the God of heaven!
Let us determine to honour God's precious Presence;
To have the LORD close at hand is of utmost importance.

When the LORD God is truly at our right hand;
We are assured things will be as God has planned.
Let us seek to make the Counsel of God our delight;
May we serve this great God with all our might!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Psalm 16:7-8

POETRY CORNER

2

THE SHEPHERD AND HIS SHEEP

The Lord Jesus had come to gather His flock,
He is the True Shepherd sent by God.
He taught about the shepherd and his sheep,
The bond they share is beautiful and deep.

The shepherd cares for and loves his sheep,
These are his own whom he tends and keeps.
The sheep know the voice of their shepherd,
They respond to him when his voice is heard.

The sheep will not heed the voice of another,
They can distinguish their shepherd from a stranger.
The shepherd goes before his flock lovingly,
The sheep follow their shepherd closely.

The Shepherd of our lives is the Lord Jesus,
Knowing that we are His sheep is so precious.
May we learn to hear His voice and obey!
May we seek to follow His leading each day!

Yvette Seow

Inspiration: John 10:3-5

POETRY CORNER

3

Our Inheritance

Not many of us in our lifetime will likely receive a huge inheritance;
Not that a monetary inheritance should assume the utmost of importance.
To the prodigal son, riches are easily squandered by his extravagance;
The meaning of any legacy left behind is lost on his nonchalance.

Israel was promised an inheritance of the land by the Lord;
Out of Egypt, “the iron furnace”, His chosen people, He had brought.
He had destined for each tribe, his portion and his lot;
In fulfillment of His covenant with Israel which was wrought.

Today, a spiritual inheritance is given to all who believe;
If we trust, and the gospel of salvation we receive.
It is that power and blessing we can always rely on which only God can give;
It is that wisdom to know Him, and the hope of His calling to perceive.

But only the meek and the righteous shall be given his inheritance;
Only those who wait on the Lord shall be entitled to peace in abundance.
May our constant prayer be to seek God humbly and find that reassurance;
That we may catch a glimpse of the riches of His glory which is our inheritance.

Dr. Sng Li Wah

Inspiration: Psalm 37: 9,11,18,22,29;
Deuteronomy 4:20; Ephesians 1:13-19

POETRY CORNER

4

The Inheritance of the righteous

“The Lord knows the days of the upright”

He knows the whole course of their lives and all ordained for them
The little which they have is better than the ungodly riches seemingly infinite
As it comes from the gracious and loving God’s hand

Though time on earth is numbered the Lord is watchful over the righteous
The wicked cannot see their destiny and can be cut off unexpectedly
But no, not the righteous who is assured of protection and their future
They shall inherit the earth which will endure to another world respectively

Trust the Lord to take care of His own not only in this world
But also, of the world to come as their inheritance is reserved in heaven
They will not be disappointed when the vicissitudes of life are unfurled
Blessed are the saints whom the Lord has not forsaken

Peace of mind, peace with God and peace in God
What a blissful state of abundance and joy
Let us not squander and lose this gift from the Lord
In turn may we serve Him bringing glory and delight to enjoy

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Psalm 37

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

INVOCATION

MESSAGE

“The LORD upholds the righteous”

Text: Psalm 37:6. 16, 17, 25, 29

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

