

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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Devil(s)

Ephesians 4:26-27

Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: neither give place to the devil.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Call to Worship

Dn Low Boon Siang

*Hymn 197: All Glory, Laud and Honour

***Invocation & Gloria Patri**

***Responsive Scripture Reading** *Matthew 24:3-14*

Hymn 232: Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide

Collection of Offerings

***Doxology & Prayer**

Hymn 375: Speak, Lord, in the Stillness

Scripture Memorisation

***Pastoral Prayer**

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

“The Signs of End Times Foretold by Christ – I”

Matthew 24:3-14

*Hymn 223: What If It Were Today?

***Benediction & Threefold Amen**

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2018

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 02 DECEMBER 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: Dn Low Boon Siang Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Jeremy Teo, Dorcas Koshy Ushers: Dn Lok Kwok Wah (i/c) Amoz Choy, Marcus Chee Andrew Teong, Stephen Yap Timotheus Liu, David Tan Greeter: Aileen Yan AV Ministry: Andronicus Koshy, Aron Ong Jonathon Lim, Khoo Xin Hao Flowers: Stephanie Lee Refreshments: Violet Quek, Edeliza Ballega Stella Yang, Corliss Ooi Junior Worship: Melissa Mah, (Daryl Kabingue) Elvin Siew, (Corliss Ooi) Adrian Lim</p>	<p>Worship Leader: Elder Mah Chin Kwang Preacher: Pr Kelvin Lim Musicians: Ellyzabeth, Sarah Lee Ushers: David Tan (i/c) Cornelius Koshy, Theodore Wang Jason Low, Cayson Chok Marcus Lim, John Peh Greeter: Low Siew Lian AV Ministry: John Ku, Andy Lee Aidan Kang, Matthew Peh Flowers: Katherin Wu Refreshments: Stella Tan, Chairine Chayadi Karen Quek, Rachel Teo Junior Worship: Pr Jeremiah Sim, (Adeline Lim) Dn Low Boon Siang, (Jasmine Tan) Arvind Pawa</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: Pr Jeremiah Sim Dialect Speaker: Bro Stephen Yap</p>

25 November 2018

“Wonderful”

Reggor Galarpe

*“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called **Wonderful**, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6).*

Of the titles of Christ mentioned in Isaiah 9:6, let us consider the very first – “Wonderful”. The word “wonderful” is often used as an expression to describe something that is beyond the common or the ordinary. It speaks of something that is altogether unlike anything else. It describes something or someone too marvellous even to comprehend, and is synonymous with words like magnificent, amazing, fantastic and astonishing. Indeed, everything about Him is wonderful! Let us briefly consider a few wonderful truths about Him:

1. Wonderful in His person – The truth about Christ’s nature being 100% God and 100% Man is a thing beyond comprehension. It is simply amazing that He that is to be born a “child” and to be given as a “son”, is also “The mighty God” and “The everlasting Father”. In His being “a child” and “a son”, Christ’s perfect humanity is portrayed; and in His being “The mighty God” and “The everlasting Father”, His absolute deity, complete with His omnipotence and eternity, is manifested.

Another aspect of His person to take note of is the wonderful truth about His birth, which is His virgin birth. Isaiah 7:14 declares: “Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel” (cf. Matthew 1:23). Even Mary herself, when she was told by the angel Gabriel, “Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS”, could only say, “How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?” (Luke 1:30-31, 34). Simply, His birth is too wonderful and beyond comprehension!

2. Wonderful in His prophesied coming – Shortly after the fall, we are given a glimpse of the Messiah’s coming when God said to the serpent in Genesis 3:15, “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.” The woman and her seed were further revealed in Isaiah 7:14, where the woman was identified as “a virgin” and her seed “a

son” whose name shall be called Immanuel (whom we would know more about as revealed in Isaiah 9:6!).

These, as with all other Old Testament prophecies of Christ’s coming, were plainly proclaimed in the following New Testament passages: “And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us” (Matthew 1:21-23); “And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:10-11); “But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law” (Galatians 4:4). All the wonderful prophecies of the coming Messiah were fulfilled in this “child”!

3. Wonderful in His preaching and teaching – During His earthly ministry, we often find the Lord Jesus engaged in the ministry of teaching and preaching that always left His listeners in awe. We read in Mark 6:1-2 – “And he went out from thence, and came into his own country; and his disciples follow him. And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him,

that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands?” (cf. Matthew 7:28-29; Luke 4:31-32).

Even when He was young, at the age of twelve, Jesus was found in the temple having a discussion with the experts of the Law as recorded in Luke 2:46-47 – “And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.”

In John’s Gospel, we read of the chief priests and Pharisees sending officers to arrest Jesus. Instead of taking Him captive, they were captivated by His words as they paused to listen to His preaching (John 7:32-44)! When the officers were asked why they had not brought Jesus with them, they replied, “Never man spake like this man” (John 7:46).

All His listeners were held in awe, being astonished at His teaching and amazed by His preaching.

4. Wonderful in His power – While He was on earth, Jesus performed many miracles, signs and wonders that would authenticate His Messiahship and, in a way, affirm His omnipotence. In the gospels, we read of His power to heal sickness and diseases, even bringing the dead to life again; His power over nature (walking on water, calming the winds and the waves, etc.); and His power over unclean and evil spirits. We read in Matthew 4:23-24 – “And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness

and all manner of disease among the people. And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them” (cf. Matthew 12:22; Mark 1:25-27, 32-34; Luke 4:40). John the beloved apostle, attesting to the great and mighty works of His Master, wrote in John 21:25 – “And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.”

Above all, Jesus has the power to forgive sins! In one account, we read of one paralytic brought to Jesus by his four friends: “When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee” (Mark 2:5; cf. Matthew 9:2; Luke 5:20).

5. Wonderful in His purpose – We can think of many verses that tell us of the purpose of Jesus’ coming but these two verses would suffice: “And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21); “For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:11). His name speaks well of the purpose of His coming, for Jesus Christ means the “Anointed Saviour”. And speaking of His name, Acts 4:12 says, “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”

One may ask, “How did Jesus accomplish His purpose?” Jesus accomplished salvation for us by His perfect obedience as seen in His willingness to offer Himself as a sacrifice without blemish and without spot to be the propitiation for our sins (Romans 3:24-25; 1 John 2:2, 4:10; 1 Peter 3:18). Jesus sacrificed Himself for sinners like us as He is our Wonderful Saviour!

There is no other person who is willing to do it as much as there is no one else who is able to accomplish such a great purpose. Romans 5:6-8 – “For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

Just as He is wonderful in His person, prophecies, preaching and power, Christ is also wonderful in His purpose – for He is our Wonderful Saviour! The thought of Jesus as the Wonderful Saviour has been the favourite theme of many hymn-writers. Oh how we love to sing them! So wonderful is Jesus that the apostle Paul can only say, “Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift” (2 Corinthians 9:15)! Truly, everything about Jesus is wonderful, just as the prophet Isaiah has declared, “...his name shall be called Wonderful.”



Sinful Anger – An Opportunity for the Devil

“Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: neither give place to the devil.”
Ephesians 4:26-27

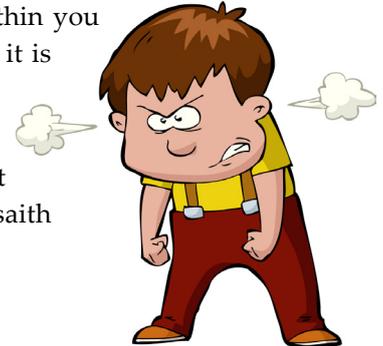
It is commonly noted that excessive or uncontrolled anger leads to sinful conduct. Anger is scarcely ever without sin! Anger can easily turn to bitterness, resentment, and self-righteousness. Hence, the Word of God advises us, “Be ye angry, and sin not.”

When we are angry, we must be on our guard against all sinful feelings that will lead to sinful attitudes, words and actions. If sinful anger enters our minds, we must make every effort to extinguish it quickly. Do not nourish the bitter feelings of anger.

If you play host to the bitter feelings of anger, the devil will be your guest. The Biblical admonition to those who are angry is to “let not the sun go down upon your wrath: neither give place to the devil”. Every effort must be made to put down the fury of anger within you without delay. Don't prolong your anger till the night comes. Taken to bed, it is likely to give the devil an opportunity to use it for his purposes. The devil will ruin the testimony of Christians who allow anger to flourish in their minds.

God's exhortation to us is “Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath, for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord” (Romans 12:19).

Prabhudas Koshy



COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 18th November 2018

Tithes: 4,935.00

Offerings: 7,377.00

Building Project: 50.00

Designated Gifts: General Fund 1,000.00;

GBPC-Ethiopia 100.00; Rev Ephrem

100.00; GBI-Ethiopia Library 100.00; Youth

Fellowship Retreat 100.00; TGCM 150.00;

Pastor Koshy 200.00; 10.00; Pr Kelvin Lim

200.00; Pr Jeremiah Sim 100.00; Dn Lok

100.00; Sis Carolyn Koshy 100.00

BUILDING FUND UPDATE

(As of 23rd November 2018)

Amt collected (Bldg Fund): \$5,232,698.13

Amt transferred to GBWL: \$5,206,123.13

Cash in Bldg Fund Acct: \$26,575.00

**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 today at
Blocks 9 & 13, Bedok South Avenue 2
Singapore 460009

Please meet @ 2.00pm at the foyer.
Brethren making their own way there,
please meet us at Blk 9. Youth Choir
Practice is cancelled in view of this.

GETHSEMANE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim

Chairman: Bro Tan Yeh Wen

Date & Time: Sat, 1 Dec 2018, 4.30pm

Venue: Home of Elder & Mrs Ng Poh Kok
Block 414, Serangoon Central, #06-361
Singapore 550414

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.

FAR EASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE

BASIC THEOLOGY FOR EVERYONE

January - May 2019

Monday Night Class

"Minor Prophets"

by Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew

Commencing on 7 January

Thursday Night Class

"Biblical Covenants"

by Rev Dr Prabhudas Koshy

"Systematic Theology IV - Eschatology"

by Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo

Commencing on 3 January

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMMES/ ROSTERS (JANUARY - JUNE 2019)

Leaders of all fellowship groups are
kindly asked to submit your programme/
roster for January-June 2019 to Sis
Joey Lim at joeylim.gbpc@gmail.com
for consolidation and Sunday's bulletin
announcement purposes, latest by
17th December 2018.

*Please include (a) the preacher and
the topic, (b) the address of the venue,
and (c) the name of the chairperson in
the roster to facilitate the collation of
information.*

PASTORAL VISITATION 2019

Brethren who would like to open their homes for next year's pastoral visitations, please write down your names on the sheet provided at the reception table.

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BIBLE WITNESS CALENDARS

Bible Witness Media Ministry will be printing 2019 desk and wall calendars. God willing, they will be ready in a week's time. More information will be provided in due course.

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GETHSEMANE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP RETREAT 2018

Theme: "Children of the Most High King"

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*)

All participants are strongly advised to submit their registration forms ASAP to facilitate the accommodation planning. Registration will close on 9th December 2018. Payment needs to be submitted by 16th December 2018.

Please give generously to support youths who need subsidy for this retreat. Targeted sum: **\$5,000.00**

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

On break till 2019

Thursday Seniors' Ministry

11.00am (Please contact Pr Jeremiah Sim)

Campus Bible Study

Mondays, 3.15pm @ NAFA

Fridays, 5pm @ 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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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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SMS or WhatsApp
your prayer item

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Deacon Low Boon Siang