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Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

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MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

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Text: Psalm 18

A HEART-WARMING TESTIMONY

The Testimony of Davis is truly heart-warming! Let us ponder what he penned!

²⁸ For You will light my lamp;
The LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.

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²⁹ For by You I can run against a troop,
By my God I can leap over a wall.

³⁰ *As for* God, His way *is* perfect;
The word of the LORD is proven;
He *is* a shield to all who trust in Him.

³¹ For who *is* God, except the LORD?
And who *is* a rock, except our God?

³² *It is* God who arms me with strength,
And makes my way perfect.

³³ He makes my feet like the *feet of* deer,
And sets me on my high places.

³⁴ He teaches my hands to make war,
So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

³⁵ You have also given me the shield of Your salvation;
Your right hand has held me up,
Your gentleness has made me great.

³⁶ You enlarged my path under me,
So my feet did not slip.

Psalm 18:28-36

OUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH GOD

Can we pick out common experiences with the LORD too?

1. Needed Light in darkness
2. A shield that wonderfully protects
3. Strength that enables us to carry on

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4. Upholding us in our hour of need

5. Steadiness in our life

Let us truly learn how we may deepen our love for the LORD our God. May we grow in wisdom and in faith in the Lord!

CONCLUDING THE SERIES OF MESSAGES FROM PSALM 37

Psalms 18 and 37 were written by King David. Both Psalms offer deep and practical insights about how to live a life of righteousness. Let us seek to apply what we have learned in our life!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

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



BETHANY AND BTS ACM

Date: TODAY, Sunday, 27 February 2022

Time: 11.45am

The ACM will be conducted virtually.



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EASTER SERIES OF MESSAGES

The New Series for March-April 2022 is: "The Kingdom of God"



SPECIAL SENIORS PROGRAM

1. Tuesday, 1 March 2022
9.30am- 11.30am

2. Thursday, 3 March 2022
9.30am- 11.30am



NEXT WEEKEND

1. Saturday, 5 March 2022

a) Catechism Class | 1.00pm

b) Youth Worship | 3.00pm

2. Sunday, 6 March 2022

a) Morning Worship | Main Sanctuary
10.00am

b) Chinese Worship | Level 4 Auditorium
10.00am



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HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to John, Lai Heong, Joanne, Jonas, Joseph and Annabelle on the calling home of Joel Chin. Joel went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, 22 February 2022. He was 37 years old!



BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 27 February 2022

Text: “A good man deals graciously”

*A good man deals graciously and lends;
He will guide his affairs with discretion.
Psalm 112:5*

1. A good man

This is another description of a righteous person

2. Some features highlighted:

- a) He is gracious
- b) He lends (gives to the poor)
- c) He guides his affairs with wisdom (discretion)

NEXT SUNDAY: 6 March 2022

Text: “The kingdom of God is at hand” Mark 1:15

*“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.” Mark 1:15*

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 119:137-138

*¹³⁷ Righteous are You, O LORD,
And upright are Your judgments.*

*¹³⁸ Your testimonies, which You have commanded,
Are righteous and very faithful.*

1. The Person of God

- a) He is Righteous
- b) His uprightness extends to His judgments

2. The Testimonies of God

- a) This is another way of describing the Scriptures
- b) They reflect God's righteousness and faithfulness

LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

Dear Pastor, pastoral team, and beloved Bethany family,

Thank you for the overwhelming support and love shown toward us as we mourned the passing of Joel.

Pastor, thank you for being there with us every time Joel was in hospital, for as long as we can remember. Each time Joel's life was hanging in the balance, you were there to bring a word of encouragement and to pray alongside.

Thank you for also ministering to us during this time of bereavement and conducting the vigil and funeral services. We are deeply challenged by 1 Thesalonians 4:13-18 to focus on Jesus and the word of the Lord, and to find comfort in this.

LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

We would also like to express our gratitude to Dr Tan Huay Cheem. Even though he was not the doctor in charge of Joel, he would find time amidst his very busy schedule to drop by his ward whenever he was hospitalised, to talk to him, encourage him, cheer him up, and to follow up on his condition, sometimes even on weekends.

To the pastoral team, thank you for all your support during this time. In particular, we are grateful to Pastor Ben Quah for going to the hospital to be with us at a moment's notice, guiding us on what we needed to do, and helping us even till late at night. Special thanks also to Pastor Moses for interpreting the services into Mandarin for the benefit of our relatives in Malaysia.

To the AVA team, thank you for working so hard behind the scenes to livestream the services. Some of you even took leave in order to be there to help. This meant a lot to us, as it allowed our family members in Malaysia and Australia to join us for the services as well.

There were also many who came to the wake to support us and shared snippets of how Joel was part of their lives. Some even brought food and drinks. We would like to specially thank Dr and Mrs Yeo Kim Teck for taking care of all our meals.

To our Bethany family, your outpouring of love has brought much comfort to us during this time. Thank you for being with us (whether physically or virtually), and for all the beautiful messages, flowers, and gifts. We are so touched and blessed to be part of this spiritual family, and we thank God for His love shown through each one of you.

With much love and gratitude,
John, Lai Heong, Joanne, Jonas, and Annabelle

LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

The God of all comfort

The heart is overwhelmed and tears abound,
At the thought of no longer having Joel around.
Can the despairing soul find comfort at all,
When faced with death that seems so final?

The God of all comfort came to our rescue,
His Word enabling us to look at things anew.
We learned that the dead in Christ are merely sleeping,
If we believe, there is the assurance of one day meeting!

By the Word of God we can face any adversity,
For His Word is true and can be trusted fully.
God's promise of an eternal home with no tears,
Brings comfort like no other and allays our fears.

To further experience the comfort of the Lord,
The secret is to grow in our knowledge of God.
Joel would not want us to sorrow without hope,
Let's comfort one another and find faith to cope!

The Chin Family

Inspiration: 2 Corinthians 1:3, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

POETRY CORNER

1

THE LORD MY GOD

The Psalmist gave a wonderful testimony;
He spoke of the LORD his God glowingly.
He had every reason to testify as he did;
He wrote of the LORD's gracious deeds!

At the time of great darkness, Light was given;
This was more than wisdom, it was enlightenment!
The LORD gave him strength against enemies;
He was able to gain significant victories!

God's Word was there to guide him at all times;
With His Word, he was never spiritually blind.
The way LORD was truly perfect;
On His Word, he chose to reflect.

David's experiences can be ours too;
We will find that the LORD is true!
Let us determine to appreciate our God;
May we always be faithful to the LORD!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Psalm 18:28-36

POETRY CORNER

2

‘The Lord knows the days of the Upright’

Psalm 37 sets out the contrasts between the wicked and the righteous;

It emphasizes the futility of being angry or anxious.

Whereas those who trust in the Lord will be granted their hearts’ true desires;

Appropriate retribution lies in wait for evildoers.

The world may see and feel envy toward the rich becoming richer;

And even witness some of them do so without scruples!

Though it may seem the enemies are getting ahead and becoming prosperous;

The time will come when the righteous’ little will be judged superior over the
wicked’s riches.

But there is no shame for the faithful who make do with meagre;

The Lord will provide to satisfy them in times of hunger.

The devious will be judged but the Lord’s mercy resides with the righteous;

He will guide the steps of those who do good and give peace to the blameless.

The contrasts between the righteous and the wicked are obvious;

The choice to adopt the ways of the upright or to do evil is ours.

For the Lord knows the days of the upright and righteous;

His blessings are their inheritance, forever assured and precious.

Dr. Sng Li Wah

Inspiration: Psalm 37

POETRY CORNER

3

Righteousness

Righteousness in mankind of today has become relative
People are self-serving and believe that what they think and feel is right
Scriptures say otherwise, righteousness is set by the Lord as an imperative
Therefore an absolute standard by which to determine if we are upright

Righteousness is an attribute that belongs to God
Pursuit of righteousness is not possible by deeds or works
It is imputed to believers through His Son as a gift from the Lord
Jesus came to change our hearts and clothe us in righteousness

Seek righteousness and turn to Christ away from sinful nature and desires
Cleanse and make us righteous in the Lord's sight
Saved from the wrath of the Almighty by the blood of Jesus
Let us rejoice at God's kindness and goodness in delight

How then can we develop a true Christian character to elicit
Christ-like behaviour to reflect His virtue and humility and be more like
Him

May we live today in Christ with the help of the Holy Spirit
Our faith in Jesus should know no boundaries in our relationship with Him

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Psalm 37; 2 Corinthian 5:21; Romans 5:9

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

INVOCATION

MESSAGE

“The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD”

Text: Psalm 37

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



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