

Bethany IV ... 13 April 2018 ... Happy Mother's Day!

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MEDITATION

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Text: Genesis 1



DID GOD INTEND TO BLESS MAN?

"BLESSED IS THE MAN"

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The answer is an assured Yes! When God first created man, He gave them His blessing. Let us read again the Creation account.

So God created man in His own image; In the image of God He created him; Male and female He created them.

MEDITATION

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Then God blessed them, and God said to them,
"Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth
And subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea,
Over the birds of the air, and over every living thing
That moves on the earth."
Genesis 1:27-28

THE BLESSING OF MAN

This was carefully pronounced. The blessings of God must be carefully understood and appreciated!

- 1. The Blessing of being made in the image of God
- (a) This is an amazing blessing
- (b) In what way is man made in the image of God?
- (c) Three things may be highlighted: -

i. In true righteousnessii. In holinessiii. In knowledgeEphesians 4:24Colossians 3:10

- 2. The Blessing of having procreative power
- (a) Mankind has procreative power
- (b) Mankind can be fruitful and multiply
- 3. The Blessing of "Dominion"
- (a) Mastery of the earth
- (b) Dominion over all forms of life
 - i. Sea creatures
 - ii. Land creatures
 - iii. Air creatures

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WITH BLESSINGS COME RESPONSIBILITY

Man must understand this basic principle attached to the Lord's blessings.

- 1. He is responsible
- 2. He is accountable

The blessings of God must be understood and utilized effectively. Blessings that are not well-utilized are virtually "wasted!" 🕏

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We are glad you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us at Bethany! May your heart be blessed through worship and fellowship! $\hat{\mathbf{v}}$



to Bethany IV

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

The Pastors and Session Members wish all mothers, "Happy Mother's Day!" Take time to enjoy your day! v

CATECHISM CLASS

There will be no Catechism Class today! \$\forall T

ANNOUNCEMENTS



COMBINED WORSHIP

1. 13 May 2018 Mother's Day program

<u>2. 27 May 2018</u> Preparation for Junior Camp (28 - 31 May) ট

MULTIPLE WORSHIP

20 May 2018 Morning Worship 10.30am

Evening-Bilingual Worship 4.00pm v

NEW DEVOTIONAL BOOK

We will be reading the Book of Amos! Sign up to receive your Daily Devotions online. \$\forall\$

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING/ PRAYER MEETING/BIBLE STUDY

These meetings would be cancelled for this week and would be in recess during the School holidays! The last sessions are on 21-22 May 2018. The last sessions are on 21-22 May 2018.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY IN INDIA (7-10 May 2018)

- 1. Visuvasam IPC celebrated its 24th Anniversary
- 2. There is a new group of worshippers in Bangalore
- 3. There is also an increasing number of people who are growing in their faith and in leadership skills.

Thank God for His grace and mercy given to IPC India. ប

JUNIOR CAMP

28-31 May 2018 "Feed My Lambs"

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings to be bestowed on all coming to the Junior Camp! It commences in 2 weeks' time. \$\forall\$

SPIRITUAL RETREAT

13-14 July 2018 Theme: The Prayers of the Apostle Paul Venue: Bethany

- 1. Prayer is greatly enjoined
- 2. But few know the true efficacy of prayer
- 3. Paul's prayers were particularly deep and insightful

Plan to sign up for the Spiritual Retreat and learn how you may deepen your prayer life! ${\bf \hat v}$

ANNOUNCEMENTS



FUNERARY SERVICES

The late Mdm. Khaw Siew Lin was called home to be with Lord on Friday, 11 May 2018 Age: 60 years

1. Vigil Service at Church

Monday, 14 May 2018 Time: 8.00pm

2. Funeral Service

Tuesday, 15 May 2018
Encoffining at Church at 2.45pm
Cortege to leave at 3.00pm
Funeral service at Mandai Crematorium
Hall # 3
Time: 3.45pm

Mdm. Khaw leaves behind an only daughter, Siao Hui. 🕈



WORSHIP

Psalm 89:35-37

Once I have sworn by My holiness, I will not lie to David.

His seed shall endure forever And his throne as the sun before Me.

It shall be established forever like the moon, Even like the faithful witness in the sky.

- 1. God's covenant word to David
- (a) Like an oath
- (b) God cannot lie and go back on His word
- 2. The covenant-promise concerning the seed of David
- (a) His seed shall endure forever
- (b) His throne established
 - i. Like the sun
 - ii. Like the moon
- (c) As a faithful witness
- 3. Fulfilment
- (a) Found in the Son of David
- (b) Christ Jesus the Lord
- (c) His kingdom is an eternal one &

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 13 May 2018

Genesis 12:3 I Will Bless those who Bless You

I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

- 1. God's special protection is offered
- (a) Those who curse will find themselves cursed by the Lord Himself
- (b) This is a very solemn word
- 2. God's special blessing offered
- (a) To those who bless
- (b) They too will enjoy the goodness of the Lord

Next Sunday: 20 May 2018

Genesis 22:18 In Your Seed

In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice. \$\frac{1}{3}\$

POETRY CORNER

Dedicated to all Mothers

FOR THIS CHILD I PRAYED

Hannah is a wonderful model of a mother who prayed; Long before she was a mother, prayers to God were laid. She had grieved that she was unable to bear a child; Added to her sorrow were taunts, painful and wild.

In humble prayer she poured out her heart to God; She wept but she refused to give up faith in the Lord. In His mercy, God answered the prayers of her heart; She would have a son who will, from sin, stand apart!

Hannah continued to be faithful to God indeed; She had found the Lord in her time of need. Praise was offered when answers came; She determined to praise God's holy name!

Let all godly mothers learn to pray much more; Forsake worries but choose prayer as the core. Let God Himself teach about true motherhood; In the light of the Bible may life be understood.

Inspiration: I Samuel 1:27
Charles Tan
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POETRY CORNER

Series: "I will bless you" May-June 2018

THEN GOD BLESSED THEM

When God made Man, He planned to bless; Male and Female were given equal access. They would be blessed with the power to subdue; They would be able to be righteous and holy too!

Man would be blessed with bearing the image of God; He would be above all other creatures made by the Lord. He would be given dominion over all forms of life; He would be able to emerge victorious in any strife!

Man would also be blessed with powers of procreation; With this blessing must come true and responsible action. Man has been so greatly blessed but he is blighted by sin; Cleansing is needed from the Lord from deep within.

When Man struggled and failed miserable in his endeavour; God sent the Lord Jesus Christ to be the world's Saviour. To all who come to faith in Christ Jesus the Son of Man; To them God reveals His full and complete salvation's Plan.

Inspiration: Genesis 1:27-28; Colossians 3:10; Ephesians 4:24

Charles Tan

POETRY CORNER

A Poem for Mother's Day

"You will empathize when you become a mother one day";

That was what my own mother used to say.

The baby is born and your life is changed more than you can ever imagine;
You will feel every pain, every loss, and every disappointment your child feels within.

The love of a mother for her child is unconditional;
The sacrifices she is willing to make are phenomenal!
But the Evil One will exploit a mother's indulgence for her child;
To use as potential seeds for endless trials.

We are reminded to train up our child in the way he should go;

To keep him away from Sin, the ultimate foe.

Because when he is old, he will not depart from the truth;

He will remember what his mother has taught him in his youth.

Much is expected of a mother these days;
Words of wisdom from her mouth, and acts of kindness from her ways.
But all is worthwhile and her endeavors are not wasted;
If her children will rise up and call her blessed.

Dr. Sng Li Wah

Inspiration: Proverbs 22:6; Proverbs 31:10-31; Pam Brown, B.1928, in "The Love Between Mothers and Daughters"; Edited by Helen Exley, 1995.

THEME: I WILL BLESS YOU

This Week @ Worship

- COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE — 10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed"

Genesis 12

Chairmen

Student-Pastor Eugene Seow Student-Pastor Jonathan Jacob

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

<u>Pianist</u>

Mr Gabriel Ou

Organist

Mrs Sally Tan

Interpreter

Deacon Dr Tan Peng Hui

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH –

NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

— EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Breakfast: 1996 girls

Fellowship Lunch: Timon & Charissa

Bethany Church Activities

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	Day	Time	Venue	Location
WORSHIP SERVICES				
Morning Worship Service			Church Sanctuary	2 nd floor
Children's Worship I (P1 - P3)	Sun 10.30 am A		Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
Children's Worship II (P4 - P6)			Auditorium 4-1	4 th floor
Teens' Worship Service			Auditorium 3-8	3 rd floor
Combined Evening-Bilingual			Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8	4 th floor
SUNDAY SCHOOL				
		8.30am		
Crèche	10.30am		Green Turf	1 st floor
Beginners' Sunday School			Auditorium 2-1	2 nd floor
Junior Sunday School I			Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
Junior Sunday School II	1		Auditorium 4-8	4 th floor
Intermediate Sunday School	Sun 8.30am		Auditorium 3-8	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 4-7	4 th floor
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CHOIRS				
Singing Kakis	Thurs	8.00 pm	Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor
One Voice	Cot	5.00 pm	Auditorium 4-8	4 th 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				Londer
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	7.30 pm	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
Mandarin Bible Study	3 rd Fri	7.00 pm	4 1 loor Additorialli	4 11001
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CATECHISM CLASS	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 4-8	4 th floor
PRAYER MEETING	Mon	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 nd floor
FELLOWSHIP GROUPS			T	I months
Young People's Group I	1		Auditorium 2-1	2 nd floor
Young People's Group II	3.00 pm		Auditorium 3-8	3 rd floor
Young People's Group III	Sat	Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8 4 th floor		3 rd floor
Young Adults' Group	<u> </u>			
Young Married Group	<u> </u>		Auditorium 4-1	4 th floor
Adults' Ministry		4.00 pm	Auditorium 4-1	4 th floor

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COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE 13 May 2018 Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou

Organist : Mrs Sally Tan

No One Like Mum Beginner Sunday School Children

More Than Enough

Prelude

Call to Worship Student-Pastor Eugene Seow

Student-Pastor Jonathan Jacob

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 310 Count Your Blessings

VIP No. 720 I Give It Back

Century Praise 19 Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

"PREACH THE WORD"

Message: "The LORD made a covenant with Abram"

Text: Genesis 15

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 289 There Shall Be Showers Of Blessing

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor: Rev Dr Charles Tan

13 May 2018

Dear Brethren,



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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Thank God for good and godly mothers who devote much time to bring up their children well! May you know the joy of the Lord when you see your children growing up in their faith!

JUNIOR CAMP MINISTRY

The Junior Camp is just two weeks away! Let's take a bit of time to think about what the Junior Camp is all about!

- 1. Introduction to the Christian life
 - a) The children have an opportunity to see what faith in God means
 - i) Giving thanks to God for food
 - ii) Learning precious lessons from the Bible
 - iii) Playing together with other Christians during Games time
 - iv) Learning important lessons from Camp officers who guide and teach
 - b) They have an opportunity to grow their faith
 - i) Through interactive Bible Study sessions
 - ii) Through activities that are designed to help them grapple with problems they might face in life
 - c) They also have opportunities to practise their faith
 - i) They can learn how to serve
 - ii) They can learn how to care for others in practical ways
- 2. The Limitations of the Junior Camp

The Camp will not last forever! They must continue to grow their faith at home!

- a) The children must be encouraged to learn more about faith and life as they interact with members of the family at home.
- b) Let all Christian homes be challenged to interact with their children more actively, thus ensuring further growth.

Prayerfully, Pastor Charlie