

BETHANY

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God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

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MEDITATION

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Text: Isaiah 11

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THE ANOINTING OF THE MESSIAH

THE PROMISE OF THE MESSIAH

This was wonderfully prophesied (Isaiah 7 and 9). The Messiah would bring:

1. Light to the darkness
2. Hope for the future
3. Government that would bring stability

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MEDITATION

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THE ANOINTING OF THE MESSIAH

How would the Messiah fulfil such huge tasks? This is explained in the following text.

¹There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse,
And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him,
The Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The Spirit of counsel and might,
The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.
Isaiah 11:1-2

1. A humble description is given

- a) He is a Branch
- b) He will come from the roots of Jesse (the father of David)

2. A great promise is also given

- a) The Messiah would be wonderfully anointed
 - i) For life
 - ii) For ministry
- b) He will be given the fulness of the Spirit of God

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MEDITATION

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THE POWER OF GOD WOULD BE GIVEN

The power of the LORD would be given for the Messiah to succeed!

1. Seven aspects of the Spirit of God were highlighted
 - a) The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him
 - b) The Spirit of wisdom
 - c) And understanding
 - d) The Spirit of counsel
 - e) And might
 - f) The Spirit of knowledge
 - g) And of the fear of the LORD

2. These were seen in the Life and Ministry of the Lord Jesus
 - a) In His teachings
 - b) In His miracles
 - c) In His life

How we must celebrate the life of the Lord Jesus! May we exult in the Lord Jesus Christ!

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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 uplifted through worship and fellowship!



MINISTRY THIS COMING WEEK (21-27 November)

1. Special Seniors Program

- a) Tuesday, 22 November 2022 | 9.30am-11.30am
- b) Thursday, 24 November 2022 | 9.30am-11.30am

2. Saturday, 26 November 2022

Youth Worship | 3.15 pm

3. Sunday, 27 November 2022

- a) Sunday School | 8.30am
- b) Morning Worship Service | 10.30am
- c) Chinese Worship Service | 10.30am (Holy Communion)
- d) Children's Worship I | 10.30am
- e) Children's Worship II | 10.30am
- f) Crèche | 10.30am
- g) Catechism Class | 1.30pm



ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH CONFERENCE

5-9 December 2022

Theme: "My strength and my shield"

1. This will be a non-staying Youth Conference

2. 9.00am- 2.00pm
(Monday- Friday)

Plan to sign up as soon as possible!



CHRISTMAS CAROLLING

17 December 2022

5.00pm

Christmas Dinner: 6.30pm

Please plan to sign up (for catering purposes).



CHRISTMAS AT SHANGRI LA

Date: 25 December 2022

Time: 10:30am

Followed by Christmas Lunch

Please book your seat/table as soon as possible.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Heartfelt congratulations to Will and Joanne on the occasion of their wedding on 19 November 2022. May the Lord's wonderful blessings be yours!



CONGRATULATIONS:

Heartfelt congratulations to Elliot and Vanathi on the gift of a second child, Baby Madeline Anoushka Eliora who was born on 4 November 2022. Both baby and mother are doing well.



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 127:3-5

³*Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,
The fruit of the womb is a reward.*

⁴*Like arrows in the hand of a warrior,
So are the children of one's youth.*

⁵*Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them;
They shall not be ashamed,
But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.*

1. God's blessing on children
 - a) To be desired
 - b) To be prayed for

2. Evidence of God-blessed children
 - a) They are a heritage and a reward from God
 - b) They are straight and true like arrows

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 20 November 2022

Text: The zeal of the LORD of hosts
*Of the increase of His government and peace
There will be no end,
Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,
To order it and establish it with judgment and justice
From that time forward, even forever.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.
Isaiah 9:7*

1. The Messiah was destined to rule
2. He would restore the kingdom of David
3. The spiritual aspect of the Kingdom is the focus
4. The zeal of the LORD will see all these promises fulfilled

NEXT SUNDAY: 27 November 2022

Text: The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him
*The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him,
The Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The Spirit of counsel and might,
The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD
Isaiah 11:2*

POETRY CORNER

1

THE SEVENFOLD ANOINTING OF THE MESSIAH

The Life and Ministry of the Messiah would be challenging;
There would be many obstacles that were upsetting.
Deep darkness had descended and it had remained;
How would the Messiah restore a glad refrain?

The Messiah would need a deep Anointing;
He would need full and great empowering.
The LORD would provide all that the Messiah would need;
The Messiah, this promised power, He would seek.

He would need God's Power for Life and Ministry;
He would need to show people God's love and mercy.
The power of the Devil must be defeated;
The Messiah's ministry must not be impeded.

The Messiah would receive a Sevenfold Anointing;
This Promise is truly glorious and soul-uplifting!
The Messiah would fulfil all He was sent to do;
He would prove to be faithful and wonderfully true!

Charles Tan
Isaiah 11:1-2

POETRY CORNER

2

The Zeal of the Lord

As Christmas comes around each year;
Some will struggle to find new cheer.
Many ask what there is to celebrate;
When wars are raged and the economy frustrates.

Yet the birth of the Lord Jesus was the mere beginning;
It is learning and living by His teachings which gives meaning.
That which happened two thousand years ago was history;
It is how Christ still impacts lives today which matters greatly.

The Lord Jesus' ministry on earth saw Him preach about God's kingdom;
Today, He continues to instill in us knowledge and His wisdom.
He continually orders our lives with chastisement and justice;
And bestows on us the sense of righteousness and peace.

God's provision and protection for us at times would seem surreal;
But that is because the Lord establishes His works with all of His zeal.
It is this thought which we should ruminate and cherish at Christmas,
Which should invigorate every Christmas as we honor the Lord Jesus.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Isaiah 9:6-7

POETRY CORNER

3

Applying Faith Morning, Noon and Night

The coldness of the morning echoes in the heart,
A certain weariness that impedes a good start.
The burdens of the new day may bring trepidation,
But the certainty of sunrise gives the mood elevation!

Pressures of the day abounds just like the heat of noon,
Weight on the shoulders, the knees may buckle soon!
But His righteousness, evident and proclaimed in the Psalms,
Brings much needed calmness, His word is my balm!

And in the quiet of the night, there may be anxieties,
Caught up in worrying about all the uncertainties.
But in prayer, a sweet song that sings in jubilation,
And praise for His grace and provision of salvation!

Just as those that exhibited such great faith before us,
Each day, a test of endurance to apply faith and trust.
And the blessing of each morrow will be an opportunity,
To look to the author and finisher of our faith with true humility!

Dr. Tan Kok Yang
Inspiration: Hebrews 11 and 12. Psalms 34 and 56.

POETRY CORNER

4

The Miracle

The Lord is angry with Israel for their iniquitous ways
His anger is not turned away and His Hand of judgment is stretched out still
Through His mercy He sent His Son to shine His light on people in darkness
To witness the arrival of baby Jesus by the shepherds must have been a thrill

Christmas is celebrated with much joy all over the world with gifts and glitter
Let us not get carried away in celebration and stop to ponder its true meaning
May we delve deeper into the Lord's plan to understand His motive and consider
What Jesus who became flesh on this day two thousand years ago is revealing

The birth of Jesus is a miracle that began and continues to the present day
All the promises of God are wrapped up in the gift of His Son
He brings the promise of eternal life, daily bread and much more scriptures say
Believers in Him rejoice at the blessings and wonders of the Messiah as He begun

Daily review in our heart the promises given by the Lord from heaven
And experience the joy of the many blessings offered through His Son
"For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given"
Jesus is the light of the world that shines on everyone

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Isaiah 9:2-6,21; Psalm 103:9

POETRY CORNER

5

THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE UPON HIS SHOULDERS

The birth of the Lord is not just of fleeting significance,
It marks the beginning of a work with perpetual continuance.
The Lord's work is eternal — He has paved salvation's way,
The work of light dispelling darkness remains just as real today!

The Lord Jesus's work extends beyond salvation to government,
It is a divine work of improvement, of constant refinement,
Man arrogating power to themselves inevitably begets disaster,
The truth of God's word can provide us with much needed order.

Government is associated with control, a concept often strongly resisted,
As the world tends towards chaos,
the Lord's government must be treasured.
Of the increase of His government and peace, there will be no end,
God will establish His kingdom, bringing peace and justice to man!

Our focus must thus turn away from earth's vain pleasures,
To the great commission to point those lost to heavenly treasures.
The work of establishing the government of God's kingdom
is vital and real,
To proclaim the Kingdom of Heaven,
the church must labour with zeal.

Stanley Woo
Inspiration: Isaiah 9

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon George Thomas

PRAYER

HYMN

CP 305 | Now Thank We All Our God

CP 399 | Make Me a Blessing

MESSAGE

“The Spirit of the LORD shall be upon Him”

Text: Isaiah 11

Rev Dr Charles Tan

PRAYER

HYMN

CP 235 | Breathe on Me

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

CP 305 NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

MARTIN RINKART

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done in whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arm, hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God, through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God, with Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.



HYMNS

CP 399 MAKE ME A BLESSING

IRA. B. WILSON

1. Out in the highways and byways of life
Many are weary and sad:
Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife,
Making the sorrowing glad.

Refrain

Make me a blessing, make me a blessing,
Out of my life, may Jesus shine;
Make me a blessing, O Saviour I pray,
Make me a blessing to someone today.

2. Tell the sweet story of Christ and His love
Tell of His pow'r to forgive:
Others will trust Him if only you prove true,
Every moment you live.

Refrain

3. Give as 'twas given to you in your need,
Love as the Master loved you;
Be to the helpless a helper indeed,
Unto your mission be true.

Refrain



HYMNS

CP 235 BREATHE ON ME

EDWIN HATCH

1. Holy Spirit, breathe on me, until my heart is clean;
Let sunshine fill its inmost part, with not a cloud between.

Refrain

Breathe on me, breathe on me, Holy Spirit, breathe on me;
Take Thou my heart, cleanse ev'ry part, Holy Spirit, breathe on me.

2. Holy Spirit, breathe on me, my stubborn will subdue;
Teach me in words of living flame what Christ would have me do.

Refrain

3. Holy Spirit, breathe on me, fill me with pow'r Divine;
Kindle a flame of love and zeal within this heart of mine.

Refrain

4. Holy Spirit, breathe on me, till I am all Thine own,
Until my will is lost in Thine, to live for Thee alone.

Refrain



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