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Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

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MEDITATION

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Text: 2 Peter 2

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FALSE PROPHETS AMONG THE PEOPLE

MANY WARNINGS GIVEN

The Lord Jesus warned His Disciples about false prophets. The Apostles also strenuously warned the churches about false teachers and prophets.

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¹But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, *and* bring on themselves swift destruction.

²And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.

³By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber. 2 Peter 2:1-3

1. Clear words of warning
 - a) There would be false prophets
 - b) There would be false teachers
2. What is alarming?
 - a) They are found "among" the Lord's people
 - b) The threat is from within
3. Wherein is the danger?
 - a) They will do their work secretly
 - b) Their teachings may appear to be sound
 - c) However, when examined thoroughly, they are "heresies"
 - d) They end up denying the Lord Jesus
 - e) Their skill is in using deception

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4. The sad reality

- a) Many will follow their ways
- b) The way of truth would be blasphemed

JUDGMENT OF THESE FALSE PROPHETS

We need to be on guard. But we need not be overwhelmed by fear. We can count on the Lord to protect us. We can be sure that these false prophets would be judged and condemned.

- 1. God's judgment is not idle
- 2. Their destruction will not slumber

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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 blessed through worship and fellowship!



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Wishing all Mothers the Lord's blessing of Joy!
Happy Mother's Day!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY THIS COMING WEEK **9 May-15 May 2022**

1. Special Seniors Program

a) Tuesday, 10 May 2022 | 9.30am-11.30am

b) Thursday, 12 May 2022 | 9.30am-11.30am

2. Weekend Ministry

a) Saturday, 14 May 2022

i) Catechism Class | 1.00pm

ii) Fellowship Group Meetings (YPG 1-3; YAG 1-2) | 2.00pm

iii) Youth Worship | 3.00pm

b) Sunday, 15 May 2022

i) Sunday School (ISS and SSS 1) | 8.30am

ii) Morning Worship Service | 10.00am

iii) Chinese Worship Service | 10.00am

iv) Crèche | 10.00am



BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 8 May 2022

Text: “Take heed that no one deceives you” Matthew 24:4

⁴ And Jesus answered and said to them: “Take heed that no one deceives you. ⁵ For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many. Matthew 24:4-5

1. Deception is forewarned
2. Many will come in the Lord’s name
3. Many would be deceived!
4. Our challenge: To take heed
 - a) To be alert
 - b) To be on guard at all times

NEXT SUNDAY: 15 May 2022

Text: “Wars and rumours of wars” Matthew 24:6

⁶ And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. Matthew 24:6

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 119:157 -158

*¹⁵⁷ Many are my persecutors and my enemies,
Yet I do not turn from Your testimonies.
¹⁵⁸ I see the treacherous, and am disgusted,
Because they do not keep Your word.*

1. Presence of enemies
 - a) They persecute
 - b) They are treacherous
2. Personal determination
 - a) Disgust felt towards the wicked
 - b) Determination not to turn away from God’s word

POETRY CORNER

1

FALSE PROPHETS AMONG YOU

False prophets have always been there;
These are hardened people, without a care.
They creep in among the Lord's good people;
They appear to be godly, but are in fact, evil!

They bring in teachings that appear to be good and right;
Their teachings must be examined under the Light.
They will bring in heresies that deny the Lord;
They will promote a false faith in the name of God!

Sadly, they will appeal to many, for these are weak;
The false prophets prey on those who are tired and sick.
They make empty promises that offer wealth and power;
The Evil One constantly stalks those whom he may devour.

The challenge is to take heed to the Lord's warning;
There must be no letting down our guard at every turning.
In being forewarned, let us also be fully forearmed;
Let us grow even stronger that we need not be alarmed!

Charles Tan

Matthew 7, 24; 2 Peter 2:1-3; Jeremiah 23

POETRY CORNER

2

THE VALUE OF GOD'S KINGDOM

A rich young ruler wanted to have eternal life,
To keep God's commandments, he had strived.
He had thought of himself as a 'good' person,
Surely he was deserving of entry into heaven!

The Lord Jesus asked him to give up his riches,
Sadly, he could not part with his treasures.
Though he was a ruler, he lacked true wisdom,
He could not see the true value of God's kingdom.

How may we be saved and have eternal life?
Only through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ!
We must repent and see our sinfulness,
And receive the Gospel of the Lord Jesus.

It is good to re-examine our assumptions,
And whether we have understood salvation.
May God's kingdom be what we truly prize,
Above all that we have in our earthly life!

Yvette Seow

Inspiration: Luke 18:18-23

POETRY CORNER

#3

WHAT WILL BE THE SIGN OF HIS COMING?

For many, faith is inextricably linked to earthly constructs such as God's temple,
Yet, the Lord Jesus solemnly warned against placing trust in things ephemeral.
A temple, no matter how beautiful, means nothing if God Himself is forsaken,
History was not learnt from—the Second temple too,
would see utter destruction.

This solemn prophecy provoked a flurry of questions to be asked,
What are the signs of the end of the age and when will it come to pass?
This was a doctrine the Disciples struggled to comprehend,
Their Master was still with them, and yet spoke of the beginning of the End!

In understanding the end times, one must look beyond signs and wonders,
It is on prophecy, biblical history and theology that one ought to ponder.
The Lord Jesus spoke most assuredly of these things to come,
Prophecy is as certain as history — it is just waiting to be done!

Personally, Eschatology seemed abstract and filled with complexity,
Yet it is an integral part of our faith and an undeniable reality!
With a humble prayer for understanding I approach this challenging study,
For God to reveal wonderful truths of this doctrine, its fullness and glory!

Stanley Woo

Inspiration: Matthew 24; Jeremiah 7; Revelation 1

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Dr. K.C. Tang

PRAYER

HYMN

CP 57 | Worthy of Worship

CP 389 | He Leadeth Me

MESSAGE

“The beginning of sorrows”

Text: Matthew 24

Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

PRAYER

HYMN

CP 450 | Nearer, My God, to Thee

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

CP 57 WORTHY OF WORSHIP

TERRY W. YORK

1. Worthy of worship, worthy of praise, worthy of honour and glory;
Worthy of all the glad songs we can sing,
Worthy of all of the off'rings we bring.

Refrain

You are worthy, Father, Creator, You are worthy, Saviour, Sustainer,
You are worthy, worthy and wonderful;
Worthy of worship and praise.

2. Worthy of rev'rence, worthy of fear, worthy of love and devotion;
Worthy of bowing and bending of knees,
Worthy of all this and added to these...

Refrain

3. Almighty Father, Master and Lord,
King of all kings and Redeemer,
Wonderful Counsellor, Comforter, Friend,
Saviour and Source of our life without end.

Refrain



HYMNS

CP 389 HE LEADETH ME

JOSEPH H. GILMORE

1. He leadeth me! O blessed thought!
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me!

Refrain

He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
By His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful follow'r I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

2. Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters still, o'er troubled sea,
Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me!

Refrain

3. Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine,
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis Thy hand that leadeth me!

Refrain

4. And when my task on earth is done,
When by Thy grace the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Still God through Jordan leadeth me!

Refrain



HYMNS

CP 450 NEARER, MY GOD, TO THEE

SARAH F. ADAMS

1. Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!
2. Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone;
Yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!
3. Then with my waking thoughts bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!
4. Or if on joyful wing cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I fly,
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!



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