

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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Doxology – the ascribing of glory to God – is essential to worship. Praise, honour and homage belong to the Lord God Almighty. He alone is worthy of worship. He is our Creator, our Redeemer, our Provider and our Joy. So, let us bow before Him and worship – “Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created” (Revelation 4:11).

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SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

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No Defrauding
Leviticus 19:13

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Call to Worship

Dn Low Boon Siang

*Hymn 105: I Will Praise Him!

* **Invocation & Gloria Patri**

* **Responsive Scripture Reading**

Psalm 1

Hymn 121: My Redeemer

Collection of Offerings

* **Doxology & Prayer**

Hymn 247: Cleanse Me

Scripture Memorisation

* **Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Sermon

Rev Paul Cheng

“Blessed is the Man”

Psalm 1:1-3

*Hymn 402: His Way with Thee

* **Benediction & Threefold Amen**

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 15 APRIL 2018

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 22 APRIL 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 Kelvin Lim Musician: Gan Sze Huey Flowers: Winnie Yap Refreshments: Jenn Lee Ushers: Chong Ah Huat & Robert Ooi	Worship Leader: Eld Alan Choy Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Eunice Choy Flowers: Tay Soo Thian Refreshments: Rose Chua Ah Moey Ushers: John Peh & Jonah So
	ENGLISH SERVICE	Worship Leader: Dn Low Boon Siang Preacher: Rev Paul Cheng Musicians: Eunice Choy, Sarah Teo Ushers: Gerry Lee (i/c) Low Chip Hung, Theodore Wang Benny Skariah, Cayson Chok Timotheus Liu, Chan Tuck Whye Greeter: Mah Lean Choo AV Ministry: Crew No. 3 Flowers: Pansy Ng Refreshments: Violet Quek, Chairine Chayadi Lim Hua See, Mary Ong Junior Worship: Edwin Quek, (Evelyne Lee) Pr Dennis Kabingue, (Corliss Ooi) Low Siew Lian	Worship Leader: Dn Kelvin Lim Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Ellyzabeth, Jeremy Teo Ushers: Dn Lok Kwok Wah (i/c) Andy Lee, Danial Wong Jonathon Lim, Ricky Yang David Ng, Julius Del Rosario Greeter: Violet Quek AV Ministry: Crew No. 1 Flowers: Chua Beng Hwee Refreshments: Stella Tan, Amanda Leong Rachel Teo, Mary Lee Junior Worship: Choy Luan Kheng, (Eunice Choy) Dn Low Boon Siang, (Jasmine Tan) Adrian Lim
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	Worship Leader: Eric Delina Preacher: Pr Dennis Kabingue Musician: Duaine Kabingue Usher: Julius Del Rosario Refreshments: Joy Del Rosario	Worship Leader: Norefel Resuma Preacher: Pr Dennis Kabingue Musician: Ayn Tindaan Usher: Jordan Ballega Refreshments: Erly Calaro
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Eld Ng Poh Kok Dialect Speaker: Stephen Yap	Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Eld Mah Chin Kwang Dialect Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim

CRITICAL CONCERNS - I

About Our Salvation

Prabhudas Koshy

The Bible grants full assurance of salvation to all those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ (cf. Acts 15:11; 16:31; John 1:12; 3:15-16, 36; Ephesians 2:8-10). Forgiveness of sins (Ephesians 1:7) and the hope of eternal life (Titus 3:7) certainly belong to all those who have trusted Jesus wholeheartedly.

But along with the assurance, the Bible also relates a matter of critical concern to everyone who professed faith in Christ. It calls every professing believer to examine himself to make certain that his faith is genuine, lest he may be deceived about the genuineness of his salvation.

Both the Old and New Testament Scriptures call us to examine our spiritual status:

- “Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD” (Lamentations 3:40).
- “Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways” (Haggai 1:5; cf. v. 7).

- “Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?” (2 Corinthians 13:5).
- “But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another” (Galatians 6:4).
- For those who are in the church, every occasion of communion at the Lord’s table is to be a time of self-examination – “But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup” (1 Corinthians 11:28).

The Bible does not permit anyone to take the matter of salvation light-heartedly. In fact, it warns us that many have been falsely assured of their salvation.

- Jesus warned those who come confessing Him in worship, “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of

heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity” (Matthew 7:21–23).

- Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord declared His displeasure with the worship offered by men of duplicity, “..when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear...” (Isaiah 1:10, 15).
- Proverbs 28:9 forewarns, “He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.”
- Paul spoke of some who “profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate” (Titus 1:16).
- The writer of Hebrews had a dire warning to the churchgoers who persistently engage in sin without repentance: “For it is impossible

for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame” (Hebrews 6:4-6).

So, it remains a sombre reality that not all who respond to the Gospel are genuine believers. A mere knowledge about the facts of the Gospel does not guarantee salvation. Worryingly, many in the church may well be told by the Lord that “thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead” (Revelation 3:1)!

Concern for the genuineness of salvation must be addressed by everyone in the church. Let everyone remind himself that there is nothing in himself to be very sure of his salvation. A distrust of oneself is not a bad thing, especially when it comes to one’s salvation. Proverbs 28:14 observes, “Happy is the man that feareth alway: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief.” Matthew Henry commented:

“Most people think that those are happy who never fear; but there is a fear which is so far

from having torment in it that it has in it the greatest satisfaction. Happy is the man who always keeps up in his mind a holy awe and reverence of God, his glory, goodness, and government, who is always afraid of offending God and incurring his displeasure, who keeps conscience tender and has a dread of the appearance of evil, who is always jealous of himself, distrustful of his own sufficiency, and lives in expectation of troubles and changes, so that, whenever they come, they are no surprise to him. He who keeps up such a fear as this will live a life of faith and watchfulness, and therefore happy is he, blessed and holy. The danger of a sinful presumption: he that hardens his heart, that mocks at fear, and sets God and his judgments at defiance, and receives not the impressions of his word or rod, shall fall into mischief; his presumption will be his ruin, and whatever sin (which is the greatest mischief) he falls into it is owing to the hardness of his heart.”

Similarly, the apostle Paul admonished, “Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take

heed lest he fall” (1 Corinthians 10:12). A holy caution, a critical concern about our spiritual well-being should always be maintained in ourselves. We must also guard against any kind of confidence that tolerates and entertains unholy living, dullness in learning God’s Word, and increasing materialism and worldliness.

May our hearts tremble at His Word, and be filled with contrition. “And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man’s work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear” (1 Peter 1:17). The “fear” that is mentioned by Peter, stands opposed to careless confidence or false sense of security, which can so easily creep into our hearts. Since there is a real possibility of sins permeating a Christian’s heart, his course of conduct must not be presumptuous or frivolous, but be one of solemn self-searching and humble trust and obedience. A Christian’s pilgrim sojourning is characterised not by self-confidence, but an abiding fear that drives him to humble dependence on the Lord for holy and victorious living.

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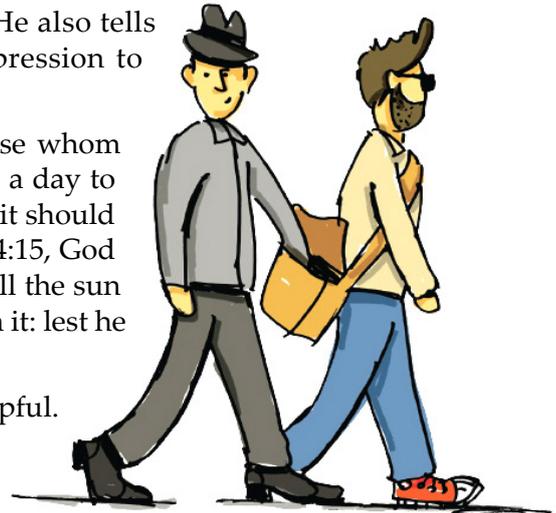
Leviticus 19:13

God prohibits us from doing three things to get for ourselves what rightfully belong to others.

- Firstly, He forbids us from using any fraud, lies, falsehoods or deception to take others' belongings. All kinds of cheating and stealing are forbidden by the Lord. This also means no shoplifting.
- Secondly, He forbids us from robbing others by force. He also tells us not to use any kind of threatening, violence or oppression to exploit others.
- Thirdly, He forbids us from withholding the pay of those whom we have hired to work for us. When a person is hired for a day to work for us, his wage should be paid in the evening, and it should not be held from him even for a night. In Deuteronomy 24:15, God said, "At his day thou shalt give him his hire, neither shall the sun go down upon it; for he is poor, and setteth his heart upon it: lest he cry against thee unto the LORD, and it be sin unto thee."

God wants all His children to be honest, kind and helpful. Christians should not engage in any fraudulent activities.

Prabhudas Koshy



COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 08 April 2018

Tithes: 2,620.00

Offerings: 8,239.00

Building Fund (Project): 50.00; 500.00

Designated Gifts: General Fund 500.00;
Bible Witness 100.00; Rev Ephrem 300.00;
Ethiopian Student Meals 100.00

NON-SUNDAY GIFTS

Building Fund (Project): 600.00; 400.00

Designated Gifts: General Fund 300.00;
Bible Witness 100.00

SPECIAL FUND UPDATE

(as of 08 April 2018)

Building Fund (Project): \$2,560,476.20

TURKEY-ISRAEL BIBLE STUDY TOUR

**(Organised by Bible Witness
Media Ministry)**

Date: 26th Nov - 7th Dec 2018

Visiting the Seven Churches of Revelation
and other historical sites in the Asia
Minor region.

Limited Seats Available!

*For more information, please
approach Dn Lok Kwok Wah.*

GETHSEMANE YOUNG ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Topic: Book Study of Ecclesiastes

Chairman: Bro Elvin Siew

Date & Time: Fri, 20 Apr 2018, 7.30pm

Venue: Home of Mr & Mrs Ong Chin
(Bro Aron Ong's parents)

Blk 803, Tampines Ave 4, #05-77
Singapore 520803

*(Dinner will be provided. The
message will start at 8.30pm.)*

GETHSEMANE LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: "Respecting and Loving
Grown-Up Children"

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairperson: Sis Melissa Mah

Date & Time: Sat, 21 Apr 2018,
2.00-4.00pm

Venue: Home of Sis Carolyn Koshy
Blk 826, Tampines St 81, #02-92
Singapore 520826

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

GETHSEMANE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Study of 1 Timothy 4:12-16

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairman: Bro Titus Ho

Date & Time: Sat, 21 Apr 2018, 4.30pm

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

GETHSEMANE YOUNG MOTHERS' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Biblical Family Figures

Speaker: Pr Ho Kee How

Chairperson: Sis Sharon dela Cruz

Date & Time: Fri, 27 Apr 2018, 4-6pm

Venue: Home of Sis Kim Lei
408 Fajar Road, #10-349
Singapore 670408

*Please email any questions related to the
above topic to [gethsemaneyoungmothers@
gmail.com](mailto:gethsemaneyoungmothers@gmail.com) before the meeting.*

PASTORAL VISITATION

CHOA CHU KANG/BUKIT BATOK

Date & Time: Fri, 27 Apr 2018, 8.00pm

Venue: Home of Mr & Mrs Andy Lee
92 Hillview Ave, #06-11
Singapore 669592

SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION PROGRAMME

Please sign up at the reception table if you are interested to take the test on 27 May 2018. The test will be in written (25 verses) and verbal (15 verses) format. Sign up by 13th May 2018 in order to take the test. For more enquiries, please contact Dn Kelvin Lim.

GETHSEMANE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SEMINAR

Topic: "Faithful Men" (Part IV) - Job

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairman: Dn Low Boon Siang

Date & Time: Sat, 12 May 2018, 2-6pm

Venue: City Beach Resort

(Please avail yourself of the seminar flyers for more details.)

Do sign up at the reception table to facilitate arrangements for seating and refreshments.

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

CHURCH CAMP 2018

Theme: "Church - A Caring Communion of Saints"

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Date: 4-8 June 2018 (Mon-Fri)

Venue: Lexis Penang

Participants are advised to book plane tickets on their own as soon as possible. Please take the registration form from the reception table and submit the completed form to Bro Aron Ong or Bro Ng Kwan Teng. Do approach Elder Francis Lee if you need further information.

POST-WORSHIP ACTIVITIES

Please stay back after worship to join us for:

Refreshments & Fellowship

12.30pm – 1.30pm

Bible Study (Adults, Youths & Children)

GBI-Revelation & CBS (1.45-3.00pm)

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday Night Bible Study & Prayer

8.00pm @ L5 Auditorium, SingPost Centre

Wednesday Lunch Hour Bible Study

Cancelled in view of Seniors' Retreat

Thursday Seniors' Ministry

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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

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SMS or WhatsApp

your prayer item

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