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## **MEDITATION**

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Text: Psalm 68:17-18

## THE CHARIOTS OF GOD

#### THE LORD OF HOSTS

This was a term that was used to describe the Lord and His army (2 Samuel 5:10). The word "host" may be literally translated as "army" (Joshua 5:14). We have a glimpse of the army of God in this text.

## **MEDITATION**

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The chariots of God are twenty thousand, Even thousands of thousands; The LORD is among them as in Sinai, in the Holy Place.

You have ascended on high,
You have led captivity captive;
You have received gifts among men,
Even from the rebellious,
That the LORD God might dwell there.
Psalm 68:17-18

- 1. Armies of the ancient days
  - a) Infantry (sword)
  - b) Archers (Bow and arrow)
  - c) Cavalry (Horses)
  - d) Chariots (most feared of all)
- 2. The chariots of God:
  - a) Twenty thousand chariots would be a lot
  - b) The phrase "even thousands of thousands"
    - i) It means "countless chariots"
    - ii) Not limited to the already staggering number of "twenty thousand"
- 3. The LORD is among them as in Sinai, the Holy Place
  - a) He will make His presence known and felt
  - b) As He did when He descended on Mount Sinai to speak to

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ancient Israel

c) The Lord's place is that of "Commander of the army of God"

Joshua 5:14

#### VICTORY DESCRIBED

We have a description of the Lord being victorious:

- 1. You have ascended on high This is a description of victory.
- 2. You have led captivity captive
  - a) The enemy used to make people captive
  - b) The enemy is now himself captive
- 3. You have received gifts among men, even from the rebellious
  - a) The vanquished offer gifts of tribute
  - b) Even the rebellious had to pay tribute
- 4. That the LORD might dwell there
  - a) This describes the presence of God in the conquered land
  - b) His presence makes all the difference

Let us never take the presence of the LORD of hosts for granted! Let us celebrate the fact that He is victorious! \$\frac{1}{2}\$

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today. May your heart be lifted up through worship and fellowship! \$\frac{1}{2}\$



#### CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00 pm Venue: Auditorium 4.08 む

## MEXT SUMPAY: FATHER'S DAY

We will be having a Combined Worship Sunday next week. Thank God for the gift of good and godly fathers! †

#### **ON LEAVE**

Pastor Charles Tan would be on leave 13-26 June 2019. &

#### LEADERSHIP RETREAT

23-24 August 2019
Theme: "Counted Faithful to be put in the Ministry"
1 Timothy 1:12

1. Leadership may be appreciated in a number of ways:

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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- a) It is a privilege
- b) It is a ministry
- c) It is also gift
- 2. Leadership affects many things
  - a) The growth of the Church
  - b) The strength of Church
  - c) The life of the Church
- 3. The grooming of our pastors (In the context of training the Pastoral Team)
  - a) Through Discipleship
  - b) Through intensive training
  - c) Through actual ministry
  - d) Through proving of themselves
- 4. The Involvement of the Church
  - a) In practical support
  - b) In prayer support
  - c) In fellowship

Plan to sign up and learn more about Biblical leadership principles at the Retreat (23-24 August 2019). 🕆

## JUNIOR CAMP

#### 3-6 June 2019 "Keep your heart with all diligence"

- 1. Thank God for His grace and blessing.
- 2. Thank God for the Planning Committee and for all who helped to make the Junior Camp successful.
- 3. Thank God for a strong Cooking Team
- 4. This year we also have a Pines 2 Team. They were very diligent and hard-working! 1

# CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 40+6 ANNIVERSARY

There is so much to celebrate! Let us ponder the Lord's presence in our midst.

- 1. His chariots of fire protect us
- 2. He leads His people in victory
- 3. He has blessed us so obviously

Plan to book your table today!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### PHOTOS OF OUR SENIOR CITIZENS

- 1. Plan to sign up to have your photograph taken
- 2. You can choose your favorite:
  - a) Spot
  - b) Group of friends
  - c) Family members

Sign up today. &

## WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

#### Psalm 98:5-6

Sing to the LORD with the harp, With the harp and the sound of a psalm.

With trumpets and the sound of a horn; Shout joyfully before the LORD, the King.

- 1. Focus on God
  - a) As the LORD
  - b) As the King
- 2. Features of praising God
  - a) With the harp
  - b) With the trumpets
  - c) With the horns
- 3. Manner of praise
  - a) With Joy
  - b) With a psalm (content is the feature) 🕆

### THE CHARIOTS OF GOD

The divine chariots of God are real but invisible; Without eyes of faith, seeing them is impossible. The eyes of faith must be opened to be able to truly see, The chariots of God that belong to the Lord Almighty.

The chariots of God are so numerous they cannot be counted; The presence of the glorious LORO is not to be under-estimated. At Mount Sinai, God once made His holy Presence known; The children of Israel could not bear it and fearfully groaned.

The chariots of fire surround God's people to give them protection; There are wicked enemies who would bring harm and destruction. Fear may arise in the heart when we see so much evil all around; Hearts of faith help us remember that the chariots of God surround.

How wonderful to know that the Lord would be victorious; He will always lead in triumph and give great blessedness. Thank God for His matchless grace and wonderful mercy; Our hearts must surely rejoice in the Lord's fulness of glory!

Charles Tan Inspiration: Psalm 68:17-18; 2 Kings 6:16-17

## **BIBLE MEMORY WORK**

## TODAY: 9 JUNE 2019

#### Text: Psalm 95:2 Come before His Presence with thanksgiving

Let us come before His Presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

- 1. Entering into the Presence of God
  - a) To be done with thanksgiving in the heart
  - b) We have so many things to thank God for
- 2. Shout joyfully to the Lord
  - a) To express deep thanksgiving
  - b) Psalms were either read or sung

#### NEXT SUNDAY: 16 JUNE 2019

TEXT: PSALM 100:2 Come before His Presence with singing

> Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. ឋ

#### THEME: THE PRESENCE OF GOD

#### THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

## MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE √ 10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"The God Of Our Salvation" Psalm 68 <u>Chairman</u>

Student-Pastor Moses Kwek

Student-Pastor
Jonathan Jacob

<u>Speaker</u>

Rev Dr Charles Tan

<u>Pianist</u>

Dr Daniel Chia

Organist

Mrs Elsie Poey

<u>Interpreter</u>

Ms Tan Hwee Cheng

Chairman

Miss Germaine Kong

<u>Pianist</u>

Ms Edlyn Chong

<u>Speaker</u>

Rev Mark Tan

<u>Ushers</u>

Mr Ryan Quek Miss Shayna Walia

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

Joshua - "That they may know that as I was with Moses, so I will be with you..."

Joshua 3, 4

#### & CHILDREN'S CHURCH ← 10.30 AM

"Do You Believe?" Matthew 9:27-31 CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor Auditorium 3-1

<u>Speaker</u>

Intern-Pastor Benjamin Quah CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor Auditorium 4-1

<u>Speaker</u> Student-Pastor Eugene Seow

Chairman

Mr Goh Qing Yang

<u>Pianist</u>

Mr Gabriel Ou

Speaker Rev Mitchell Tan <u>Ushers</u> Deacon

Dr Tan Peng Hui Mr Allister Tham

"I Will Certainly Be with You" Exodus 2-6

Breakfast: Jacob

Fellowship Lunch: Berlinda and Tricia Cheong; Jacob

Evening Tea: Andy & Lydia

## **Bethany Church Activities**

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
WORSHIP SERVICES				
Morning Worship Service	Sun	10.30 am	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Children's Worship I (P1 – P3)			Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Children's Worship II (P4 – P6)			Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Teens' Worship Service			Auditorium 3-8	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Combined Evening-Bilingual		4.00pm	Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
SUNDAY SCHOOL				
Crèche	Sun	8.30am 10.30am	Green Turf	1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Beginners' Sunday School			Auditorium 2-1	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Junior Sunday School I			Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Junior Sunday School II			Auditorium 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Intermediate Sunday School			Auditorium 3-8	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School I			Fellowship Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School II			Main Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School III			Prayer Room 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School IV			Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Special Needs Ministry			Auditorium 4-7	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
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CHOIRS				
Singing Kakis	Thurs	8.00 pm	Auditorium 3-2	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
One Voice	Sat	5.00 pm	Auditorium 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Youth Choir	Sai	5.00 pm	Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Evergreens	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
BIBLE STUDY				
Church Bible Study	Tue	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Home Bible Study	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	3.00 pm	-	-
Mandarin Bible Study	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri	7.30 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
CATECHISM CLASS	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
PRAYER MEETING	Mon	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
FRATER MEETING	IVIOIT	6.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 11001
FELLOWSHIP GROUPS			T 100 100 100 100 100	T responses to the
Young People's Group I	1	3.00 pm	Auditorium 2-1	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Young People's Group II	Sat		Auditorium 3-8	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Young People's Group III			Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Young Adults' Group	<u> </u>		Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Young Married Group		2002020 200000	Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Adults' Ministry		4.00 pm	Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor

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#### MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9 June 2019 Order of Worship

#### **PREPARATION**

Pre-Worship Singing Pianist : Dr Daniel Chia

Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey

Come And Sing Item by the Junior Camp campers

Deep Inside My Heart

Prelude

Call to Worship Student-Pastor Moses Kwek

Student-Pastor Jonathan Jacob

Invocation

#### **PRAISE**

Hymns

Century Praise 23 Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart

HWC No. 270 Wonderful Words Of Life

HWC No. 312 To Be God's People

#### "PREACH THE WORD"

Message: "The God of our salvation"

Text: Psalm 68

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

#### **RESPONSE**

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 409 I Know Whom I Have Believed

**Prayerful Meditation** 

Benediction

Postlude

#### EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE 9 June 2019 Order of Worship

#### PREPARATION 预备

Pre-Worship Singing Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou

Song No. 1 野地的花

Prelude 前奏

Call to Worship 齐来称颂 Mr Goh Qing Yang

Interpreter: Mr Allister Tham

Invocation 祈祷

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns

Century Praise 218 Rejoice, The Lord Is King 乐哉,救主为王

Century Praise 308 Thanks To God For My Redeemer 感谢神

Century Praise 53 Great Is Thy Faithfulness 祢信实何广大

PRAYER 牧祷

"PREACH THE WORD" 证道

Message: "I will certainly be with you"

"我必与你同在"

Text: Exodus 2 - 6 出埃及记 2 - 6

Speaker: Rev Mitchell Tan

Interpreter: Deacon Dr Tan Peng Hui

**RESPONSE** 

Offering 奉献

Hymn

Century Praise 316 Have Faith In God 当信服神

**Prayerful Meditation** 

Benediction

Postlude



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God's Kind of Church... Where God is touching lives... And people care for people.

## PASTORAL LETTER

9 June 2019 Senior Pastor: Rev Dr Charles Tan

Dear Brethren,

#### THANK GOD FOR A GOOD JUNIOR CAMP

Thank God for another wonderful Junior Camp. The theme was "Keep your heart with all diligence." The following may be noted:

1. The Pastoral Team

Thank God for the younger members of the Pastoral Team. They have led the Junior Camp admirably.

- 2. The Camp Committee and the Sketch Team:
  - a) Efficient
  - b) Thorough
  - c) Diligent
  - d) Faithful
- 3. The Camp Cooks:
  - a) Exemplary
  - b) Hard-working
- 4. The Helpers (Pines 2)
  - a) Enthusiastic
  - b) Committed
  - c) Reliable
- 5. Sponsors
  - a) Thank God for their love for the Junior Camp ministry
  - b) Thank God for providing sufficiently

### **FOLLOW UP**

Let us continue to build our ministry to children. Let us continue to pray for the children that they might learn how to guard their hearts diligently.

Rrayerfully, Rastor Charlie

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