

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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Those who seek God in true worship shall not be devoid of truth. Just as Abraham's servant had testified that God "hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth" (Genesis 24:27), the psalmist has also declared that "his truth endureth to all generations" (Psalm 100:5). Furthermore, we who abide in Christ have this promise to be guided by His truth, for "grace and truth came by Jesus Christ" (John 1:17). Let us therefore confess: "O LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth" (Isaiah 25:1).

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SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

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Devil(s)

James 4:7

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Call to Worship

Dn Kelvin Lim

*Hymn 75: Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*Invocation & Gloria Patri

*Responsive Scripture Reading

Psalm 48

Hymn 182: Lead Me to Calvary

Collection of Offerings

*Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 359: My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Scripture Memorisation

*Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

"The Signs of End Times: Abomination of Desolation"

Matthew 24:15-22

Holy Communion

Hymn 107: I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

Hymn 114: At Calvary

*Benediction & Threefold Amen

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 09 DECEMBER 2018

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 16 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	ENGLISH SERVICE	<p>Worship Leader: Dn Kelvin Lim Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Jasmine Kang, Dorcas Koshy Ushers: Gerry Lee (i/c) Ng Kwan Teng, Danial Wong Lijoy George, Low Chip Hung Chong Khai Siang, George Chee Greeter: Mong Jee Pawa AV Ministry: John Zhang, David Kablingue Goh Yong Wei, Zacharias Tan Flowers: Evelyn Lee Refreshments: Catherine Choy, Rhodora Resuma Lok Qian Hui, Chong Shu Mun Junior Worship: Evelyne Lee, (Sarah Yap) Pr Kelvin Lim, (Jasmine Kang) Samuel Yong</p>	<p>Worship Leader: Elder Alan Choy Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Eunice Choy, Sarah Teo Ushers: Dn Lok Kwok Wah (i/c) Andy Lee, Benjamin Quek Marcus Peh, Ricky Yang David Ng, Julius Del Rosario Lee Kim Lei Greeter: Andronicus Koshy, Aron Ong AV Ministry: Jonathon Lim, Khoo Xin Hao Stella Yang Flowers: Violet Quek, Edeliza Ballega Rachel Teo, Corliss Ooi Junior Worship: Sharon dela Cruz, (Esther Quek) Rossellini Liu, (Adlucia Lim) Stephanie Lee</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: Bro Arvind Pawa Dialect Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim</p>	<p>Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Elder Alan Choy Dialect Speaker: Pr Kelvin Lim</p>

09 December 2018

“The Mighty God”

Donald dela Cruz

*“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).*

God revealed to Isaiah the hope of the nation of Israel, their Saviour, who would ultimately free the nation from her oppressors. He would be the mighty God in their midst; the great light which would shine in darkness (Isaiah 9:2).

Isaiah 9:6 lists the titles of the coming Messiah, which depict His roles. They are the most accurate description of who Christ is. The title “The mighty God” declares that Christ is mighty and Christ is God. In this article, we shall consider how these truths are demonstrated in Him.

CHRIST IS MIGHTY

1. Mighty to Save

Isaiah prophesied in chapter 53 that Christ in His first coming would be “brought as a lamb to the slaughter” (v. 7). He would take upon Himself the sins of His people as God’s sacrificial lamb and suffer for their transgressions and iniquities. By His suffering, death and resurrection,

Jesus Christ would earn the forgiveness of the sins of His people. So Christ is mighty to save.

Now we know that His sufferings had appeased the wrath of God, and God is pleased to grant forgiveness and salvation to every sinner who puts his faith in the redemptive work of Christ on the cross (Romans 5:9-10). So every sinner who comes to Christ for salvation can be assured that his salvation is fully guaranteed.

Hebrews 7:25 declares the power of Christ to save sinners: “Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him...” Jesus is mighty to save wholly all who will come to Him. He is able to change a rebellious heart into a submissive one by the power of His salvation that works in a genuine believer.

2. Mighty to defeat the enemy

Jesus has defeated Satan, sin and death! Jesus Christ confronted Satan, man’s greatest adversary, who tried to tempt Him in the Judean wilderness (Matthew

4:1-11). In this confrontation, Jesus overcame all the temptations and rebuked Satan sharply by quoting the Scriptures, and thus prevailed over His adversary. Despite Satan's attempts to tempt Him, Jesus did not sin at all (Hebrews 4:15)! Hence, we can look to Jesus Christ as the example of how to overcome sin. Above all, He is the only worthy Person who can lead us triumphantly in the spiritual fight against Satan and sin!

Moreover, the cross of Jesus destroyed Satan! Hebrews 2:14 says, "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil." Jesus Christ became a man, so that by dying He might deliver us who had been ensnared by the devil through fear of death. So Christ died and arose that He might crush Satan and the power of death. Satan can no longer tyrannize over those who are redeemed by Christ's death. Neither can he terrorise them ever again with death, for by His resurrection, Jesus demonstrated to us that He has completely rendered powerless the tyranny of Satan, sin and death. As Paul has said in 1 Corinthians 15:56-57, "The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Death has been an invincible enemy of man. It is no respecter of person whether rich or poor, young

or old. The Bible says that it is appointed unto men once to die (Hebrews 9:27), and that death is a reality to all men (Psalm 89:48). No ordinary man is able to defeat death and whoever can accomplish such a feat would be mightier than death. Jesus defeated death which has haunted man since the beginning. Death could only contain Jesus as long as He allowed. Jesus allowed Himself to undergo death because it is the only way to break the shackles of sin. Therefore, when He resurrected on the third day, He removed the sting of death which is sin. So Paul tauntingly asked, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" (1 Corinthians 15:55). Soon, Christ the mighty God will cast Satan permanently into the lake of fire where he will be tormented day and night forever (Revelation 20:10).

CHRIST IS GOD

Isaiah affirmed that Jesus Christ is God. The prophet addressed Him as Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14) which means "God with us". The same title was used again in Isaiah 8:8. Isaiah pronounced Jesus Christ as God once more in Isaiah 40:3 when he declared that there would be a voice in the wilderness who would prepare "the way of the LORD", even "a highway for our God". In the New Testament, Matthew pointed out that the voice in the wilderness is John the baptizer (Matthew 3:3), who himself also confirmed his God-given role as the herald

of the LORD (John 1:23). John the baptizer declared Jesus as the Lamb of God while he prepared the way for Him (John 1:29-30). This Christ who would come to the world is the LORD our God as was declared by the prophet Isaiah to the people of Israel.

1. Christ has always been God

Jesus Christ is our eternal God and He has always been together with God the Father even before time began. He has existed before the creation of the world. He was involved in the creation of the foundation of the world and all that is therein, because all things were made by Him (John 1:3). His eternal nature proves His deity.

Likewise, Jesus Christ has existed before His incarnation. In Isaiah 6:1-5, the prophet in a vision saw the mighty Lord in His full splendour and glory. He was sitting on His throne and seraphims were flying above Him. The seraphims addressed Him as the thrice holy LORD of hosts. In the New Testament, John identified Jesus Christ as the King whom Isaiah saw (John 12:41).

2. Christ, as God, forgives sins

All sins are committed against God. Sin is rebellion against God's authority (Isaiah 30:9). God is the judge of all who sin and rebel against Him (Isaiah 26:21). Thus, only God, being the offended One and the judge, can forgive a sinner. God spoke through the prophet Isaiah, saying, "I, even I, am he that blotteth

out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins" (Isaiah 43:25).

Jesus Christ, while He was on earth, declared the forgiveness of sins to certain men. When He was in Capernaum, He declared the pardon of the sins of the paralyzed man (Mark 2:1-12). The scribes accused Christ of blasphemy because to them, He was acting as God by forgiving sins. They reasoned in their hearts, "Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?" (Mark 2:7). They were correct to affirm that only God can forgive sins. In fact, the authority that Jesus Christ exercised to forgive sins confirms His deity.

CONCLUSION

The truth that Christ is "The mighty God" is demonstrated in His deliverance of men from their invincible enemies – sin, death and the devil. However, they are all utterly defeated and rendered powerless by Christ, the mighty God. Man has no capability to triumph over them, but through Christ they can overcome and be more than conquerors. Because of the works of Christ, our mighty God, we can prevail over Satan, sin and death.



Putting the Devil to Flight

“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

James 4:7

What a gladsome news it is that we can put the devil, our arch-enemy, to flight! But how? In the above verse, the Word of God teaches us two important spiritual actions that can put the devil on the backfoot.

Firstly, we must submit our lives to God – “Submit yourselves therefore to God.” This means that our loyalty must always be to God and never to Satan. We cannot stay in between God and Satan. As Jesus said, “Ye cannot serve God and mammon.” There is no middle ground, no neutrality. We cannot be double-minded if we are to have victory over the devil’s malice. We must unwaveringly stand with God.

Secondly, we must “resist the devil”. When it comes to the devil and his ways, we cannot be tolerant or compromising, but put up a total resistance. The word “resist” means “to stand against” or “to oppose”. We cannot go along with the devil, and his worldly associates and activities. Any friendship with the world, which is after the devil, is to be at odds with God (James 4:4). God’s children ought to oppose the devil’s ungodly allurements, flattering promises of worldly glory and pleasures, worldly intimidations, threats and persecutions.

When the believer’s life is turned from serving the devil to serving God, victory against the devil is guaranteed. Just as the devil left Jesus after the temptations in the wilderness (Matthew 4:11), he will also flee from all those who resist him. Here is a divine pledge that the devil can be defeated – powerful though he is – by all who follow the above counsels of God’s Word.



Prabhudas Koshy

COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 2nd December 2018

Tithes: 1,960.00

Offerings: 5,760.00

Building Project: 35.00

Designated Gifts: TGCM 250.00; Rev

Ephrem 100.00; GBPC-Ethiopia 100.00;

GBI-Ethiopia Library 100.00; Youth

Fellowship Retreat 500.00

LOVE GIFTS TO GBWL

Please direct all love gifts related to the renovation and ministries of 33 Ubi Crescent to Gethsemane Bible Witness Limited (DBS 025-904568-2). The Building Fund account will be closed by the end of December 2018.

DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018

All volunteers are to attend a briefing with Pr Kelvin Lim immediately after the worship service today.

GETHSEMANE LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: "How to Love and Serve God"

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairperson: Sis Gina Sim

Date: Sat, 15 December 2018

Time: 2.00-4.00pm

Venue: Home of Sis Evelyne Lee
121 Jalan Jurong Kechil
#01-21 Terrene at Bukit Timah
Singapore 598679

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

GETHSEMANE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairman: Bro Zacharias Tan

Date & Time: Sat, 15 Dec 2018, 4.30pm

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

*Youth Choir Practice will
begin at 2.00pm.*

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.

BAPTISM AND TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

Date: Lord's Day, 23 December 2018

Parents of young infants seeking baptism of their children, and brethren from like-minded churches seeking transfer of church membership, together with several brethren who have **completed** the Catechism Class held during the second half of 2018, are asked to register with Sis Joey Lim by **today.**

Please refer to Elder Choy or Elder Mah for any clarification.

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 is giving a set of 2019 Desk and Wall Calendars to each family (one set per family). If you would like to have more than one set of these calendars, they are available at \$13.00/set at the book table. For 10 sets and above, it is \$11.00/set.

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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*)

Please take note: **Registration closes today.** All participants are required to submit their registration forms by today, and make their payment by next Sunday, **16th December 2018.**

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

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

Break @ NAFA

Fridays, 2pm @ 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

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