

GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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NEW YEAR**

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A WORD ON WORSHIP

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."

SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

Defence

Psalm 89:18

For the LORD is our defence;
and the Holy One of Israel is
our king.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Dn Low Boon Siang

*Hymn 24: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

* Invocation & Gloria Patri

* Responsive Scripture Reading

Psalm 103:1-22

Hymn 347: Under the Care of My God, the Almighty

Collection of Offerings

* Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 262: I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord!

Scripture Memorisation

* Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

"Forgiven to Forgive"

Matthew 18:23-35

*Hymn 385: May the Mind of Christ, My Saviour

* Benediction & Threefold Amen

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2018

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2018

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: Jenn Lee Ushers: Cayson Chok & Jonah So	Worship Leader: Pr Daniel Lim Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Dyllis Teo Flowers: Roscelle Lim Refreshments: Roscelle Lim Ushers: John Peh & Chan Tuck Whye
	ENGLISH SERVICE	Worship Leader: Dn Low Boon Siang Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Ellyzabeth, Sarah Teo Ushers: Dn Lok Kwok Wah (i/c) Andy Lee, Danial Wong Jonathon Lim, Stephen Yap David Ng, Julius Del Rosario Greeter: Violet Quek AV Ministry: Crew No. 3 Flowers: Stephanie Lee Refreshments: Lena Chan, Karen Quek Lok Qian Hui, Rhodora Resuma Junior Worship: Diana Chan, (Lok Qian Hui) Angeline Wong, (Violet Quek) Arvind Pawa	Worship Leader: Eld Alan Choy Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Eunice Choy, Jeremy Teo Ushers: Bernard Lim (i/c) Samuel Yong, Andrew Teong Marcus Peh, Randy Laurencio Arvind Pawa, George Chee Greeter: Stephanie Lee AV Ministry: Crew No. 4 Flowers: Choy Luan Kheng Refreshments: Catherine Choy, Cecilia Siah Edeliza Ballega, Khoo May Ping Junior Worship: Lee Kim Lei, (Evelyn Lauw) Melissa Mah, (Corliss Ooi) Eld Ng Poh Kok
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	Worship Leader: Eric Delina Preacher: Pr Dennis Kabingue Musician: Duaine Kabingue Usher: Jomart Tindaan Refreshments: Rhodora Resuma	Worship Leader: Norefel Resuma Preacher: Pr Samson Hutagalung Musician: Ayn Tindaan Usher: Randy Laurencio Refreshments: Janet Carbajosa
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Edwin Quek Dialect Speaker: Stephen Yap	Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim Dialect Speaker: Stephen Yap

25 February 2018

God, Money and You

Prabhudas Koshy

Without fail, we desire and pray for God's provision for our daily needs. We pray for jobs that we may earn a living. When our business fails, we pray for His help to meet our financial needs. When we face emergencies, we cry out for God's quick provisions. We do these because God's Word teaches us that "this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us" (1 John 5:14). But our desires and prayers are not always in line with God's will and His ways. There is nothing wrong with asking for God's direction, but it is wrong to go our own way without waiting for God's answer. So, when we turn our finances over to God, we must also be willing to accept His direction. Too often, we impatiently seek our own way without any clear direction from Him, sometimes even borrowing money to do His work. Christians have forgotten that God says He will not allow His work to be frustrated for the lack of money. A discourse

between our Lord and His disciples confirms this truth – "When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing" (Luke 22:35). "God's work done in God's way shall lack no supply."

If we understand God's view on money and how He uses the need for money and its provision to enhance our relationship with Him, we will be able to recognise God's directives better.

Purposes for which God uses our need for money and its provision

It is our wrong response to money that causes the problems. To manifest the right response in times of need or provision of finance, we must know God's plan for allowing such situations. Because God is in control of all things, we believe that He uses such situations for our benefit in several different ways (Romans 8:28).

God uses the need for money to strengthen our trust in Him. Jesus said, “Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matthew 6:31-33). God permits needs in our lives to test and to renew our trust and commitment to Him. “O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him. The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing” (Psalm 34:9-10).

God uses the lack of money to chastise us for not honouring Him or for not giving unto His work. “Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me” (Malachi 3:8-9; see also Haggai 1:2-12).

God uses the provision of money to prove His tender mercies, goodness and faithfulness.

The Scriptures tell us that it is the goodness and mercies of the Lord that bless us with all good things. “Who giveth food to all flesh: for his mercy endureth for ever” (Psalm 136:25). “And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work” (2 Corinthians 9:8).

Moses reminded Israel that it was God who would give them the power to acquire wealth – “But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day” (Deuteronomy 8:18). Our security is in God, not our bank accounts. “But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19). Discovering the Lord’s faithfulness as He provides for our financial need is a wonderful faith-building experience (see Nehemiah 9:15; Psalm 112:5-9; Malachi 3:10).

God uses the provision of money to build brotherhood and unity among Christians. “But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that

their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality” (2 Corinthians 8:14). God will use the abundance of one Christian to supply the needs of another (see Acts 11:28-30; Romans 15:26; Acts 4:34). Surplus money in our lives has been given by God for the purpose of helping those who are in need (Philippians 4:14-18; Galatians 6:10).

God uses both the need and provision of money to provide direction. There is probably no way God can direct our lives more meticulously than through the abundance or lack of money. Too often, we believe God directs our lives through the abundance of money, but He also leads us down His directed path by withholding money. This truth can be found in the Lord’s parable of the “Prodigal Son”, whose poverty providentially worked against his backsliding to bring him back to his home.

God uses money to clarify spiritual maturity. Many temptations clamour for the Christian’s attention. A great deal can be learned about our personal character and spiritual maturity by noticing how we handle money and determine

financial priorities. “Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Matthew 6:19-21).

God uses the provision of money to develop our trustworthiness. This principle is important because our lives generally revolve around making, spending, saving and using money. If He can trust us with money, then He can trust us with greater responsibilities and His true riches. This is what Christ has taught when He said, “If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon (riches), who will commit to your trust the true riches?” (Luke 16:11).



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Junior Worshipper's Page

The Seventh Day

Genesis 2:1-3

Dear children, we learned that God created everything in six days. God then rested from all His works of creation on the seventh day (v. 2), which He blessed and sanctified (v. 3). This day of rest is called the Sabbath day in the Bible. It is an important day for the people of God. They are to remember it, and keep it holy (cf. Exodus 20:8). It is a commandment of the LORD. Let us learn more about the Sabbath day, and how to keep it holy.

According to the Jewish tradition, the Sabbath day begins at sunset on Friday, and ends at sunset on Saturday. During the Sabbath days, the Jews are to remember God's sanctified rest after His completion of the creation works of the heavens and the earth, and also how the LORD had delivered them from slavery in Egypt.

However, the Jews became so strict in their observation of the Sabbath day concerning rest that no work was to be done, not even an act of goodness to the needy. So, when Jesus was on earth, there were many occasions where He did miraculous things on Sabbath days to help the needy in order to teach the Jews about its true observance. For example, He cured an impotent man who had an infirmity

for 38 years. This caused the Jews to be very unhappy with Him. They wanted to slay Him for healing a man who was enslaved by a sickness for such a long time (cf. John 5:1-16). Oh, how misguided men could become!

Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath. The true keeping of the Sabbath day is to remember God's goodness, and help those in need. "The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath" (Mark 2:27).

My young readers, the Sabbath day is not about not doing any work, but rather doing good to those in need. More importantly, it is for the worship of God. Let us remember to give thanks to the Lord Jesus who had saved us from our sins, and to be good to others on this blessed day because the Lord is good to us.

*Kelvin Lim*

COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 11 February 2018

Tithes: 1,530.00

Offerings: 10,254.95

Building Fund (Project): 250.00; 20.00;
200.00; 50.00; 5,000.00; 1,900.00

Designated Gifts: Care Ministry 2,000.00;
100.00; Rev Ephrem 100.00; GBPC
(Ethiopia) 100.00; Pastor Koshy 200.00; Pr
Dennis 100.00; Pr Kelvin 100.00; Pr Kee
How 100.00

NON-SUNDAY GIFT

General Fund: 100.00

SPECIAL FUND UPDATE

(as of 11 February 2018)

Building Fund (Project): \$2,514,341.20

**Give generously
towards our
Church Building Fund.**

*"Every man according as
he purposeth in his heart,
so let him give;
not grudgingly, or of necessity:
for God loveth a cheerful giver."
2 Corinthians 9:7*

PASTORAL VISITATION BEDOK SOUTH/MARINE PARADE

Date & Time: Fri, 23 Feb 2018, 8.00pm

Venue: Home of Mr & Mrs Ricky Yang
470 Siglap Road, #05-36
Singapore 454943

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 YOUNG MOTHERS' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Biblical Family Figures

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairperson: Sis Fidelia Mah

Date & Time: Fri, 23 Feb 2018, 4-6pm

Venue: Home of Sis Simmi
35 Hougang Ave 7, #04-04
Singapore 538802

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



*Come, join us at our
Tuesday Night
Prayer Meeting!*

GETHSEMANE ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Book Study of 1 Thessalonians

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairman: Eld Francis Lee

Date & Time: Sat, 24 Feb 2018, 4.00pm

Venue: Home of Eld & Mrs Francis Lee
35 Moonbeam Terrace
Singapore 277308

(Dinner will be provided by the host.)

*Transport from Buona Vista MRT station
Exit C at 3.40pm.*

There will also be a concurrent separate
programme for children aged 4-12.

SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION PROGRAMME

The first test of **25 verses** will be held
next Sunday. You are to attend either one
of two designated sessions: first session
@9.30 am or second session **@1.15 pm**. It
will be a written test, and you are required
to write out the respective topics, Bible
references and verses.

AV MINISTRY

Pastor would like to meet all brethren
serving in the AV Ministry next Sunday
after the worship service. Brethren who
are keen to help out in the AV Ministry
can also attend this session.

14TH BIBLE WITNESS RETREAT

14-16 March 2018 (Wed-Fri)

Theme: "Heavenly-Mindedness"

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Venue: Pulau Springs Resort, Johor

(Please sign up quickly at the reception table to facilitate the planning of this retreat. You may approach Dn Lok or Bro Hendrick Foo if you need any additional information.)

GETHSEMANE LADIES' FELLOWSHIP SEMINAR

Topic: "The Beauty of Holiness"

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Date & Time: Sat, 17 Mar 2018, 2.00-5.30pm

Venue: City Beach Resort

Transport provided from Labrador Park MRT station at 1.30pm. For more details, please avail yourself of the seminar flyers at the reception table.

Youths are strongly encouraged to attend this Seminar.

Kindly sign up at the reception table or via this link <http://goo.gl/forms/OpWNBDVSeF>.

There will be a separate programme for children aged 4 to 12.

CHURCH CAMP 2018 (T-SHIRT SIZING)

Trial sizing of the Church Camp T-shirts will commence in March 2018. It will be done at 1.15pm every Sunday, beginning on 4th March 2018. The final day of sizing will be on the 25th March 2018. All campers must submit their registration forms before proceeding to the T-shirt sizing. If you have any questions, you may approach Elder Francis Lee.

POST-WORSHIP ACTIVITIES

Please stay back after worship to join us for:

Refreshments & Fellowship

12.30pm – 1.30pm

Bible Study (Adults, Youths & Children)

GBI-Online Class & CBS @ 1.45pm

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday Night Bible Study & Prayer

8.00pm @ L5 Auditorium, SingPost Centre

Wednesday Lunch Hour Bible Study

1.00pm @ Bible Witness Bookroom

Thursday Seniors' Ministry

11.00am (Please contact Pr Jeremiah Sim)

Campus Bible Study

2.30pm on Tuesdays @NAFA

Study Break @SUTD

Friday Morning Prayer

7.45am – 8.30am @ Church Resource Centre

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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Church Weekly

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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