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MEDITATION

✠ REV DR CHARLES TAN ✠

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Text: Psalm 18:1-3

“WORTHY TO BE PRAISED”

EXTOLLING THE LORD

This was something that King David learned to do (Psalms 30:1; 145:1). He determined that he would bless the Lord and praise His name forever and ever! He determined to attempt to this every single day too!

MEDITATION

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WORTHY TO BE PRAISED

David was inspired to write many Psalms. The inspiration may be found in the words he wrote as he wrote Psalm 18.

I will love You, O LORD, my strength

*The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;
My God, my strength, in whom I will trust;
My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

*I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised;
So shall I be saved from my enemies. Psalm 18:1-3*

1. Discovery of the greatness of the Lord

- a) He gives strength
- b) He is a rock
- c) He is a fortress
- d) He is a deliverer
- e) He is a shield
- f) He is the horn of salvation ("horn" – a symbol of power)
- g) He is a stronghold

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2. Development of relationship with the Lord

- a) Through cultivating a love for the Lord
- b) Through exercising trust in Him
- c) Through calling upon the Lord

3. Decision made

- a) To offer praise to God
- b) Because the Lord is worthy to be praised indeed

OUR CHALLENGE

Let us re-examine our faith and our walk with the Lord, honestly and candidly.

- 1. Is our faith in the Lord deepening?
- 2. Is our walk with the Lord invigorating?
- 3. Let us call upon the Lord and find a fresh new revived faith! †

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 encouraged to bless and extol the Lord through worship and fellowship! †

*Welcome
to Bethany IV*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm
Venue: Auditorium 4.07

This class prepares for the Easter Baptismal Service. †

MINISTRY IN BETHEL

Pastor Charles Tan will be ministering in Bethel this week (21-27 January 2019). Bethel will be preparing for its own Family Camp in April 2019. †

LUNAR NEW YEAR SPECIAL

16 February 2019
Time: 4.00pm

Please plan to sign up for this event. We will seek to share with friends and relatives our joy in believing in the Lord Jesus Christ!
Please indicate if you are 65 and above.

This is a wonderful opportunity to share our faith with relatives and friends. Let us plan to share the Gospel. †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

17-22 March 2019
"Wells of Salvation"

Duration of the Family Camp
Note the actual date above.

The Messages and Bible Studies will end on 21 March at night.
But you may want to plan to stay till 22 March 2019.

Plan to sign up for the Annual Family Camp as soon as possible. ☩

ENCOURAGEMENT TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL CAMP

1. To learn more about the Salvation God has given us
2. Isaiah called it beautifully: "The wells of salvation"
3. Many have been richly blessed through attending the Family Camp

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings for this year's Family Camp ☩

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 21 January 2019

Time: 7.00pm

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 21 January 2019

Time: 8.00pm

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 22 January 2019

Time: 8.00pm

Let us make full use of every opportunity to grow in our knowledge of the Lord's word. Plan to attend the Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study. †

THANKSGIVING JOURNAL 2019

Try doing this. If not daily, weekly. Take note of how the Lord has:

1. Protected
2. Provided
3. Answered our prayers etc

See how your heart may resound with praise and thanksgiving to God! †

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 97:2-3

*Clouds and darkness surround Him;
Righteousness and justice are the foundations of His throne.*

*A fire goes before Him,
And burns up His enemies round about.*

1. Surrounding the throne of the Lord God

- a) Clouds and darkness surround the throne
- b) Righteousness and justice are the foundations of the throne of God

2. The enemies of God

- a) There will always be enemies
- b) The fire of the justice of God will consume all enemies

3. The intended meaning of this text

- a) The majesty of God Almighty
- b) To cause all to stand in awe of the Lord! †

WORTHY TO BE PRAISED

Lord, You alone, are worthy to be praised;
For You alone, our dead souls have raised.
Despite all our weaknesses, You have given Love,
And You reached out to us from Heaven above.

Lord, You alone, are worthy to be praised;
And to You, anthems of love, we will raise;
A great Tower of strength you have proven to be;
Thus, we may trust you fully and for all eternity.

Lord, You alone, are worthy to be praised;
And we desire to seek Your glorious face.
Though the trials of life may threaten;
You sit enthroned in the Highest Heaven.

Lord, You alone, are worthy to be praised;
Teach us how we may grow in Your grace.
May our hearts be moved say with our might,
“I will love You, O Lord, for this is right!”

Inspiration: Psalm 18:1-3
Charles Tan †

“Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised”

We may catch a glimpse of God’s splendour;
By looking no further than at His works of grandeur.
God’s greatness is unsearchable;
But it is His great goodness which is memorable.

Blessed are we to receive God’s mercy and His grace;
“Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised”!
Let praise be the expression of our unyielding faith and wholehearted trust;
Knowing that by awesome deeds of righteousness, God will minister to us.

Praise elevates us into God’s presence and His power;
We feel reassured that whatever God promises, He will deliver.
God is holy and enthroned in the praises of His people;
As was in the days past, in the present and likewise in the future.

But are we guilty of praising God only when we are in church?
Why do we praise Him only when like-minded Christians converge?
Offering praise ought to be a part of our lifestyles every day;
Let us seek to extol the Lord whenever, wherever, and in every possible way.

Inspiration: Psalm 145:1-7; Psalm 65:5; Psalm 22:3-4
Dr. Sng Li Wah ☩

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 20 JANUARY 2019

TEXT: PSALM 136:1 GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

For His mercy endures forever.

1. Giving thanks to God

- a) Most natural response
- b) Let us be challenged to practise the giving of thanks

2. Reasons:

- a) The Lord is good indeed
- b) His mercy certainly endures forever

NEXT SUNDAY: 27 JANUARY 2019

TEXT: PSALM 109:30 I WILL GREATLY PRAISE THE LORD

I will greatly praise the LORD with my mouth;

Yes, I will praise Him among the multitude. †

THEME : GREAT IS THE LORD AND GREATLY TO BE PRAISED

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

☞ MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE ☞ 10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"All your works shall praise You"
Psalm 145:8-13

Chairman

Student-Pastor
Jonathan Jacob

Organist

Mrs Sally Tan

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter

Ms Tan Hwee Cheng

Pianist

Mr Gabriel Ou

Chairman

Ms Lin Wenyan

Pianist

Ms Ho Lianya

Speaker

Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Quah

Usher

Mr Leon Lai
Ms Christabelle Ng

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE — 10.30 AM. 3RD FLOOR AUDITORIUM 3-8

"Praising the Lord for His creation of
man" Psalm 139

☞ CHILDREN'S CHURCH ☞ 10.30 AM

"Do not judge"
Matthew 7:1-6

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Miss Camille George

Speaker

Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Chong

Chairman

Mr Lim Wei Quan

Speaker

Student-Pastor
Moses Kwek

Pianist

Mrs Foo Min-Yi

Interpreter

Deacon
Dr Tan Peng Hui
Ms Berlinda Cheong

☞ EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE ☞

4.00PM. 4TH FLOOR AUDITORIUM 4-7,8

"Praising the great name of the Lord
for His holiness" Psalm 99

Breakfast : Janssen Ho

Fellowship Lunch : Mark & Chen Kee; Sea Su-An

Evening Tea : Ann Cheong

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 3-8	3 rd floor
Combined Evening-Bilingual		4.00pm	Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8	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 4-8	4 th floor
Intermediate Sunday School			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
CHOIRS				
Singing Kakis	Thurs	8.00 pm	Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor
One Voice	Sat	5.00 pm	Auditorium 4-8	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 4-8	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 3-8	3 rd floor
Young People's Group III			Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
Young Adults' Group			Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8	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
20 January 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou
Organist : Mrs Sally Tan

HWC No. 175

Hallelujah! What A Saviour!

Prelude

Call to Worship

Student-Pastor Jonathan Jacob

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 23

Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart

Century Praise 27

O Worship The King

Century Praise 89

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “All your works shall praise You”

Text : Psalm 145:8-13

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 508

I Will Sing The Wondrous Story

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE
20 January 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Pre-Worship Singing	Pianist : Mrs Foo Min-Yi
Century Praise 57	Worthy Of Worship 神配受崇拜
Prelude 前奏	
Call to Worship 齐来称颂	Mr Lim Wei Quan Interpreter : Ms Berlinda Cheong
Invocation 祈祷	

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns	
Century Praise 308	Thanks To God For My Redeemer 感谢神
Century Praise 301	Since Jesus Came Into My Heart 自耶稣在我心中
Century Praise 77	Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing 万福泉源

PRAYER 牧祷

“PREACH THE WORD” 证道

Message:	“Praising the great name of the Lord for His holiness” “为上帝的圣洁赞美祂的大名”
Text :	Psalm 99 诗篇 99
Speaker:	Student-Pastor Moses Kwek Interpreter : Deacon Dr Tan Peng Hui

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献	
Hymn	
VIP No. 510	He 祂
Prayerful Meditation	
Benediction	
Postlude	



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PASTORAL LETTER

20 JANUARY 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

SUSTAINING THE SPIRIT OF JOY AND PRAISE

One of the most challenging things to do is to sustain the spirit of joy and praise. How we actually and practically do that?

TAKE TIME TO READ THE SCRIPTURES

One of the ways we can sustain this spirit of joy and praise is to set aside time to read the Lord's Word profitably. We learn much about how to sustain this spirit of joy from Psalm 100.

The Psalmist sought to encourage all worshippers to do the following things:

1. Elements of Joy
 - a) With a joyful shout
 - b) To serve with gladness
 - c) To come into the Lord's presence with singing
 - d) To enter into His gates with thanksgiving
 - e) And into His courts with praise
2. Appreciating our relationship with God
 - a) To know the Lord as our God better
 - b) To remember Him as our Maker
 - c) To appreciate that we are His people and the sheep of His pasture
3. Appreciating who the Lord is and what He has done for us
 - a) The LORD is good
 - b) His mercy is everlasting
 - c) His truth endures to all generations

4. Learning to be thankful

This is well-expressed when we are able to bless His name.

Let us be challenged to keep learning how we may sustain our spirit of joy and praise.

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*