

BETHANY

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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: Isaiah 11

DELIGHTING IN THE FEAR OF THE LORD

A GLORIOUS EXAMPLE

The example of the practice of the Fear of the LORD is found in the Lord Jesus Christ. He found the Fear of the LORD an actual delight.

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*³ His delight is in the fear of the LORD,
And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes,
Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;*

*⁴ But with righteousness He shall judge the poor,
And decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth,
And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.*

*⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins,
And faithfulness the belt of His waist. Isaiah 11:3-5*

HOW DOES ONE DELIGHT IN THE FEAR OF THE LORD?

The following thoughts are worth considering prayerfully.

1. Where there is a close relationship with the Father
 - a) There was a unique relationship between Father and Son
 - b) There was a deep bond of love and understanding
2. Where there is a wonderful filling of the Holy Spirit
 - a) The ministry of the Holy Spirit is vital
 - b) He will fill both heart and mind gloriously

THE RAMIFICATIONS OF PRACTISING THE FEAR OF THE LORD

The ramifications are wonderful to note:

1. Judgment
 - a) The Lord Jesus would not judge superficially
 - b) He would not merely use:
 - i) His eyes
 - ii) His ears

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- c) He would be in close consultation with His Father in prayer
- d) The Spirit of God would be there to give Him aid

2. Righteousness

- a) The Fear of the Lord would produce true righteousness
- b) It would then become:
 - i) The belt that He wears
 - ii) It becomes faithfulness in His life and ministry

THE CHALLENGE TO CULTIVATE THE FEAR OF THE LORD

This is our challenge as we progress into 2020.

1. The Lord's Part

- a) To Create this Fear of the LORD in our heart
- b) To Concretize this Fear in our heart and mind

2. Our Part

- a) To Comprehend His commandments and to obey them
- b) To Continue to cultivate the Fear of the LORD in our life

Let us make the Fear of the LORD a very real and definite part of our life and ministry in 2020.

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 uplifted through worship and fellowship!

*Welcome
to Bethany TV*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00 pm | Venue: Auditorium 4.07



PREMARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 13 January 2020 | Time: 7.00pm

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 13 January 2020 | Time: 8.00pm

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 14 January 2020 | Time: 8.00pm



MISSIONS MINISTRY

Pastor Charles Tan ministers in Bethel IPC this week.
He will be away from 13-19 January 2020.



LUNAR NEW YEAR OPEN HOUSE

Venue: 1 Gerald Crescent | Time: 9.00am- 4.00pm

The 1st Day of the Lunar New Year falls on Saturday this year. Because the next day is Sunday, the Open House concludes at 4.00pm.



COMBINED WORSHIP

26 January 2020

This is the 2nd Day of the Lunar New Year.
There will be no Fellowship Lunch on this Sunday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LUNAR NEW YEAR SPECIAL

Date: 1 February 2020 | Time: 4.00pm

Please sign up. Please indicate if you are 65 and above.



ACM ON 23 FEBRUARY 2020

We will be having a Combined Service on that Sunday.

ACM will commence at 1.00pm.

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION AS SESSION MEMBERS (At the ACM)

1. Men

- a) Rev. Dr. Charles Tan
- b) Rev. Mark Tan
- c) Rev. Mitchell Tan
- d) George Thomas
- e) Dr. Daniel Chia
- f) Dr. K.C. Tang
- g) Milton Ong
- h) Dr. Quek Li Wei

2. Ladies

- a) Ng Lay Eng
- b) Geraldine Lee
- c) Tan Li Hong
- d) Dr. Jane Tan
- e) Tan Hong Suen

All of them have a deep sense of love for the Lord and for Bethany.
Thank God for this Team of candidates for election as Session Members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORS BEN AND BEN

They will attend all Session Members, as Ex Officio members. They will not stand for Election as Session Members so that we will not have an imbalance in the ratio of Church Pastors and Session Members.



CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

15-20 March 2020

Theme: "O LORD, You are my God"

Please register as soon as possible. This will help the Planning Committee facilitate the organization of the Camp.



CHURCH SECURITY CAMERAS

We have installed a new security camera system in Church. The old system had to be replaced with a new one. The new security system has been successfully installed. Special thanks to Mr. KK Chong for his invaluable help in the installation of the new system.

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 104:29-30

²⁹You hide Your face, they are troubled;
You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

³⁰You send forth Your Spirit, they are created;
And You renew the face of the earth.

1. If God were to hide His face
All creatures would be troubled
2. If God were to take away the breath of life
Death would ensue
3. If God were to send forth His Spirit
 - a) He would create new things
 - b) Then regeneration would take place too
4. Let us fear the Lord
 - a) As Creator
 - b) As Sustainer of life

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 12 January 2020

Text: Psalm 5:7 In fear of You I will worship

*But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy;
In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple.*

1. Fear of the Lord

This was carefully practised

2. Fear of the Lord and Worship

This sense of reverence was applied to worship, as it should.

3. The sense of regard for the Lord was enhanced by an appreciation of the mercy of God experienced.

NEXT SUNDAY: 19 January 2020

Text: Psalm 19:9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever

The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;

The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

POETRY CORNER

#1

DELIGHT IN THE FEAR OF THE LORD

Jesus teaches us how to practise the fear of God;
It involves a deep relationship with the LORD.
There is tender love for One who is called “Father;”
And true harmony is sought with each other.

The fear of the LORD is a special creation;
The Spirit of God is involved in the generation.
He gives wisdom and wonderful understanding;
The heart responds with affectionate trembling.

The fear of the LORD becomes pure delight;
There is discovered great spiritual insight.
There is joy in this glorious relationship;
There is great and wondrous fellowship.

Let us be challenged to cultivate this reverence;
It would be of such great and vital importance.
There would be a delight that is deep and sound;
The Presence of the Lord and His blessings abound.

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Isaiah 11:1-5

POETRY CORNER

#2

The Fear of God

We have many fears and phobias which dwell deep within;
These can prove all consuming, even our lives to ruin!
Fear also makes us preoccupied with ourselves to the core;
It blinds us to the plight of others and their needs to ignore.

But fear of the judgement of God is prudent;
Since it jolts us out of living in sin and indifference.
Yet it is not a servile fear with which we need to grapple;
For we know God is faithful to forgive, and His love is forever.

The fear of God is not about harm or vengeance;
It is borne out of love for God and reverence.
It comes from the realization of who He is and what He stands for;
It grows as trust increases and Him, we honorably adore.

Let us therefore fear God because we love Him;
Walk according to His ways and obey Him.
Amidst all our earthly ambitions and our life goals;
May we prioritize service to God with all our hearts and our souls.

Dr. Sng Li Wah

Inspiration: Psalm 130:3-4; Deuteronomy 10:12-13

POETRY CORNER

#3

THAT YOU MAY GROW THEREBY

What should be our focus as we begin a new year?
The Apostle Peter offers a challenge, vital and clear.
He urges all believers to pursue growth purposefully,
Just as newborn babes want to feed most naturally!

Peter used a special word to express this “desire”,
It conveys a strong longing within a believer.
It is to yearn for that which is good spiritually,
It includes all things noble, pure and lovely.

There are many areas of spiritual growth to consider,
Our understanding of His Word should grow deeper.
Our faith in Him and love for Him should be stronger,
We should cultivate good conduct and character.

If indeed we have tasted the Lord is gracious in life,
We will pursue growth with great passion and drive.
Growth will be evident if we are God’s living stones,
May we always seek for new spiritual milestones!

Yvette Seow

Inspiration: 1 Peter 2:2

POETRY CORNER

#4

Seek His Strength

Seek His strength in the new year ahead,
'Tis a call to depend on our Lord God so great;
We can draw strength from Him every single day,
We can trust Him to lead and to guide our ways!

Seek His strength when our own strength runs dry,
Seek the Lord our God; to Him we shall cry
In prayer to plead for His grace to be given to us;
For might that will sustain, power that will last.

Seek His strength for we know that He is good,
Look to Him for inspiration regardless our mood;
Seek His face and seek to know Him more and more,
For He gives us inner strength right down to the core!

Seek His strength and draw courage from Him
To combat our fears daily, to fight off our sins,
And deal with challenges be they big or small;
We can learn to place our trust in God our all in all!

Seek His strength for it is perfect for us,
Beyond all other sources, we shall see it last.
Seek His strength in the new year ahead,
Find confidence in our Lord God so great!

Tang Hong Wee

Thoughts taken from 1 Chronicles 16:11

POETRY CORNER

#5

Seeking the Fear of God

The fear of God is what He requires,
To obey Him fully, not only in part.
Therefore to this I must aspire:
To hold Him in highest regard.

To fear God cannot just be in theory,
It's something that must be real.
I must see more and more that God is holy,
A strong aversion to sin I must feel.

God by no means clears the guilty,
But through Jesus we can seek atonement.
Sin will cause harm inevitably,
Its effects can last generations.

Search me, O God, help me see my sin,
The iniquity in the heart that is there.
O Lord, may You cleanse me from within,
May I fear You, this is my prayer.

Alvin Foo

Inspiration: Deut. 10:12-13, Exo. 34:6-7, Psalm 139:23-24

POETRY CORNER

#6

Always fear The Lord

God is love. He is a merciful and loving God;
So why do we need to be fearful of Him?
Isn't a relationship based on love and fear incongruent and odd?
Yet, The Lord creates in us, a sense of fear of Him.

I believe that The Lord knows His children well;
We are prone to waywardness unless clearly shown.
The boundaries of our life within which we should dwell;
When we step out of line, God's wrath will certainly be made known.

Let us learn to always fear The Lord;
To obey and abide by His statutes and law;
Fear drives us to the goodness and mercy of God;
To have fruitful days in this world despite our flaws.

Hence, fear of God is the beginning of knowledge and wisdom;
Knowledge of The Almighty who can destroy body and soul.
Wisdom to obey The Lord and seek His kingdom;
To walk in His path, His righteousness and glory to extol!

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Deuteronomy 4, 5, 6

THEME : THE FEAR OF THE LORD

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

10.30AM | CHURCH SANCTUARY

“Feared God and shunned evil” Job 1

Chairmen

Student-Pastor Eugene Seow
Student-Pastor Moses Kwek

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Organist

Mrs Elsie Poey

Pianist

Mrs Esther Ang

Interpreter

Ms Tan Hwee Cheng

TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

10.30AM | 3RD FLOOR AUDITORIUM (3-8)

“Fearing the Lord” Deuteronomy 10

Chairman

Mr Jerry Chan

Speaker

Mr Lai Chung Han

Ushers

Ms Lin Wenyuan
Ms Germaine Kong

Pianist

Ms Ho Lianya

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

10.30AM

“You are my Beloved Son” Luke 2:21-22

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Rev Benjamin Chong

Speaker

Student-Pastor Jonathan Jacob

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

4.00PM | 4TH FLOOR AUDITORIUM (4-7 & 4-8)

“In Fear of You I will worship” Psalm 5

Chairmen

Mr Goh Qing Yang
Mr Jonas Tan

Speaker

Rev Mark Tan

Pianist

Mr Gabriel Ou

Interpreter

Deacon Dr Tan Peng Hui

Breakfast: '03 Batch

Fellowship Lunch: Joel & Yuwen; Janssen & Annie

Evening Tea: Mark & Chen Kee

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		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			Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
Senior Sunday School IV. II			Auditorium 2M	2 nd 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
12 January 2020
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang
Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey

Century Praise 89

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Prelude

Call to Worship

Student-Pastor Eugene Seow
Student-Pastor Moses Kwek

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 51

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Century Praise 422

God of Grace and God of Glory

Century Praise 339

Higher Ground

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “Feared God and shunned evil”

Text : Job 1

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 316

Have Faith in God

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE
12 January 2020
Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou

Century Praise 2

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee 快乐颂

Prelude 前奏

Call to Worship 齐来称颂

Mr Goh Qing Yang

Mr Jonas Tan

Interpreter : Mr Kevin Low

Invocation 祈祷

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns

Century Praise 314

We Gather Together 虔诚聚集

Century Praise 53

Great Is Thy Faithfulness 你信实何广大

VIP No. 418

In His Presence 有主同在

PRAYER 牧祷

“PREACH THE WORD” 证道

Message: “In Fear of You I will Worship”
“我必存敬畏你的心向你的圣殿下拜”

Text : Psalm 5 诗篇 5

Speaker: Rev Mark Tan
Interpreter : Deacon Dr Tan Peng Hui

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献

Hymn

Century Praise 57

Worthy of Worship 神配受崇拜

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

12 JANUARY 2020

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

SEEKING THE LORD 1 Chronicles 16:11

There were reasons why David wrote to encourage all to seek the Lord. This was a truth that was painfully learned. He determined that others would not make the same mistake he did.

1. When David failed to seek the Lord

- a) He had tried to bring the Ark of the covenant into Jerusalem
- b) He did not seek the Lord nor the Scriptures as to how the Ark was to be brought in
- c) He got a new cart made and put the Ark on the cart
- d) The oxen stumbled and one of his men, Uzza touched the ark
- e) He died because he touched the holy Ark of the covenant (1 Chronicles 13)
- f) David was both alarmed and angry at this turn of event
- g) He did not know how to proceed from there (for a while)

2. David then consulted with the priests

- a) The priests pointed him to the Scriptures
- b) David realized his error of not seeking the Lord
- c) The next attempt to bring the Ark of the covenant was successful

3. The principle of seeking the Lord established

- a) David followed this principle carefully
- b) He sought the LORD's face with all his heart (Cf. Psalm 27:8)
- c) He sought the Lord's strength and found it wonderfully

A SPECIAL CHALLENGE FOR 2020

Let us be challenged to seek the Lord's face consciously. Let us find the strength that we will need to meet all the challenges of life and ministry. How wonderful it would be to seek the Lord and find His blessing of strength.

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*