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MEDITATION

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Text: Daniel 7

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A VISION OF A GLORIOUS KINGDOM

THE BOOK OF DANIEL

The Book of Daniel was in part historical. It was also in part prophetic.

1. The historical part is not difficult to understand

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- a) It traces the meteoric rise of Daniel in the Babylonian kingdom
- b) Daniel was an outstanding administrator Daniel 1-3

2. The prophetic part is more challenging to understand

- a) God gave to Daniel visions of the world empires
 - i) Babylonians
 - ii) Medes and Persians
 - iii) Greece
 - iv) Romans
- b) History bears out the accuracy of these prophecies
 - i) The kingdoms came about as God revealed to Daniel
 - ii) God was in absolute control of the world at large

THE VISION OF A GREAT AND EVERLASTING KINGDOM

None of the worldly kingdoms stood the test of time. One empire was destroyed and replaced by another kingdom!

Daniel was given a prophetic Vision of an eternal kingdom.

¹³ "I was watching in the night visions,
And behold, *One* like the Son of Man,

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Coming with the clouds of heaven!
He came to the Ancient of Days,
And they brought Him near before Him.

¹⁴Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom,
That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him.
His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion,
Which shall not pass away,
And His kingdom *the one*
Which shall not be destroyed.

Daniel 7:13-14

1. The Son of Man

This is identified as the Lord Jesus Christ

2. The Kingdom to be given to Him

- a) It is called a "dominion"
- b) It is an "everlasting dominion"
- c) It cannot be destroyed

MUCH MISUNDERSTANDING CONCERNING THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

There was much misunderstanding concerning this Kingdom. In the March-April Pulpit messages, we will seek a deeper comprehension of this Kingdom. Let us pray for wisdom to comprehend this Kingdom!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today. Thank you for your faith that brings you to worship the Lord despite the surge in the number of Covid cases in our country.



SPECIAL SENIORS PROGRAM THIS WEEK

1. Tuesday, 8 March 2022
9.30am- 11.30am

2. Thursday, 10 March 2022
9.30am-11.30am



NEXT WEEKEND

1. Saturday, 12 March 2022

a) Catechism Class
1.00pm

b) Youth Worship
3.00pm

2. Sunday, 13 March 2022

a) Morning Worship
Main Sanctuary
10.00am

b) Chinese Worship
Level 4 Auditorium
10.00am



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 119:139-140

*¹³⁹ My zeal has consumed me,
Because my enemies have forgotten Your words.
¹⁴⁰ Your word is very pure;
Therefore Your servant loves it.*

1. The Word of God

- a) Enemies have conveniently forgotten God's word
- b) The Psalmist was determined to be even more zealous

2. The Nature of God's word

- a) It is indeed very pure
- b) The Psalmist declares his love for the pure Word of God

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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.”*

1. Proclamation of the Kingdom

- a) This was a major focus
- b) This was a needed message

2. Aspects highlighted:

- a) Time aspect
Fulfilled
- b) Nearness of the Kingdom
It is at hand

3. Invitation

- a) To repent
- b) To believe

NEXT SUNDAY: 13 March 2022

Text: “The kingdom of heaven is at hand” Matthew 4:17

*From that time Jesus began to preach and to say,
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”*

POETRY CORNER

1

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Man has always desired to establish an Empire;
Arrogant kings have an insatiable desire.
They will stop at nothing to build their kingdom;
Even if they caused death and take away freedom.

Mighty Empires once ruled the earth without mercy;
Millions were enslaved and many were reduced to poverty.
But none these great Empires survived for very long;
Each was destroyed by other kings that became strong.

A prophecy was given concerning the Son of Man;
He would be given a dominion from God's hand.
This Kingdom would be very different in many ways;
But few understood this Kingdom and went astray.

The Son of Man was none other than the Lord Jesus;
His plan was to teach people about true righteousness.
He came from heaven to teach people about this Kingdom;
All who come to faith in Him would find spiritual freedom!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Daniel 7:13-14; Mark 1:15; Matthew 4:17

POETRY CORNER

2

THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED

The wicked delights in evil and iniquity,
He schemes and plots to gain prosperity.
He finds ways to exploit the poor and weak,
To cast down the upright, he would seek.

The righteous lives in a vastly different way,
He chooses to trust in God in life's pathway.
He desires to do good and walk in His light,
In Him and His Word, he would delight.

Though the problems faced do not go away,
The righteous continues to keep God's way.
He waits on God for help and deliverance,
He learns to endure; he cultivates patience.

His faith is confirmed through the challenges,
He is certain that God upholds the righteous.
God blesses him with a spiritual inheritance,
And fills his heart with peace in abundance!

Yvette Seow
Inspiration: Psalm 37

POETRY CORNER

3

A Living Hope

God saves by delivering us from imminent danger;
He satisfies both physical and spiritual hunger.
To overcome our predicament, He gives us power;
His protection extends to the weak and vulnerable.

But genuine faith in the Lord is fundamental;
For us to recognize His hand and divine overture.
He will not abandon us when our circumstances become dire;
Because our trust in Him does not waiver.

The psalmist could testify from his own observation;
That the righteous would be given God's salvation.
But as for the wicked, the Lord would reserve His judgement;
For the day when they would receive their deserved punishment.

Our salvation from God is tantamount to a living hope;
A blessed assurance which inspires an inner strength to cope.
The Lord has promised an inheritance which no one can revoke;
An inheritance for each one of His children which is bespoke.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Psalm 37; 1 Peter 1:3-5

POETRY CORNER

4

EMBRACING PAIN IN HOPE

The quietness of the morning, a description of my soul.
A yearn in vain for my beloved, to see, to touch, to hold.
Memories of your smile that melts the mundanity of each day,
The glow of your love that permeates and lingers on to stay.

I remember the times we shared, so pure and so authentic,
There were struggles, but our mutual love was anaesthetic.
I remember your mettle in the face of much difficulty,
A testimony of your faith and trust through all adversity.

While it gives me comfort to know you sleep in Christ,
An undeniable sorrow predominates without surprise.
Although, this sadness may gain a foothold time and again,
Please don't worry, for in hope, I will embrace this pain!

It is my understanding that through grace we will not perish,
This promise of the cross and its salvation, I will surely cherish.
And I know the path you have taken by grace is to the light,
With courage, I will seek a fullness with pleasure and delight!

Poem by Tan Kok Yang
Dedicated to those missing a loved one.
Inspiration: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

INVOCATION

MESSAGE

“I must preach the kingdom of God”

Text: Luke 4:14-43

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



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