

# BETHANY

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*God's Kind of Church...*

*Where God is touching lives...*

*And people care for people.*

*Bethany IV ... 13 March 2022*

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## MEDITATION

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**Text: Daniel 7**

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## GIVEN TO THE SAINTS OF THE MOST HIGH

### DANIEL'S VISION

The Vision that God gave to Daniel was very profound and complex. The following text offers a glimpse of the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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<sup>13</sup> "I was watching in the night visions,  
And behold, *One* like the Son of Man,  
Coming with the clouds of heaven!  
He came to the Ancient of Days,

<sup>14</sup> And they brought Him near before Him.  
Then 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

<sup>27</sup> Then the kingdom and dominion,  
And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven,  
Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High.  
His kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom,  
And all dominions shall serve and obey Him. Daniel 7:27

1. Both texts must be read together

- a) They are related
- b) They form a whole
- c) They complement each other

2. The Kingdom of the Son of Man

- a) It was given to the Son of Man Daniel 7:13
- b) It is a glorious kingdom
- c) It is an eternal kingdom

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## 3. Given to the saints

- a) The kingdom is the same one
- b) But there is a powerful additional thought
- c) This Kingdom is given to the saints!

## A PROFOUND PROMISE

The Lord Jesus Christ spoke these words to His faithful disciples.

<sup>28</sup> "But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials.

<sup>29</sup> And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed *one* upon Me,

<sup>30</sup> that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

Luke 22:28-30

## 1. Bestowal of a kingdom

## 2. Sitting on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel

These words give us a glimpse of what Daniel's vision means. There is a future kingdom of which we have a share! Let us stand in awe of the greatness of the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ!

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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 and fellowship!



## SENIORS PROGRAM THIS WEEK

1. Tuesday, 15 March 2022  
9.30am- 11.30am
2. Thursday, 17 March 2022  
9.30am- 11.30am



## NEXT WEEKEND

1. Saturday, 19 March 2022
  - a) Catechism Class | 1.00pm
  - b) Youth Worship | 3.00pm
2. Sunday, 20 March 2022
  - a) Morning Worship | Main Sanctuary  
10.00am
  - b) Chinese Worship | Level 4 Auditorium  
10.00am



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# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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## **TODAY: 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.”  
Matthew 4:17*

1. The Lord Jesus was committed to preaching about the Kingdom of heaven
2. It was so near at hand.
3. The need was to have a humble and repentant heart
4. The Lord would receive anyone who would turn to Him genuinely

## **NEXT SUNDAY: 20 March 2022**

**Text: “To know the mysteries of the kingdom” Matthew 13:11**

*He answered and said to them, “Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.”  
Matthew 13:11*

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# WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

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## Psalm 119:141-142

*<sup>141</sup> I am small and despised,  
Yet I do not forget Your precepts.*

*<sup>142</sup> Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,  
And Your law is truth.*

### 1. Small and despised

- a) This was felt keenly by the Psalmist
- b) But he determined he would not forget God's precepts

### 2. Focus on God's righteousness

- a) His righteousness is everlasting
- b) His law is absolute truth

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 1

## GIVEN TO THE SAINTS OF THE MOST HIGH

The Son of Man was promised a glorious Kingdom;  
This would be a Divine and Eternal Dominion.  
This Kingdom was revealed by means of a vision and prophecy;  
This mystery was revealed to the prophet Daniel in God's mercy.

The Son of Man would share His Kingdom with His Disciples;  
They had given up all things to follow Him and His principles.  
They had heard the Lord Jesus teach His love and grace;  
They were astonished when they were told of their place!

The Kingdom of God would be given to all the saints;  
To have this Kingdom, the Saviour endured great pain.  
He died on the cruel cross to give us Redemption;  
And then He went on to share His great Kingdom.

How our hearts must be moved by this knowledge!  
To gain entrance is already such a great privilege.  
We are the saints of the LORD Most High;  
Let us to the King of kings, draw nigh!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Daniel 7:13-14, 27; Luke 22:28-30

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 2

## THE LORD WILL HELP THE RIGHTEOUS

The world we live in is full of wickedness,  
It can make one feel fretful and anxious.  
The wicked thrive on evil and are prideful,  
They seem to prosper and appear powerful.

But the righteous are never forsaken,  
God watches over them from heaven.  
He sets them apart and gives salvation,  
He is present and provides protection.

The righteous faithfully keep God's way,  
They wait on Him patiently, day by day.  
He has a plan and there is a good future,  
It is wise to trust in Him and not waver.

God will give strength to the righteous,  
He will help them, amidst challenges.  
In His time, He will save and deliver,  
May there be faith in His great power!

Yvette Seow

Inspiration: Psalm 37:39-40



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# POETRY CORNER

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# 3

## **The kingdom of God**

Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness  
Jesus is king of the kingdom and at hand to represent it  
However we will not be able to enter His kingdom unless  
We are willing to be born again and to His reign submit

Small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to His kingdom  
Faith in Jesus is the means of entry to the kingdom of God  
Our faith can start as small as a mustard seed like an atom  
But it can be cultivated into an enormous tree to glorify the Lord

When we allow Jesus to control and rule us  
The kingdom of God is within us giving joy and peace  
The poor in spirit are blessed for the kingdom of heaven is theirs  
May we humble ourselves like children whose reliance on Him never cease

Let us do our part to make Jesus known across the earth  
Bear witness that He came to proclaim the gospel of the kingdom  
He has come to deliver us from darkness to a rebirth  
Bless the Lord for His grace, mercy and wisdom

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Matthew 5:3, 6:33, 7:13-14, 13:31-32,  
Mark 1:14-15, Luke 17:21

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Rev. Dr. Charles Tan*

## INVOCATION

## MESSAGE

“Blessed are you poor for yours is the kingdom of God”

Text: Luke 6:20-36

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE



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