

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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 18

LOVE FOR THE LORD

A DECLARATION OF LOVE

The Psalmist David openly declared his love for the LORD. He also explained why he loved Him.

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¹ I will love You, O LORD, my strength.
² The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;
My God, my strength, in whom I will trust;
My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
Psalm 18:1-2

1. I will love You, O LORD

- a) This was written unashamedly
- b) It was a commitment to love the Lord determinedly

2. Reasons for this love for the LORD

- a) In his experience of the Lord's blessings
 - i) Strength was found
 - ii) God was much more than a Giver of strength
- b) In his relationship with God
 - i) God was his Rock
 - ii) His fortress
 - iii) His deliverer
 - iv) His shield
 - v) His horn of salvation

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vi) His stronghold

It is certainly natural to see a genuine and deep love for the LORD!

RELATING TO GOD

What does it take to learn how to relate to God? David's experiences in life saw him turning to the LORD.

1. There must be a basic but genuine faith in God
2. In the tough times of life
 - a) David related to God in prayer
 - b) He trusted even as he waited on God
 - c) He found that God really did answer his prayers

OUR CHALLENGE

It is important that we consider our relationship with God. Let us not stop at a basic relationship of faith in the LORD!

Let us be moved to cultivate our relationship with God. Let us look forward to the day when we too can say, "I will love You, O LORD."

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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 the joy of the Lord be yours through worship!



A GIFT TO ALL OUR SENIORS

We have a Lunar New Year gift for all Seniors (65 and above).
May your heart be filled with joy!



SPECIAL SENIORS PROGRAM

1. Tuesday, 15 February 2022
9.30am- 11.30am

2. Thursday, 17 February 2022
9.30am- 11.30am



NEXT WEEKEND

1. Saturday, 19 February 2022

a) Catechism Class | 1.00pm

b) Youth Worship | 3.00pm

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2. Sunday, 20 February 2022

a) Morning Worship
Main Sanctuary | 10.00am

b) Chinese Worship
Level 4 Auditorium | 10.00am



BETHANY AND BTS ACM

Date: Sunday, 27 February 2022

Time: 11.45am

The ACM will be conducted virtually.

TIMELINE

11 February, Friday

Document pack sent out

(Notice, Proxy, Agenda, ZOOM Instructions, Minutes 2021,
Cash Statement)

20 February, Sunday, 11.59 pm

Closing date for questions about matters pertaining to ACM

23 February, Wednesday, 11.59 pm

Closing date for proxy forms to be returned

25 February, Friday

Finalisation and verification of proxy form results

27 February, Sunday, 11.45 am

ACM over ZOOM

(Details above are supplied by Pastors Ben Chong and Ben Quah)

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 119:133-134

*¹³³ Direct my steps by Your word,
And let no iniquity have dominion over me.*

*¹³⁴ Redeem me from the oppression of man,
That I may keep Your precepts.*

1. Our steps in life

a) May the Lord direct our steps with His word!

b) May sin never have dominion over us!

2. A Necessary Prayer

a) That God would redeem us from the power of sin

b) That we may then keep His precepts

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 13 February 2022

Text: “Blessed is the man who fears the LORD”

Praise the LORD!

*Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,
Who delights greatly in His commandments.*

Psalms 112:1

1. The practice of offering praise to God
This is a good thing to cultivate.

2. Other good practices

a) To fear the LORD

b) To delight in God's commandments

3. Blessings of the LORD
These would be given!

NEXT SUNDAY: 20 February 2022

Text: “Unto the upright there arises light”

*Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness;
He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.*

Psalms 112:4

POETRY CORNER

1

I WILL LOVE YOU, O LORD

Love for the Lord should be natural;
This Love can be deeply meaningful.
The heart should feel great affection;
God has given us wondrous redemption!

Love is essentially based on Relationship;
There can be a wonderful Fellowship.
God delights in respond to us;
Our part is to practise righteousness.

There may be times when there is darkness;
But the LORD is there in all His faithfulness.
He will not let His people down in any way;
He will be with them each and every day.

The LORD will be our Rock and our Fortress;
Our challenge is to walk in righteousness.
He will prove Himself to be trustworthy;
Let us learn to love the LORD deeply!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Psalm 18:1-2

POETRY CORNER

2

THE LORD UPHOLDS THE UPRIGHT

The Lord knows and delights in the upright,
He is pleased that they choose to walk aright.
He orders the steps of the upright each day,
He leads and instructs them to keep His way.

The upright honor God in word and deed,
They gladly give to others who are in need.
They do not sin willfully like the wicked,
To keep trusting in God, they are committed.

The righteous treasure what God has given,
He has prepared an inheritance in heaven.
For our life on earth, God also provides,
Each day, He is present and walks beside.

It is so good to trace God's hand in our life,
He has upheld us and helped us to thrive.
We may falter but He is gracious and faithful,
For a great God, we ought to be so thankful!

Yvette Seow

Inspiration: Psalm 37:18-24

POETRY CORNER

3

The Steps of a Good Man Are Ordered by the Lord

Sometimes it does not rain but it pours;
The calamities which befall are nothing anyone could have prepared for.
We wonder what we have done wrong heretofore;
Or why God seemed to have chosen our predicament to ignore.

Yet the Lord knows what the good man is going through;
He gives strength to endure and necessary help to relieve too.
But it takes a meek man to perceive Him and take His cue;
A stillness of heart and clarity of mind and spirit bestowed on few.

For the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord;
To grant him peace, a future and a hope are His thoughts.
But first, let the good man show mercy in his manner and his talk;
For only thus, can he present himself blameless before God.

May we strive to become the good man in whom the Lord delights;
In the way we should be walking, He will be our guide.
We need to learn to trust in Him and in Him abide;
To rest in Him and wait on Him by His side.

Dr. Sng Li Wah

Inspiration: Psalm 37; Jeremiah 29:11

POETRY CORNER

4

The journey of a good man

The journey of a good man starts with God's Word
His Word is a road map to direct our walk with Him
The Lord delights in us when we obey Him undeterred
The meek trusts the Lord to the fullest up to the brim

If we deny ourselves and yield our will to God
He will order our steps to all things working together for our good
The wicked persists in his way on his own accord
He will be cut down like grass due to the steps he took

The Lord does not dictate our way nor does He explain His way
Many a time we will be perplexed and veer from His path
Look back to trace His hand and count His blessings if we may
Do not fret, trust in Him and try not to incur His wrath

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord
He has a specific plan for each and every one of us
God is faithful and His children will not be ignored
Fortunate are believers to be able to rest in the safety of His hands

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Psalm 37: 2, 23; Romans 8:28

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

INVOCATION

MESSAGE

“The mouth of the righteous”

Text: Psalm 37:30-33

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

