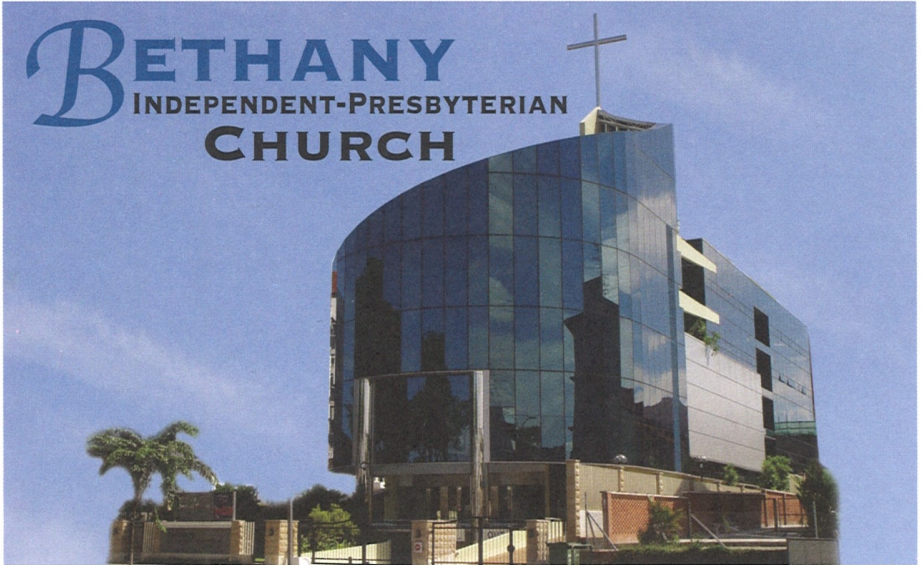


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MEDITATION

by Rev Dr Charles Tan

Text: Psalm 119:1-16



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“WITH MY WHOLE HEART I HAVE SOUGHT YOU”

SEEKING THE LORD

The Psalmist who wrote Psalm 119 is a wonderful example of one who sought the Lord. The following are some statements he made to follow through with his decision to seek the Lord.

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MEDITATION

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With my whole heart I have sought You; Psalm 119:10

PRACTICAL EXPRESSIONS

Let us ponder what the Psalmist said he would do in seeking the Lord.

*I will meditate on Your precepts,
And contemplate Your ways.*

*I will delight myself in Your statutes;
I will not forget Your word. Psalm 119:15-16*

1. I will meditate on Your precepts
 - (a) Hearing God's word is good and important
 - (b) We need to meditate on His precepts
 - i. Take time to review
 - ii. Take time to think through
 - iii. Take time to fathom God's precepts thoroughly
2. And contemplate Your ways
 - (a) God's precepts are His commandments written in the Scriptures
 - (b) His ways are revealed: -

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- i. In the way God relates to His people
- ii. His ways are seen in His blessings
- iii. His ways are also seen in His judgments
- iv. His ways are made very clear when we read the Scriptures carefully

3. I will delight in Your statutes

- (a) Understanding is only the basic step
- (b) We must be challenged to delight in the Lord's word

4. I will not forget Your word

- (a) This is an important step to take
- (b) It means making effort to remember God's Word

WHAT ARE WE DOING TO SEEK GOD'S FACE?

The Psalmist has given us a wonderful example of how he sought the Lord. What steps are you taking to seek the Lord's face? †

Write to me at: charlestan@bethanyipc.sg

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today. May your heart be greatly blessed and encouraged through worship and fellowship! †

WELCOME
to Bethany III

ANNOUNCEMENTS



GREETINGS FROM PASTOR CHARLES TAN

Pastor sends greetings from Perth. He will be returning to Singapore this evening. Thank God for His grace and strength to minister at Bethel this week. †

COMBINED WORSHIP

We will be having Combined Worship for the whole of January 2016. †

CNY EVE

This falls on 7 Feb 2016.

We will also be having a Combined Worship on this Sunday. †

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: 4th Floor Auditorium †



WEEKDAY MEETINGS

We commence weekday meetings this week. Let us make full use of these weekly meetings to help us seek the Lord's face! †

A & A PROJECT

1. Written Permission

We have obtained "Written Permission" from the relevant authorities.

2. Deferment of Development Charges

- (a) We have been granted a deferment because of the status of our Church as a Charitable organization
- (b) If we had to pay Development charges, we would have had to pay more than \$676,000.00
- (c) Our plot ratio has been approved at 1.48

3. Thank God for these wonderful blessings

4. Let us determine to seek the Lord even more in prayer! †

ANNOUNCEMENTS



ACM 2016

We will be holding our ACM on 28 Feb 2016. This will be held at 1.00pm after the Fellowship Lunch.

1. Members only
2. Quorum is needed to hold this ACM
3. Let us plan to attend the ACM †

CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

Dates: 13-18 March 2016
Theme: "Call to Me"

Let us seek the Lord's blessings! Let us not take for granted that He would bless every Family Camp.

1. Morning Bible Study
 - (a) Instruction on Prayer
 - (b) Insights on Prayer
2. Evening Message
 - (a) Interactive Praying
 - (b) Inspiration to deepen this aspect of prayer

Plan to find out more by attending the Church Family Camp.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CAMP SPONSORS

Let us seek to sponsor the Church Family Camp so that many others who may not be able to afford the camp fees can attend. †

HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

We offer heartfelt condolences to Mr and Mrs Lam Choon Pin on the demise of their daughter-in-law, Priscilla on 16 January, 2016. Sadly, Priscilla succumbed to asthma. She was 56 years old. †

WEDDING BELLS

Our first wedding service will be held on Saturday, 6 February 2016. JJ and Cassandra will be married on this day. †



WEEKDAY MINISTRIES

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 25 January 2016

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: The Upper Room †

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 25 January 2016

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: 4th Floor Auditorium †

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 26 January 2016

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: 4th Floor Auditorium †

Psalm 55:16–17

*As for me, I will call upon God,
And the LORD shall save me.*



*Evening and morning and at noon I will pray and cry aloud,
And He shall hear my voice.*

Calling upon the Lord

1. Personal practice of prayer
2. Prayer is a personal and spiritual discipline

Confidence in the Lord

1. That He will hear
2. That He will answer †

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

"Be still...!" How easy it is to read this word of God,
But how hard it is for us to truly "be still" before the Lord.
When the body is racked with pain it is hard to "be still"
Yet, there is no mistaking what is His holy divine will.

"Be still...!" How deep are these words of the Lord!
The Spirit whispers gently, "Seek the Face of God."
The heart is moved, the mind remembers and humbly prays,
"Your face, Lord, I will seek." I will commune without delay.

"Be still and know that I am God!" What a profound thought!
The heart must learn to bow in humble submission as it ought.
The pain continues, the distress does not go away at all,
But the soul remains steady, it will seek to fulfil His call.

"Be still...!" What profound lessons God seeks to impart!
Sometimes in joy, and sometimes with great pain in the heart;
The soul is made stronger and wiser for having felt great pain,
Deep lessons of ministry and faith in God are not learned in vain!

Inspiration: Psalm 46:10

Charles Tan †

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

Today, 24 January 2016

Isaiah 55:6 Seek the LORD while He may be found

Seek the LORD while He may be found,

Call upon Him while he is near.

1. An important word to seek the Lord
 - (a) To seek the Lord with a sense of urgency
 - (b) To seek Him while He may be found
2. An important word to call upon the Lord
 - (a) He is near
 - (b) But we must not take for granted His Presence
3. Some dangers
 - (a) Our hearts may be so hardened we do not seek Him anymore
 - (b) The Lord may turn His face from us because He knows we do not seek Him sincerely
 - (c) Let us take heed of these dangers

NEXT SUNDAY: 31 January 2016

Psalm 63:1 Early will I seek You

O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water. ☩

THEME : YOUR FACE, LORD, I WILL SEEK

This Week @ Worship

— COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM . FELLOWSHIP HALL
“Gather My Saints Together To Me”
Psalm 50

Chairmen

Deacon Terence Teng
Deacon
Dr Victor Khoo

Pianist

Mr Gabriel Ou

Speaker

Rev Mitchell Tan

Interpreter

Dr Jane Tan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —
10.30 AM
“The New Covenant”
Mark 14:22-25

COMBINED CC (P1—P6)

Speaker
Rev Mark Tan
4th Floor Auditorium

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

BREAKFAST : The Chong Family
FELLOWSHIP LUNCH : William & Sylvia

Bethany Church Activities

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
WORSHIP SERVICES				
Morning Worship Service	Sun	10.30 am	Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
Children's Worship (P1 – P6)		10.30 am	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
Evening-Bilingual Worship Service		4.00 pm	Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
SUNDAY SCHOOL				
Crèche	Sun	8.30am 10.30am	Church Office	3 rd floor
Beginners' Sunday School		8.30am	3 rd Floor Auditorium	3 rd floor
Junior Sunday School		8.30am	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
Combined		8.30am	Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
Senior Sunday School		8.30am	BTS	4 th floor
Senior Sunday School III				
CHOIRS				
Singing Kakis	Thurs	8.00 pm	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
One Voice	Sat	5.00 pm	Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
Youth Choir		5.00 pm	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
Evergreens	Sun	1.00 pm	Sanctuary II	2 nd floor
BIBLE STUDY				
Church Bible Study	Tue	8.00 pm	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
Home Bible Study	2 nd and 4 th Thurs	3.00 pm	-	-
Mandarin Bible Study	1 st and 3 rd Fri	7.30 pm	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
CATECHISM CLASS				
	Sun	1.00 pm	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
PRAYER MEETING				
	Mon	8.00 pm	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
FELLOWSHIP GROUPS				
Young People's Group	Sat	3.00 pm	3 rd and 4 th Floor Auditorium	3 rd & 4 th floor
Young Adults' Group	Sat	3.00 pm	Fellowship Hall	1 st floor

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COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE
24 January 2016
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Song No. 1	The Heart Of Worship
Prelude	<i>Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou</i>
Call to Worship	<i>Deacon Terence Teng</i> <i>Deacon Dr Victor Khoo</i>
Invocation	

PRAISE

Hymns	
Century Praise 399	Make Me A Blessing
Century Praise 332	I Need Thee Every Hour
HWC No. 358	I Am Thine, O Lord

BIBLE MEMORIZATION & RECITATION

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message:	“Gather My saints together to Me” “招聚我的圣民到我这里来”
Text :	Psalm 50 诗篇 50
Speaker:	Rev Mitchell Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn	
Century Praise 308	Thanks To God For My Redeemer

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

24 January 2016

Dear Brethren,

FAMILY CAMP 2016

We will be holding our Annual Family Camp in a couple of months' time (13-18 March 2016). The ministry of our Family Camp is something that we do not want to take for granted! Let us plan to attend the Family Camp.

THEME: "CALL TO ME"

The theme of the Camp is drawn from Jeremiah 33:3. The Lord called upon Jeremiah to turn to Him in deeper prayer!

1. We sometimes assume we know much about prayer
2. The theme of the camp will be explored in two ways: -
 - a) Bible Study: "Instructions and Insights about prayer"
 - i) We will examine our understanding about prayer
 - ii) We will seek to deal with possible misconceptions about prayer
 - iii) The Lord Jesus dealt with misconceptions in His time
 - b) Evening Messages: "Interactive prayer"
 - i) Some of the Psalms had elements of "interactive prayer"
 - ii) Actually only about a dozen psalms had this interactive element
 - iii) The prophetic books featured the element of "interactive prayer"

THE BLESSINGS OF THE FAMILY CAMP

It is heartening to know that many are seeking to bring their families to come for the Family Camp.

1. Children
They will be encouraged to know that their parents are seeking to read the Scriptures as much as they are encouraged to read the Bible.
2. Parents
What a wonderful example they are setting for their children. May the bonds within the family be that much stronger!

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*