

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 27 July 2025

MEDITATION

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Text: Psalm 105

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“DO NOT TOUCH MY ANOINTED ONES”

THE PROTECTION OF GOD

God's protection of His people was clear and obvious. This was carefully recorded when we read the Old Testament.

¹³ When they went from one nation to another,
From *one* kingdom to another people,

MEDITATION

¹⁴ He permitted no one to do them wrong;

Yes, He rebuked kings for their sakes,

¹⁵ *Saying, "Do not touch My anointed ones,*

And do My prophets no harm."

Psalm 105:13-15

1. Israel's journey to Canaan

- a) They went from one nation to another
- b) They were opposed by:
 - i. Edom
 - ii. Moab
 - iii. Amorites
- c) They were attacked by
 - i. Hostile kings
 - ii. Two powerful kings were defeated by Israel (Numbers 21)

2. God's protection

- a) He did not allow anyone to harm His people
- b) God always honoured His covenant promise

3. Special protection

- a) This was a reference to His prophets
- b) They were called His "anointed ones"
- c) In this context, the "anointed ones" would include the Patriarchs of Israel

THE GLORY OF GOD

- 1. This is seen in His protection
- 2. God preserved His anointed ones especially
- 3. We worship and glorify the same great God today!

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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!



GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Breakfast: Wei Liang & Wenyuau

Lunch: Billy & Eve Wan; Lain Heng & Poh Choo; Geena Ng



NEXT SUNDAY

We will be observing Holy Communion next Sunday, 3 August 2025

Let us come with prepared hearts and minds!



THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program – Visit to Bird Paradise
 - a) Tuesday, 29 July 2025 | 9.30am- 11.30am
 - b) Thursday, 31 July 2025 | 9.30am- 11.30am
2. Saturday, 2 August 2025
 - a) YPG/ YAG | 2.00pm
 - b) Youth Worship | 3.15pm
3. Sunday Ministry, 3 August 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 50+2 ANNIVERSARY

Date: 24 August 2025 | Venue: Shangri La Hotel

Time: 10.30am | Anniversary Lunch: 12.00nn

To register for Anniversary Lunch, please scan the QR code below



CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 50+2 ANNIVERSARY: CHILDREN'S SPECIAL LUNCH PROGRAM

As part of our 50 +2 Anniversary celebrations at Shangri La, there will be a separate Lunch Program especially for the children.

They will have their own lunch menu and program in a separate room, taken care of by our staff and volunteers.

Details

Date: 24 August 2025 | Venue: Shangri La (Azalea Room)

Time: 12.15pm - 2.00pm

This is open to **children aged 4 to 12.**

Please contact Pastor Ben Quah (9752 3036) if you have any queries.

Scan QR code to register your child for the **Children's Special Lunch Program:**



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 10:16-18

¹⁶ The LORD *is* King forever and ever;

The nations have perished out of His land.

¹⁷ LORD, You have heard the desire of the humble;

You will prepare their heart;

You will cause Your ear to hear,

¹⁸ To do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed,

That the man of the earth may oppress no more.

1. The Sovereign reign of the LORD

- a) He is the King for all eternity
- b) Human kingdoms never last

2. The Sovereign Justice of God

- a) He will hear the cry of the fatherless and oppressed
- b) He will uphold divine justice

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 27 July 2025

Text: "The whole earth is full of His glory" Isaiah 6:3

And one cried to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;

The whole earth is full of His glory!" Isaiah 6:3

1. The scene described

- a) At the throne of the Lord God
- b) Holy angels of God attend Him

2. The Angels gave praise to God

- a) Declaring the profound holiness of God
- b) Declaring also the fulness of His glory

NEXT SUNDAY: 3 August 2025

Text: "We beheld His glory" John 1:14

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory,
the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

John 1:14

POETRY CORNER

#1

DO NOT TOUCH MY ANOINTED ONES

God's protection of Israel was obvious;
Israel was His covenant people and precious.
There were many enemies that Israel faced;
The Lord's commitment was given out of grace.

Israel travelled through many nations;
There were many dangerous situations.
God protected His people from great harm;
Israel need not be fearful nor alarmed.

God's protection was on His anointed ones;
The patriarchs were kept safe from physical harm.
Abraham was with Sarah when they were in Egypt;
Sarah was protected from wickedness and deceit.

God knows those who are truly His own;
He watches over them from His throne.
He is deeply committed to His people;
He will keep them from that which is evil.

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Psalm 105:13-15

POETRY CORNER

#2

The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

Mankind strives to be all powerful and self sufficient
Brimming and parading with pride is his countenance
Little does he know self sufficiency is due to the work of the Holy Spirit
He was sent by God to help believers and to bring all things taught to remembrance

The Lord anoints believers with the Holy Spirit to teach His Word
We believers come to life when God puts His Spirit in us
To be imbued with the very essence of the Lord is such a privilege conferred
Maturing and growing as the Holy Spirit imprints spiritual messages on our hearts

Every Christian is packed with the power of the Holy Spirit
Yield every life aspect to His control for His power to be unleashed ever
According to His power we are able to do far more abundantly beyond our limits
Our greatest resource is the Holy Spirit who dwells in and is with us forever

May we learn to live a life filled with the Holy Spirit
Let the Word of Christ dwell richly in us
To the teachers who impart scriptural knowledge give thanks and credit
Realise that the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit is continuously at work in us

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: 2 Corinthians 3:7-13; Ezekiel 37:14; 1 John 2:20-27

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

"His Eye is on the Sparrow"
Handbell Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Keith Liang
Dr. Kevin Liang

PRAYER

HYMNS

CP 339 | Higher Ground
VIP 725 | Find Us Faithful

MESSAGE

"From glory to glory"
Text : 2 Corinthians 3:12-18
Rev. Mark Tan

CLOSING HYMN

VIP 284 | More Like My Saviour

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

CP 339 HIGHER GROUND

JOHNSON OATMAN, JR

1. I'm pressing on the upward way,
New heights I'm gaining ev'ry day;
Still praying as I'm onward bound,
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

Refrain

Lord, lift me up and let me stand,
By faith on heaven's tableland;
A higher plane than I have found,
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

2. My heart has no desire to stay
Where doubts arise and fears dismay;
Though some may dwell where these abound,
my prayer, my aim, is higher ground.

Refrain

3. I want to live above the world,
Though Satan's darts at me are hurled;
For faith has caught the joyful sound,
The song of saints on higher ground.

Refrain

4. I want to scale the utmost height
And catch a gleam of glory bright;
But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found,
"Lord, lead me on to higher ground."

Refrain



HYMNS

VIP 725 FIND US FAITHFUL

We're pilgrims on the journey of the narrow road,
And those who've gone before us line the way.
Cheering on the faithful,
Encouraging the weary,
Their lives a stirring testament to God's sustaining grace.

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
Let us run the race not only for the prize;
But as those who've gone before us,
Let us leave to those behind us
The heritage of faithfulness passed on through godly lives.

Refrain

Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful;
May the fire of our devotion light their way.
May the footprints that we leave
Lead them to believe,
And the lives we live inspire them to obey.
Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful.

After all our hopes and dreams have come and gone,
And our children sift through all we've left behind,
May the clues that they discover
And the mem'ries they uncover
Become the light that leads them to the road we each must find.

Refrain



HYMNS

VIP 284 MORE LIKE MY SAVIOUR

CHARLES H. GABRIEL

1. More like my Saviour I would ever be,
More of His meekness, more humility;
More zeal to labor, more courage to be true,
More consecration for work He bids me do.

Refrain

Take Thou my heart, I would be Thine alone;
Take Thou my life and make it all Thine own;
Purge me from sin, O Lord, I now implore,
Wash me and keep me Thine forever more.

2. More like my Saviour is my daily prayer;
More strength to carry crosses I must bear;
More earnest effort to lead some souls to Him;
More of His Spirit, the wanderer to win.

Refrain

3. More like my Saviour I would live and grow;
More of His love to others I would show;
More self-denial, like His in Galilee,
More like my Saviour I long to ever be.

Refrain



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