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MEDITATION

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Text: Psalm 119:41-48

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“I WILL MEDITATE ON YOUR STATUTES”

THE TESTIMONY OF THE PSALMIST

The Psalmist who wrote Psalm 119 preferred anonymity. In this skilfully-written Psalm, he shares openly why he meditated on the Lord's word.

1. It began with a Discovery of the value of God's word

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- a) There was a time when the Lord's word was not a part of his life (Ps. 119:1-8)
 - b) Then came a Commencement of his journey of life where he meditated on the Lord's word (Ps. 119:15)
 - c) He Discovered that the word had Cleansing power (Ps. 119:9)
2. He Determined that he would Delight in God's word
- a) This was clearly expressed as a Desire (Ps. 119:16)
 - b) This was expressed again (Ps. 119:47)

THINGS DISCOVERED ALONG THE WAY

There were a number of things that were discovered that motivated the Psalmist further to meditate on the Lord's word.

1. This is a short list of things from Psalm 119:41-48
 - a) The mercies of God
 - b) The salvation that He gives
 - c) Hope was also found
 - d) There was a sense of exhilaration when he discovered "liberty"
2. A significant response to all the lessons learned
 - a) The Psalmist learned to love the Lord's word
 - b) This love grew further as he meditated

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“And I will delight myself in Your commandments which I love”
Psalm 119:47

MEDITATION BECAUSE OF A LOVE FOR GOD’S WORD

The Psalmist concluded this stanza (Psalm 119:41-48) with this declaration.

My hands also I will lift up
To Your commandments which I love,
And I will meditate on Your statutes. Psalm 119:48

1. The lifting up of the hands
 - a) A symbol of prayer
 - b) It could represent
 - i) Petition (supplication)
 - ii) Praise
2. The Commandments of God
 - a) There was now a real love for God’s word
 - b) True delight is found in the knowledge of the law
3. Meditation on God’s statutes
 - a) This was discovered Ps. 119:15
 - b) It was then developed Ps. 119:23, 27
 - c) There came delight Psalm 119:47

These things helped the Psalmist cultivate a great love for the word of God!

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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 the Lord bless as we worship!



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

1. Wishing all fathers the Lord's blessings
2. A gift is given to all who are fathers

Father's Day Gift

As we celebrate Father's Day this year, we would like to specially remember all Fathers in Bethany. All Church Members who are Fathers will be receiving a bottle of mixed nuts.

Collection will be in Bethany at the Cafeteria (Level 1) on Sunday, 20 June 2021 (11am-2:30pm).



CONGRATULATIONS

Heartiest congratulations to Jerome and Sarah on the occasion of their wedding on Saturday, 19 June 2021. May the Lord continue to lead and to bless!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Lim, Michelle and Melissa on the passing away of their father, Mr. Lim Seng Tiong. The late Mr. Lim was 78 years old.



ANNOUNCEMENT

Bethel's oldest Church Member, Mrs. Kath Whitelaw passed away on Friday, 18 June 2021. Aunty Kath as she was affectionately known was 103 years old.



ESPECIALLY FOR SENIORS

*Before the mountains were brought forth,
Or ever You had formed the earth and the world,
Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.*

Psalm 90:2

1. What is God like?

Moses tries to describe his understanding of God in this text.

2. Moses's answer: God has eternal existence

He is "from everlasting to everlasting"

3. The great mountains, the earth and the world

Long before they came into being, God was already there!

4. What Moses was trying to say:

a) That God is Eternal

b) He is far greater than all Creation we see around us!

ESPECIALLY FOR SENIORS

FROM EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING

As we grow older with each passing year;
The heart can be overwhelmed by fear.
Our God is "from everlasting to everlasting;"
Let this great Truth bring forth new meaning!

We have a Home with our Eternal God;
This was promised by Jesus, our Lord.
Let us find fresh comfort as we pray;
God will be with us all the way!

The world is changing so rapidly;
We fear we cannot adjust quickly.
There is so much impatience shown;
And deep in our hearts, we groan!

Let us remember this wonderful thought;
May this wonderful truth be fully caught!
"From everlasting to everlasting, You are God!"
Let us gratefully rejoice in our faith in the Lord!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Psalm 90:1-2

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 20 June 2021

Text: Psalm 143:5 I muse on the work of Your hands

I remember the days of old;

I meditate on all Your works;

I muse on the work of Your hands.

1. Remembering the days of old

Much encouragement may be found

2. Meditating on the works of God

Even greater encouragement may be found

3. Musing is another word for "meditation"

This word teaches us to try and go deeper in our thoughts

May we be challenged to practise Biblical Meditation!

NEXT SUNDAY: 27 June 2021

Text: Psalm 145:5

I will meditate on the glorious splendour of Your majesty

I will meditate on the glorious splendour of Your majesty,

And on Your wondrous works.

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 119:65-66

*⁶⁵ You have dealt well with Your servant,
O LORD, according to Your word.*

*⁶⁶ Teach me good judgment and knowledge,
For I believe Your commandments.*

1. God's dealings with His servant

a) God had dealt well with His servant

b) In accordance to His word

2. Appropriate response to God

a) To learn good judgment and knowledge

b) Believing in the Lord is an essential foundation

POETRY CORNER

1

I WILL MEDITATE ON YOUR STATUTES

The Scriptures reveal many truths that are vital;
Knowledge of the Lord will aid our survival.
He is a God of great mercy towards man;
He has revealed His wondrous salvation-plan!

But despite the number of revelations given;
Man continues to lack trust in the God of heaven.
How may this problem be resolved effectively?
The answer may lie in how we pray Meditatively.

The significance of Meditation must be considered;
The Law that God has given must be remembered.
There are depths of truth that must be fathomed;
Shallowness of thought need not remain the problem.

Let there be delight found in the Word of God;
May we desire to truly Meditate on the LORD!
There will come a wonderful sense of Hope;
Through revived faith we will be able to cope.

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Psalm 119:41-48

POETRY CORNER

2

Walk in the law of the Lord

The undefiled who walk in the law of the Lord are so blessed;
O to be recipients of the many blessings that the Lord provides!

Direct us to keep God's precepts diligently is our quest;
To be given the bountiful riches as He so decides.

May we avoid the temptation to sin lest it becomes a bad habit!

Ask to be cleansed as we seek the Lord with our whole heart;

Not only to understand the scriptures but also to practise them persistently constant;

Develop a firm grip of the statutes that we can hide in our heart.

Let us meditate, contemplate and pause to respond with joy on His Word;

Take heed of the statutes and in them experience delight.

Revive and strengthen us for the toils of daily lives undeterred;

Guide our unstable and wandering souls to be upright.

Make meditation and contemplation on His Word our way of life;

To serve as a moral compass with an acute consciousness of God.

Lead a holy life filled with love and compassion without strife;

So that we can be undefiled walking in the law of the Lord.

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Psalm 119

ORDER OF WORSHIP



CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

INVOCATION

MESSAGE

“I muse on the work of Your hands”

Text: Psalm 143

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