

Bethany IV ... 28 January 2018

MEDITATION

Reu Dr Charles Tan

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“SEEK THE LORD AND HIS STRENGTH”

BRINGING THE ARK INTO JERUSALEM

The first attempt to bring the Ark of the Covenant ended up in disaster. David had failed to do it properly (1 Chronicles 13).

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MEDITATION

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The second attempt was successful. The priests had been consulted and the necessary protocols had been fulfilled. King David was overjoyed and he wrote a Psalm to commemorate this event. The following thoughts may be highlighted.

1. Giving of Thanks

Oh, give thanks to the LORD!

Call upon His name;

Make known His deeds among the peoples! 1 Chronicles 16:8

- a) This may be done through singing to the Lord
- b) This may also be done by speaking of His works 1 Chronicles 16:9
- c) One should glory in His name 1 Chronicles 16:10

2. Seeking of the LORD

Seek the LORD and His strength;

Seek His face evermore! 1 Chronicles 16:11

- a) Seeking the Lord must never be taken for granted
- b) What should we seek?
 - i) The face of the Lord (or more simply “The LORD”)
 - ii) His strength

3. Giving of worship to the LORD

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*Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
Give to the LORD glory and strength.*

*Give to the LORD the glory due His name;
Bring an offering, and come before Him.
Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!*

1 Chronicles 16:28-29

- a) Worship involves ascribing the following things to the Lord
 - i) Glory
 - ii) Strength
- b) Bringing of an offering
 - i) As an act of thanksgiving
 - ii) As an act of gratitude
- c) Worship further involves consciousness
 - i) Of the holiness of God
 - ii) Of the glory of God

Let us ever seek to offer worship that would be acceptable to the Lord our God! May we grow in our understanding of the Lord!

Write to me at: charlestan@bethanyipc.sg

We have come to the end of the first month of the year! We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today. May your heart be blessed and encouraged through worship and fellowship!

WELCOME
to Bethany IV

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: 4.08

Easter Baptism: 25 March 2018

Palm Sunday

CHINESE NEW YEAR SPECIAL

24 February 2018

Time: 4.00pm

To be followed up by a Light Fellowship Dinner.

Please indicate if you are 65 and above!

This is another wonderful opportunity to share our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We bear witness:

1. When we share our faith verbally
2. When we show much joy and love to all who come

Let us continue to sow seeds of faith in the hearts of all who have been invited for the CNY Special.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMBINED WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY 2018

18 February 2018
Chinese New Year!

No Fellowship Lunch.

25 February 2018

ACM commences at 1.00pm after Lunch.

Thank God for His wonderful provision for yet another year!

Let us gather together to rejoice in the Lord.

CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

11-16 March 2018

“Walk in the Light of the LORD”

1. The Ministry of the Family Camp

- a) Bethel
- b) India
- c) Myanmar

Our brethren take the time and trouble to fly over to be with us at our Family Camp. Let us not take this for granted!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



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2. Hard Studies: The Book of Isaiah this year

a) The hard books must also be read

b) Many rich blessings await those who seek the Lord in His Word

Plan to sign up early. Let us pray much for the Lord's blessings!

EASTER SUNDAY

1 April 2018

Venue: Shangri La

Special Event: Consecration of Benjamin Chong and Benjamin Quah as Intern-Pastors. They would have completed 3 full years as Student-Pastors at Bethany.

CELEBRATING OUR 40+5 ANNIVERSARY

Yes, this year is our Church's 45th Anniversary. Thank God for His grace and strength for all these years!

Date: 19 August 2018

Venue: Shangri La

Let us thank God for His faithfulness and His mercy (Psalm 89:1-2).



ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go to Poh Choo and Andrew on the demise of their uncle on 23 January 2018. May their hearts be deeply comforted by the Lord!



WEEKDAY MINISTRIES

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 29 January 2018

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: TUR

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 29 January 2018

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Sanctuary

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 30 January 2018

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Sanctuary

Psalm 89:1-2

*I will sing of the mercies of the LORD forever;
With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.*

*For I have said, "Mercy shall be built up forever;
Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens."*

1. Two Attributes of God are highlighted:
 - a) The mercies of the LORD
 - b) The faithfulness of God
2. The Psalmist's Commitment
 - a) He will sing of the Lord's mercies forever
 - b) He will proclaim the faithfulness of God

SEEK THE LORD AND HIS STRENGTH

Many do not find much strength to meet each day's need;
The day often ends with one feeling sadly defeated indeed!

But Divine Strength has been promised by the LORD;
Our part is to seek this divine Strength promised by God.

The strength of God has been shown time and again;
Yet, many fail to catch the heavenly joyous refrain!
The power of the Lord is ever present to all;
But upon the LORD our God, we must call!

We must seek the Face of the Lord in every season,
In good times, in bad times, for every possible reason!
We need to believe that our prayers are not in vain;
Our faith and focus must be on the Lord who reigns!

We will find the strength of the LORD if we seek Him well;
Our hearts and minds must focus and on the Lord fully dwell.
Let the heart learn also to give glory to LORD God on high;
How we must see our souls strengthened because He is nigh!

Inspiration: 1 Chronicles 16:11

Charles Tan

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY, 28 January 2018

Psalm 28:7 My strength and My shield

*The LORD is my strength and my shield;
My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped.*

1. The LORD our God

- a) Our strength
- b) Our shield

2. Our part

- a) To trust the Lord
- b) And thus, be helped!

NEXT SUNDAY, 4 February 2018

Psalm 31:24 He shall strengthen your heart

*Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart,
All you who hope in the LORD.*

THEME : ASCRIBE STRENGTH TO THE LORD

This Week @ Worship

— MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

“My strength fails
because of my iniquity”
Psalm 31

Chairmen

Student-Pastor
Benjamin Quah
Student-Pastor
Moses Kwek

Pianist

Mrs Esther Ang

Organist

Mrs Elsie Poey

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter

Ms Tan Hwee Cheng

Chairman

Ms Aleena Kua

Pianist

Ms Ho Lianya

Speaker

Rev Mark Tan

Usher

Mr Kreston Ang

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM .

3rd Floor Auditorium 3-2

“Striving according to His working”
Colossians 1

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —
10.30 AM

“Believing in the Power of Jesus”
John 2:1-12

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Student-Pastor
Benjamin Chong

Speaker

Student-Pastor
Eugene Seow

Chairman

Mr Dominic Cheng

Speaker

Student-Pastor
Moses Kwek

Pianist

Mrs Amelia Toi

Interpreter

Deacon
Dr Tan Peng Hui
Ms Berlinda Cheong

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE —

4.00 PM . 4th Floor Auditorium 4-2, 3

“God is the strength of my heart and
my portion forever” Psalm 73

Breakfast : Shiwen

Fellowship Lunch : Andrew & Hwei Li; Ann Cheong

Evening Tea : Andrew & Hwei Li

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		4.00 pm	Auditorium 4-1	4 th floor

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
28 January 2018
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang
Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey

HWC No. 544

We'll Understand It By And By

Prelude

Call to Worship

Student-Pastor Benjamin Quah
Student-Pastor Moses Kwek

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

HWC No. 16

We Praise Thee O God, Our Redeemer

HWC No. 354

Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

Century Praise 15

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “My strength fails because of my iniquity”

Text : Psalm 31

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 415

He Giveth More Grace

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE
28 January 2018
Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Amelia Toi

Century Praise 377

What A Friend We Have In Jesus
恩友歌

Prelude 前奏

Call to Worship 齐来称颂

Mr Dominic Cheng
Interpreter : Ms Berlinda Cheong

Invocation 祈祷

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns

Century Praise 53

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
你信实何广大

HWC No. 56

Day By Day
每一天

Century Praise 75

God Hath Not Promised
神未曾应许

PRAYER 牧祷

“PREACH THE WORD” 证道

Message: “God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever”
Text : Psalm 73 诗篇 73
Speaker: Student-Pastor Moses Kwek
Interpreter : Deacon Dr Tan Peng Hui

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献

Hymn

Century Praise 316

Have Faith In God
当信服神

Benediction

Prayerful Meditation

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

28 January 2018

Dear Brethren,

THE STRENGTH OF THE LORD GOD

Thank God for the promise of strength that we read about from the Scriptures. One of the most moving promises may be found in this text.

*And He said to me,
"My grace is sufficient for you,
For My strength is made perfect in weakness."
Therefore most gladly I will rather boast
In my infirmities, that the power of Christ
May rest upon me.*

2 Corinthians 12:9

1. The Context

- a) Paul had "a thorn in the flesh"
- b) He asked the Lord to remove that thorn

2. The Reply of the Lord

- a) His grace is sufficient
- b) His strength is made perfect in weakness
 - i) His strength will be given
 - ii) Our weakness will be overcome
 - iii) God's strength will be made available

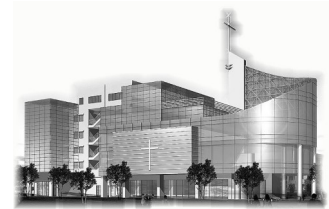
3. The response of Paul

- a) He understood this promise from the Lord
- b) He no longer asked for the thorn to be removed
- c) He would trust in God's promise of grace and strength
- d) He would find the joy to carry on with his life and ministry

THE POWER OF CHRIST

This is available to us! Let us exercise our faith in the Lord and His word. Let us seek the power of Christ for our daily life and ministry!

***Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie***



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