

BETHANY

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God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 15 June 2025 ... Happy Father's Day!

MEDITATION

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Text: Psalm 34

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“FEAR THE LORD”

A VERY PERSONAL PSALM

Psalm 34 was written by King David remembering a time when he felt overwhelmed by circumstances in his life. He was in Philistine territory, and he pretended madness because he was fearful of being killed by Abimelech, a Philistine king. This episode moved him to write Psalm 34.

MEDITATION

A CALL TO FEAR THE LORD

David experienced deep personal fears for his life. In the midst of these fears he discovered afresh what it means to have the Fear of the Lord in his heart.

⁴I sought the LORD, and He heard me,
And delivered me from all my fears.

⁵They looked to Him and were radiant,
And their faces were not ashamed.

⁶This poor man cried out, and the LORD heard *him*,
And saved him out of all his troubles.

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him,
And delivers them.

⁸Oh, taste and see that the LORD *is* good;
Blessed *is* the man *who* trusts in Him!

⁹Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints!
There is no want to those who fear Him.

¹⁰The young lions lack and suffer hunger;
But those who seek the LORD shall not lack any good *thing*.
Psalm 34:4-10

1. Personal fears
They can be overcome
2. Practising the Fear of the Lord
 - a) This is necessary and wise
 - b) This results in blessing from God

EVERY ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE HEART

1. To practise the Fear of the Lord
2. To trust in God's protection
3. To praise the Lord for His faithfulness to all who fear Him!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

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



FATHER'S DAY GREETINGS

The Pastoral Team and Session send greetings to all fathers:
"Happy Father's Day!"

All fathers will be receiving a small Father's Day gift today.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Heartfelt congratulations to Qing Yang and Yuanli on the gift of a second son. Baby Dave was born on 9 June 2025. Both mother and baby are doing well.



THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program

There will be no Seniors Program this week

2. Saturday, 21 June 2025

- a) No YPG/ YAG
- b) Youth Worship | 3.15pm

3. Sunday Ministry, 22 June 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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: JAMES FOO, MASON FUNG

LUNCH: CHUNG HAN & CHIEW YEN



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 8:6-9

⁶You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands;
You have put all *things* under his feet,

⁷All sheep and oxen—
Even the beasts of the field,

⁸The birds of the air,
And the fish of the sea
That pass through the paths of the seas.

⁹O LORD, our Lord,
How excellent *is* Your name in all the earth!

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

1. Man's place in God's creation
 - a) God has given him dominion over all His works
 - b) Man also has been entrusted with great responsibility

2. God's name in all the earth
 - a) It is an excellent name
 - b) May His name always be praised!

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 15 June 2025

Text: In the fear of the LORD there is strong confidence

Proverbs 14:26

*In the fear of the LORD there is strong confidence,
And His children will have a place of refuge.*

Proverbs 14:26

1. Confidence may be found in the Lord indeed
2. All children of God may trust in God as their refuge
3. There would never be any disappointment in the Lord

NEXT SUNDAY: 22 June 2025

Text: The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life

Proverbs 14:27

*The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life,
To turn one away from the snares of death.*

Proverbs 14:27

POETRY CORNER

1

FEAR THE LORD

Great fear had overwhelmed David;
His heartbeat was fast and rapid.
He was in the land of the Philistines;
He was presented to the king.

David once possessed great courage;
He faced Goliath when all were discouraged.
The fear of Death was threatening;
His inner turmoil was deafening!

He remembered that he must fear God;
He returned to his trust in the Lord!
He overcame all his deadly fears;
He trusted that the Lord was near!

His faith returned with fervor;
He had not lost God's favour
The Lord would grant him protection;
Faith had strengthened his emotions!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Psalm 34

POETRY CORNER

2

TO OVERCOME AND NOT BE OVERCOME

We are bombarded on all sides by distractions of the world today;
The lure of fame, power, money, and lust never goes away.
The search for quick gratification seems the order of the day;
To be any different renders one 'weird', as some would say.

The beast is he who speaks purported great things and blasphemies;
It is he who plants the seeds of doubt about God in you and me.
He will lead us to transgress and hold us captive in sin and iniquity;
It is he who seeks to make war and overcome even those who believe.

We fight not against physical beings but spirits and powers of the dark;
The whole armor of God is needed to overcome the beast's lies so stark.
Truth and righteousness shall be our distinguishing mark;
Assured salvation and an unyielding faith shall fend off the devil's darts.

The gospel of peace shall reign over the animosity of war;
The knowledge of the word of God shall bestow wisdom to all.
May the Lord's strength be ours when battles beckon and challenges come;
May we always be victorious to overcome and not be overcome.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Revelations 13:5-9; Ephesians 6:10-18

POETRY CORNER

3

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Spiritual warfare is a battle against the spiritual forces of evil
Recognition of its signs is crucial for believers to be strong in faith
Put on the full armour of God against the powers of the dark world
For we fight not with weapons of the world but with divine power and strength

Satan will use every enticement to lure man's heart away from God
How easily we are tempted by the world's promises and instant pleasures
The battles wage on daily as we struggle with the desires of flesh terribly flawed
O for the Holy Spirit to help fight the sinful human nature in us

Believers beware that the dragon was cast out of heaven to the earth
Enraged he makes war with the inhabitants of the earth and sea
May we not be deceived by the evil one and give him the wide berth
Pray to be safe in the kingdom of God and give Him the glory

Step up our prayer life so that we can stand strong in spiritual warfare
Remain firm and withstand the attacks that the beast inflicts on the saints
Let us ensure our names are written in the Book of Life of the Lamb
May the grace and mercy of the Lord grant faith and patience to the saints

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Revelation 12:9-12; 13:8; Ephesians 6:11-12

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Quek Li Yen

PRAYER

HYMNS

HWC 495 | Heaven Came Down

HWC 369 | O Jesus, I Have Promised

MESSAGE

“In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence”

Text: Proverbs 14:2, 26-27

Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

CLOSING HYMN

HWC 198 | Wonderful Grace of Jesus

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

HWC 495 HEAVEN CAME DOWN

JOHN W. PETERSON

1. O what a wonderful, wonderful day – day I will never forget;
After I'd wandered in darkness away, Jesus my Saviour I met.
O what a tender, compassionate friend – He met the need of my heart;
Shadows dispelling, with joy I am telling,
He made all the darkness depart!

Refrain

Heaven came down and glory filled my soul,
When at the cross the Saviour made me whole;
My sins were washed away and my night was turned to day –
Heaven came down and glory filled my soul!

2. Born of the Spirit with life from above into God's family divine,
Justified fully through Calvary's love, O what a standing is mine!
And the transaction so quickly was made when as a sinner I came,
Took of the offer of grace He did proffer –
He saved me, O praise His dear name!

Refrain

3. Now I've a hope that will surely endure after the passing of time;
I have a future in heaven for sure, there in those mansions sublime.
And it's because of that wonderful day when at the cross I believed;
Riches eternal and blessings supernal
From His precious hand I received.

Refrain



HYMNS

HWC 369 O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED JOHN E. BODE

1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my Guide.

2. O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

3. O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.



HYMNS

HWC 198 **WONDERFUL GRACE OF JESUS** HALDOR LILLENAS

1. Wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin;
How shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin?
Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free,
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Refrain

Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus,
Deeper than the mighty rolling sea;
Wonderful grace, all sufficient for me, for even me;
Broader than the scope of my transgressions,
Greater far than all my sin and shame;
O magnify the precious Name of Jesus, Praise His Name!

2. Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching to all the lost,
By it I have been pardoned, saved to the uttermost;
Chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty,
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Refrain

3. Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching the most defiled,
By its transforming power making him God's dear child,
Purchasing peace and Heaven for all eternity;
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Refrain

