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Where God is touching lives...

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MEDITATION

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Text: Psalm 65

**"PRAISE IS AWAITING YOU,
O GOD"**

PRAISE TO THE LORD

It is appropriate that we should give praise to the Lord. The Psalmist extends the idea of praise in this Psalm.

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¹ Praise is awaiting You, O God, in Zion;
And to You the vow shall be performed.

² O You who hear prayer,
To You all flesh will come.

¹¹ You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip *with* abundance.

¹² They drop *on* the pastures of the wilderness,
And the little hills rejoice on every side.

¹³ The pastures are clothed with flocks;
The valleys also are covered with grain;
They shout for joy, they also sing. Psalm 65:1-2, 11-13

1. The example of how nature responds to the LORD

a) Nature "shouts for joy"

b) It is able to "sing" to God

2. Some reasons for this sense of joyful singing

a) The Lord crowns the year with His goodness

b) God's paths drip with abundance

c) Everything is blessed obviously

i) Pastures

ii) Hills

iii) Valleys

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iv) Flocks

v) Grain

TAKING A LEAF FROM NATURE

The Psalmist decided that he would learn from nature and its response!

1. Praise

a) Spontaneous praise

b) Consequential praise

2. The new element

a) Planned praise

b) Praise to await the LORD's visit at the place of worship (Zion)

3. A fresh sense of appreciation

a) Of a God who answers prayer

b) Of a God who has greatly blessed

CONCLUSION

It is right that all vows made to the LORD be honoured and kept! Let us truly tell the LORD that praise awaits Him in our Church always!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today! May your heart be blessed through worship and fellowship! May this blessing be extended to all who offer worship at home too!



VIRTUAL ACM

23 August 2020

Time: 11.15am

1. Let us pray for the Lord's blessings
2. Let us participate in the ACM
 - a) In thanksgiving
 - b) In praise
 - c) In gratitude

May the LORD bless!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Heartfelt congratulations to Ping Khuan and Rachel on the wedding on 15 August 2020. May the Lord continue to lead and to bless!



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 115:16-18

¹⁶ The heaven, *even* the heavens, *are* the LORD's;
But the earth He has given to the children of men.

¹⁷ The dead do not praise the LORD,
Nor any who go down into silence.

¹⁸ But we will bless the LORD
From this time forth and forevermore.
Praise the LORD!

1. The heavens

a) They belong to the LORD indeed!

b) Man can never conquer space!

2. The earth

a) It has been graciously given to mankind

b) But Man must look after the earth

3. The dead

a) They cannot praise the LORD

b) This is stating the obvious, but for good reason!

4. The living

a) They should praise the LORD

b) They should bless His name forevermore

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 16 August 2020

*Text: Psalm 104:1 O LORD, my God, You are very great
Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD my God, You are very great:
You are clothed with honour and majesty,*

1. A call to bless the LORD
 - a) A personal challenge
 - b) A reminder to the soul to always bless the LORD
2. A call to remember who God is
 - a) He is very great
 - b) He is clothed with honour and majesty

NEXT SUNDAY: 23 August 2020

*Text: Psalm 134:1 Behold, bless the LORD
Behold, bless the LORD,
All you servants of the LORD,
Who by night stand in the house of the LORD!*

POETRY CORNER

1

PRAISE IS AWAITING YOU!

It is right that we should offer praise;
We are the recipients of so much grace!
All too often, we take blessings for granted;
And the praise of God is sadly neglected.

It is wise to learn from nature's response;
The living plants sing in correspondence.
Hills and valleys come alive in recognition;
God has blessed and has given provision.

Our hearts must recognize God's blessings;
Our souls must offer prayers of thanksgiving.
Praise ought to be given spontaneously;
Happy songs of joy must arise gratefully.

The element of praise may have an extension;
Songs of praise can be planned with affection.
The LORD's name must be praised at all times;
The dead would not be able to offer a chime!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Psalm 65:1-2, 11-13

POETRY CORNER

2

I WILL BLESS THE LORD AT ALL TIMES

In life, we will encounter troubles,
We may feel lost amidst the struggles.
We are not alone and we can seek God,
Our cries would be heard by the LORD.

In prayer, the heart is greatly encouraged,
It is no longer fearful and there is courage.
There is assurance of the LORD's presence,
Those who fear Him will find deliverance!

Truly, the LORD is so good and wonderful,
We can trust Him fully because He is faithful.
We can look to Him and wait for His goodness,
He will answer the prayers of the righteous!

Our response is to bless the LORD always,
To find good words that give Him high praise.
May we magnify Him as He alone deserves!
May we exalt His name without reserve!

Yvette Seow
Inspiration: Psalm 34

POETRY CORNER

3

Praise the Lord

To bless the Lord is to sing high praises of Him
None of the cursory, perfunctory thanksgiving prayer routine
After which we forget and relegate Him to the background
Thoughts of our Lord must in our minds abound

Praise the Lord from the very depth of our souls
Every cell in the body must sing and resonate as a whole
To bless the Lord, honour and exalt Him for His grace
He has taken care of all despite our stiff-necked ways

Our heart, body, mind and soul must seek to praise Him
The Lord deserves a veneration of deep reverence, not based on our whims
He is a loving Father who is all knowing, especially of our deficiencies
That He graciously forgives our waywardness and iniquities

We must cry out to all to bless the Lord
Even to the angels, hosts and ministers of God
Worship the Lord and cultivate a deep devotion forever more
Like the depth of the ocean from its surface down to its floor

Jessie Quek
Inspiration: Psalm 103

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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