

# GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*"Not my will, but Thine, be done" – Luke 22:42*

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## A WORD ON WORSHIP

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Worship arises from grateful hearts, for it is the expression of heartfelt gratefulness towards God. Psalm 100:4 says, "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name."

God welcomes only grateful hearts into His courts for worship. Ungrateful hearts have no right to be in His presence. So let us remember all His benefits as we draw nigh unto God to worship Him (cf. Psalm 103:1-2).

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## SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

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*Doublemindedness*

### **1 Corinthians 10:21**

Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### **Call to Worship**

*Elder Alan Choy*

Hymn 41: Before Jehovah's Awful Throne\*

### **Invocation & Gloria Patri\***

### **Responsive Scripture Reading\***

*Joshua 3:1-17*

Hymn 136: Come, Ye Thankful People

### **Collection of Offerings**

### **Doxology & Prayer\***

Hymn 346: Be Still, My Soul

### **Scripture Memorisation**

### **Intercessory Prayer**

*Elder Alan Choy*

### **Sermon**

*Pr Kelvin Lim*

*"The LORD Leads His People"*

*Joshua 3:9-11*

Hymn 351: He Leadeth Me\*

### **Closing Prayer & Threefold Amen\***

*\* Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2017

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 5 MARCH 2017

9.00 – 10.00am		CHURCH CHOIR & CHILDREN'S CHOIR	CHURCH CHOIR & CHILDREN'S CHOIR
		MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP	MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP
10.30am	CHINESE SERVICE	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Pr Daniel Lim <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Daniel Lim <b>Musician:</b> Dyllis Teo <b>Flowers:</b> Tay Soo Thian <b>Refreshments:</b> Roscelle Lim <b>Ushers:</b> Jonah So & Cayson Chok	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Gan Chin Hwi <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Daniel Lim <b>Musician:</b> Gan Sze Huey <b>Flowers:</b> Francis Tan <b>Ushers:</b> Lawrence Ng & Robert Ooi
	ENGLISH SERVICE	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Elder Alan Choy <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Kelvin Lim <b>Musicians:</b> Chloe Pawa, Sarah Lee <b>Ushers:</b> Samuel Yong, Andrew Teong Gerry Lee, Randy Laurencio Arvind Pawa, George Chee <b>Greeter:</b> Stephanie Lee <b>AV Ministry:</b> Crew No. 1 <b>Flowers:</b> Angela Ang <b>Refreshments:</b> Catherine Choy, Esther Quek Edeliza Ballega, Cecilia Siah <b>Junior Worship:</b> Kamala, (Jollyn Low) Gina Sim, (Violet Quek) Dn Francis Lee	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Elder Mah Chin Kwang <b>Preacher:</b> Pastor Prabhudas Koshy <b>Musicians:</b> Jasmine Low, Ellyzabeth <b>Ushers:</b> Amoz Choy, Lee Shing Shyan Lijoy George, Stephen Yap Ho Kee How, Linus Kok <b>Greeter:</b> Aileen Tan <b>AV Ministry:</b> Crew No. 2 <b>Flowers:</b> Choy Luan Kheng <b>Refreshments:</b> Roscelle Lim, Nancy Lau Jolyne Cho, Lena Chan Diana Chan, (Mabel Ng) Neo Kian Seng, (Corliss Ooi) Arvind Pawa
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Norefel Resuma <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Dennis Kablingue <b>Musician:</b> Chloe Pawa <b>Usher:</b> Anthony Evangelista <b>Refreshments:</b> Vicky Amor	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Eric Delina <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Dennis Kablingue <b>Musician:</b> Duaine Kablingue <b>Usher:</b> Julius Del Rosario <b>Refreshments:</b> Cecile Batrina
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	<b>Venue:</b> 9 Bishan Street 13 <b>English Speaker:</b> Pr Jeremiah Sim <b>Dialect Speaker:</b> Elder Alan Choy	<b>Venue:</b> 487 Bedok South Ave 2 <b>English Speaker:</b> Elder Mah Chin Kwang <b>Dialect Speaker:</b> Pr Jeremiah Sim

26 February 2017

# Beware of Entertaining Ourselves by Breaking God's Law!

*Prabhudas Koshy*

Today, Christians at large “entertain” themselves by watching others break all of the Ten Commandments. It seems that for many, God’s eternal standards do not apply to their modern artistic and media entertainment. This problem is especially acute for Christian youths who find that their friends (Christian and non-Christian) attend nearly all of the innumerable movies targeted at their generation.

While it is true that it is very difficult to produce a list of dos and don'ts, it is totally wrong to assume that as long as an activity pleases one's heart, it should be alright to engage in it. The natural thoughts, imaginations and desires of human hearts are always evil. “And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually” (Genesis 6:5). But through the law of God, we can know and fulfil God's righteousness and truth. As the psalmist wrote, "Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth" (Psalm 119:142).

In what follows, we will consider the principles taught in the Ten Commandments to discover their relationship to the entertainment pursuits of those who would follow Jesus Christ.

**1. I am the LORD thy God...Thou shalt have no other gods before me.** Entertainment is one of the biggest industries worldwide. Christians are also lured into working in the secular entertainment sector. Jesus cautions us, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21). Therefore, Christians must be wary of anything that would cause them to forget the priority of a relationship with God. Every Christian's focus should be to put God first in his life. When it comes to entertainment, we must ask: Does this honour God as first in my life?

**2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.** Idolatry is not just a problem confined to some past pagan culture. Today, there is as much energy given to the worship of created things as ever before in history. We are not surprised to hear of those who

"idolise" popular media celebrities. In fact, the cultural images we identify with are almost certainly the key indicators of the inclinations of the heart. Jesus warned that "no man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other" (Matthew 6:24). When it comes to entertainment, we must ask: Does this help me to keep my focus on God?

**3. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain.** Misuse of the name of God appears to be an integral part of contemporary entertainment. Yet Jesus said, "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name" (Matthew 6:9). Would we really sit quietly in a movie where the name of our father, mother, brother or sister is being used in vain? When it comes to entertainment, we must ask: Does it give due honour to God's name and character?

**4. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.** Jesus said that "the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath" (Luke 6:5). We must not spend our time on the Lord's Day for worldly entertainments, but for the worship of Christ and the mutual edification of our souls. Christians not only have to live a holy life on the Lord's Day, but also every day of the week. When it comes to entertainment, we must ask: Does what I choose on Friday agree with what I do on "holydays"?

**5. Honour thy father and thy mother.** Today, traditional family values are minimised, forgotten or even mocked by what is called modern entertainment. Though there is great value in entertainment that affirms relationships bound by mutual honour, parental honour seems the least-valued ideal of family relationships. When it comes to entertainment, we must ask: Does this build up and give honour to loving relationships in the family?

**6. Thou shalt not kill.** One of the two main pillars of media power is the unreal presentation of violence. The emotions of this generation are exploited for money. Jesus said, "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you... that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:44, 45). When it comes to entertainment, we must ask: Does this cause me to view others as potential children of God?

**7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.** The other pillar of media power is the unreal presentation of sex. With all the difficulties of growing up in an oversexed culture, we can no longer stand idly by while the passions of this generation are being exploited for money. Further, we must all guard against seeing people as objects of pleasure. Jesus said, "Whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her

already in his heart" (Matthew 5:28). When it comes to entertainment, we must ask: Does this cause me to view sex as a matter of faithfulness in marriage?

**8. Thou shalt not steal.** Stealing is wrong. In fact, the modern myth of "stealing from the rich to give to the poor" is largely advanced by the entertainment-obsessed media elite. When it was demanded of Jesus to redistribute a certain man's inheritance, He responded by saying, "Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you? ... Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:14, 15). When it comes to entertainment, we must ask: Does this cause me to think of my possessions with thanksgiving to God?

**9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.** Too often, emotional stories are used as a way to get around discernment. Just because we are told that a "story is based on the truth", we have no guarantee of the truthfulness of the story. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). When it comes to entertainment, we must ask: Does this cause me to see the truth of Christ?

**10. Thou shalt not covet.** Lust is the excessive desire for something that we cannot or should not have. Too often, we are tempted to entertain ourselves with what

we know is wrong on the excuse that we are morally "strong enough" to withstand the temptation. Jesus said, "Out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: all these evil things come from within, and defile the man" (Mark 7:21-23). When it comes to entertainment, we must ask: Does this cause me to desire only the good that God has given for my pleasure?

From the above application of God's commandments, it should be clear that modern entertainment is often a gross violation of God's holy laws. The question we need to ask is: Does this form of entertainment provide a proper avenue to honour God's law? We need to constantly check whether our choices of entertainment reflect on our current relationship with God, who has given us His law to protect and provide for our lives.

Therefore, when we see those who are discerning in their choice of entertainment, do not discount their lifestyle as "legalistic". Rather, a commitment to God's precepts will require one to abstain from many of the modern entertainments. The Christian, when challenged by those who ask: "Is this entertainment really that bad?", should simply respond: "Does it really honour His holy laws?" ■

# GOD FEEDS THE RAVENS

**R**avens are birds with fluffy, black feathers (cf. Song of Solomon 5:11). They are known for their intelligence. The first mention of “raven” in the Bible is when Noah sent a raven forth from the ark (Genesis 8:7)

It is said that there are about eight species of ravens in the land of Israel. They are found everywhere and are very many in that land. They are also very hungry birds, and can be fierce at times. The young ravens make a lot of noise when they are hungry. Do you know that strong hunger is described as “ravenousness”?

The Bible tells us that God takes care of their desperate need for food. Even a bird with such great appetite is well fed by God.

Job 38:41 Who provideth for the raven his food? when his young ones cry unto God, they wander for lack of meat.

Psalms 147:9 He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry.

Luke 12:24 Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?

God wants us to know that He who cares for the ravens will also care for us. Let us always thank God for the daily food He provides for us. How necessary it is that we give thanks to God for the food before we partake of it.



*Prabhudas Koshy*

## COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 19 February 2017

**Tithes:** 1,990.70

**Offerings:** 11,752.25

**Bldg Fund (Project):** 10,000.00; 1,600.00;  
820.00; 500.00; 250.00; 100.00; [(400.00)  
Chinese Svc]

**Missionary Conf Fund 2017:** 250.00

**Designated Gifts:** GBPC (Ethiopia) 150.00;  
TGCM (local) 50.00; Ho Kee How 100.00;  
Kenneth Wong 150.00; Andrew Koh 150.00

### NON-SUNDAY GIFT

**Bldg Fund (Project):** 40,000.00

### SPECIAL FUND UPDATE

*(as of 19 February 2017)*

**Building Fund (Project):** \$2,180,985.70  
**Missionary Conf Fund 2017:** \$24,245.00

*"And now, behold,*

*I have brought the firstfruits of the land,  
which thou, O LORD, hast given me.*

*And thou shalt set it before the LORD thy God,  
and worship before the LORD thy God"*

*Deuteronomy 26:10*

## TEACHER TRAINING SESSION

**Date & Time:** 26th Feb, 1.30pm-3.00pm  
**Venue:** Auditorium, Level 5  
SingPost Centre

## SUNDAY EVANGELISM

There will be an evangelism session today at  
Blk 807C Chai Chee Road  
Singapore 463807  
Please meet @ 1.30pm at the foyer.

## GETHSEMANE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

**Topic:** Book Study of 2 John  
**Speaker:** Pastor Koshy  
**Chairman:** Bro Benjamin Quek  
**Date & Time:** Sat, 4 Mar, 4.00-6.00pm  
**Venue:** Home of Sis Valerie Leow  
Blk 309 Canberra Road, #08-111  
Singapore 750309

## GETHSEMANE BPC 29TH ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING

**Date:** Lord's Day, 26 Mar 2017

Let us prayerfully and joyfully praise God for His goodness towards us for the past 29 years. Buffet lunch will be catered. Adults and children aged 10 & above - \$10/person (subsidised), children under 10 - free. To facilitate the ordering of food, please sign up at the reception table today.

## FCM COMBINED MEETING 2017

**Theme:** "The Christian Discipline"  
**Speaker:** Rev Prabhudas Koshy  
**Date:** 3 March 2017, Friday  
**Time:** 7pm (Dinner starts at 6pm)  
**Venue:** Calvary Pandan  
BPC AV Studio (Lv 2)

All tertiary students are invited to join this FCM Combined Meeting.

## FCM POLY/JC RETREAT 2017

**Theme:** "In the Image of God"  
(2 Corinthians 4:4)  
**Speaker:** Preacher Clement Chew  
**Date:** 16-17 March 2017  
(Thursday-Friday)  
**Venue:** Calvary Pandan BPC

Inviting all students entering or currently in polytechnic or junior college to join us in this time of retreat to learn of God's wonderful truths and for a time of fellowship.

To register, please submit the online form through this link: [tinyurl.com/fcmpoly-jc-retreat17](http://tinyurl.com/fcmpoly-jc-retreat17)

Please register early to aid us in the preparation and arrangement of logistics.

**Closing date:** 10 March 2017

For more details and enquiries, please contact Marcus @ 9835 5531.

## PASTORAL VISITATION PASIR RIS WEST REGION

**Date & Time:** 10 Mar 2017, 8.00pm

**Venue:** Home of Mr & Mrs Gan Chin Hwi  
Blk 609 Elias Road, #07-174, Singapore 510609

## GETHSEMANE CHINESE GOSPEL RALLY

**Speaker:** Pr Daniel Lim

**Date & Time:** Sat, 1 April 2017, 2.00-4.00pm

**Venue:** City Beach Resort  
8 Port Rd, Singapore 117540

This is a wonderful opportunity to invite your loved ones, relatives and friends to hear the Gospel message.

Please register at the reception table.

## MISSIONARY CONFERENCE 2017

Theme: "That the Truth of the Gospel Might Continue with Us"  
(Galatians 2:5)

**Date:** 5-9 June 2017 (Monday-Friday)

**Venue:** Hilton Kuching

### Camp Fees\* (excluding airfare):

Single \$500/camper	Child (4-11) \$135 (with bed)
Twin-sharing \$360/camper	Child (4-11) \$75 (without bed)
Triple-sharing \$360/camper	Child (below 4) Free (without bed)

*\*An additional night in Hilton Kuching  
is at S\$80 per room.*

Please collect the registration form from the reception table and submit the completed form to Bro Ernest Lim / Bro Matthew Mah by 30 April 2017. Payment can be made from 19 March 2017.

Participants are advised to book plane tickets on their own as soon as possible. Arrival at the hotel must be by 5pm on Monday, 5th June 2017. The conference will end at 12 noon on Friday, 9th June 2017.

If you have any questions, please approach Dn Low Boon Siang.

## POST-WORSHIP ACTIVITIES

Please stay back after worship to join us for:

**Refreshments & Fellowship**  
12.30pm – 1.30pm

**Bible Study (Adults, Youths & Children)**  
Cancelled in view of Evangelism

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

**Tuesday Night Bible Study & Prayer**  
8.00pm @ L5 Auditorium, SingPost Centre

**Wednesday Lunch Hour Bible Study**  
1.00pm @ Bible Witness Bookroom

**Wednesday Night GBI-Online**  
7.45pm-9.15pm @ TGCM

**Wednesday Campus Bible Study**  
3.00pm-4.30pm @ SUTD

**Thursday Seniors' Ministry**  
11.00am (Please contact Pr Jeremiah Sim)

**Friday Morning Prayer**  
7.45am – 8.30am @ Church Resource Centre

**Friday Campus Bible Study**  
4.30pm-5.30pm @ NAFA

**Sunday Lions Home Ministry**  
For enquiry, contact Pr Jeremiah Sim

For more information, please call  
the church office at 6741 1910.



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## Time & Place of Worship

10.30am

Level 5 Auditorium  
Singapore Post Centre  
10 Eunos Road 8  
Singapore 408600  
(next to Paya Lebar MRT station)

### Prayer Hotline

8138 8139

SMS or WhatsApp  
your prayer item

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### Our Session

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Deacon Francis Lee  
Deacon Low Boon Siang