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“The Restoration of a Sick King” (Isaiah 38:1-22)

*Summary of Prayer Meeting Devotion
shared by Pastor
(15 Mar 2023)*



Pastor Jack welcomed the 15 attendees that included Dn Yue Kay, members & regular friends and 6 overseas brethren, namely, Hnin, Elder Habakkuk, Hla Pui & Myitta from Myanmar, John & Lily Almon from the Philippines.

We opened the Prayer Meeting with the hymn, “Simply Trusting”. This hymn reminded us to trust God, especially in this difficult, trying time for He will never leave you nor forsake you. Thereafter, Pastor Jack led us through a word of Opening Prayer. Next, we took turns to read God’s Word from Isaiah 38: 1 - 22 before Pastor Jack expounded on it.

Everyone is subject to some form of sickness at one time or other, even kings and generals are not spared. What happens when people fall sick? What should we do? How does God respond? What lessons can we learn? Are we ready to leave this world, to face our Creator one day? Let us discuss.

I) The Sickness of the King (v1)

King Hezekiah of Judah, a good and great king, fell sick. The Prophet Isaiah told him to be mentally prepared to die from the incurable disease he was faced with. He had serious boils growing on his body. (Isaiah 38:1)

Ever wonder how one would feel and react to receive such dismal, even fatal news?

The Bible not only mentioned sickness in different ways in the book of 1 Tim 5:23 (Timothy was often sick) but also in the book of James (5:14-16) the use of medicinal wine or therapeutic olive oil to relieve the suffering. The correct response is to pray and seek medical attention.

Our first reaction should be to pray privately to God before telling others, and then to share with the elders of the church to pray for you and confession of sins if any as in Jas 5:14-16.

II) The Supplication of the King (v2 – 3)

King Hezekiah who was feeling very down, turned and prayed to God in his despondency due to the poor prognosis of his illness (death). He wept sore at the prospect of imminent death and beseeched the Lord for His mercy.

In his prayer appeal, King Hezekiah asked God to remember that he had been obedient and faithful to God and he had been a good king in a general sense.

God knows your heart, even if you cannot verbalise your requests. **God knows what is in store because He is sovereign, and our illness is His will. He has a plan for us; we need to be patient and to humbly seek and ask Him first.**

III) The Sign & Deliverance of the King (v4 –11)

King Hezekiah's prayer was answered by God.

Isaiah was a prophet over 5 kings. God spoke privately to His people through the prophets in the OT times as the Bible was not complete then.

Does God answer prayer? Yes. God answers prayer in his own time and will.

There are 4 answers to prayer.

- 1) Direct answer (yes)
- 2) Delayed answer (wait)
- 3) Different answer (other unexpected answer)
- 4) Denial as an answer (no)

God gave King Hezekiah 15 more years to live, and he also delivered Judah out of the hands of the Assyrians. (v5-6) God would give a sign that a shadow of the degrees which had gone down (turned backwards) in the sun dial by 10 degrees showed God's miracle and King Hezekiah would be healed. (v7-9)

But, do be careful about asking God for a sign. We should not demand / command God to do things our way by giving us a sign. **God is sovereign and is in charge. He determines the time to execute His plans for us and we are to trust in His Word. It is also a means of testing our sincerity and humbleness towards Him.**

IV) The Songs of Praise of the Restored King (v12-22)

King Hezekiah gave thanks for he was healed by the grace of God from a serious sickness. Initially, he was so sick, worried and fearful that his end was near. (v10)

Whenever we are sick, James encouraged us to seek the elders of the church to pray for us, to apply medication (ie. anointing of oil), confess our sins, to seek God to search our hearts and to repent before God. Sometimes, God brings us down to our lowest point in life to enable us to see His power. The darkest hour is nearest the break of dawn if we would hang on there in Christ. It would be too late for us to praise God when we are in our graves. In death, one cannot celebrate with God. The living shall praise God. (v9)

God gives grace to the humble; resist the proud. Remember to honour God with whatever you have promised after your prayer has been answered.

King Hezekiah said he would remember God and kept his vow to sing praises for God. While he was supernaturally healed by God, the prophet Isaiah told him to

apply some figs on his boils for medication too. **Faith requires action and the use of medical science in our healing as well if ordered by the Lord.**

Conclusion

Whatever God has instructed you to do, just simply obey God. No questions asked!

Remember to give thanks and sing God's praises when they are due. Do emulate King Hezekiah's attitude and you will be blessed.

Amen.

Han Kin Kheng



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MAY DAY SEMINAR

**Biblical Perspective
of Work and
Retirement**

BY REV JACK SIN

AS WE APPROACH AN AGEING WORKFORCE, KNOW
WHAT THE WORD OF GOD HAS TO TEACH US
ABOUT THE NATURE OF WORK AND THE MANNER OF
RETIREMENT FOR THE CHRISTIAN

01 MAY 2023(MONDAY)
9:30 AM

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Supporting the Soldiers of Christ in the SAF

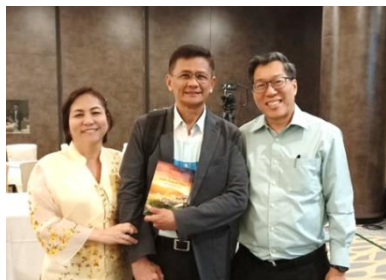
2Tim 2:3,4 *Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.*



On 18 March 2023, I attended the 53rd Anniversary Dinner of the Military Christian Fellowship on behalf of SHBPC, which was founded in 1970 by the late Rev Dr LTC Patrick Tan as a ministry to reach out to the SAF soldiers with the gospel and the encouragement from the Word of God. I gave bro Kelvin and Mrs Anne Tan and her grandson Ethan a lift and we had a fruitful time of fellowship at the dinner.

We were seated at the VIP table with some senior SAF officers and Pastors. The dinner were attended by about 290 guests including honoured guests like the Chief of Defence Force, LG Melvin Ong and Chief Of Army MG David Neo besides other former senior commanders like LG Winston Choo and LG Bey Soo Kiang besides others.

It was good to catch up with some of the guests including BG(NS) Lee Shiang Long, the former MCF chairman and COL Dr(R) Jimmy How whom I knew since 1982 when I was a young second lieutenant and met in his home in Normanton Park for the OCF meetings. BG Xu YouFeng, commander of the 9th Division and Chief Infantry Officer gave a good message to encourage our soldiers to trust in the Lord from Isa 41:10. MG Essel Soriano of the Association of Military Christian Fellowship was present; he sent greetings to all at the dinner and was glad to receive a copy of our SHBPC 5th Anniversary commemorative book.



I am glad to have invited LTA Reuben Lim, a young SAF scholar (who attended SHBPC before) to the dinner and he met other Christian SAF officers and could be possibly involved in this MCF ministry as the Lord directs.

We are involved in the SAF Detention Barracks ministry these 5 years, going there every month to conduct a Bible study to edify and guide the inmates who are seeking to know the Word of God and some to know Christ as their Saviour and Lord.

We are all soldiers of Christ and let us continue to pray and uphold the staff and council of the MCF headed by SLTC (NS)Pang and MAJ (R) Jimmy Cheong in its spiritual outreach to the uniformed men and women in the SAF in their training, work and military operations with the Word of God and with much wisdom and prayers.



Jack Sin



Pray for John and Lily Almon (top right) who are attending the catechism class for spiritual growth in the Word of God.

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PRESENTS

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
7 APRIL 2023, 8:00 PM
THE AGONISING CROSS OF
REDEMPTION AND HOPE

EASTER SERVICE
9 APRIL 2023, 10:00 AM
THE DAY DEATH DIED

BY REV JACK SIN

COME AND FIND OUT THE TRUE MEANING OF
THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF CHRIST
AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR OUR LIVES TODAY

ALL ARE WELCOME

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LORD'S DAY PROGRAMME FOR APRIL - JUNE 2023

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN THE OT FOR OUR LEARNING

The Preaching and Ark Building of Noah (Gen 6:9-22)

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APRIL 2023

APRIL 2023

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Good Friday 8pm
The Agonizing Cross of Redemption and Hope (John 19:13-42)

Easter - The Day Death Died (Matthew 28:1-12)

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APRIL 2023

APRIL 2023

16

The Call and Equipping of Moses (Exodus 3:1-22)

Final Challenge from General Joshua (Joshua 24:14-31)

23

APRIL 2023

APRIL 2023

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The Decisive Victory of David (1 Samuel 17: 32-51)

The Special Test of Gideon (Judge 6:14-32)

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MAY 2023

MAY 2023

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The Marks of Awakening under a godly King (2 Kings 23:1-14)

The Uncompromising Testimony of Daniel (Daniel 1:1-14)

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The Sober Challenge of Samuel (1 Samuel 12:14-24)

The Effectual Supplication of Elisha (2 Kings 4:26-38)

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JUNE 2023

JUNE 2023

11*

The Reason for Triumph at Mount Carmel (1 Kings 18:17-40)

The Divine Testing of Job (Job 1:1-21)

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JUNE 2023

JUNE 2023

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Gospel Sunday - Who will or will not be in Heaven? (Revelation 20: 10-15, Hebrews 12:22-24)

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Memory Verse

Eph 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Announcements

1. Welcome to our Lord's Day Sunday Worship Service! We are so glad you are here to worship with us. If you are here for the first time, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave. Those who share the church vision to acquire a place of worship in due time, may designate your offerings to the SHBPC Church Building Fund.
2. Pastor brings us God's Word this morning on "***Divine Protection for Spiritual Combat (Eph 6:10-24)***", concluding the quarterly series on "*The Deliberate Christ-Centred Church in Action (Book of Ephesians)*".
3. Pastor will preach next Sunday on "***The Preaching & Ark Building of Noah (Gen 6:9-22)***", starting a new quarterly series on "*Significant Events in the OT for our Learning*".
4. Weekly Sunday School classes after the worship service:
 - Westminster Confession of Faith – Pastor
 - Studies in 1 Chronicles – Dn Kwong Leen
 - Practical Reflections from Ephesians – Dn Yue Kay & Paul Kong
5. Chinese Fellowship meets on every Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren. We have systematic studies on Basic Theology, and the Parables of Jesus. Join us for a time of profitable learning.
6. Do send your prayer items to Pastor and join us for Church Prayer Meeting on Wed at 8pm via Zoom. The prayer list is available in church.
7. Special programs: **Good Friday Service** on **7 Apr 2023 8pm**, **Resurrection Sunday Service** on **9 Apr 2023 10am** and **May Day Seminar** on **Monday 1 May 2023 9.30am**.
8. Monthly Neighbourhood Bible Class will next meet on **Fri 5 May 2023, 7.30pm in church** on the study of 2 Samuel. Come and join us!
9. The **Annual Church Camp** will be held at **Pulai Springs Resort (Johor Bahru, Malaysia), June 7-10, 2023**. Rev Philip Heng is our camp speaker "***Exercise unto Godliness in an Ungodly World***".
10. We need willing hands and hearts to assist in the weekly cleaning of the premises. Do let Dn Yue Kay if you are available to serve in this area.
11. Love gifts, Offering and Tithes to the Lord can be given in the following ways:
 - **Cheque** payable to **Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church** and mail to church address. (Kindly write the full name of the church as indicated.)
 - **Fund transfer** to Church **UOB** Account **392-308-825-1**
 - **PayNow** to Church UEN: **T19SS0116FSOV**

Kindly indicate "**Church Building Fund**" if you would like to designate towards this cause.