

BETHANY

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CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 19 June 2022

MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

Text: Revelation 21:1-5

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NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH

GOD AS THE CREATOR

There was a time when the earth was without form and void. Then God created the heavens and the earth.

Over the years, we have seen how

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mankind has mistreated the earth. The changes in the natural world have caused many to wonder how long the earth can continue to remain as it is.

A NEW CREATION

We read in the Scriptures of a time when God will create a new heaven and a new earth.

¹Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.

²Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

³And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God.

⁴And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

⁵Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

Revelation 21:1-5

1. The Apostle John was given a special revelation

2. The following features may be noted:

a) There will be a new heaven and a new earth

b) There also be a new Jerusalem coming down from heaven

c) There will be a new Tabernacle

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d) God will dwell among men

e) True believers will be His people

f) He will be their God

3. The Lord's Promise

"Behold, I make all things new"

Revelation 21:5a

"These words are true and faithful" Revelation 21:5b

May our faith in the Lord remain steady and strong!

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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 uplifted through worship and fellowship!



GREETINGS FROM PASTOR CHARLES TAN

Pastor Charles sends greetings to all worshipping at Bethany!
(He is on a week's break).



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

19 June 2022

Wishing all Fathers, the Lord's blessings on Father's Day!



MINISTRY THIS COMING WEEK

20-26 June 2022

1. Special Seniors Program

There will be no Seniors Program this week. There will be a week's break.

2. Weekend Ministry

a) Saturday, 25 June 2022

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i) Catechism Class | 1.00pm

ii) Youth Worship | 3.00pm

b) Sunday, 26 June 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



RESUMPTION OF CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

We are delighted to share that Children's Worship will commence on 3 July 2022! This program will be led by Ainslie Charles, Peh Ying Sui, Janelle Tan Shiwen & Goh Yuanli.

We hope to help our children discover more about God and His Word by engaging them through new, fresh and exciting ways. We also hope to foster bonds of love and friendship such that they would feel a part of our Church Family!

May our children look forward to this special time of worship!

The details for Children's Worship are:

1. Age group: 7-12 years old

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(We are commencing with one combined Children's Worship to welcome and gather our children back for Worship. In time to come, we will be splitting the group to better cater to the needs of our children.)

2. Time: 10.00am

3. Location: Audi 4-1 (Longsuffering)

*Light refreshments will be provided after the program.

Kindly let us know if your child has any **food allergies or dietary restrictions**.

Our contact details:

- ♦ Ainslie Charles - 9762 7847
- ♦ Goh Yuanli - 9155 3173
- ♦ Janelle Tan Shiwen - 9711 1023
- ♦ Peh Ying Sui - 9691 2661

We'd be glad to interact with you further if you have any other queries.

Love,

Ainslie, Janelle, Ying Sui and Yuanli

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 119:169-170

*¹⁶⁹ Let my cry come before You, O LORD;
Give me understanding according to Your word.
¹⁷⁰ Let my supplication come before You;
Deliver me according to Your word.*

1. Praying to God

- a) For understanding to come
- b) For deliverance (from evil)

2. According to God's word

- a) In submission to God's will
- b) In trust in the Lord's word

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 19 June 2022

Text: “Great signs and wonders to deceive” Matthew 24:24

²³“Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe it. ²⁴For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

1. Word of admonition

- a) Do not easily believe claims about the appearances of the Lord Jesus
- b) Some may offer “compelling” signs and wonders

2. The Danger of Deception

- a) This is very real
- b) This can be very persuasive

3. Our Defense

- a) To hold fast to the Scriptures
- b) To grow even stronger in our faith in the Lord

NEXT SUNDAY: 26 June 2022

Text: “Be ready” Matthew 24:44

*Therefore you also be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.*

POETRY CORNER

1

A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

The earth that we live in is full of corruption;
In Noah's time, there came a great judgment.
But Man was given another chance to make good;
The current trends on earth cause many to brood!

The LORD gave to the Apostle John a revelation;
He will one day bring about a glorious new Creation!
He will create a new Heaven and a new Earth;
This wonderful Plan must surely bring pure mirth!

God will descend and dwell with His people;
He will establish a new Jerusalem as His capital.
The old sinful things will pass away forever;
The Lord will set up and establish a new order!

This Divine Plan will come to pass as promised;
This is a special hope that we must dearly cherish.
The Lord's word given must find its way to our hearts;
Let this great Hope of a new Creation never depart!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Revelation 21:1-5

POETRY CORNER

2

THE SON OF MAN IS COMING

The study of eschatology is “futuristic”,
Many may not see the relevance of this topic.
But for His people, it is most relevant,
We are to expect the Lord Jesus to return.

About the hour of His return, many speculate,
But on this detail, the Lord did not elaborate.
In fact, He also warned against speculating,
To believe in His return is the more vital thing.

But the wicked will ignore the words of Christ,
At His coming, they will be taken by surprise.
Let us be challenged to watch for His return,
We must not be complacent, but be vigilant!

In that day, His people, He will warmly receive,
But He will reject the wicked who do not believe.
May we live with the correct understanding,
And be ready and prepared for His coming!

Yvette Seow

Inspiration: Matthew 24:32-44

POETRY CORNER

3

THE LORD'S SECOND COMING

Many are fascinated with the origin of life and genesis studies;
Still more are curious about eschatology and end of the world theories.

Yet how can anyone unravel the enigma of life's mystery?
When even angels cannot, but only God and God Himself, only.

How do we view the Second Coming of the Son of Man, honestly?
Perhaps we perceive it to be too distant to affect us personally.
We acknowledge the Second Coming perfunctorily;
And regard the Lord Jesus' return matter-of-factly.

Are we faithful and measured in our thinking whilst waiting?
Do we show love and do good to fellow brethren as befitting?
Or are we complacent and flippant in sanctimonious canting?
Even squandering the benefits meant for mutual caring!

It is time for us to become conscious and start living;
A life that is worthy of what the Lord is expecting.
Blessed are we to be children of God, although undeserving;
So let us strive to live as such, and not be found wanting.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Matthew 24: 42-51

POETRY CORNER

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LOOKING UP WITH CERTAINTY

An uncomfortable heaviness in the heart abounds,
News of conflict and violence, sufferings profound.
Pestilences and natural disasters usher in uneasiness,
The soul is burdened with an unyielding tiredness!

Searching for a balm to soothe a deep-seated ache,
Drowned in uncertainty, struggling to stay awake.
Undeniable questions and fears fill a weary mind,
Unable to look forward with hope, no courage to find!

One may dwell on the troubles of these times,
Embracing falsehoods and promises of all kinds.
We must however choose to look up with certainty,
Commit to our Lord, feeding on His word in entirety.

Seek not the mysteries of His second coming,
Focus instead on making our faith worth something.
Serve in humility as a faithful servant in waiting,
In readiness, with endurance, diligently watching!

Dr. Tan Kok-Yang
Inspiration: Matthew 24

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Intern-Pastor Jonathan Jacob

PRAYER

HYMN

CP 27 | O Worship The King

CP 88 | Day By Day

MESSAGE

“Well done, good and faithful servant”

Text: Matthew 25:14-30

Rev. Mitchell Tan

PRAYER

HYMN

VIP 586 | To The Work

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

CP 27 O WORSHIP THE KING

ROBERT GRANT

1. O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

2. O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

3. Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

4. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.



HYMNS

CP 88 DAY BY DAY

CAROLINE V. SANDELL-BERG

1. Day by day and with each passing moment,
Strength I find to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He, whose heart is kind beyond all measure,
Gives unto each day what He deems best,
Lovingly, it's part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

2. Ev'ry day the Lord Himself is near me
With a special mercy for each hour;
All my cares He fain would bear and cheer me,
He whose name is Counsellor and Pow'r.
The protection of His child and treasure
Is a charge that on Himself He laid;
"As thy days, thy strength shall be in measure,"
This the pledge to me He made.



HYMNS

VIP 586 TO THE WORK!

1. To the work! To the work! We are servants of God,
Let us follow the path that our Master has trod;
With the balm of His counsel our strength to renew,
Let us do with our might what our hands find to do.

Refrain

Toiling on, toiling on!
Toiling on, toiling on,
Let us hope (and trust), let us watch (and pray),
And labour till the Master comes.

2. To the work! To the work! Let the hungry be fed,
To the Fountain of Life let the weary be led;
In the cross and its banner our glory shall be
While we herald the tidings, "Salvation is free!"

Refrain

3. To the work! To the work! There is labour for all,
For the kingdom of darkness and error shall fall;
And the name of Jehovah exalted shall be
In the loud swelling chorus, "Salvation is free!"

Refrain

4. To the work! To the work! In the strength of the Lord,
And a robe and a crown shall our labour reward,
When the home of the faithful our dwelling shall be,
And we shout with the ransomed, "Salvation is free!"

Refrain