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Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

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MEDITATION

☞ REV DR CHARLES TAN ☞

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Text: Psalm 63

“TO SEE YOUR POWER AND GLORY”

A TERRIBLE MOMENT IN LIFE

There was a time when the Psalmist David fled to the wilderness of Judah to escape the plots of his enemies. The wilderness caused his soul to turn to the Lord.

*O God, You are my God;
Early will I seek You;
My soul thirsts for You;*

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MEDITATION

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*My flesh longs for You
In a dry and thirsty land
Where there is no water.
So I have looked for You in the sanctuary,
To see Your power and Your glory. Psalm 63:1-2*

1. The wilderness of Judah was in the background
 - a) It was well described
 - b) It was "a dry and thirsty land"
2. Parched
 - a) David felt parched and dry physically
 - b) He also felt dry and parched spiritually

SEEKING GOD EARNESTLY

David sought God earnestly. This was always the way he had learned to seek the Lord.

1. Three expressions that describe why David sought God earnestly
 - a) The word "early"
 - b) The phrase "thirsts for You"
 - c) The phrase "longs for You"
2. The dryness of the body and soul
 - a) It is natural for one who is thirsty to earnestly seek water to quench the thirst
 - b) It is natural for the soul to seek the Lord in times of dryness

WHAT WAS DAVID LOOKING FOR?

David sought the following things:

1. The LORD Himself
2. He sought the power of the Lord
3. He also sought the glory of the Lord

Both power and glory are closely tied to the Person of God. To understand God at all, we will also discover His power and His glory!

OUR CHALLENGE TODAY

We can easily appreciate what David experienced. We may not be in the same kind of danger, but we can appreciate the dryness of the soul. Let us seek the Lord earnestly. Let us seek His power and His glory too! ✠

Write to me at: charlestan@bethanyipc.sg

We are glad that you chose to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today! May your heart be lifted up through worship and fellowship! †

*Welcome
to Bethany IV*

GREETINGS FROM PASTOR CHARLES TAN

Pastor sends greetings from Perth. He will be returning to Singapore this evening. †

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm | Venue: Auditorium 4.07 | This is the penultimate class for the year! †

JURONG BIRD PARK OUTING ON 9 NOVEMBER 2019

Thank God for good weather. Many of the Seniors express deep appreciation for a well-planned event! (Other events are being planned by SSS 4 in 2020)!

YOUTH CONFERENCE

1-5 DECEMBER 2019 "BE READY TO GIVE A DEFENCE"

May the Lord bless all who attend the Youth Conference!

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings. †

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

SATURDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2019 | TIME: 4.00PM | PLAN TO SIGN UP TODAY! †

CHRISTMAS BAPTISMAL SERVICES

8 and 15 December 2019

Our hearts rejoice with all who are seeking baptism.

May the Lord continue lead and to bless! †

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

21 and 22 December 2019

Time: 8.00pm

May the Lord bless the Concert evenings!

CHRISTMAS AT SHANGRI LA

25 DECEMBER 2019

Plan to book your table
as soon as possible!

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 104:3-4

³ *He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters,
Who makes the clouds His chariot,
Who walks on the wings of the wind,*
⁴ *Who makes His angels spirits,
His ministers a flame of fire.*

1. The glory of God seen
 - a) In His creative power and genius
 - b) Imagery employed
 - i) The clouds are the chariots of God
 - ii) He walks on the wings of the wind!
2. The angels of God
 - a) They are mighty beings
 - b) Yet they are only His ministers (servants) †

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 17 NOVEMBER 2019

TEXT: PSALM 90:16 LET YOUR WORK AND YOUR GLORY APPEAR

Let Your work appear to Your servants, and Your glory to their children.

1. The work of the Lord
 - a) This is to be noted
 - b) This is to be appreciated
2. The glory of the Lord
 - a) It is closely related to His work
 - b) God has to give enlightenment or we may not be able to appreciate it
3. Hence the prayer of the Psalmist Moses
 - a) God's works were so mighty and obvious
 - b) Yet, so many were not able to appreciate the glory of the Lord revealed

NEXT SUNDAY: 24 NOVEMBER 2019

PSALM 248 WHO IS THIS KING OF GLORY?

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. †

POEM # 1

SEEKING THE POWER AND GLORY OF GOD

There may be times in our life when we feel drained of power;
Dryness of the soul is felt, and weariness is experienced every hour.
The eyes look around and there is nothing that would bring relief;
The circumstances of life only bring further pain and deeper grief.

What would be the most important thing to do in such a circumstance?
The soul must seek the LORD earnestly, and that is of great importance.
The desire to find refreshing grace and strength must provide motivation;
In the LORD our God, there is hope for full and complete restoration.

The soul has perhaps experienced the mighty power of God;
There is truly no one like our wonderful and great LORD!
The search for the power and glory of God must be ceaseless;
Until we find grace to recover from dryness and weakness!
The lovingkindness of the LORD must urge us to press on;
Our gracious God will not let us remain wretched and forlorn.
He will hear our cry for help and come to our rescue;
He will prove Himself as our God who is loving and true!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Psalm 63:1-3 †

POEM # 2

God's Glory in that Simple Morning

Yet another early morning, sleep stirred, aching heart,
A heart wounded, a heart challenged, seeking a good morning start.
I step out onto the path to feel the early morning calm,
Moisture upon my skin, the fresh dewy mist soothes as balm.

Taking a deep breath, I catch the essence of a flower's scent,
Stridulating crickets and rustling leaves orchestrate an event!
On my left and on my right, light in the houses coming on,
Much activity for the new start with hope for the day to build upon.

And so, starts another morning, another day, another routine,
But wait! With heightened awareness, my senses convene!
Looking upon the hill, in anticipation, I start to climb,
Staring at dawn peaking, splash of colours, image sublime!

My senses perceive God's glory, abundance in creations!
Of Him, through Him and to Him are all manifestations!
Thus, this simple morning brings a tremendous awakening,
God's glory humbly experienced, a faith held fast, worth strengthening!

This simple morning brings forth a reminder so precious and dear,
Through this glory, God's eternal gift and assurance, so fled the fear!
Through this glory, my senses bring forth a sphere of peace,
Within this sphere, hope prevails, a trust in Him that will not cease!

Dr. Tan Kok Yang

Inspiration: Romans 11:36, John 1:3, Psalm 19:1, Psalm 121:1-2 ✠

POEM # 3

The purpose of God revealing His glory

The glory of God is hard to define,
We try to grasp it, we apply our minds.
The question for us to consider is this:
Why does God even reveal this glory of His?

The children of Israel trembled at Mount Sinai,
When God revealed His glory from on high.
He descended upon the mountain, it was completely in smoke,
And there, with His servant Moses, He spoke.

The Ten Commandments were given, the law of God.
God's purpose was to test, if they would obey Him, or not.
His glory was revealed, not just as a spectacle,
But for them to revere Him, the true God incomparable.

Today if we catch a glimpse of His glory,
In creation, His Word, or His presence felt keenly,
Let us respond, and choose to obey,
Let us order our lives, and walk in God's ways.

Alvin Foo
Inspiration: Exo.19-20 †

POEM # 4

THE GLORY OF THE LORD

The glory of the Lord is a profound theme to comprehend,
What we struggle to define, we find it hard to understand.
How should we attempt to catch a glimpse of the Lord's glory?
We must learn to employ all our senses, though it is not easy.

Israel saw the ten plagues as God rescued them from slavery,
And the moving pillar of cloud which shielded them wonderfully.
Israel heard the Egyptians being swept by the Lord into the sea,
They also tasted sweet waters and manna provided graciously.

Appreciating His glory requires more than our physical senses,
The heart must be impacted by these life-changing experiences.
There is another sense we must use and that is the spiritual one,
He must awaken our spirit to see His glory through what He had done.

It takes humility to seek the Lord for the gift of spiritual perception,
It takes faith to see that having it will bring to the soul jubilation.
The heart is moved to pray as we enter the Christmas season,
That He may reveal His glory and cause us to be enlightened.

Yvette Seow
Inspiration: Exodus 14:31 †

POEM # 5

The Great "I AM"

God was there before the beginning:
There was nothing before then.
He is "the Alpha and the Omega";
He is "the Beginning and the End".

God is Eternal and Infinite:
Perhaps a concept mind-boggling to men.
He is the great "I AM WHO I AM";
No need to explain or to defend.

God is the Creator:
The universe and all reality are in His plan.
God's standards are faultless;
His designs perfect and grand.

God's immeasurable greatness and His divine intents:
They are way beyond our ability to comprehend.
I ask myself how glorious is it then?
That He is even mindful of Man!

Dr. Sng Li Wah

Inspiration: Genesis 1:1-28; Exodus 3:14; Psalm 8:3-4; Revelation 1:8 †

POEM # 6

The Glory of God

The Glory of God shines in our midst
Roses in bloom, lusciously red with wafts of sweet bouquet
Squawking green parrots perch on rambutan trees, getting their fix
The heart is warmed, overflows with joy at His captivating displays

Bursting with jubilation and marvelling at the universe He oversees
Staring at the vast horizon where the ocean seemingly meets the sky
Humbled by His power in controlling the winds on open sea
Safe and secure in His arms despite being tossed high

The Glory of God is in the splendour of His Grace
His magnanimity towards us extends beyond the infinite range
Sacrificing His only begotten Son for our sins to face
Unworthy souls to save, asking only for our love and faith in exchange

The Lord, our God is immaculate, pure and divine
Yet He keeps His covenant with the flawed
What a precious privilege that is yours and mine
So whatever we do, let us do it for the Glory of God

Jessie Quek
Inspiration, Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 10:31 †

THEME : THE GLORY OF THE LORD

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY
"Show me Your glory"
Exodus 33

Chairmen

Student-Pastor
Moses Kwek
Student-Pastor
Jonathan Jacob

Pianist

Dr Daniel Chia

Organist

Mrs Kathy Lai

Speaker

Rev Mark Tan

Interpreter

Mr Alex Tan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

CHILDREN'S CHURCH
10.30 AM

"Parable of the talents"
Matthew 25:14-30

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Miss Camille George

Speaker

Student-Pastor
Eugene Seow

**EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

**NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Breakfast: Thaddeus Heng; Kriston Teo
Fellowship Lunch: Eugene, Yvette & Daniel Seow; George & Ruby

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	
Evening-Bilingual Worship Service		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 4-1	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 4-3	4 th floor
Senior Sunday School IV			Fellowship Hall	1 st 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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COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE
17 November 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Dr Daniel Chia
Organist : Mrs Kathy Lai

VIP No. 479

His Eye Is On The Sparrow

Prelude

Call to Worship

Student-Pastor Moses Kwek
Student-Pastor Jonathan Jacob

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 6

How Great Thou Art

Century Praise 289

And Can It Be That I Should Gain?

Century Praise 462

They'll Know We Are Christians

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “Show me Your glory”

Text : Exodus 33

Speaker: Rev Mark Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 297

Wonderful Grace Of Jesus

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

17 NOVEMBER 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

A PRAYER FOR THE GLORY OF GOD TO BE EXALTED

Psalm 57 was a prayer of King David. He made a prayer to God which he repeated.

*Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
Let Your glory be above all the earth. Psalm 57:5, 11*

1. What was the context in which David wrote?

- a) He mentioned "calamities" Ps. 57:1d
- b) He wrote about enemies who would swallow him up Ps. 57:3b
- c) He felt he was "among lions" Ps. 57:4a
- d) He was amidst people who were "set on fire" Ps. 57:4b
- e) These were warlike people
 - i) Their teeth were like spears and arrows
 - ii) Their tongue as like a sharp sword Ps. 57:4c
- f) They had prepared nets to trap David Ps. 57:6a
- g) They had dug a pit in hope that David would fall in Ps. 57:6c

2. David's prayer was amazingly deep

- a) He knew that his personal glory came from the Lord God
- b) When he was in such dire straits, God's glory was also brought down
- c) He pleaded that God would shelter him under His wings Ps. 57:1
- d) He prayed that God's glory would be exalted above all the earth
- e) This would happen when God gave him protection
- f) This would occur when God delivered him

Let us ever pray that God's glory be exalted above the earth in His deliverance!

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*