

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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Dying

Romans 14:8

For whether we live, we live unto the Lord;
and whether we die, we die unto the Lord:
whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Call to Worship

Elder Alan Choy

*Hymn 37: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

***Invocation & Gloria Patri**

***Responsive Scripture Reading**

Philippians 3:7-21

Hymn 392: More Love to Thee

Collection of Offerings

***Doxology & Prayer**

Hymn 221: When We See Christ

Scripture Memorisation

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

"Discipleship: Lose to Win - II"

Matthew 16:24-27

*Hymn 423: Follow, I Will Follow Thee

***Benediction & Threefold Amen**

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 20 AUGUST 2017

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 27 AUGUST 2017

9.00 – 10.00am		CHURCH CHOIR & CHILDREN'S CHOIR	CHURCH CHOIR & CHILDREN'S CHOIR
		MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP	MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP
10.30am	CHINESE SERVICE	Worship Leader: Gan Chin Hwi Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Eunice Choy Flowers: Tay Soo Thian Refreshments: Gan Sheu Hoong Ushers: Cayson Chok & Jonah So	Worship Leader: Gan Chin Hwi Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Dyllis Teo Flowers: Lee Kim Lei Refreshments: Maggie Ho Ushers: John Peh & Lawrence Ng
	ENGLISH SERVICE	Worship Leader: Eld Alan Choy Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Dorcas Koshy, Ellyzabeth Dn Lok Kwok Wah (i/c) Cornelius Koshy, Edwin Quek Jason Low, Low Chip Hung Marcus Lim, Ho Kee How Greeter: Stephanie Lee AV Ministry: Crew No. 4 Flowers: Diana Chan Refreshments: Karen Quek, Amanda Leong Mary Ong, Esther Quek Junior Worship: Diana Chan, (Jolyne Cho) Elder Mah Chin Kwang, (Violet Quek) John Peh	Worship Leader: Dn Kelvin Lim Preacher: Pr Andrew Koh Musicians: Jasmine Low, Sarah Lee Dn Low Boon Siang (i/c) Ng Kwan Teng, Theodore Wang Benny Skariah, Cayson Chok Timotheus Liu, Chan Tuck Whye Greeter: Sally Lum AV Ministry: Crew No. 1 Flowers: Tomei Tan Refreshments: Roscelle Lim, Edeliza Ballega Lena Chan, Rhodora Resuma Junior Worship: Kamala, (Rossellini Liu) Neo Kian Seng, (Adlucia Lim) Jenny Lok
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	Worship Leader: Eric Delina Preacher: Pr Dennis Kablingue Musician: Duaine Kablingue Usher: Randy Laurencio Refreshments: Rhodora Resuma	Worship Leader: Norefel Resuma Preacher: Pr Dennis Kablingue Musician: Ayn Tindaan Usher: Anthony Evangelista Refreshments: Janet Carbajosa
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Elder Alan Choy Dialect Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim	Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Kenneth Wong Dialect Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim

20 August 2017

UNFAITHFUL SERVANTS

Andrew Koh

Introduction

No one should ever barge into any area to serve God. God is the One who calls Christians and puts them in particular areas to serve Him. He endows every member of the church with spiritual gifts, “dividing to every man severally as he will” (1 Corinthians 12:11), so as to serve Him. Since God is the One who has given to each Christian a particular area to serve Him, Christians must therefore remain faithful in service till the end. Christians must be unwavering and steadfast to the work that God has given. God requires every Christian to have a constant and loyal commitment to the tasks appointed by Him.

The quality of being faithful in service unto God has always been important, all the more so today, as it is very common to see people giving up serving God. Full-time workers of churches who have been serving God for many years quit. Bible-college students give up studying before their graduation. Christians who are on duty rosters grow tired in their service and find

excuses to give up. These people may once be full of enthusiasm and excitement when they first started to serve. However, they lose their zeal and passion over time and finally, they leave the stations that God has given to them.

On the other hand, although many Christians may remain in service unto God, they start to cut corners and give less quality work. Being faithful does not also just mean remaining in service, it includes maintaining a high quality of the service too. Christians who are faithful to God in their service will not do a slipshod job but will complete their work to the best of their abilities. If one remains in service but produces careless and low-quality work, it will not please God at all.

The book of Malachi was written especially to priests who were serving God. God was very displeased with the priests during the time of Malachi. This is because the priests dishonoured God in their service by not offering to God the best. The priests offered to God

“polluted bread” (Malachi 1:7), which was food unfit to be offered to God. It was either not made of good flour or not made the way God designated it to be (Leviticus 24:5-7). The priests also sacrificed animals that were blind, lame and sick (Malachi 1:8a). God expressly commanded in the Mosaic Law that animals with any imperfections must not be sacrificed (Deuteronomy 15:21). They offered unto God what they would not even offer to their governor (Malachi 1:8b). By their actions, they poured contempt upon God. In response to their unfaithful service, the Lord sent Malachi to confront them. God wanted them to know what was unacceptable by highlighting the characteristics of the unfaithful servants (Malachi 3:13-15). As we look at this passage, let us examine ourselves to see if such characteristics are found in us.

Characteristics of Unfaithful Servants

Being bold to go against God

Unfaithfulness begins when Christians lose the fear of God in their hearts. Christians start to be unfaithful by daring to go against God. Like the priests during Malachi’s time, unfaithful Christians are bold enough to use words that are “stout” against Him (Malachi 3:13). They are not afraid that God hears the strong

words that are uttered against Him even though they know that God is omniscient. God may not react to the complaints directed at Him at first, but it is all due to His mercy. Instead of repenting, some may even grow bolder in their words against Him.

Furthermore, the priests during Malachi’s time who were bold to go against God did not fear to take a further step by denying what they had done. When confronted, they said, “What have we spoken so much against thee?” (Malachi 3:13). Instead of confessing their faults, they justified themselves.

One sure way of checking if we have been unfaithful to God in our service is to reflect on the words that we say about our service. Have we been expressing thankfulness to God for counting us worthy to serve Him in the area that He has placed us in, or have we been complaining about our God-given duties? If we had expressed unhappiness regarding our service, it is very likely that we have not given God the best in our service, or we may have already abandoned it. If we have not left our area of service, it is just a matter of time. Also, when godly men confront us about our lack in our service unto God, do we put up a defence even though we have been blatantly wrong?

Being covetous of earthly rewards

Besides having the boldness to go against God, unfaithful Christians look for earthly reward or self-gain for their service. The priests said in Malachi 3:14, “It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the Lord of hosts?” The priests saw no returns for serving God even though they mournfully served the Lord in tears. Instead of being enriched, they became impoverished or disadvantaged. They measured the returns for their service in terms of material gain.

Furthermore, the covetous priests also envied others who were more prosperous even though they did not serve God. They regarded the proud people who did not submit to God as blessed, and the wicked people as well-established. They cried foul over the undeserved deliverance of those who went against God (Malachi 3:15). To the priests, their service to God had not paid off at all.

For unfaithful Christians, the motivation behind service is self-gain. They may be looking for recognition and praises from others, or perhaps some form of monetary rewards. There is some selfish ulterior motive

behind serving God. If such rewards are not received, their service unto God will wane or stop.

Christians must not demand such earthly gain from God when they serve Him. For God is faithful and He would accordingly reward in the manner that He deems best. Hebrews 6:10a promises Christians who serve Him, “For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name”. And even if you give a cup of cold water in His name, you will not lose your reward (cf. Mark 9:41).

Conclusion

Therefore, let us serve God faithfully by having the fear of the Lord in our hearts when we carry out our duties. May God be gracious unto us so that we can “serve (Him) acceptably with reverence and godly fear” (Hebrews 12:28). For we serve an awesome and great God who is “a consuming fire” (Hebrews 12:29). Even when no one may notice or praise us when we serve God, He will remember our labour that we render unto Him. Colossians 3:23-24 read, “And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.” ■

God is Angry with the Wicked

"God is angry with the wicked every day" (Psalm 7:11).

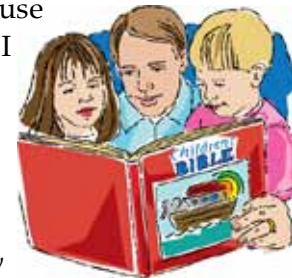
Because God is holy, He hates those who commit wickedness. So He declared that He is angry with them every day. His anger is not an unreasonable, sudden outburst. God does not act in a rash manner without a cause. In fact, the Bible tells us many times that the LORD is "slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy" (Psalm 103:8; cf. Nehemiah 9:17; Psalm 145:8). The LORD is very patient. If He had not been patient, we would have long been destroyed.

However, God will not accept or tolerate the wicked deeds of men forever. If a person is unwilling to repent of his evil deeds but continue in them, the LORD's anger will surely rage against that person every day.

God will not accept or show favour to those who continue in sin. His anger will act against those who do not repent of their sins. We read in Judges 2:20, "And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel; and he said, Because that this people hath transgressed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not hearkened unto my voice".

Before the fierce anger of the LORD flares against us, let us repent of all our sins and beg for His mercy.

Prabhudas Koshy



COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 13 August 2017

Tithes: 3,120.00

Offerings: 7,063.10; A\$50.00

Bldg Fund (Project): 550.00; 435.00

Designated Gifts: General Fund 1,100.00;

TGCM (local) 300.00; GBI (Int'l) 100.00;

GBPC (Pangasinan) 3,000.00; GBPC

(Ethiopia) 100.00; Ephrem Chiracho 100.00;

Pr Kelvin Lim 50.00; Kenneth Wong 50.00;

Arnold Diaz 50.00; Gladys Ratnam 200.00;

Esther Ratnam 50.00

NON-SUNDAY GIFT

TGCM (local): 600.00

SPECIAL FUND UPDATE

(as of 13 August 2017)

Building Fund (Project): \$2,292,751.70

“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

THE LATE REV TIMOTHY TOW'S BOOKS

Please avail yourselves to the assorted titles by the late Rev Timothy Tow at the reception table.

GETHSEMANE YOUNG MOTHERS' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Children's Education - I

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairperson: Sis Merisa Teong

Date & Time: Fri, 25 Aug 2017, 4-6pm

Venue: Home of Sis Sarah Yong

301 Ubi Ave 1, #04-241

Singapore 400301

*Please email any questions related to the
above topic to gethsemaneyoungmothers@
gmail.com before the meeting.*

PASTORAL VISITATION

TAMPINES

Date & Time: Fri, 25 Aug 2017, 8.00pm

Venue: Home of Pr & Mrs Jeremiah Sim

725 Tampines St 71, #06-167

Singapore 520725

If you live in this region, please check that your name is on the list placed on the reception table. If it is not, please add it in.

GETHSEMANE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Daily Vacation Bible School (DVBS)

29th Nov-1st Dec 2017 (Wed-Fri)

Parents with school-going children,
please take note of the dates.

GETHSEMANE ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Book Study of 1 Thessalonians

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairman: Bro Benny Skariah

Date & Time: Sat, 26 Aug 2017, **3.30pm**

Venue: Home of Mr & Mrs Benny Skariah

690D Woodlands Drive 75, #04-190

Singapore 734690

*(Transport from Admiralty MRT station at
3.40 pm.)*

A concurrent separate programme will
be catered for children aged 4-12 (4.00-
5.30pm).

GYAF SEMINAR 2017

“Sure & Stedfast (Hebrews 6:19)”

Speaker: Pr Clement Chew

Date: Sat, 2 Sept 2017

Time: 2.00-6.00pm

Venue: City Beach Resort

(Small Function Room)

8 Port Rd, Singapore 117540

*Transport from Labrador Park MRT
station from 1.30pm. Please sign up on the
list at the reception table.*

CHURCH DIRECTORY 2017

Attention to all members of GBPC:
Kindly check and update your particulars
at the reception table.

13TH BIBLE WITNESS RETREAT

*(held in conjunction with
Gethsemane Ladies' Fellowship Seminar)*

Theme: "An Empowered Woman of God"

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Date: 6th – 8th September 2017 (Wed–Fri)

Venue: Tanjong Puteri Golf Resort
Pasir Gudang, Johor

Closing date: *Next Sunday, 27th Aug 2017*

Please make your final payment by the next Lord's Day.

COMBINED YOUTH RETREAT OF GYF AND CALVARY PANDAN B-P CHURCH YF

Theme: Deny Yourself, Take Up Your
Cross and Follow Christ!

Speakers: Pastor Koshy, Preacher
Joshua Yong, Brother Andrew Koh

Date: 8-9 September 2017

Venue: Calvary Pandan B-P Church

Fee: \$10

Sign-up: <http://tinyurl.com/yfseptretreat>

CHINESE BIBLE CONFERENCE

Theme: Earnestly Contending for the Faith

Speaker: Pr Daniel Lim

Date & Time: Sat, 30 Sept 2017, 10.00am-2.00pm

Venue: City Beach Resort
8 Port Road, Singapore 117540

(Transport from Labrador Park MRT station from 9.30am.)

We encourage Chinese-speaking brethren to attend this conference and to invite your Christian friends. Do sign up at the reception table. If you are joining the lunch (\$5.00 per person), please make payment to Sis Aileen Tan.

POST-WORSHIP ACTIVITIES

Please stay back after worship to join us for:

Refreshments & Fellowship

12.30pm – 1.30pm

Bible Study (Adults, Youths & Children)

1.30pm – 3.00pm

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

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

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

Friday Campus Bible Study
SUTD Semestral Break

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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Deacon Francis Lee

Deacon Low Boon Siang