

Bethany III ... 14 August 2016

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## MEDITATION

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Text: Psalm 84



# BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO TRUSTS IN YOU

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#### **BLESSED**

As we celebrate the Lord's blessings on us these past 40+3 years, let us look at the word "blessed" a little more closely, from a reading of Psalm 84.

## MEDITATION

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Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; They will still be praising You.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, Whose heart is set on pilgrimage.

O LORD of hosts,

Blessed is the man who trusts in You! Psalm 84: 4, 5, 12

Three statements are made using the word "blessed." Let us seek to learn valuable lessons from a study of these statements. Psalm 84 was written by the sons of Korah. These were Levites who served the Lord in the Tabernacle and in the Temple built by King Solomon.

#### 1. Blessed are those who dwell in Your house

Psalm 84:4

- (a) The sons of Korah speak of the blessings of the Lord
  - i. Upon those who serve Him in the Tabernacle/ Temple
  - ii. There is a physical reference to the House of the LORD
  - iii. The people who dwell in the Lord's house were the Priests and the Levites
- (b) To actually dwell in the house of the Lord also meant
  - i. They were close to the Lord
  - ii. They were serving the Lord
  - iii. They were in a special relationship with God as His servant

#### 2. Blessed is the man whose strength is in You

**Psalm 84:5** 

- (a) The blessing of the Lord is not restricted to the Priests and Levites
- (b) The Lord's blessing is given to all who seek strength from the Lord
- (c) These are the faithful who seek to go to Jerusalem for special worship three times a year

## **MEDITATION**

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- i. They look to the Lord for strength to fulfil their pilgrimage attempts
- ii. The road to Zion was often fraught with many challenges
- iii. But they always found renewed strength in the Lord again and again
- iv. Even when there were moments of tears, they found strength from the Lord

#### 3. Blessed is the man who trusts in You Psalm 84:12

- (a) The blessings of the Lord will be upon those who have learned to trust the Lord
- (b) Trust in the Lord is found in a man who: -

i. Loves and longs to be in the house of the Lord	Psalm 84:2
ii. Cries out in prayer to the Lord of hosts	Psalm 84:2
iii. Believes in the Lord as his God	Psalm 84:3
iv. Regards the Lord as his King	Psalm 84:3
v. Appreciates the LORD as his sun and shield	Psalm 84:11

#### RENEWING OUR FAITH IN GOD

Let us seek to renew our faith in the Lord as we meditate on this text.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
The LORD will give grace and glory;
No good thing will He withhold
From those who walk uprightly. Psalm 84:11 \$\frac{1}{3}\$

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We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us in Bethany. May the Lord refresh your soul through worship and fellowship! \$\forall



## **CATECHISM CLASS TODAY**

Time: 1.00pm Venue: 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium v

## COMBINED CHOIR PRACTICE

The Combined Choir practice is at the Fellowship Hall at 1.00pm. \$\forall \$

#### **COMBINED WORSHIP**

We will be having Combined Worship for the month of August 2016. Pre-worship is at 10.20am.

Worship commences at 10.30am. ♥



## SUNDAY SCHOOL (COMBINED)

Singspiration: 8.15am Sunday School Class: 8.30am- 9.15am Class fellowship: 9.15am

# NEW SERIES OF PULPIT MESSAGES (SEPTEMBER- OCTOBER 2016)

We commence a new series of Pulpit messages in a few weeks' time. We will commence our 40+4 year of service.

Let us begin the next year with prayer from our hearts. Let us seek the Lord's grace and mercy. Let us never take for granted the Lord's blessings! T

## CELEBRATING OUR 51ST NATIONAL DAY

Let us pray for our nation as we enter into another year of nation building. Let us pray for the following things especially:

- 1. The present leaders
- 2. The next generation of leaders
- 3. Safety and security
- 4. Economic growth 🕈



## A & A PROJECT

Let us especially commit the A & A Project to the Lord in prayer. The month of August will see more work attempted so that we can make a submission for TOP.

- 1. Let us pray for the safety of our workers
- 2. Let us pray that the work will progress significantly  $\hat{\mathbf{v}}$

## CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 40+ 3 ANNIVERSARY

- 1. Let us recall how the Lord has blessed and kept us
- 2. Let us see His glory in the work of His hands in our midst
- 3. Anniversary service at Shangri La
  - (a) 28 August 2016
  - (b) Worship service: 10.30am
  - (c) Anniversary Lunch 12.30pm ያ

### **EVE OF 40+3 ANNIVERSARY**

Saturday, 27 August 2016 Time: 4.00pm Venue: Fellowship Hall

Special Combined YPG-YAG-AM Meeting &



## **NEXT SERIES OF DAILY DEVOTIONS**

"Filled with the Holy Spirit"

Those who are currently on our Readers List need not sign up. Those who wish to read the Scriptures daily may wish to sign up.

The new series will commence after we have completed "It is written."

New series will commence in a couple of weeks' time. \$\forall\$

## **MISSIONS MINISTRY**

Pastor Charles Tan will be ministering in Myanmar this week (15-19 August 2016). 🕏

## CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Deacon and Mrs. Jacob Chacko, and Jonathan and Rachel on the home-going of Mr. Thomas Chacko (Father of Deacon Jacob). The late Mr. Chacko was called home to be with the Lord on Thursday, 11 August 2016. He was 96 years of age. \$\forall\$

## **WEEKDAY MINISTRIES**



#### PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 15 August 2016 Time: 7.00pm **T** 

#### PRAYER MEETING

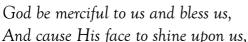
Monday, 15 August 2016 Time: 8.00pm ₺

#### **BIBLE STUDY**

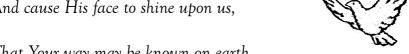
Tuesday, 16 August 2016 Time: 8.00pm ₺

## **WORSHIP**

Psalm 67: 1—2



That Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations.



- 1. God's mercy and blessings
  - (a) Needed
  - (b) Pleaded for
- 2. Two special blessings asked for in particular
  - (a) That His way may be made known
  - (b) That His salvation be given **?**



## POETRY CORNER

#### CREATED FOR MY GLORY

When God created man, His glory was displayed, But because of sin, that glory began to sadly fade. Sin ravages the Divine image and brings ignominy, Only a new creation would restore it to glory.

When God's people sin and go far away from Him, They need to repent and seek cleansing from within. God is willing to take the broken pieces and re-create, The new creation would be something God must initiate.

God has a divine plan when He calls each one by name, He will cleanse each heart and remove all the shame. He has a wonderful plan that will take one's breath away, He will re-create His servant and they will be His display.

It takes faith to believe in this glorious plan of God,
It requires the believer to put his full trust in the Lord.
The blind will see and the deaf will hear again,
That the glory of God will be revealed is plain!

Inspiration: Isaiah 43:7

Charles Tan បិ

## **BIBLE MEMORY WORK**

### Today, 14 August 2016

#### Isaiah 29:23 The work of My hands

But when he sees his children, the work of My hands, in his midst, they will hallow My name, and hallow the Holy One of Jacob, and fear the God of Israel.

#### 1. God's works

- (a) One of His works is in the lives of our children
- (b) May He create something wonderful in their lives
- 2. Appreciating the work of the Lord in children
  - (a) May we hallow the Lord's name in awe and wonder!
  - (b) May we fear the Lord our God as we see His handiwork!

## **NEXT SUNDAY: 21 August 2016**

#### Isaiah 44:3 I will pour out My Spirit

For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, and floods on the dry ground; I will pour out My Spirit on your descendants, and My blessing on your offspring. 3

THEME: CREATED FOR MY GLORY

# This Week @ Worship

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE –
 10.30 AM . FELLOWSHIP HALL

"For Israel My glory" Isaiah 46

Chairmen

Mr Eugene Seow Mr Moses Kwek

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Pianist

Mrs Esther Ang

Interpreter

Dr Jane Tan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

#### NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH — 10.30 AM

"Do not worry" Matthew 6:24~34

COMBINED CC (P1—P6)

Speaker

Student-Pastor Benjamin Chong
4th Floor Auditorium

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

BREAKFAST & LUNCH: The Sanctuary Team

## **Bethany Church Activities**

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
WORSHIP SERVICES			AND THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPER	
Morning Worship Service		10.30 am	Fellowship Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Children's Worship (P1 – P6)	Sun	10.30 am	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Evening-Bilingual	Sun	4.00 pm	Fellowship Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Worship Service				
SUNDAY SCHOOL				
Crèche		8.30am	Church Office	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
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Beginners' Sunday School	1	8.30am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Auditorium	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Junior Sunday School	Sun	8.30am	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Combined	1	8.30am	Fellowship Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School				
Senior Sunday School III	1 1	8.30am	BTS	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
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Singing Kakis	Thurs	8.00 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
One Voice	Sat	5.00 pm	Fellowship Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Youth Choir	Sat	5.00 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Evergreens	Sun	1.00 pm	Sanctuary II	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
BIBLE STUDY		2		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Church Bible Study	Tue	8.00 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Home Bible Study	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup>	3.00 pm	- 1 1001 Additorialii	- 11001
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Mandarin Bible Study	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Walldalli Bible Otday	Fri	7.00 pm	4 1 1001 / taattoriam	1 11001
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CATECHISM CLASS	Sun	1.00 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
PRAYER MEETING	Mon	8.00 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
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FELLOWSHIP GROUPS				
Young People's Group	Sat	3.00 pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>
			Auditorium	floor
Young Adults' Group	Sat	3.00 pm	Fellowship Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> floor

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#### COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE 14 August 2016 Order of Worship

#### **PREPARATION**

Pre-Worship Singing

HWC No. 512 My Saviour's Love

Prelude Pianist: Mrs Esther Ang

Call to Worship Mr Eugene Seow

Mr Moses Kwek

Invocation

#### **PRAISE**

**Hymns** 

Century Praise 27 O Worship The King

Century Praise 451 It Is Well With My Soul

HWC No. 270 Wonderful Words Of Life

New Song Glory

#### **SPECIAL SONG ITEM**

"Your Love Is Worthy Of Praise" One Voice

#### "PREACH THE WORD"

Message: "For Israel My glory"

Text: Isaiah 46

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

#### **RESPONSE**

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 61 The God Of Abraham Praise

**Prayerful Meditation** 

Benediction

Postlude

## PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor: Rev Dr Charles Tan

## → 40+3 Anniversary Series ◆

14 August 2016



#### YOU ARE MY HOPE

How wonderful it is to be able to speak of having a strong sense of hope in the Lord!

For You are my hope, O Lord God; You are my trust from my youth.

But I will hope continually,

And will praise You yet more and more. Psalm 71:5, 14



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#### WHAT ARE SOME ELEMENTS OF OUR HOPE IN GOD?

Let us ponder how the Psalmist reflected on some features of his hope in God.

1. Hope in God's deliverance from wicked enemies Psalm 71:2, 4

2. Hope in God as a strong refuge Psalm 7:3

3. Hope in God as the Rock and Fortress Psalm 7:3

4. Hope in God as a source of strength in old age
Psalm 7:9

#### PR AISING GOD THAT HOPE IN HIM IS NOT IN VAIN

How wonderful it is to know that our hope in God is never in vain. The Psalmist broke forth in praise for the Lord's grace and mercy shown.

1. God upholds from birth Psalm 71:6

2. The Lord's salvation will be given Psalm 71:15

3. He will give strength Psalm 71:16, 18

4. He will bring revival to the heart Psalm 71:20

5. He will always prove Himself faithful Psalm 71:22

Let us determine to praise the Lord for His grace and mercy as we celebrate our 40+ 3 Anniversary.

My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing to You, And my soul which You have redeemed. Psalm 71:23

Prayerfully,

Pastor Charlie