

BETHANY

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CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 18 May 2025

MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

Text: Psalm 22

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YOU WHO FEAR THE LORD

AN INSTRUCTIVE MESSIANIC PSALM

Some of the Psalms were prophetic. There were elements of the prophetic in the Psalms. These were revealed by the Lord to the Psalmists. Psalm 22 was Messianic because they contained words that one day the Messiah would utter. The Lord Jesus uttered words drawn from Psalm 22.

MEDITATION

Psalm 22 prophesied the suffering of the Lord Jesus Christ. That He would suffer was intimated by a number of texts. The most famous being, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" (Psalm 22:1).

GODLY RESPONSES

Psalm 22 also notes how the godly respond to God as they reflect on life.

²² I will declare Your name to My brethren;
In the midst of the assembly I will praise You.

²³ You who fear the LORD, praise Him!
All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him,
And fear Him, all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴ For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted;
Nor has He hidden His face from Him;
But when He cried to Him, He heard.

²⁵ My praise *shall be* of You in the great assembly;
I will pay My vows before those who fear Him.

²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
Those who seek Him will praise the LORD.
Let your heart live forever!

Psalm 22:22-26

1. The godly will continue to:
 - a) Declare the name of God
 - b) Offer praise to God
 - c) Practise the fear of God

2. The godly express thanksgiving
 - a) Because God hears and answers prayer
 - b) Because God has not despised the afflictions face in life

May we learn to practise the fear of God even if we go through hard times!

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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 refreshed and uplifted through worship and fellowship!



THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program
 - a) Tuesday, 20 May 2025 | 9.30am- 11.30am
 - b) Thursday, 22 May 2025 | 9.30- 11.30am

2. Saturday, 24 May 2025
 - a) YPG/ YAG | 2.00pm
 - b) Youth Worship | 3.15pm

3. Sunday Ministry, 25 May 2025
 - a) Sunday School | 8.30am
 - b) Morning Worship Service | 10.30am
 - c) Chinese Worship Service | 10.30am
 - d) Children's Worship I and II | 10.30am
 - e) Crèche I and II | 10.30am
 - f) Catechism Class | 1.30pm



GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

BREAKFAST: TIMON CHIONG, EUGENE & MICHELLE TAN

LUNCH: BERLINDA & TRICIA CHEONG, MR. & MR. SOH, KIT & YILE, ROSALIND TAN



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Mr. Neo Ding Yue on the demise of his grandmother, Mdm. Chua Ah Kuan. The late Mdm. Chua passed away on Monday, 12 May 2025. She was 95 years old.

Heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Leslie Tan, Mr. Vernon Thio, Mr. Winston Thio, Mr. Alex Thio and families on the demise of their mother. The late Mdm. Janet Loh Kim Eng was called home to be with the Lord Jesus on Wednesday, 14 May 2025. She was 93 years old.

Heartfelt condolences to Mr. Lee Kum Seng and family on the home calling of his sister, Mdm. Yvonne Lee. The late Mdm. Lee passed away on Friday, 16 May 2025. She was 71 years old.

LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

Dear Brethren,

We have recently experienced the loss of our dear father, Foo Hee Liat. His passing came after a gradual decline that began, perhaps eight years ago, when he was first admitted to the hospital. Watching the once-strong, towering man in our lives gradually fade away due to dementia and Parkinson's was truly difficult for all of us.

That we are able to look back with warmth and gratitude is a testament to the incredible love and support we received from Bethany. Through the pastoral team, church staff, and many members of our church community, your visits, gifts, and words of encouragement were a source of strength for Dad to face each day with good spirits, even as his body weakened.

In 2017, when Dad was first hospitalized, the constant visits from pastors and church members touched us deeply. Even while he was in the ICU,

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barely conscious, your prayers and Scripture verses whispered into his ear brought him comfort and strength. We thank God that he was able to recover from that episode and was able to be with us for another eight meaningful years.

After that extended hospital stay, Dad was left weaker and unable to walk independently. As a strong and successful man, it must have been a blow to his pride and identity to depend on others. Yet, the visits from Uncle Jacob, Terence, Andrew, and others who shared meals, experiences, and conversations with him made him feel valued and still part of the community. Your love and kindness meant the world to us, and we are deeply grateful.

When it was time to say goodbye, we were consistently reminded that we were surrounded by a caring community. Your presence at the wake and memorial felt through your gifts, donations, flowers, food and kind words made us feel that we were not alone in our grief. Pastor Ben Quah offered us comfort by highlighting how Dad's passing was a gift from God—he left us peacefully, with dignity, ready to meet his Creator. Quietly, peacefully, well-groomed, and fed, he departed with grace.

Bethany is truly where God dwells. His presence is reflected in the kindness and love of each member. Every touchpoint, every act of compassion, is like God's hand reaching out to carry out His mission of love.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for walking this journey with us, and for showing us what true community and Christ's love look like in action.

**With gratitude,
Aunty Kim and the Foo daughters, Michele, Mei-Zee and Vivien**

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Dear Brethren at Bethany,

We thank you all for your love and support these past days. Our hearts are encouraged by your presence and love gifts. Though some of you were away, you still thought of us.

Our friendship with you since Bethany 1 until now has always been so precious.

Thank you, kitchen staff and friends for providing our meals. We thank the AVA team for their help during the services and live streaming.

Thank you, Pastor Charles and Aunty Sally and the pastoral team for all your help and love.

By the Lord's grace, Mum passed away peacefully in her sleep. We could not have asked for more.

Thank you all once again, beloved brethren.

**Love,
Leslie and family**

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 18 May 2025

Text: Fear the LORD your God Deuteronomy 6:13

*You shall fear the LORD your God and serve Him,
and shall take oaths in His name. Deuteronomy 6:13*

1. Instruction on how to relate to God
 - a) We must not take for granted our relationship with God
 - b) We must seek to build a better relationship with God

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BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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2. Relating to God
 - a) Fearing God
 - b) Serving Him
 - c) Taking oaths in the name of God

NEXT SUNDAY: 25 May 2025

Text: “To fear the LORD your God Deuteronomy 10:12

And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul
Deuteronomy 10:12

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 7:7-8

⁷ So the congregation of the peoples shall surround You;
For their sakes, therefore, return on high.

⁸ The LORD shall judge the peoples;
Judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness,
And according to my integrity within me.

1. An appeal to God
 - a) That God would be the Supreme Judge
 - b) That God would judge righteously
2. Confidence in God's ability to discern
 - a) There is personal righteousness
 - b) There is personal integrity

POETRY CORNER

YOU WHO FEAR THE LORD

The Messiah would endure suffering;
This was what the Psalmist was saying.
The Messiah practised the fear of God;
He faithfully obeyed the word of the Lord.

The godly must also expect suffering;
The world is wicked and conniving.
The godly must learn how to offer praise,
Amidst life's hard and relentless pace.

The Lord is not blind nor deaf to prayers;
He will hear for He sincerely cares.
He will answer in His own time;
To all our suffering He is not blind.

The poor need not feel ashamed;
His trust in the Lord will not be in vain.
The Lord will be there for the godly;
He will stand with them faithfully.

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Psalm 22:22-26

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Alina Chan

Ms. Audrey Chia

PRAYER

HYMNS

HWC 67 | The Love of God

CP 29 | My Tribute

MESSAGE

“To fear the LORD our God, for our good always”

Text : Deuteronomy 6

Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

CLOSING HYMN

HWC 20 | All People that on Earth do Dwell

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

HWC 67 THE LOVE OF GOD

FREDERICK M. LEHMAN

1. The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell.
The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled, and pardoned from his sin.

Refrain

O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!
It shall forever more endure, the saints' and angels' song.

2. When years of time shall pass away,
And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall;
When men who here refuse to pray,
On rocks and hills and mountains call;
God's love, so sure, shall still endure,
All measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace to Adam's race
The saints' and angels' song.

Refrain

3. Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made;
Were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill, and ev'ry man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky.

Refrain



HYMNS

CP 29 MY TRIBUTE

ANDRAE CROUCH

How can I say thanks for the things You have done for me;
Things so undeserved, yet You give to prove Your love for me?
The voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude –
All that I am and ever hope to be, I owe it all to Thee!

To God be the glory,
To God be the glory;
To God be the glory for the things He has done!
With His blood He has saved me;
With His pow'r He has raised me;
To God be the glory for the things He has done!

Just let me live my life;
Let it be pleasing, Lord, to Thee.
And should I gain any praise,
Let it go to Calvary,

With His blood He has saved me;
With His pow'r He has raised me;
To God be the glory for the things He has done!



HYMNS

HWC 20 ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL

WILLIAM KETHE AND *SCOTTISH PSALTER*

1. All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell,
Come ye before Him and rejoice.
2. The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make;
We are His flock, He doth us feed.
And for His sheep He doth us take.
3. O enter then His gates with praise,
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His Name always,
For it is seemly so to do.
4. For why? The Lord our God is good,
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.
5. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom Heaven and earth adore,
From earth and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.

