

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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Devices

Proverbs 24:8

He that deviseth to do evil shall be called
a mischievous person.

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REFORMATION SUNDAY

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Call to Worship

Elder Ng Poh Kok

Special Item: Gethsemane Youth Choir

*Hymn 46: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

***Invocation & Gloria Patri**

***Responsive Scripture Reading** *2 Timothy 3:1-17*

Special Item: Gethsemane Children's Choir

Hymn 112: Redeemed

Collection of Offerings

Voices of Gethsemane

***Doxology & Prayer**

Hymn 413: Rise Up, O Men of God!

Scripture Memorisation

***Intercessory Prayer**

Elder Ng Poh Kok

Sermon

Pr Jeremiah Sim

"God's Word in a Believer's Life"

2 Timothy 3:16

*Hymn 256: The Bible Stands

***Closing Prayer & Threefold Amen**

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 28 OCTOBER 2018

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 04 NOVEMBER 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	<p>ENGLISH SERVICE</p> <p>Worship Leader: Elder Ng Poh Kok Preacher: Pr Jeremiah Sim Musicians: Ellyzabeth, Jeremy Teo Ushers: David Tan (i/c) Cornelius Koshy, Danial Wong Jonathon Lim, Cayson Chok Marcus Lim, John Peh Greeter: Lee Kim Lei AV Ministry: John Zhang, David Kablingue Khoo Xin Hao, Zacharias Tan Flowers: Diana Koh Refreshments: Lena Chan, Khoo May Ping Cecilia Siah, Mary Chan Junior Worship: Diana Chan, (Jenice Choy) Gina Sim, (Sarah Lee) Carolyn Koshy</p>	<p>Worship Leader: Elder Alan Choy Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Jasmine Kang, Sarah Lee Ushers: Gerry Lee (i/c) Ng Kwan Teng, Benjamin Quek Marcus Peh, Low Chip Hung Chong Khai Siang, Chan Tuck Whye Greeter: Sally Lum AV Ministry: Andronicus Koshy, Aron Ong Jonathon Lim, Matthew Peh Flowers: Chua Beng Hwee Refreshments: Catherine Choy, Rhodora Resuma Lok Qian Hui, Chong Shu Mun Junior Worship: Kamala, (Stella Tan) Neo Kian Seng, (Corliss Ooi) John Peh</p>
2.00pm	FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP	FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP
	MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP	MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP
	CATECHISM CLASS	CATECHISM CLASS
	YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE <i>(Cancelled in view of Evangelism)</i>	YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE
3.30pm	<p>LIONS HOME</p> <p>Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Bro Edwin Quek Dialect Speaker: Elder Alan Choy</p>	<p>Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Elder Ng Poh Kok Dialect Speaker: Bro Stephen Yap</p>

28 October 2018

Worthy Defenders of God's Word - II

(In commemoration of the Reformation of the 16th century, we continue to publish portions of Pastor Koshy's message, "Defence of the Word by the Church", based on Jeremiah 23:16-22. It was preached in the 4th Missionary Conference of Gethsemane B-P Church [June 23-27, 2014]. May His Word be faithfully preached in our church.)

BE STEADFAST IN HIS COUNSELS

In verse 18, the Lord probed the Israelites with these searching questions: "For who hath stood in the counsel of the LORD, and hath perceived and heard his word? who hath marked his word, and heard it?" What an incriminating interrogation! The Lord was challenging the Israelites to prove to Him if they had firmly followed His counsel. But they had exhibited nothing whatsoever to show their unwavering commitment to His counsels.

Those questions will not go down well with churchgoers of our time. They would retort, "Wait a minute! Do we not boldly confess that the Word of God is inspired, inerrant and infallible? Haven't we affirmed that God has preserved His Word? If we haven't, then who have stood in the counsel of the LORD? Why question us then? We stand for the Bible, and have perceived that it is His Word. We affirm that not even a jot or tittle shall

pass away. Why ask us, 'who hath marked his word, and heard it?' Take a look at our Bibles – we have underlined His commandments and promises.

We have taken down notes. Why mock us, even though we love His Word?" Similarly, one who is a preacher might say, "I have been trained in a biblical, reformed, fundamental Bible college. I am known as a preacher of God's Word. I take pains to expound the Bible according to the historical, grammatical contexts of its passages." Nevertheless, the LORD's question needs to be answered – "who hath stood in His counsel"? Having heard and known God's counsel, have you remained true to it?

To be honest, many of us in this congregation ought to mourn over our transgressions of His counsels – "O LORD, we heard your voice and yet we didn't stand in Thy counsel. We have so often veered from Thy

ways. You told us to watch and pray, but we had not obeyed, and had fallen into temptations. Against Thy instructions, we held on tightly to our possessions and refused to give in support of Thy work. You told us to go and evangelise, but we ignored Thy commission. You told us to be a pattern of godliness to Christians around us, but we stubbornly walked in the ways of the world. You asked us to separate from ungodly relationships, but we still continued in them.”

Have you stood in the counsel of the LORD? Have you marked His Word? God is not asking if you have underlined certain verses in your Bible, but rather if you have kept and not forgotten His Word to you. If you were all required to stand up and declare truthfully whether you have kept your pledges made upon your joining the church, what would you say? I daresay hardly anyone among us would be able to say, “I have marked all His words and kept them all.” We have not marked or obeyed all His words. We have not kept our pledges made in accordance to His will concerning us. We have previously said, perhaps with great fervour, in response to His Word: ‘LORD, this will we do.’ So today, God searches our hearts with His piercing questions, “Did you stand in My counsel? Did you mark My Word? Will you defend My Word with your life?”

BE NOT PRETENDERS

In the next 2 verses, we note how intensely God expressed His anger to the unfaithful prophets and people: “Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked. The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly” (vv. 19-20). Indeed, who could withstand such fury of the LORD? Before such consuming wrath, we can only plead, “O Lord, have mercy, hide Thy face against our sins.” The LORD again reiterated His strong displeasure of the prophets of Israel in verse 21, “I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.” The LORD was upset with the prophets for taking the office without being called and appointed by Him, hence His damning denunciation: “I have not sent these prophets”!

A similar phenomenon of an increasing number of false teachers and pastors is seen in Christendom today. Is there a preacher or missionary in this conference who is not sent by God? Is there a preacher who has come by his own will? Is there one sent by the devil? Is there a man here who is considering the office of the church without

having a clear calling from the LORD? You might think me to be uncharitable, ill-natured and hurtful in raising these questions. But recall how Jeremiah had to proclaim the LORD's scathing pronouncement that "I have not sent these prophets". It was Jeremiah versus the entire association of prophets! It is imperative for all of us to understand that a divine call is indispensable to be a preacher of God's Word. God must first beckon him, equip him with the necessary gifts and qualities, and then train him in His Word to be a preacher. No one should try to become a preacher, without the LORD's clear appointment. No one can say, "Trust me, I am confident that I will make it."

One who is called by the LORD will not only have an inner conviction of God's call, but also the external evidence of spiritual qualities (1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:7-9) and the necessary spiritual gifts (1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6). Bible colleges cannot make one a preacher. Rather, Bible colleges can only aid those who are called to gain knowledge through godly and faithful teachers. In this respect, pastors are to be careful not to lay hands upon a man who has not proven his calling. "Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure" (1 Timothy 5:22), so wrote Paul to Timothy. I dread the possibility of unwittingly ordaining a person whom God didn't

ordain. Beware of men who rush to become pastors, men who quickly want to put on the "clergy cloak", even though there is little to prove that they are called. None should pretend that he is called.

Dear Gethsemane churches, let us not delight in the number of preachers we have, but pray that they are called and equipped by God. I would ask all the preachers and missionaries present, to examine whether they are truly in the ministry in obedience to God's call. Is it because the Lord has called you that you are a preacher? Is your heart led by the Spirit? Or is it your own carnal and materialistic thoughts that teach you what to do? If your heart is not guided by the Blessed Spirit and Truth, you had better step down from your post. Let us also pray that God will prevent us from ordaining a man who is not called by Him. May our "sweat and blood" not go into supporting a man who is not called by God. Do not rush to ordain men into the ministry. Your heart will be broken, and you will be dragged into places and situations that you should never be in. Pretentious, ungodly men cannot lead you into righteousness and truth. They will corrupt you; you will then cry and weep, and howl in great misery. May God be merciful to protect our churches. Let His Word defend us!

Devise Not to Do Evil

"He that deviseth to do evil shall be called a mischievous person."

Proverbs 24:8

Every one of us tends to imagine and do evil things. The Bible says in Genesis 8:21b that "the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth". Evil thoughts may come to our heart. As such, it is important that we, with God's help, avoid continuing in such thoughts and desires of our minds.

We should not sit down and plan how to work out the evil thoughts that come to our minds. Planning and pursuing evil schemes will make a person "mischievous". It is devilish to plan to do evil. It will lead us to many dangerous and harmful deeds!

Wicked persons constantly think cunningly to commit sin; they do not have righteous hearts. God hates all those who devise to do evil.

So, if an evil thought comes to our mind, we must not let it linger on in our mind. We must tell ourselves that it is evil to pursue the evil thought. Pray for God to cleanse our hearts and purify our thoughts. God's Word says to us, "Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil" (Isaiah 1:16).

Prabhudas Koshy



COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 21st October 2018

Tithes: 4,031.00

Offerings: 9,640.00

Building Fund (Project): 50.00

Designated Gifts: TGCM 200.00; GBPC

Ethiopia (Alem Gena) 50.00; Rev Ephrem

100.00; Youth Retreat 200.00; Bro

Cornelius Koshy 1,000.00; Bro Matthew

Peh 1,000.00; Pr Kee How 50.00; 50.00; Sis

Annie Ho 50.00; Bro Raja 50.00; Sis Sharon

delacruz 50.00; Pr Samson 50.00

BUILDING FUND UPDATE

(Cash at bank as of 26th October 2018)

\$5,171,373.32

(Inclusive of: (i) weekly collections, (ii) entire proceeds from the sale of the 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)*

SUNDAY EVANGELISM

There will be an evangelism session after the worship service today. Please meet at the foyer at 1.45pm. We will be headed to *Block 9, Bedok South Avenue 2, Singapore 460009.*

GETHSEMANE YOUNG ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

**Combined Meeting
with True Life YAF**

Speaker: Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo

Date & Time: Sat, 3 Nov 2018, 3-6pm

Venue: City Beach Resort
(Small Function Room)

8 Port Road, Singapore 117540

(Transport from Labrador Park
MRT station at 2.30pm.)

*Kindly indicate your attendance at the
reception table to facilitate planning.*

GETHSEMANE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairman: Bro Titus Ho

Date & Time: Sat, 3 Nov 2018, 4.30pm

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

FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP 17TH ANNIVERSARY

(Combined with English Service)

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Date & Time: Sun, 11 Nov 2018, 11.00am

Venue: SingPost Level 5 Auditorium

This is held in thanksgiving to our God for 17 years of Gethsemane Filipino Fellowship.

*Lunch will be catered at \$5.50 per
person. Please make your payment to
Sis Aileen Yan.*

DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018

Dates: 12th to 14th December 2018

(Wednesday to Friday)

Registration is now open. Please sign up via this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/luo9NTGrugWxKbt52>

Pamphlets for this programme are also available at the reception table. Please take as many copies as you need to invite your friends and relatives.

If you need further information about the event, please approach Pr Kelvin Lim or any of the GCM committee members.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Those who would like packet lunch after worship service for the month of November, kindly place your order with Sis Aileen Yan and make your payment by today.

GETHSEMANE DEFENDERS' MINISTRY (GDM) SEMINAR

Topic: "New Calvinism"

Speaker: Pr Ko Ling kang

Date: 6th November 2018 (Tuesday)

Time: 9.15am - 12.30pm

Venue: SingPost Auditorium Level 5

Please sign up at the reception table.

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

We will have a lunch break after the seminar, following which, we will have our prayer meeting at 2pm.

BIBLE WITNESS MAGAZINE

The latest issue on:

"Reformation: Giving God's Word Back to God's People"

(Volume 18, Issue 5)

is available at the reception table.

(Feel free to take as many copies as you need to give to others for their spiritual admonition and edification.)

POST-WORSHIP ACTIVITIES

Please stay back after worship to join us for:

Refreshment & Fellowship

1.00pm – 2.00pm

Catechism Class, Malayalam Fellowship,

Filipino Fellowship

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

Mondays, 3.15pm @ NAFA

Break @ SUTD

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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Magazine



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Church
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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

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