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MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

Text: Psalm 25

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“WHO IS THE MAN WHO FEARS THE LORD?”

THE ONE WHO FEARS THE LORD

In this Psalm, the psalmist, King David penned some vital lessons to note about the person who fears the Lord. He shared challenging and inspirational thoughts.

MEDITATION

¹²Who *is* the man that fears the LORD?
Him shall He teach in the way He chooses.

¹³He himself shall dwell in prosperity,
And his descendants shall inherit the earth.

¹⁴The secret of the LORD *is* with those who fear Him,
And He will show them His covenant.

¹⁵My eyes *are* ever toward the LORD,
For He shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Psalm 25:12-15

1. The special blessings given to the one who fears God
 - a) God will specially teach him
 - b) He will show him the way of God
 - c) He will bless materially too (prosperity)
 - d) The blessings will even extend to his descendants
 - e) The secret of the Lord
 - i. It includes revelation
 - ii. Protection
 - iii. Preservation
 - f) God's covenant blessings would be shown
2. Appropriate response
 - a) Our eyes must be focused on the Lord
 - b) There must be faith in God's deliverance

OUR CHALLENGE

Let us learn to fear the Lord our God consistently. May the Lord grant grace and blessings!

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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 refreshed and encouraged through worship and fellowship!



THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program
 - a) Combined Seniors Program
Tuesday, 27 May 2025 | 9.30am- 11.30am
 - b) There is no Seniors Program on Thursday, 29 May 2025

2. Saturday, 31 May 2025
 - a) YPG/ YAG | 2.00pm
 - b) Youth Worship | 3.15pm

3. Sunday Ministry, 1 June 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) There will be no Catechism Class



ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

BREAKFAST: JOANNA YAM, LIM AH LAN, MR. & MRS. JIMMY LAI

LUNCH: K.C. & ELAINE, HONG WEE & JERMAINE



CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Dr. Angeline Lai, Mrs. Carolyn Quek and families on the demise of their mother. The late Mdm. Elizabeth Shih Shing Lan passed away on Thursday, 22 May 2025.
She was 84 years old.



LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

Dear Pastor,

I just wanted to thank you, along with the pastoral team and staff, for taking the time to visit, for your kind condolences, and for the beautiful wreaths.

I also thank God for everyone who sent their condolences and visited us during this time. My brothers and brother-in-law were deeply touched by the love and support shown by Bethany.

May God continue to use Bethany to touch and bless many hearts.

**With gratitude,
Kum Seng and family**

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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

1. God's requirement
 - a) To fear the Lord
 - b) To walk in all His ways
 - c) To love Him
 - d) To serve Him with heart and soul

2. Our challenge
 - a) To find grace
 - b) To cultivate faith
 - c) To fulfil God's requirements

NEXT SUNDAY: 1 June 2025

Text: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge
Proverbs 1:7

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge,
But fools despise wisdom and instruction. Proverbs 1:7*

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 7:9-11

⁹ Oh, let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end,
But establish the just;
For the righteous God tests the hearts and minds.

¹⁰ My defense *is* of God,
Who saves the upright in heart.

¹¹ God *is* a just judge,
And God is angry *with the wicked* every day.

1. Prayer to God to deal with the wicked
 - a) That wickedness would come to an end
 - b) That God's justice would prevail

2. Praise to be given to God
 - a) He is our defense
 - b) He will save the upright in heart

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Goh Qing Yang
Mr. Gabriel Ou

PRAYER

HYMNS

HWC 198 | Wonderful Grace of Jesus
VIP 269 | Joy in Serving Jesus

MESSAGE

“What does the LORD your God require of you?”
Text : Deuteronomy 10
Rev. Benjamin Quah

CLOSING HYMN

HWC 380 | Just a Closer Talk with Thee

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



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



HYMNS

VIP 269 JOY IN SERVING JESUS

REV. OSWALD J. SMITH

1. There is joy in serving Jesus,
As I journey on my way,
Joy that fills the heart with praises,
Ev'ry hour and ev'ry day.

Refrain

There is joy, joy, joy in serving Jesus,
Joy that throbs within my heart;
Every moment, every hour, as I draw upon His pow'r,
There is joy, joy, joy that never shall depart.

2. There is joy in serving Jesus,
Joy that triumphs over pain;
Fills my soul with heaven's music,
Till I join the glad refrain.

Refrain

3. There is joy in serving Jesus,
As I walk alone with God;
'Tis the joy of Christ, my Saviour,
Who the path of suff'ring trod.

Refrain

4. There is joy in serving Jesus,
Joy amid the darkest night,
For I've learned the wondrous secret,
And I'm walking in the light.

Refrain



HYMNS

HWC 380 JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE

1. I am weak but Thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Refrain

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily, walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

2. Through this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

Refrain

3. When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.

Refrain



POETRY CORNER

#1

WHO IS THE MAN WHO FEARS THE LORD?

The Psalmist David desired to be a man who fears God;
He was aware of his many failings before the Lord.
He sought to learn about God and all His ways;
He had to battle sins that caused him to go astray.

He saw how the Lord would bless those who fear Him;
God instructed them and made them strong within.
The Lord was their great and personal Teacher;
He was their Guide and their glorious Defender.

The Lord blesses even in things material;
Even though His focus was on things spiritual.
These blessings extend to the descendants;
God's blessings are truly resplendent!

The secrets of the Lord would be revealed;
The Covenant blessings would not be concealed.
We have wonderful reasons to fear the Lord;
May we desire to practise the reverence of God!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Psalm 25

POETRY CORNER

#2

The Fear of the Lord

Live in the fear of the Lord but be not afraid of Him
People who are terrified of God do not know of His loving nature
They are afraid of being consumed by Him having been deliberately sinning
To live in the fear of the Lord is to hold Him up to revere

Love the Lord with all our heart, soul and strength
Let us not only set our hearts on blessings from the Lord
Instead focus on Him the source of our blessings at length
Practise the fear of the Lord by constantly remembering our God

Beware of the slippery slope and dangers of success and prosperity
May we not allow pride to presume we have personally achieved it all
Our abundance comes from sources beyond our skill and industry
In humility bend the knee and submit to Him whatever may befall

Teach the children to love and fear the Lord
His Word should be a part of everything we do with our children
Bring them up in the discipline and instructions of God
Educate not to forget God and to fear Him is our mission

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Deuteronomy 6; Exodus 20:18-21

POETRY CORNER

#3

YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD

The years in the wilderness were coming to an end;
Israel was finally about to enter the Promised Land.
The LORD God is One and there is none greater;
There were lessons He wanted her to remember.

To love God wholeheartedly, she was commanded;
To have faith in who He is, she must be committed.
She must learn to fear God and guard her heart;
From all His commandments, she must not depart.

Israel had seen how God had been with the nation;
She had experienced His protection and provision.
She must not forget God and His many blessings;
She must impart to her children all these things.

We must take heed of these dangers highlighted,
And carefully observe what God has commanded.
May we love and fear God for our good always,
And show our children how to walk in His ways!

Yvette Seow

Inspiration: Deuteronomy 6

POETRY CORNER

#4

The Fear of God in Our Hearts

The Scriptures serve as a constant reminder to us, lest we forget;
That God will provide for our every need and will always protect.
But His anger can be aroused like when the Israelites resorted to idolatry;
In spite of the Lord's commandment to them to the contrary.

That human beings are forgetful is an undeniable fact;
Success begets complacency and prior lessons we neglect.
Our faith is weak and cannot stand up to Satan's veiled attacks;
It is having the fear of God that most of us truly lack.

We must learn to harbour the fear of God in our hearts;
So that it may deter us from the inclination to do evil from the start.
The fear of God will direct our thoughts and actions towards righteousness;
So that we may live and enjoy a life of divine blessedness.

Let us decide now and determine to have a heart that fears God;
Let us persevere to develop the fear of the Lord until it defines our lot.
Let us teach our children about God and His commandments;
And pray He heeds our efforts and blesses us and our future generations.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Deuteronomy 5 & 6

POETRY CORNER

#5

Blessing of a Cherished Spring 2025 – Roses in the Garden

The warm sun rays shine down on my forehead,
The magnificence of this garden, much to be said.
In the coolness of the morning, I breathe deeply in,
I savour this moment with much gratitude for this scene.

There perched atop a hill, the building speaks of history,
Together with this garden they tell a special story.
And roses bright and pink crown this charm,
But these roses inevitably break my calm..

The sight of these flowers kindles my longing,
For a love lost, for this, my heart has yet to stop aching.
I remember, your smile, your voice and tender touch,
Your graceful walk and distinctive love, O! I miss you much!

Here in this garden, amongst these roses, I find composure,
Reconcile that each rose has but a limited time of exposure.
Immersed in this beauty, I bless the Lord with all within me.
With a heart to behold all that God lovingly provides for me!

Dr. Tan Kok Yang

In loving memory of our Chloe each May during her birthday month.

Inspiration: Psalm 103, Quinta da Regaleira, Sintra, Portugal

*With a special thought to those missing a loved one,
and a call for all to savour each scene of beauty with a heart of gratitude.*

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