

# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*God's Kind of Church...*

*Where God is touching lives...*

*And people care for people.*

*Bethany IV ... 21 February 2021*

## MEDITATION

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**Text: Deuteronomy 33**

## **“THE GOD OF JESHURUN”**

**THERE IS NO ONE LIKE THE GOD OF  
JESHURUN**

This was a testimony that Moses wrote about the LORD. He had served God for forty years and he had seen the mighty miracles performed before his eyes!

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# MEDITATION

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*There is no one like the God of Jeshurun,  
Who rides the heavens to help you,  
And in His excellency on the clouds.*  
Deuteronomy 33:26

1. The word "Jeshurun"
  - a) This was an affectionate term for Israel
  - b) The root word comes from "Jasher"
    - i) Righteous
    - ii) Upright
  - c) Israel was described as a righteous nation
2. The God of Jeshurun
  - a) God was the One who had given Israel a covenant
  - b) In this covenant, He would be the God of Israel
  - c) He would do everything in His power to fulfil what He had promised

## GOD'S CARE FOR ISRAEL

The young nation needed all the help it could get. God's help would be absolutely necessary.

1. A beautiful expression

"Who rides the heavens to help you  
And in His excellency on the clouds"

  - a) This is a beautiful description that combines two ideas

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# MEDITATION

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i) The heavens

ii) The clouds

b) Should Israel ever need divine help  
God would respond swiftly though He is in heaven

2. The clouds are found in the sky

a) Riding the heavens

i) It means, riding the clouds

ii) The clouds represent heaven

b) Excellency of the clouds

i) Heaven is meant here

ii) There is a deliberate play on words in this text

3. The significance of this phrase

a) God will come from heaven to offer help

b) He will ride on the clouds to reach earth swiftly to help His people

## A FRESH APPRECIATION OF GOD

Let us seek to have a deeper expression of the Lord! Thank God that He is faithful and He will always look after His children and attend to their needs!

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **WELCOME TO BETHANY**

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today. May your heart be uplifted and refreshed through worship!



### **SPECIAL CATECHISM CLASS**

Saturday, 27 February 2021

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Main Sanctuary



### **YOUTH WORSHIP**

Saturday, 27 February 2021

Time: 3.00pm

Venue: Main Sanctuary



### **VIRTUAL ACM: BIPC AND BTS**

Next Sunday, 28 February 2021

Time: 11.30am

1. This being a virtual ACM,  
Members are required to log in
2. We will need to have a quorum to hold this Virtual ACM
3. Please plan to attend the Virtual ACM

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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4. There are many things to thank God for as we meet virtually:

- a) God's protection
- b) God's provision
- c) God's presence



## ***CONGRATULATIONS!***

Heartfelt congratulations to Su An and Sam Tham on the occasion of their wedding on 20 February 2021! May there always be rejoicing in the Lord!



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# WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

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## Psalm 119:31-32

*<sup>31</sup> I cling to Your testimonies;  
O LORD, do not put me to shame!  
<sup>32</sup> I will run the course of Your commandments,  
For You shall enlarge my heart.*

### 1. Aspiration of the Psalmist

- a) To cling to God's testimonies
- b) To run the course of God's commandments

### 2. Appeal of the Psalmist

- a) That he would not be put to shame
- b) That God would enlarge His heart

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# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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**TODAY: 21 February 2021**

***Hosea 2:19 “In lovingkindness and mercy”***

*I will betroth you to Me forever;*

*Yes, I will betroth you to Me*

*In righteousness and justice,*

*In lovingkindness and mercy;*

1. God’s relation with His people likened to a betrothal

a) It is a relationship that will last forever

b) It is a relationship to be deeply treasured

2. His promises to His betrothed people

a) He will show four things in particular

b) These are spelt out as:

i) Righteousness

ii) Justice

iii) Lovingkindness

iv) Mercy

**NEXT SUNDAY: 28 February 2021**

***Psalms 36:10 “Continue Your lovingkindness”***

*Oh, continue Your lovingkindness to those who know You,*

*And Your righteousness to the upright in heart.*

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 1

## NO ONE LIKE THE GOD OF JESHURUN

There is no one like the God of Israel indeed;  
He will attend to the nation's every need.  
"Jeshurun" is a name used to express affection;  
The LORD will give to His people His attention.

He accords to His people righteousness;  
He will show them His faithfulness.  
He has always given them protection;  
He will always see to their provision.

If ever His people are in need;  
He will attend to them with speed.  
He would ride the clouds of heaven;  
He is truly the nation's Fountain.

The God of Jeshurun is full of glory;  
To His people, He will grant mercy.  
Heaven may seem very far away;  
Faith in God will dispel any dismay!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Deuteronomy 33:26



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# POETRY CORNER

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# 2

## Children of Light

Darkness implies mystery and conjures up fear;  
It signifies evil, ignorance, and a hopelessness severe.  
But light is that which illuminates, enlightens and gives hope to man;  
Only light can drive away darkness, which nothing else can.

The sun and stars are sources from which light shines;  
But God, our Creator, is the ultimate Light Divine.  
If we allowed the Scriptures to teach us, we will find;  
That God, the Eternal Light, is merciful, faithful, righteous and kind.

The Lord Jesus expounds He is the light of the world we need;  
That whosoever follows Him will have the light of life indeed!  
Our challenge is to internalize this light which He gives;  
So that others too, may be illumined by virtue of the way we live.

The fact is we were all part of the darkness before;  
The tendency to revert to it we cannot ignore.  
But may we refrain from pandering to sin and festering in our plight;  
May we pray for God to help us walk as children of light!

Dr. Sng Li Wah  
Inspiration: Psalms 36:5-9;  
John 8:12; Ephesians 5:8

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 3

## **The Eternal Light**

The Lord is the eternal and everlasting light;  
It is only in His light that we can see the truth;  
Of man's need for salvation from God which is his plight,  
Blind to His lovingkindness and mercy, somewhat obtuse.

In His Light man can behold His various works;  
His beautiful creations especially of life around us, manifest;  
When He shines light into our heart darkness disappears;  
We are enlightened to see His glory in the face of Christ.

May He continually shine and illuminate our souls!  
That we can see ourselves and understand His will for us;  
Let His light show the way to His path as our goal;  
To follow Him fully and obediently in trust.

Open our hearts to infuse ourselves in God's light,  
To see and live in the eternal light is to have Christ in us.  
Darkness will not prevail as we will be given the gift of sight;  
We will have light of life for the light of the world is Jesus.

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Psalm 36, John 8:12

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 4

## IN YOUR LIGHT WE SEE LIGHT

God is Creator, full of power and might,  
In the beginning, He had created light.  
God is the Light, eternal and constant,  
He provides light and is ever present.

God reveals Himself through His Word,  
He sheds His light as His Word is heard.  
He enlightens us to understand the Scriptures,  
It has great value and must be our treasure.

God sent the Lord Jesus to be the true Light,  
Jesus opens blind eyes and gives spiritual sight.  
He helps us see our sins and unrighteousness,  
With Him alone is eternal hope and gladness!

Light from the Lord is meant to enter within,  
We will then see Him and find help to overcome sin.  
May we always seek the Lord for spiritual sight!  
May we learn to walk worthy as children of light!

Yvette Seow

Inspiration: Psalm 36:9

# 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
Evening-Bilingual Worship		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		8.30am	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			Fellowship Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School IV. II			Auditorium 2M	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Special Needs Ministry			Auditorium 4-7	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
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		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
FELLOWSHIP GROUPS				
Young People's Group I	Sat	3.00 pm	Auditorium 2-1	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Young People's Group II			Auditorium 3-8	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Young People's Group III			Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Young Adults' Group			Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Young Married Group			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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