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Text: Isaiah 41

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“JACOB WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN”

SEEKING TO UNDERSTAND HOW GOD CHOOSES

It is impossible to fathom how and why God chooses! One such example is the historical Jacob. We often think that God sees potential then He chooses! This is erroneous thinking!

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MEDITATION

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*But you, Israel, are My servant,
Jacob, whom I have chosen,
The descendants of Abraham, My friend. Isaiah 41:8*

1. What was Jacob like when he was growing up?
 - a) He had a twin brother Esau whom he cheated twice
 - b) He coveted the right of being the firstborn
 - i) He stole the birthright of the firstborn (which was Esau's)
 - ii) The firstborn was entitled to a double portion of the inheritance
 - iii) He did whatever he could to steal that birthright
 - c) He desired to have the blessing of the firstborn
 - i) They go together
 - ii) The firstborn would receive the blessing of the father
 - iii) He would then be confirmed the leader of the family clan
 - d) What Jacob did (with his mother conniving with him)
 - i) He pretended to be Esau
 - ii) He lied to his father that he was Esau
 - iii) He deceived his father who was blind
 - iv) He then received the "blessing" of the firstborn

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2. How did these things benefit Jacob?
 - a) It did not benefit him at all
 - b) He had to run away from his brother Esau who was so angry he wanted to kill Jacob

YET GOD CHOSE JACOB

God manifested Himself to Jacob on his flight for safety from the wrath of Esau! What lessons may we learn from the life of Jacob?

1. Addressing our sin problems
 - a) God had to address the sin problems of Jacob
 - b) He needed to give to Jacob a new heart and a new life
2. God's many roles
 - a) Protection
 - b) Provision
 - c) Presence with Jacob

These were some of the roles that God had to play actively in Jacob's life. In God's choosing us to be His people, He fulfils many roles! Our challenge is to stand in awed appreciation of the many things God would do for His people!

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

WELCOME
to Bethany IV

ANNOUNCEMENTS



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Wishing all who are mothers the Lord's grace, mercy and blessing! May the Lord bless richly their role as a mother in the family!

CATECHISM CLASS

There will not be a Catechism Class today (Mother's Day).

HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy to Albert, Michele and Bobby. Mrs. Maureen Seah went home to be with the Lord on 7 May 2017.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

*The late Mrs. Maureen Seah
(1948-2017)*

1. The casket will fly from Melbourne on Monday, 15 May 2017
2. It will arrive in Singapore on Tuesday afternoon
 - a) Wednesday night 17 May 2017
 - b) Thursday night 18 May 2017
 - c) The Service will commence at 8.00pm
 - d) These would be held at the Sanctuary

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3. The Funeral Service will be held on Friday, 19 May at Mandai Crematorium. (Details will be announced in ICARE)

INDIA YOUTH CAMP

22-24 May 2017

Theme: "The Faith of our Lord Jesus Christ"

The Pastoral Team will be ministering in India next week. They leave on Sunday night, 21 May 2017.

1. The Pastoral Team
 - a) Bethany
 - b) Bethel
2. For the Student-Pastors
 - a) Further exposure
 - b) More experience (hands-on understanding of the Missions Ministry)
3. Ministry
 - a) Teaching the Lord's word
 - b) Interacting with our brethren in India
 - c) The Indian pastors

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- c) The Indian young people
- 4. Thank God for another opportunity to minister in India
 - a) Let us pray much for IPC India
 - b) Let us pray for greater growth in IPC India
- 5. Let us pray for the young people in India
 - a) They will be the future of the church
 - b) They need to become disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ first

JUNIOR CAMP

29 May- 1 June 2017
Theme: "Treasures in Heaven"

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings on the Junior Camp!

Number of Campers signed up: 64

A JUNIOR CAMP EXPERIENCE

- 1. This could be a lasting impact!
- 2. Two of our Junior Campers have become our Student-Pastors
(Ben Chong and Ben Quah were once upon a time Junior campers)!



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CHILDREN'S SONG ITEM

This song was composed by Camille A. George

Mothers are special

Chorus:

Mothers are special, special
They're God's gift to us
They are so special, special
Love them we must

They care for us when we are sad
They cheer us up so we are glad
They love us each and every day
That's why we all say

(Chorus)

Dear mummy of mine,
Thank you for your time
Dear mummy I love
You're from God above
Dear mummy of mine
In my heart you'll find
That I'm trying, yes I'm trying.. to honour you

(Chorus) x2

Love them we must
We love you so much!

WEEKDAY MINISTRIES



PRAYER MEETING/ BIBLE STUDY

We will be in recess till July 2017.

WORSHIP



Psalm 78:5-6

*For He established a testimony in Jacob,
And appointed a law in Israel,
Which He commanded our fathers,
That they should make them known to their children;*

*That the generation to come might know them,
The children who would be born,
That they may arise and declare them to their children.*

1. God's Plan
 - a) Revealed
 - b) Commandment/ Law
 - i) Parents are to teach their own children
 - ii) They are to pass down their faith to their children
2. The generations to come
 - a) Each generation will be able to pass down the faith to the next generation
 - b) This can be a happy perpetual reality

BEHOLD, THE MAIDSERVANT OF THE LORD

We honour Mothers today, because it is good and right,
May this Mother's Day bring to their hearts, special delight!
Thank God for godly mothers who rise to the call of motherhood,
May thebe be blessed for their commitment to be wise and good!

The mother of our Lord Jesus Christ comes to mind today,
What was her secret, that she was chosen to serve and obey?
Mary's heart was revealed when she declared to the angel of God,
With all her heart she said, "Behold, the maidservant of the Lord!"

Mary saw her role as one who was committed to serving the Lord,
She was prepared to take on whatever role that was given by God!
She did not ask for an easier life for herself or for her family,
Her heart was deeply committed, no matter how harsh the reality!

She chose to obey the Lord God for she had full faith in His will,
She would become the mother of Jesus! What a great thrill!
Mary remained faithful and true to her role as the mother of the Lord;
Let all mothers draw inspiration from Mary's example of serving God!

Inspiration: Luke 1:18
Charles Tan

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

Today, 7 May 2017

Matthew 12:18 My Servant whom I have Chosen

*Behold! My Servant whom I have chosen, My Beloved in whom I am well-pleased!
I will put My Spirit upon Him.*

1. Behold
 - a) This word was used to call the reader to note what was being written
 - b) This was used to highlight what was going to be said
2. My Servant
 - a) The Example was the Lord Jesus Christ Himself
 - b) He was called and chosen to be the Lord's Servant
3. The response of the Lord Jesus
 - a) He complied to the Lord's appointment for Him- to be His Servant
 - b) He was faithful to the very end
4. My Beloved in whom I am well-pleased
 - a) God was well-pleased with the Lord Jesus in every sense of the word
 - b) He declared His pleasure in Jesus
5. The Spirit of God
 - a) He would be given to the Lord Jesus as a sign and seal that He was well-approved
 - b) He would have the Spirit's leading and power for life and ministry!

NEXT SUNDAY 14 May 2017

Matthew 20:16 Many are called, but few chosen

So the last will be first and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen.

THEME : CHOSEN

This Week @ Worship

— COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY
“I chose David to be over
My people Israel”
1 Kings 8

Chairmen

Student-Pastor
Benjamin Chong
Student-Pastor
Benjamin Quah
Miss Camille George

Pianist

Mrs Esther Ang

Organist

Mrs Sally Tan

Interpreter

Mr Alex Tan

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE —

**NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Breakfast : '96 girls
Fellowship Lunch : Elizabeth Poey

BETHANY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
WORSHIP SERVICES				
Morning Worship Service	Sun	10.30 am	Church Sanctuary	2 nd floor
Children's Worship I (P1 – P3)			Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
Children's Worship II (P4 – P6)			Auditorium 4-1	4 th floor
Teens' Worship Service			Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor
Combined Evening-Bilingual		4.00pm	Auditorium 4-2 & 4-3	4 th floor
SUNDAY SCHOOL				
Crèche	Sun	8.30am 10.30am	Green Turf	1 st floor
Beginners' Sunday School		8.30am	Auditorium 2-1	2 nd floor
Junior Sunday School I			Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
Junior Sunday School II			Auditorium 4-2	4 th floor
Intermediate Sunday School			Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor
Senior Sunday School I			Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
Senior Sunday School II			Main Sanctuary	2 nd floor
Senior Sunday School III			Prayer Room 4-1	4 th floor
Senior Sunday School IV			Auditorium 4-1	4 th floor
Special Needs Ministry			Auditorium 4-3	4 th floor
CHOIRS				
Singing Kakis	Thurs	8.00 pm	Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor
One Voice	Sat	5.00 pm	Auditorium 4-2	4 th floor
Youth Choir		5.00 pm	Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
Evergreens	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
BIBLE STUDY				
Church Bible Study	Tue	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 nd 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	Auditorium 4-2	4 th floor
PRAYER MEETING				
	Mon	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 nd floor
FELLOWSHIP GROUPS				
Young People's Group I	Sat	3.00 pm	Auditorium 2-1	2 nd floor
Young People's Group II			Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor
Young People's Group III			Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
Young Adults' Group			Auditorium 4-2 & 4-3	4 th floor
Young Married Group			Auditorium 4-1	4 th floor
Adults' Ministry		5.00 pm	Auditorium 4-1	4 th floor

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COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE
14 May 2017
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing	<i>Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang</i> <i>Organist : Mrs Sally Tan</i>
VIP No. 453	'Til The Storm Passes By
Prelude	
Call to Worship	<i>Student-Pastor Benjamin Chong</i> <i>Student-Pastor Benjamin Quah</i> <i>Miss Camille George</i>
Invocation	

PRAISE

Hymns	
Century Praise 2	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
VIP No. 720	I Give It Back
VIP No. 331	He's Still Working On Me

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message:	“I chose David to be over My people Israel”
Text :	1 Kings 8
Speaker:	Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering	
Hymn	
HWC No. 356	Under His Wings
Prayerful Meditation	
Benediction	
Postlude	

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

14 May 2017

Dear Brethren,

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

I wish all mothers the Lord's blessings this Mother's Day! May your heart be blessed as you celebrate!

THE WORK OF A MOTHER

This is well-recognised in the Scriptures. The following may be cited: -

*She also rises while it is yet night,
And provides food for her household,
And a portion for her maidservants.*

*She girds herself with strength,
And strengthens her arms.*

*Strength and honour are her clothing;
She shall rejoice in time to come.*

*She opens her mouth with wisdom,
And on her tongue is the law of kindness.*

*She watches over the ways of her household,
And does not eat the bread of idleness.*

*Her children rise up and call her blessed;
Her husband also, and he praises her.*

*Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing,
But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.*

*Give her of the fruit of her hands,
And let her works praise her in the gates.*

Proverbs 31:15, 17, 25-28, 30-31

APPRECIATION OF MOTHERS

May there be a deep sense of appreciation of all our mothers! Here's a word to all who have mothers!

1. Pray for them
2. Relate to them more
3. Express appreciation often
4. Obey them in the Lord

***Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie***