

Bethany III ... 12 June 2016

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Text: Psalm 17



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KEEP ME AS THE APPLE OF YOUR EYE

PRECIOUS TRUTHS DISCOVERED

Many precious truths await discovery when we read the Scriptures with devotion. The Psalmist David discovered much about the Lord and wrote about it in Psalm 17. The following may be high-lighted: -

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- 1. David knew God as "The LORD"
 - (a) This was a covenantal title of God
 - (b) In this covenant relationship the Lord would regard believers as His people
- 2. He believed that the Lord would do the following things for those who trust in Him

(b) He will show His marvelous kindness Psalm 17:7

(c) He will confront the wicked Psalm 17:13

(d) He will cast them down Psalm 17:13

(e) Some of the activities of the wicked

1.	Their hearts are closed	Psalm 17:10
 11.	They speak proudly	Psalm 17:10
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iii. They are like predator lions Psalm 17:12

TRUSTING THE LORD GOD

King David found great comfort in his heart when he prayed to the Lord. He exercised much trust in the Lord. Two things he bore in mind: -

1. He refrained from doing evil

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(a) He would not transgress with his mouth

Psalm 17:3

(b) He has kept away from the paths of those who destroy

Psalm 17:4

2. He trusted that God would not fail to hear and answer according to His will

(a) God will incline His ear to prayers offered

Psalm 17:6

(b) He will save those who trust in Him

Psalm 17:7

(c) He will protect His people

Psalm 17:8

3. A special prayer made

Keep me as the apple of Your eye; Hide me under the shadow of Your wings, From the wicked who oppress me, From my deadly enemies who surround me. Psalm 17:8

Let us seek to increase our knowledge of God. Let us also deepen our faith and trust in Him even as we pray! $\hat{\mathbf{v}}$

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We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus with us today. May your heart be greatly encouraged and blessed through worship and fellowship! \hat{V}





40 DAYS AND 40 NIGHTS

- 1. This is a special set of Devotions
- It is distinguished from ICARE DevotionsYou may want to subscribe to the Daily Devotions.
- 3. The Contents
 - (a) We will be examining many different Bible texts
 - (b) From them we will learn much about how Jesus could have spent His 40 Days and 40 Nights in the wilderness $\hat{\tau}$

SUNDAY SCHOOL(COMBINED)

Singspiration: 8.15am

Sunday School Class: 8.30am- 9.15am

Class fellowship: 9.15am &

FATHER'S DAY - NEXT SUNDAY (COMBINED WORSHIP)

We celebrate Father's Day next week. Thank God for all good fathers! We will be having a Combined Worship Service! $\hat{\tau}$

THE CHILDREN

They will not be joining the Main Worship this year (Because of the A & A). They will have a program of their own. **T**

TAKE TIME

- 1. To thank God for good fathers
- 2. To express appreciation to our fathers

Let us not allow ourselves to take God's provision of good earthly fathers! \$\forall

A&APROJECT

- 1. Intense work during the June holidays
- 2. The mezzanine floor will be created
- 3. Let us pray diligently: -
 - (a) For the safety of the workers
 - (b) For full provision of all our needs
 - (c) For the work to be completed in good time **3**



CELEBRATING OUR 40 + 3 ANNIVERSARY

- 1. This will be celebrated in August 2016
- 2. We will be having Combined Worship in August (Anniversary month)
- 3. Our celebration will climax on the last Sunday (28 August 2016)
- 4. Venue: Shangri La Hotel
- 5. Please book your table as early as possible! 🕏

THEME OF OUR CELEBRATION

- 1. Created for His glory (Isaiah 43:7)
- 2. Let us ponder how God has created all things for His glory!
 - (a) The glorious expanse of the heavens above (Psalm 19:1-6)
 - (b) The wonderful Word of God (Psalm 19:7-11)
 - (c) His people
 - i. Israel
 - ii. The Church

These reflect the great glory of God! Let us set aside time to stand in awe and wonder at the creations of God! T



CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Steven Heng on the demise of his grandmother, Mdm. Lee Choong Eng on Monday, 6 June 2016. The late Mdm Lee was 98 years of age when she was called home to be with the Lord. \$\frac{1}{3}\$



WORSHIP

Psalm 65: 1—3

Praise is awaiting You, O God, in Zion;
And to You the vow shall be performed.

O You who hear prayer,
To You all flesh will come.
Iniquities prevail against me;
As for our transgressions,
You will provide atonement for them.

1. Praise

- (a) Our hearts should always seek to praise God
- (b) For who He is and for what He has done



- 2. Some reasons we should offer praise to God
 - (a) The Lord hears prayers
 - (b) The Lord knows how sins can prevail against us
 - (c) He will provide atonement for our sins/iniquities and transgressions
- 3. Vows made to the Lord
 - (a) They should be fulfilled
 - (b) This is the right thing to do \$\frac{1}{2}\$

LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

My family would like to thank Bethany for the great support during this period of bereavement. My grandmother, Mdm Lee Choong Eng, was called home to be with the Lord on 6 June 2016. She was baptised in Bethany on 27 April 2008 by Pastor Charlie. We are so grateful that she is in a better place.

Many from Bethany showed their love and support through prayer, sms, visits and love gifts. These acts of love touched our hearts deeply.

We want to thank the pastoral team for being there for us. They were with us upon receiving the news of granny's passing and assisted in the wake and funeral arrangements.

We want to specially thank Pastor Mitchell and our Student Pastors, Ben Quah and Ben Chong, for the wonderful messages and words spoken. It was most meaningful and impactful to our family.

We want to thank the Khakis for ushering, the AVA team, musicians, interpreters and all in Bethany who have rendered support one way or other. Your love is greatly appreciated. Thank you for showing God's love to us.

We are truly blessed to be part of Bethany!

With gratitude,

Steven and Sharon Heng, on behalf of the Heng family \Im

POETRY CORNER

MY STRENGTH AND MY FORTRESS

The challenges of life can be most trying to the soul, Blessed is the person who is truly made whole.

Strength and protection are promised by God, Wise is the person who, in faith, turns to the Lord.

Can a person find strength to cope in the day of affliction?
Thank God for faith to find grace from divine compassion.
The Lord will not spare us from the conflicts common in life,
But He promises grace amidst the worst of human strife.

God has always been the fortress of all who serve Him well, Time and again He has delivered from the snares of hell. The commitment of God to provide will always be upheld, This truth should make the heart of His servant most glad!

Vain is the help that is promised from the rich and the powerful, Glorious is the help that comes from God, for that is truly wonderful! Wise is the person who discovers that God is his strength and fortress, He does not need to be afraid of all the evil that threatens to encompass!

Inspiration: Jeremiah 16:19

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BIBLE MEMORY WORK

Today, 12 June 2016

Jeremiah 32:26-27 Is there anything too hard for Me?

Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, "Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?"

- 1. Jeremiah had grown much in knowledge and faith in God
 - (a) As a young man
 - (b) As a mature prophet of God
- 2. Yet, there was room for further growth
 - (a) God wanted to spur Jeremiah to grow further in his knowledge and faith
 - (b) Sometimes He gave challenging tasks to Jeremiah to fulfil
- 3. In the process God would challenge Jeremiah with such thoughts
 - (a) Is there anything too hard for the Lord to fulfil?
 - (b) After all, He is the LORD and the God of all flesh!

Next Sunday, 19 June 2016

Jeremiah 32:19 You are great in counsel

You are great in counsel and mighty in work, for Your eyes are open to all the ways of the sons of men, to give to everyone according to his ways and according to the fruit of his doings. T

THEME: GLORYING IN OUR KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

This Week @ Worship

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE —
 10.30 AM . FELLOWSHIP HALL

"I will be the God of all families of Israel" Jeremiah 31

Chairmen

Pianist

Dr Tang Kong Choong

Dr Daniel Chia

Speaker

Interpreter

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Mr Alex Tan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —— 10.30 AM

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake"

Matthew 5:10

COMBINED CC (P1—P6)

Speaker

Student-Pastor Benjamin Quah 4th Floor Auditorium

<u>Chairman</u> <u>Pianist</u>

Mr Andrew Foo Mrs Amelia Toi

Speaker Interpreter

Student-Pastor Deacon

Benjamin Chong Dr Tan Peng Hui

– COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE —

"The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel" Jeremiah 46

BREAKFAST: Jacob

LUNCH: Hong Wee, Jerm & Josh; Jerry & Puay Khim

EVENING TEA: Andrew & Huei Li

Bethany Church Activities

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
WORSHIP SERVICES				
Morning Worship Service		10.30 am	Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
Children's Worship (P1 – P6)	Sun	10.30 am	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
Evening-Bilingual	Sun	4.00 pm	Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
Worship Service				
SUNDAY SCHOOL				
Crèche		8.30am	Church Office	3 rd floor
		10.30am		
Beginners' Sunday School	1	8.30am	3 rd Floor Auditorium	3 rd floor
Junior Sunday School	Sun	8.30am	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
Combined	1	8.30am	Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
Senior Sunday School				
Senior Sunday School III] [8.30am	BTS	4 th floor
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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	Sat	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	3.00 pm	- 1 looi / taaltoriam	- 11001
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Mandarin Bible Study	1 st and 3 rd	7.30 pm	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
Wandami Bible Glady	Fri	7.00 pm	4 1 1001 / taattoriam	1 11001
CATECHISM CLASS	Sun	1.00 pm	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
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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	3 rd & 4 th
			Auditorium	floor
Young Adults' Group	Sat	3.00 pm	Fellowship Hall	1 st floor

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 12 June 2016 Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

VIP No. 479 His Eye Is On The Sparrow

Prelude Pianist : Dr Daniel Chia

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 27 O Worship The King

Century Praise 44 I Sing The Mighty Power Of God

Century Praise 341 Knowing You

New Song I Will Choose Christ

"PREACH THE WORD"

Message: "I will be the God of all families of Israel."

Text: Jeremiah 31

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 321 Blessed Assurance

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE 12 June 2016 Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Prelude 前奏 Pianist : Mrs Amelia Toi

Call to Worship 齐来称颂 Mr Andrew Foo

Interpreter: Mr Allister Tham

Invocation 祈祷

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns

Century Praise 295 I Will Sing Of My Redeemer

歌颂救赎主

HWC No. 275 How Firm A Foundation

妥当根基

HWC No. 46 God Leads Us Along

神带领我们

PRAYER 牧祷

"PREACH THE WORD" 证道

Message: "The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel"

"万军之耶和华以色列的神"

Text: Jeremiah 46 耶利米书 46

Speaker: Student-Pastor Benjamin Chong

Interpreter: Deacon Dr Tan Peng Hui

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献

Hymn

Century Praise 70 I Will Sing Of The Mercies

我要唱耶和华的大慈爱

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor: Rev Dr Charles Tan

12 June 2016

Dear Brethren,



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TAKE TIME TO THANK THE LORD FOR HIS BLESSINGS

Our human hearts tend to take things for granted. This is not a great thing to do though. It would be far better if we train our hearts to give thanks to God.

What if we combine the memorising of the Word of God with the giving of thanks? That would be a wonderful combination!

AN EXAMPLE WORTH EMULATING

Psalm 103 is a wonderful example of what it means to give thanks to the Lord. The first five verses are not very hard to memorise at all. We can use the following text to help us express our gratitude to the Lord.

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, Bless His holy name!

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:

Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases,

Who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you With lovingkindness and tender mercies,

Who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth

Is renewed like the eagle's. Psalm 103:1-5

- 1. List the many blessings of the Lord given to you
- 2. Look up to the Lord with deep gratitude and give thanks
- 3. This is most natural
- 4. Hide the word of the Lord in your heart as well
- 5. You will find a special sense of liberating joy

THE SAMARITAN LEPER WHO GAVE THANKS

Luke recorded an instance when the Lord Jesus healed 10 lepers at one time (Luke 17:12-19). Only one leper returned to the Lord Jesus to give thanks!

It was genuine faith and deep gratitude that caused the man to return humbly to the Lord to offer thanksgiving! Let us learn to give thanks to the Lord always!

Prayerfully,

Pastor Charlie