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Text: Deuteronomy 18

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This Week @ Worship

Bible Memory Work

FATHOMING HOW GOD CHOOSES

THE DOCTRINE "CHOSEN"

This is an amazing doctrine to research and study. But the more we read the more we must stand in awe of why and how God exercises His prerogative to choose!

MEDITATION

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SIMEON AND LEVI

Levi was one of the twelve sons of Jacob! He and his brother Simeon were two very cruel and cunning people. In Genesis 34 we have a record of the cruelty of Simeon and Levi. Here's the story in brief.

- 1. Their sister Dinah was raped
 - a) By a prince called Shechem
 - b) He was a Hivite
- 2. Shechem offered to marry Dinah
 - a) Simeon and Levi offered a plan
 - b) The Hivites must circumcise themselves first
- 3. This offer was accepted
 - a) But when the Hivites were in great pain after the circumcision
 - b) Simeon and Levi attacked them and killed many Hivites
 - c) They were vengeful in their wrath!

THE CURSING OF SIMEON AND LEVI

For their wickedness, Jacob's last prayer was in rebuke of their wickedness. Jacob refused to be identified with them in any way. He uttered a curse against their wicked anger (Genesis 49:5-7).

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MEDITATION

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GOD CHOOSING LEVI TO SERVE HIM

Yet, God in His sovereign grace and mercy chose Levi to serve Him.

For the LORD God has chosen him out of all your tribes
To stand to minister in the name of the LORD,
Him and his sons forever.

Deuteronomy 18:5

1. A Divine decree

- a) God made this decree known to Israel
- b) It would take nothing short of such a decree to make this effective

2. The Levites

- a) They were chosen to serve the Lord
- b) They were chosen to stand before the Lord
- c) They were to minister in His name

THE GRACE AND MERCY OF GOD

The doctrine "Chosen" wonderfully helps us to see the greatness of God!

- 1. His glorious mercy
- 2. His wonderful grace
- 3. His great power to change and to sustain these servants of God!

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



to Bethany IV

NEXT SUNDAY 4 JUNE 2017

We will be celebrating The Lord's Supper. Let us come with prepared hearts and minds to partake meaningfully.

CATECHISM CLASS

Time: 1.00pm Venue: Auditorium 4.2

EVENING WORSHIP

- 1. Thank God for the many who take the time to attend the Evening Worship
- 2. Pine Trees
 From time to time they come and sing at the Evening-Bilingual Worship Service. They bring much joy to the heart!

JUNIOR CAMP

The Junior Camp commences tomorrow

Theme: "Treasures in Heaven"

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings

- 1. The Pastoral Team
 - a) They have just returned from a Camp ministry in India
 - b) They continue with the Junior Camp
 - c) May they find strength and joy as they serve at the Camp!
- 2. The Committee Members and Helpers
 - a) Let us pray that they would have the grace of the Lord too
 - b) May they grow in their ministry skills
 - c) May they be able to bless the hearts of the children
- 3. The Kitchen Staff
 - a) Thank God for them
 - b) May God give them the strength they need
- 4. The children
 - a) May there be great learning value
 - b) May their hearts be touched at the Junior Camp



IPC INDIA YOUTH CAMP

- 1. Good exposure and experience for the Student-Pastors
 - a) Each one had a chance to teach in the Morning Bible-Study Sessions
 - b) The lessons needed careful preparation
- 2. The Evening Sessions
 - a) Devoted to preaching of the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ
 - b) The challenge was to help the brethren to have a strong common faith
- 3. Post-Camp
 - a) The Indian pastors will have to follow up
 - b) They will have to build on the Youth Camp

BETHANY'S 40+4 ANNIVERSARY

Theme: "Establish the Work of our Hands" Psalm 90:17

- Combined Worship (Month of August 2017)
- 2. We will be studying the Works of God as we see in our IPC Family (Psalm 111)
- 3. Let us look forward to rejoicing in the Lord as we celebrate our Church's Anniversary!



CONGRATULATIONS! IT'S A GIRL!

Congratulations to Le Chin and Daniel on the birth of their second child. Baby Phoebe was born on 24 May 2017. Both mother and baby are doing well.



WEEKDAY MINISTRIES

PRAYER MEETING/BIBLE STUDY

The week-day meetings will be in recess till July 2017. May we remember the lessons learned!

LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

Dear Pastor Charlie, Pastoral Team and my dear Bethany family,

My family and I would like to express deep appreciation and thanks for the many of you who took the time and trouble to visit and encourage us during the passing away of my mother-in-law. Many of the Bilingual brethren were also there to support us during this time of grief. My husband, daughter and sisters-in-law are deeply impacted by what a church family is like! Words alone cannot express our heartfelt thanks for your presence and condolence gifts. Thank you once again!

Chew Yong & Zheng Xing

WORSHIP



Psalm 78:68-69

But chose the tribe of Judah, Mount Zion which He loved.

And He built His sanctuary like the heights, Like the earth which He has established forever.

- 1. Choosing of Judah
 - a) Judah was not the firstborn
 - b) Nor was Judah a leading tribe
- 2. Chosen by God
 - a) Reflective of His grace and mercy
 - b) His purpose and glory may be found therein
- 3. Mount Zion
 - a) Geographically- a reference to Jerusalem
 - b) Spiritually- a reference to the Divine Jerusalem in heaven
 - c) God loved Zion
 - d) He will establish it

POETRY CORNER

JACOB WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN

Many are the lessons that God wants us to learn, For deeper understanding, our hearts must yearn. How could Jacob have been chosen by the Lord? Few lessons are as profound in the Biblical record!

A pair of twins were born as an answer to heartfelt prayer, Isaac and Rebekah sought the Lord, and found Him there. Esau was the stronger of the two and he was firstborn, Jacob took advantage when Esau was tired and well-worn.

The birth-right of the firstborn, Jacob callously had stolen, He then deceived his father! How could he have been chosen? God's mercy was shown to display the depth of His grace, Jacob saw the reality of Heaven and then fell on his face!

He swore a solemn vow to honour and serve the LORD, His life began to change, as he saw the provision of God! God chose Jacob to show us the greatness of His salvation, To all who would obey, He gives a truly wonderful invitation!

He transformed Jacob from a wicked sinner to a man of God, He can do this work of transformation if we truly know the LORD! There is nothing too hard for the Lord our God to accomplish, He will empower His chosen servants, His work to finish!

> Inspiration: Isaiah 41:8 Charles Tan

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

Today, 28 May 2017

John 15:16 I chose you and appointed you

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.

- 1. Our choosing the Lord
 - a) Essentially this is a "response"
 - b) A response of faith and gratitude
- 2. The Lord choosing us
 - a) Grace and mercy
 - b) This is the initiative of the Lord (not a response)
- 3. One aspect of this choosing highlighted
 - a) To bear fruit
 - b) And that this fruit would be lasting
- 4. Prayer
 - a) God will hear our prayers
 - b) Especially if it is to ask that we might be fruitful

NEXT SUNDAY 4 June 2017

John 15:19 I chose you out of the world

If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet, because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

THEME: CHOSEN

This Week @ Worship

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"Iacob whom I have chosen" Isaiah 41

Chairmen

Deacon George Thomas

Student-Pastor Eugene Seow

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Pianist

Mrs Esther Ang

Organist

Mrs Elsie Poev

Interpreter

Mr Goh Liangzhou

Chairman Ms Sea Su-Ann **Pianist**

Ms Edlyn Chong

Speaker

Usher

Rev Mitchell Tan

Mr Ryan Tan

- TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE – 10.30 AM.

3rd Floor Auditorium 3~2

"Building a strong foundation of faith" Matt 7:14~27

CHILDREN'S CHURCH -10.30 AM

"Turning to Jesus" Mark 1:29~34

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor Auditorium 3-1

Speaker

Miss Camille George

CC II: P4-P6

4th Floor Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Student-Pastor Benjamin Quah

COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Breakfast: Louis & Elsie Poey Fellowship Lunch: KC & Elaine

BETHANY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
WORSHIP SER VICES				
Morning Worship Service	Sun	10.30 am	Church Sanctuary	2 nd floor
Children's Worship I (PI – P3)			Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
Children's Worship II (P4 – P6)			Auditorium 4-1	4th floor
Teens' Worship Service			Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor
Combined Evening-Bilingual		4.00pm	Auditorium 4-2 & 4-3	4 th floor
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SUNDAY SCHOOL				
Crèche	Sun	8.30am 10.30am	Green Turf	I 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	I 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	4th floor
CHOIRS				
Singing Kakis	Thurs	8.00 pm	Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor
One Voice	Sat	5.00 pm	Auditorium 4-2	4th floor
Youth Choir	Sat	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	3.00 pm	-	-
	4th Thurs	•		
Mandarin Bible Study	Ist and	7.30 pm	4th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
	3 rd Fri			
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CATECHISM CLASS	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 4-2	4 th floor
PRAYER MEETING	Mon	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 nd floor
TRATER MEETING	1.1011	6.00 piii	Church Sanctuary	Z''- IIOOI'
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-I	3 rd floor
Young Adults' Group			Auditorium 4-2 & 4-3	4 th floor
Young Married Group	1		Auditorium 4-I	4 th floor
Adults' Ministry	1 1	5.00 pm	Auditorium 4-1	4 th floor

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 28 May 2017 Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang

Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey

VIP No. 207 Something Worth Living For

Prelude

Call to Worship Deacon George Thomas

Student-Pastor Eugene Seow

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 77 Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

Century Praise 399 Make Me A Blessing

Century Praise 333 More Love To Thee

"PREACH THE WORD"

Message: "Jacob whom I have chosen"

Text: Isaiah 41

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 377 Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTE

Senior Pastor: Rev Dr Charles Tan

28 May 2017

Dear Brethren,



THE JUNIOR CAMP

Thank God we can hold the Junior Camp once again. The new facilities will allow the children to have more space to enjoy their activities!

- 1. Why the Junior Camp is important (With reference to the children)
 - a) Reaching children with the Gospel
 - i) This is a sound principle
 - ii) This is a solid practice
 - b) Uncluttered hearts and minds
 - i) This is where the Gospel may be more easily received
 - ii) The Word sown may produce wonderful fruits in time to come
- 2. Why the Junior Camp is important (With reference to the Student-Pastors)
 - a) Tremendous exposure to Children's ministry
 - b) Honing of pastoral skills
 - c) Learning to work together as a team
- 3. Why the Junior Camp is important (With reference to the Church at large)
 - a) It brings vitality
 - b) It enables different people to work together
 - c) It builds strong rapport

LET US SEEK THE LORD'S BLESSINGS

Let us not take any ministry for granted. Let us therefore seek the Lord in prayer for His blessings!

- 1. May the children learn more about "Treasures in Heaven!"
- 2. May they desire to lay up heavenly treasures!

Prayerfully, Pastor Charlie





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