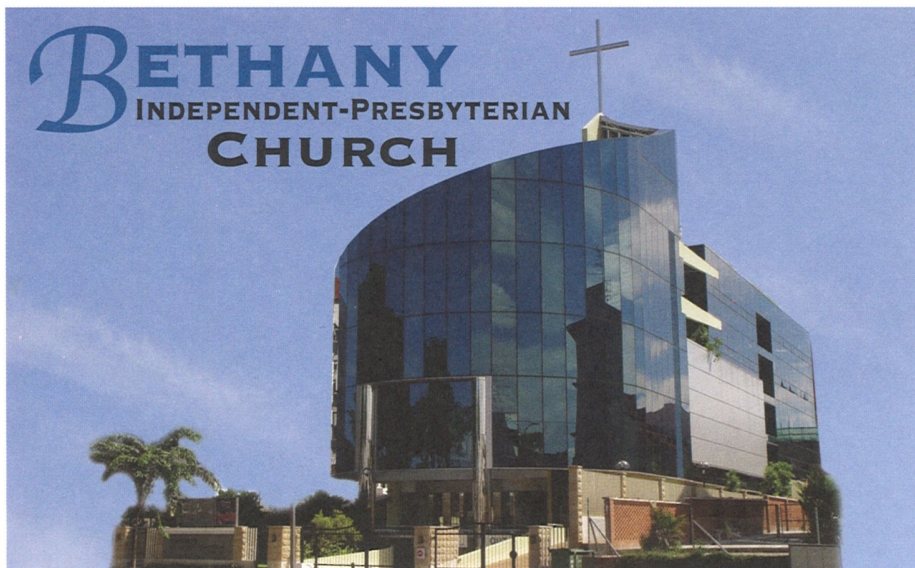


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MEDITATION

by Rev Dr Charles Tan

Text: Psalm 111



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"THE WORKS OF THE LORD ARE GREAT"

REFLECTING ON THE WORKS OF THE LORD

How wonderful it is to be able to reflect on the works of the LORD! This is something we

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should plan to do always. Psalm 111 is a wonderfully uplifting Psalm that attempts to reflect on “the works of the LORD.”

SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE WORKS OF GOD

What are some significant observations the Psalmist made concerning the works of the LORD? The following statements are worth pondering over prayerfully. Five things stood out to the Psalmist.

1. Great

“The works of the LORD are great”

Psalm 111:2

2. Honourable and glorious

“His work is honourable and glorious”

Psalm 111:3

3. Wonderful

“He has made His wonderful works to be remembered”

Psalm 111:4

4. Power

“He has declared to His people the power of His works”

Psalm 111:6

5. Verity and justice

“The works of His hands are verity and justice”

Psalm 111:7

WHAT THE WORKS OF THE LORD REVEAL ABOUT GOD

The works of the LORD obviously manifest the Person of God! Let us ponder carefully the following thoughts. Three things stand out.

1. Righteousness

“His righteousness endures forever”

Psalm 111:3

2. Gracious and Compassionate

“The LORD is gracious and full of compassion”

Psalm 111:4

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3. Holy and awesome

"Holy and awesome is His name" Psalm 111:9

APPROPRIATE RESPONSES

It is right and proper that we make appropriate responses to the LORD. Let us learn from the Psalmist how we ought to respond.

1. Praise

"Praise the LORD! I will praise the LORD with my whole heart." Psalm 111:1

2. Study the works of the LORD

"The works of the LORD are great, studied by all who have pleasure in them."

Psalm 111:2

3. Fear the LORD

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom." Psalm 111:10a

4. Doing the will of God revealed

"A good understanding have all those who do His commandments" Psalm 111:10b

The works of the LORD are many as we reflect on these past 43 years of ministry at Bethany! Let us rejoice in the Lord greatly! Let us ever seek to praise the LORD forever and ever! ☩

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 refreshed and uplifted through worship and fellowship! ☩

WELCOME
to Bethany III

MEDITATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL (COMBINED)

8.15am Singspiration

8.30am Class

9.15am Class Fellowship ☩

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Venue: 4th Floor Auditorium

Time: 1.00pm ☩

COMBINED WORSHIP

We have Combined Worship today! ☩

NEXT SUNDAY (28 August 2016)

1. Venue of Worship

Shangri La Hotel

2. Time of worship

10.30am

3. 40+3 Anniversary Lunch

12.30pm ☩

COMBINED AM-YPG-YAG MEETING

Saturday, 27 August 2016

Time: 4.00pm

Venue: Fellowship Hall ☩



A & A PROJECT

1. Let us continue to pray for the Lord's grace and mercy
2. There is still so much to be done before submission for TOP
3. Let us pray for the protection of the workers ☩

CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 40+3 ANNIVERSARY

1. Let us learn how to bless the Lord as we reflect on His blessings

2. Let us learn how we may do this from the Psalmist David

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: Psalm 103:1-2

- a) Let us truly bless the LORD
- b) Let our praise of the LORD come from the depths of our soul!

3. What are some of the "benefits" the LORD has blessed us with?

The list below is not exhaustive!

- a) The Church building that He has blessed us with
 - i. It has stood us in good stead since we dedicated it in January 2003
 - ii. The extra space of more than 1000 sq. m when the A & A Project is completed
- b) The growth of the Church
 - i. The growth of faith
 - ii. The growth of numbers
 - iii. The growth of ministries
 - iv. The growth of the Pastoral Team

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- c) The tremendous support given
 - i. The huge team of people who clean up the Church
 - ii. The support given towards the A & A Project
 - iii. The steady commitment to give to the needs of the Church and to Missions ministry
- d) The commitment shown by so many
 - i. The Church Session Members
 - ii. The Sunday School Teachers
 - iii. The Committee Members
 - iv. The Kitchen Staff
 - v. The different Choirs
- c) IPC Family overseas
 - i. India
 - ii. Perth
 - iii. Myanmar †

40+3 ANNIVERSARY CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME

*Everyone who is called by My name,
Whom I have created for My glory;
I have formed him, yes, I have made him.
Isaiah 43:7*

Dear Bethany,

Our team will be setting up a booth today to specially welcome the children joining us for next Sunday's programme.

At the programme we hope to share with them how every one can be a child of God. As His children we have the potential to grow up well, and when we

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allow God our Father to work in our lives to help us grow well, we then will reflect His glory.

If you have not signed up and would like your children aged 5-12 to join us for worship next Sunday, do let us know. We are excited to have your children join us next week at Shangri-la!

If you have any queries, please contact me at camilleageorge@gmail.com or 9634 9131.

In His Grace,
Camille

LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

Dear Pastor Charlie

I want to take this time to express my deep appreciation to all at Bethany for the support they gave to me and my family during this time of bereavement, for the wake on Thursday (11 August) and funeral services on Friday.

I want to gratefully thank you and Sally for being present over the 2 days. I want to thank the rest of the pastoral team as well for their show of support. My fellow session members were there too with me to share this time of sorrow. There were many other members of Bethany who came to help and to show support.

My family was surprised to see the kind of help rendered by Bethany. There were the car park ushers who did a marvelous job in directing traffic on Thursday night. It would have been chaos if not for them. There were the "Marthas and Marys" of Bethany who helped in so many ways. They brought their fans to cool the house, they provided meals over the 2 days, baked cakes, made sandwiches wrapped lovingly, they bought drinks and even brought these drinks all the way to CCK Christian cemetery as well. Many brought out their umbrellas when it rained in the afternoon of the second day.

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Many members of Bethany came to show support through wreathes, gifts, calls, WhatsApp messages and their presence during the wake and burial service.

I also want to thank Dr. Tan Kok Yang for all the advice given to the family and help personally given to my dad during his short 2-day stay at KTPH to make him comfortable.

On behalf of my family, Emily and I want to take this opportunity to thank the brethren at Bethany for their wonderful show of support. Please forgive me if I have forgotten to thank anyone. Many may have good deeds which I have not seen but God sees.

God bless all of you.

Thank you
Jacob

WORSHIP



Psalm 67:3-4

*Let the peoples praise You, O God;
Let all the peoples praise You.*

*Oh, let the nation be glad and sing for joy!
For You shall judge the people righteously,
And govern the nations of the earth.*

1. A Great Desire expressed
 - a) That all the people on earth may praise the Lord
 - b) That all the nations on the earth be glad and sing for joy
2. A Great Appreciation
 - a) That God is a righteous Judge
 - b) That He will always judge righteously
 - c) That He governs the nations of the earth †

I HAVE REDEEMED YOU

*Sin leaves a terrible mark on the soul,
The heart and the mind are not whole.
There is fear that one is forgotten by God,
Sin clouds our understanding of the Lord.*

*But God has the power to deal with all our sins,
He can blot out our transgressions from deep within.
He can remove our sins as far as the East is from the West,
He buries our sins in the deepest ocean; He knows what is best!*

*All God desires is that we return to Him in humility,
He desires that we come to Him in genuine sincerity.
He will offer redemption as only He can truly give,
To the worst of sinners, He will say, "I forgive."*

*Let the heart sing a great song of praise and jubilation,
Let every redeemed soul sing in great adoration!
The glory of the Lord is most wonderfully displayed,
In His redemption plan, the vilest sinner He will re-make!*

Inspiration: Isaiah 44:21-23

Charles Tan †

WEEKDAY MINISTRIES

Mon

Tues

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 22 August 2016

Time: 7.00pm †

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 22 August 2016

Time: 8.00pm †

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 23 August 2016

Time: 8.00pm †

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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.

1. A great illustration
 - a) Water to the thirsty
 - b) Flood on dry ground
2. A great promise
 - a) God will pour out His Spirit
 - b) Not only on us
 - c) But also on our children (descendants, offspring)

NEXT SUNDAY: 28 August 2016

ISAIAH 43:7 CREATED FOR MY GLORY

Everyone who is called by My name, whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him. †

THEME : CREATED FOR MY GLORY

This Week @ Worship

— COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM . FELLOWSHIP HALL
“I shall be glorious in the
eyes of the LORD”
Isaiah 49

Chairmen

Student-Pastor
Benjamin Chong
Student-Pastor
Benjamin Quah

Pianist

Dr Daniel Chia

Interpreter

Mr Goh Liangzhou

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —
10.30 AM
“Do not judge”
Matthew 7:1-5

COMBINED CC (P1—P6)

Speaker

Rev Mark Tan
4th Floor Auditorium

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE —

**NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

BREAKFAST : Thaddeus & Theodore
LUNCH : Yee Huei & Lian Tee

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 Senior Sunday School		8.30am	Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
Senior Sunday School III		8.30am	BTS	4 th floor
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
21 August 2016
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing New Song	Glory
Prelude	<i>Pianist : Dr Daniel Chia</i>
Call to Worship	<i>Student-Pastor Benjamin Chong</i> <i>Student-Pastor Benjamin Quah</i>
Invocation	

PRAISE

Hymns	
Century Praise 289	And Can It Be That I Should Gain?
HWC No. 280	I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord
Century Praise 32	God Of Our Fathers

SPECIAL SONG ITEM

"Joy In The Morning"	<i>One Voice & The Evergreens</i>
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"PREACH THE WORD"

Message:	"I shall be glorious in the eyes of the LORD"
Text :	Isaiah 49
Speaker:	Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering	
Hymn	
Century Praise 100	Fairest Lord Jesus
Prayerful Meditation	
Benediction	
Postlude	

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

❧ 40+3 Anniversary Series ❧

21 August 2016

Dear Brethren,

STANDING IN AWE

Next Sunday, we will celebrate Bethany's 40+ 3 Anniversary! How do you feel as you take time to reflect on the past 43 years of Bethany's ministry?

SOME PERSONAL THOUGHTS

I would like to share with you some personal thoughts as I reflect on the past 43 years!

1. Praise

"I will extol You, my God, O King! I will bless Your name forever and ever!

Every day I will bless You and I will praise Your name forever and ever."

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised! And His greatness is unsearchable.

Psalm 145:1-3

a) The LORD

a) He is great

b) He is our God

c) He is our King

b) Extolling the LORD

a) To extol is to give high praise

b) This ought to be done spontaneously

c) This ought to be given daily

d) This ought to be done as our commitment- forever and ever!

2. Prayer

*"The LORD is near to all who call upon Him,
To all who call upon Him in truth." Psalm 145:18*

Let us determine to call upon the LORD in praise and prayer always!

***Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie***