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MEDITATION

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Text: Hebrews 11

BY FAITH, NOAH

NOAH WAS CITED AS A MAN OF FAITH

Genesis 6 has a sad description of life on earth in the days of Noah.

⁵ Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of

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his heart was only evil continually.

⁶And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

⁷So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them."

⁸But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

Genesis 6:5-8

1. How the LORD saw the earth

- a) There was great wickedness
- b) The intents of the heart:
 - i) They were evil
 - ii) They were evil continually

2. The LORD's sadness

- a) He was "sorry" He made man
- b) He was deeply grieved

3. The LORD's decision

- a) He would destroy His own creation
- b) But Noah was the exception for he found grace in God's eyes

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THE FAITH OF NOAH

Noah's faith was described in the following text:

By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

Hebrews 11:7

1. His faith caused him to revere God
2. He believed what God had said to him about divine judgment
3. He sought to save his family from the Flood

OUR CHALLENGE

Let us find godly fear in our hearts too. We live in a world that does not fear God much! Let us seek a faith that would desire to see family and friends come to salvation!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us. May your heart be uplifted in faith!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program
 - a) Tuesday, 27 September 2022 | 9.30am- 11.30am
 - b) Thursday, 29 September 2022 | 9.30am- 11.30am
2. Saturday, 1 October 2022
 - a) Catechism Class | 1.00pm
 - b) YPG/ YAG | 2.00pm
 - c) Youth Worship | 3.15 pm
3. Sunday, 2 October 2022
 - a) Sunday School | 8.30am
 - b) Morning Worship Service | 10.00 am | Holy Communion
 - c) Chinese Worship Congregation | 10.00am
 - d) Children's Worship Service | 10.00am
 - e) Crèche | 10.00am



BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 25 September 2022

Text: "By faith Abraham obeyed"

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. Hebrews 11:8

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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1. Abraham's faith is evidenced in his obedience
2. He followed the Lord's instruction to go to a land he did not know
3. His obedience to the Lord was the hallmark of his faith

NEXT SUNDAY: 18 October 2022

Text: "By faith Sarah herself also received strength"

*By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed,
and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged
Him faithful who had promised. Hebrews 11:11*

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 123:3-4

³ Have mercy on us, O LORD, have mercy on us!

For we are exceedingly filled with contempt.

⁴ Our soul is exceedingly filled

With the scorn of those who are at ease,

With the contempt of the proud.

1. A plea for mercy
 - a) This was humbly made in prayer
 - b) This was an expression of a heart in anguish
2. The harsh circumstances of life
 - a) There were people with contemptuous looks
 - b) These were people filled with pride
3. Seeking God in prayer
 - a) This is good and wise
 - b) This must come from faith in the LORD

POETRY CORNER

1

BY FAITH, NOAH

The days in which Noah lived were full of wickedness;
The intents of the human heart were in deep darkness.
There came a day when God made a fateful decision;
He would cause a global flood of great destruction.

Noah saw the great wickedness of man;
He deplored all their corrupt plans.
He refused to follow their wicked ways;
He decided to exercise faith in God, one day!

Noah found much grace from the LORD;
His heart was filled with the fear of God.
He knew that destruction was inevitable;
But his faith in God was rejected as unbelievable.

But Noah managed to reach his family;
They were saved by the grace of God truly.
Noah's faith is challenging in many ways;
Let us desire to cultivate such a faith today!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Hebrews 11:7; Genesis 6:1-8

POETRY CORNER

2 Great Faith

Faith is a seed of belief;
For things we cannot see but hope and know exist.
Yet for faith to grow and continually flourish;
We need to be willing to persist.

Great faith can sometimes be seen
where we least expect it to be found;
Like in the centurion whom the Lord Jesus met,
when He went into his town.
His character, reflected in his behavior,
showed his great faith to abound;
An example worthy for you and I to ponder and recount.

For the most part, faith needs to be built on solid ground;
Knowledge and understanding of God's word must be sound.
For like a house built on shifting sand can easily fall down;
Faith which foundation is weak will be ruined by attacks all around.

May we continually pray to God and to the Lord Jesus, relate;
May we be diligent to read and learn about God's word and His traits.
May we be cognizant of good testimonies and examples for us to emulate;
And persist to grow our faith from genuine to great.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Hebrews 11:1; Matthew 7:24-27; 8:5-13

POETRY CORNER

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Real Faith

Professing faith is not possessing faith
Is it enough to say that we are real
Being real is getting a new heart arising from a new birth
Faith has to start inside of us to be ideal

According to Jesus faith can be seen
It is seen by the fruit we bear
Only good fruits on good trees can be seen
May we cultivate our faith with great care

When the Lord sows the seed in us
How do we receive the seed
Are we good ground that can yield good crops
Does our seed get strangled by weeds

Accepting Jesus as our Saviour and reading scriptures
They are all important things to a Christian
However being a real Christian runs deeper than these things
Do we bear the marks of authentic faith like that of the centurion

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Luke 7:1-10, 6: 43-44; Matthew 13: 3-23

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deaconess Dr Jane Tan
Deaconess Tan Hong Suen

PRAYER

HYMN

CP 270 | Turn your eyes upon Jesus

CP 53 | Great is Thy Faithfulness

MESSAGE

“How is it that you have no faith”

Text: Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25

Rev Dr Charles Tan

PRAYER

HYMN

CP 419 | Stand up, Stand up for Jesus

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

CP 270 TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

HELEN H. LEMMEL

1. O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
*There's light for a look at the Saviour,
And life more abundant and free!*

Refrain

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

2. Through death into life everlasting,
He passed, and we follow Him there;
O'er us sin no more hath dominion—
For more than conqu'rors we are!

Refrain

3. His Word shall not fail you—He promised;
Believe Him, and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!

Refrain



HYMNS

CP 53 GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

THOMAS O. CHISHOLM

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter, and spring time and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Refrain

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain



HYMNS

CP 419 STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS

GEORGE DUFFIELD

1. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the Cross;
Lift high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss:
From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army shall He lead,
Till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.
2. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict, in this His glorious day.
Ye that are men now serve Him against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.
3. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in His strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own;
Put on the Gospel armour, each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls, or danger, be never wanting there.
4. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song;
To him who overcometh a crown of life shall be;
He with the King of Glory shall reign eternally.



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