

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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God demands that His worshippers separate themselves from all worldliness and devote themselves to know and to do all that are pleasing to Him. Scripture says, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:2). True worshippers live to do His will and glorify Him.

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SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

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Depravity
Isaiah 64:6

But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Call to Worship

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

*Hymn 85: O Day of Rest and Gladness

* Invocation & Psalm 29:1-2

* Responsive Scripture Reading

Revelation 22

Hymn 226: The Lord is King!

Collection of Offerings

* Psalm 103:1-4 & Prayer

Hymn 393: Deeper, Deeper

Scripture Memorisation

* Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Rev Reggor Galarpe

"What Would Jesus Say About the Church?"

Revelation 2:1-7

*Hymn 414: Is Your All on the Altar?

* Benediction & Threefold Amen

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 12 AUGUST 2018

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 19 AUGUST 2018

8.00 – 9.00am		CHURCH CHOIR	CHURCH CHOIR
9.00am		CHINESE SERVICE	CHINESE SERVICE
		ADULTS' BIBLE STUDY (GBI-REVELATION)	ADULTS' BIBLE STUDY (GBI-REVELATION)
		CHILDREN'S CHOIR & CHILDREN'S BIBLE STUDY	CHILDREN'S CHOIR & CHILDREN'S BIBLE STUDY
11.00am	ENGLISH SERVICE	<p>Worship Leader: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Preacher: Rev Reggor Galarpe Musicians: Jasmine Kang, Sarah Lee Ushers: Bernard Lim (i/c) Ng Kwan Teng, Cornelius Koshy Marcus Peh, Andy Lee Timotheus Liu, John Peh Greeter: Diana Chan AV Ministry: Andronicus Koshy, Aron Ong Jonathon Lim, Matthew Peh Flowers: Diana Chan Refreshments: Catherine Choy, Roscelle Lim Lok Qian Hui, Chong Shu Mun Junior Worship: Kamala, (Esther Quek) Gina Sim, (Adlucia Lim) Dn Lok Kwok Wah</p>	<p>Worship Leader: Dn Low Boon Siang Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Ellyzabeth, Sarah Teo Ushers: David Tan (i/c) Cornelius Koshy, Lee Shing Shyan Lijoy George, Cayson Chok Marcus Lim, Linus Kok Greeter: Mah Lean Choo AV Ministry: John Ku, Andy Lee Aidan Kang, Matthew Peh Flowers: Stephanie Lee Refreshments: Roscelle Lim, Lim Hua See Amanda Leong, Mary Lee Junior Worship: Sharon dela Cruz, (Eunice Choy) Neo Kian Seng, (Jean Tindaan) Samuel Yong</p>
2.00pm	OTHER MINISTRIES	FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP	FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP
		MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP	MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP
		CATECHISM CLASS	CATECHISM CLASS
		YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE	YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	<p>Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Elder Ng Poh Kok Dialect Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim</p>	<p>Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Bro Edwin Quek Dialect Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim</p>

12 August 2018

Greetings & Testimony from Ethiopia

Imane Dola

Dear Gethsemaneans and missions partners (in Singapore, the Philippines, Ethiopia, Malaysia, India, and more),

I greet you all in wonderful name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

Since Gethsemane Bible Institute commenced in Ethiopia in 2012, I have given much of my time to teach God's Word. Normally I teach 4-6 courses per term (2 courses in regular day classes, 1 or 2 courses in the evening classes, and also 1 or 2 in the weekend distance-learning classes).

Teaching in GBI caused me to realise my need for further learning. I had not taken some of the important courses for biblical interpretation, such as Hebrew and Greek languages in my undergraduate studies. I had also to learn to defend the truth of His Word in this age of biblical and theological criticism and confusion. By the guidance of the Lord, I joined the Ethiopian Graduate School of Theology (EGST) in May 2015. I registered for the Master of Arts in Biblical and Theological Studies (MABTS) programme, and concentrated on Old Testament studies. By the grace of God, through your prayers and support,

I have completed the programme and graduated in July 2018. The topic of my MA thesis is: ***Cain's Failure to Maintain Vertical Relationship as the Cause for His Failure in Horizontal Relationship: A Narrative Analysis of Genesis 4:1-16.*** (You may read a summary of learning points gleaned from my thesis, as attached.)

I am much thankful to God for His grace, provision, and protection as I have been travelling from Alemgena to Sarbet (in the middle of Addis Ababa, where EGST is located). The Lord has preserved my health these three years so that I am able to complete my studies. May the Lord bless you all for standing by me and sharing in this success with me.

Since I began my part-time class at the EGST, I was not able to teach in the evening class because most of my EGST classes were in the evenings. Now I turned to teach the evening class this summer. Currently, I am teaching 5 courses (3 evening courses: on Discipleship, Servant Leadership, and Comparative Religion; and 2 distance-learning courses: on Ten Commandments, and a study of 1 & 2 Kings).

Side by side with teaching in GBI, I am serving in the following areas as well: preaching during the Lord's Day service (at least once per month respectively in Alemgena and Addis Ababa, as assigned by Rev. Ephrem), teaching children's Sunday school class in Alemgena, singing in the choir, and evangelism.

It is my pleasure and honour to serve the Lord in His vineyard with you, and share God's doings in my life with you.

Sincerely in Christ,
Imane Dola

Excerpt from my thesis entitled

Cain's Failure to Maintain Vertical Relationship as the Cause for His Failure
in Horizontal Relationship: A Narrative Analysis of Genesis 4:1-16

A. Sad Scenario

Cain's failure to maintain "brother-to-brother" horizontal relationship was the consequence of his broken vertical relationship with God through his unacceptable offering. Thus, he killed Abel in anger against God and out of jealousy of his brother's success, denying his responsibility. Sadly, modern scholars' explanation of shifting the blame on God for rejecting Cain's unacceptable gift is a gross misrepresentation of God's just character. God was not the cause for Cain's crisis; the problem lies in the behaviour of the man himself and in his unacceptable offering.

B. Practical Application for Today's Ethiopian Christians and Church

1. IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

As worshippers of the sovereign and just God of Cain and Abel, we should be aware that God regards or disregards offerings that are presented before His altar. We should also be aware that failure to maintain our vertical relationship with God has a direct bearing on our failure to maintain right relationships with others, thereby leading us into tragedy.

So, we must obey God in all that He commands us and demands of us. When He does not respond to us the way we expect, we shouldn't be wrathful against God because He is not unjust in His doings. Rather, we should examine ourselves, admit our failure, and repent. We should also take God's word of advice or warning seriously because all that He commands us is intended for our good.

When we read about God's dealings with individuals or groups of people in the Bible, which are difficult to explain, we shouldn't doubt His just and righteous character. We should humble ourselves and pray to God to help us understand those things.

2. IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS

Every human being is responsible for his "brother" - the other fellow human being - because we are our brothers' keepers. Though we are not able to take responsibility for all the whereabouts of other people, we should do what we can for those who are next to us. At the same time, we should know that human life is sacred, for man is created in the image of God. The LORD prohibits murder, so we must never take a human life. We must not use the power that we have in our hand (whether it be authority or physical strength) to hurt others. We should be aware of the fact that the powerless innocent may physically die, but we are the ones who would ultimately suffer because of God's just judgment! In the New Testament, hatred for a brother is equated with murder (1 John 3:15). A murderer will not inherit eternal life. So we should avoid envy, anger and verbal abuses against a brother because such emotions and actions are fruits of hatred. These attitudes can lead us into the actual physical attack and taking away of life. Positively, we should love our neighbours as ourselves, in fulfilment of our Lord's commandment (cf. Matthew 22:39).

God's omniscience is both a warning and an encouragement to us in our relationship with others. Even though we may hide or deny what we did or planned against our brother's life, God sees every attitude and action of every human being, and thus we cannot escape His judgment. We should always examine our attitudes and actions towards our fellow brother. If we discover that we are doing or planning to do evil, or if our actions are accompanied with arrogance, greed, envy, anger, and hatred against others and their success, we should know that we are going the way of Cain. Therefore, we must quickly turn away in repentance. On the other hand, God's omniscience is an encouragement to us because He sees what others think or plan against us, and He will protect us from all their secret snares, in accordance with His sovereign will.

We Are All as an Unclean Thing

“But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.”

Isaiah 64:6

Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord describes our actual spiritual state. The prophet gave us three descriptions of our spiritual condition.

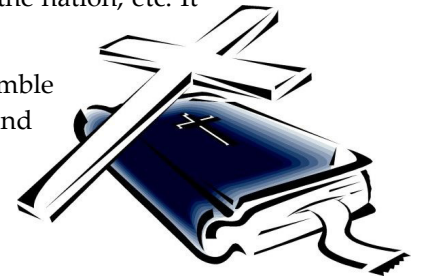
Firstly, we are described as “an unclean thing”. The word “unclean” refers to something that is polluted and defiled. God’s Word is saying that the whole mankind is contaminated and tainted with sin.

Secondly, we are described as “filthy rags”. These are pieces of cloth soiled with foul excretions and filthy stuff! God finds every person as a dirty, mucky rag. Our lives have been tainted with disgusting sins. He hates the sins of our lives.

Thirdly, we are described as “the wind”. Like a storm that sweeps away everything in its path, we have been blown away by our sins. Sin is destructive, much like a tornado that blasts away houses and crops and trees. Sin wrecks the peace of individuals, families, the church, the nation, etc. It brings upon us God’s displeasure and wrath.

Having understood how God denounces us for our sins, let us humble ourselves before the Lord and seek His forgiveness. Let us also praise and thank Him for His grace and love that purge us through the blood of Christ, that we may be accepted of Him.

Prabhudas Koshy



COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 5th August 2018

Tithes: 4,550.00

Offerings: 7,917.00

Building Fund (Project): 1,900.00; 800.00;
480.00; 300.00; 150.00; 70.00; 50.00; 50.00

Designated Gifts: General Fund 550.00;
TGCM 50.00; GBI India 200.00; Pr Sujith
200.00; Ethiopian Student Meals 100.00;
Pastor Koshy 50.00; Pr Kelvin 50.00; Sis
Annie Ho 500.00

NON-SUNDAY GIFT

Care Ministry: 1,000.00

TGCM 13th ANNIVERSARY

Care Ministry: 8,215.00; 20.00 (FairPrice
Gift Vouchers)

Building Fund (Project): 1,000.00; 400.00

BUILDING FUND UPDATE

(Cash at bank as of 27th July 2018)

\$4,015,875.64

*(Inclusive of: (i) weekly collections, (ii) 10%
downpayment from the sales of present CRC, (iii)
interest from fixed deposits and (iv) remaining
funds from previous Building Fund collection)*

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

*The God of heaven, He will prosper us;
therefore we His servants will arise and build...
(Nehemiah 2:20)*

GETHSEMANE YOUNG ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Book Study of Ecclesiastes

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairman: Bro Elvin Siew

Date & Time: Fri, 17 Aug 2018, 7.30pm

Venue: Home of Mr & Mrs Gan Chin Hwi
Blk 609, Elias Road, #07-174
Singapore 510609
(Dinner will be provided.)

GETHSEMANE LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: "How to Rekindle
Spiritual Vitality"

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairperson: Sis Choy Luan Kheng

Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2018

Time: 2.00-4.00pm

Venue: Home of Sis Joey Tan
175 Lompang Road, #15-43
Singapore 670175

*(Transport from Bukit Panjang
station Exit A at 1.40pm.)*

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

GETHSEMANE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairman: Bro Benjamin Quek

Date & Time: Sat, 18 Aug 2018, 4.30pm

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

Youth Choir Practice starts at 2.00pm.

TRANSCRIBERS NEEDED

For brethren who have indicated their
availability to help out in this area, please
attend a briefing immediately after the
worship service today.

SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION PROGRAMME

The next test for the Scripture
Memorisation Programme will be held
on 26th August 2018. It will be a written
test of 25 verses. The verses are available
for download at [gethsemanebpc.com/
Resources/documents/2018_SMP.pdf](http://gethsemanebpc.com/Resources/documents/2018_SMP.pdf).
For more information, you may approach
Pr Kelvin Lim.

15TH BIBLE WITNESS RETREAT

Theme: "The Gospel of the Kingdom"

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Dates: 2nd - 5th September 2018

Venue: Fairfield by Marriott (Vizag)

Retreat Fees: (excluding airfare)

Single Occupancy - \$350/person

Double Occupancy - \$270/person

Closing date for signing up: **Today!**

Please make payment for your retreat fees to Dn Lok Kwok Wah.

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.

For an excellent learning opportunity and an enriching experience, sign up quickly!

For more information, please approach Dn Lok Kwok Wah.

GETHSEMANE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP RETREAT 2018

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Dates: 24th - 26th December 2018

Venue: UK Farm Resort, Kluang, Malaysia

Retreat Fees: \$180/person (*Youths who require subsidy, please approach Elder Choy*)

Registration is now open. Please take the registration form from the reception table. For more information, please approach Elder Choy or Bro Cornelius Koshy.

POST-WORSHIP ACTIVITIES

Please stay back after worship to join us for:

Refreshment & Fellowship

1.00pm – 2.00pm

Catechism Class, Malayalam Fellowship, Filipino Fellowship, Youth Choir Practice

2.00pm onwards

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
Semester Break @ NAFA
Fridays, 5.00pm @ 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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Time & Place of Worship

11.00am

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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Elder Alan Choy

Elder Ng Poh Kok

Elder Francis Lee

Deacon Daniel Lim

Deacon Lok Kwok Wah

Deacon Kelvin Lim

Deacon Low Boon Siang