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7 Ps to Act Upon in an Unprecedented Calamity

I was reading and meditating on Psa 37, and 7 Ps came to my mind as we wait upon the Lord this month during the heightened phase of this serious health crisis that is affecting many in the community.



We are exhorted to be:

1. **Patient** and quietly enduring while waiting upon the Lord and doing what we need to dutifully in keeping all safety measures, personal hygiene and sanitation.
2. **Positive** and constructive in our outlook too and not be complaining or murmuring or spreading rumours, while being careful and disciplined, waiting and trusting in the Lord for his divine guidance and protection and doing our part too.
3. **Productive** or diligent and not indolent, in our studies of the Word, in our secular work or studies or home making. We are to do what we can within our means to help others for the Lord while waiting upon Him and not being idle. The holidays have started. Let all students be industrious to do your homework and attend all virtual classes.
4. **Praying** fervently for divine intervention in the revival and safety of our family, church and for wisdom for the leaders of our nation and for the spiritual and physical wellbeing of health care workers and our seniors and children and others affected while working and waiting on the Lord.
5. **Persevering and Persistent** in our gospel witness, missions, ministry and sabbath worship of the Lord as well. Do not give up easily in the midst of this calamity as we humbly seek the Lord.

6. **Proclaiming** the words of everlasting life to anyone outside Christ as the Lord opens doors to share Christ to the saving of souls, either virtually or to our loved ones in person when we meet them.
7. **Precautions** advised are to be taken seriously with due diligence. Do not be complacent or slack in your vigilance. Let us all be responsible citizens and do our part and be resilient and alert and not let our guard down. We are in a warfare, as it is a critical stage of this health crisis that we are in and we need endurance and perseverance.

We need to stand together courageously as a nation to get through this by the covenant mercies of God. Nothing is impossible with God according to his sovereign will and we have our human duties too.

Pastors and church leaders from 7 countries and different churches came together on 17 May 2021 in a webinar and we shared on the theme “*The Biblical Perspective of Handling a Pandemic*” with a fruitful discussion and application.



We have a lot to learn humbly, to ponder deeply, to labour diligently and to pray fervently about this while waiting patiently upon the Lord during this extended troubling season, looking up to our Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ.

During this trying season, may:

*our stewardship be faithful,
 our ministry, useful,
 our studies or work, fruitful,
 our nights, restful,
 our walk, careful,
 our ending, eventful,
 our future, hopeful,
 our fellowship, helpful*

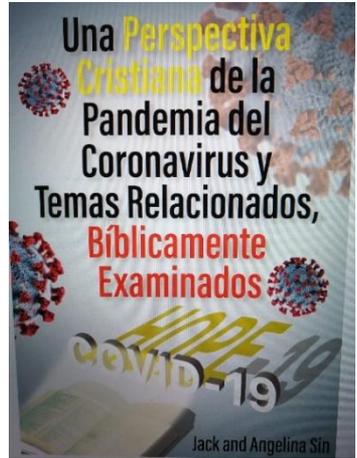
and let us be dutiful in our responsibility to God and to one another.

Let us come on our knees to beseech the mercies of God together as a covenant people upon our nation and others too and to pull through in the long haul.

Jack Sin

Sharing from Guatemala

Greetings in the Lord. We put the Spanish pandemic book on Facebook and sent out letters via email to the Christian Bookstores and other groups by WhatsApp. We were encouraged when we visited the bookstores and got our first order of 50 copies and one lady from Facebook ordered another 50. We sold some in our church at discounted prices and some in our bookstore. We had a little discouragement when we visited two bookstores and learned that the director of the Baptist bookstore had died and the lady in charge was on vacation.



At another bookstore the lady in charge, was not there also, so we have to visit or by email or telephone contact them again. We visited the television station bookstore and sent a book to the president of the station who said he would read the book and let us know; we gave the television station bookstore lady the book to read also. We gave out about 40 free books all told.

I trust we can get some of the books to our mission headquarters and anybody going to Chile or Peru can take some down and pay later, when they sell them. There are other possibilities and we will let you know them in the future. Pray for us and our secretary; her name is Zulma Bor.

The Lord bless you and your preaching at the Church and other opportunities you have around the world.

To God be the Glory; we work for him to get out the word in many different ways.

Yours because of Grace,

Rev Hal Ricker
Trinitarian Bible Society
Guatemala

An Interest in the Blood Moon?



On 27 May 2021, we could see the blood moon over Singapore and it generated some interest in eschatology among some who were curious if it could mean anything related to the second coming of Christ.

A popular teaching in the past couple of years was that a series of blood-red moons which appeared in 2014 and 2015 could be a sign of Jesus' second coming and a fulfilment of biblical prophecy.

A lunar eclipse is often referred to as a "blood moon" and some prophets so called predicted that this series of blood moons would fulfil end-time prophecies in Joel and Revelation.

We have to be very disciplined, discerning, and careful here in the proper understanding and interpreting of scripture, that we do not misread or misinterpret the text to suit our emotional or psychological inclinations.

In both 2014 and 2015, there was a full lunar eclipse. In addition to the two lunar eclipses of 2015, two solar eclipses also occurred in time past, which is unusual but not unprecedented.

References to a moon like "blood" are found in two passages of the Bible. Joel 2:30–31 says, "I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord." (see also Lk 21:25,26)

In Rev 6:12, John describes one of the seal judgments of the Tribulation: "I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red." Other passages refer to the moon being "darkened and there is no light in the context of the Tribulation (Matt 24:29; Joel 2:10).

A number of lunar eclipses have occurred over the decades and centuries. So, the fact of the occurrence of lunar eclipses, is no proof that Jesus would return by 2015 or any certain date as predicted by some.

Furthermore, John's and Joel's descriptions of the signs of the Day of the Lord may or may not just refer to just solar and lunar eclipses, but there are other possible cosmological explanations for those

phenomena (see Rev 6:12 where an earthquake accompanies it and the sun and moon are affected).

Are we now in the midst of the 7-year Great Tribulation and is the Antichrist clearly evident at this moment? Are the Seal judgements in place and the Trumpet and Bowl judgments in already? (Some quarters even propounded that the vaccination is the sure sign of the mark of the Beast, the 666.)

Absolutely no, as there are this and other prophecies that are yet to be fulfilled and they are spoken in the context of the Great Tribulation which is impending In the near future but not yet evident In the world as at now.

There is much excitement among the Christian community over end time prophecy as we live in perilous times with this pandemic and we can understand why, but beware of potential soothsayers and so-called prophets who make unsound and unbiblical predictions to cause undue alarm based on defective interpretation of the bible.

We believe in the imminence of the coming of Christ that requires patience, intelligent waiting and industrious witnessing and working for Christ in the gospel, but we will not go beyond what is not stated in scriptures which is at best speculative, if not misleading by some overly zealous teachers (2 Pet 3:9-14). We need to be prudently watching what happens to Israel and the Middle East and the ecumenical scene worldwide, the ecclesiastical, political, economic climate and other extraordinary physical calamities are relevant too, not only a global pestilence which is significant. (Matt 24:5-14)

Anyone who tries to give you a date or dates of Christ's second coming, beware, no matter who he or she is, for we are already forewarned that no one knows the hour of His coming (Matt 24:42).

Hope this helps for a sound and faithful, patient and diligent waiting, serving and worshipping, labouring for the Lord with readiness - hopefully without the deceptive even conjectures of men.



Jack Sin

Sharing from Kenya

Yes. I have seen (and received) it and I want to thank the brother for the love gift. It has come in when our Children Center/Orphanage was in dire need for food. You have once more put a smile of hope on the faces of these disadvantaged children. God bless you exceedingly abundantly above all you expect or think. To God be the glory.



The USD received has been translated to Ksh (exchange rates at Bank is not attractive). Yesterday I sent the cash to my wife. She bought Rice (25 kg), Sugar (25 kg), cooking oil (20 liters). Total cost was Ksh. 8290 plus Ksh 400 for delivery. The balance will be used to buy salt and other ingredients.



Once again, I want to thank you & the brother for the cash. The food supply will take us through for some days.

God bless you all.

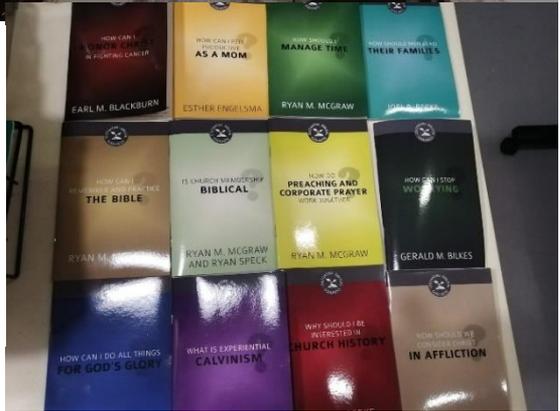
Rev Alex Wugu
Nairobi, Kenya

(NB. Pray for wisdom and safety for Rev Wugu, who is pastoring a church and taking care of a Christian orphanage with his wife outside of Nairobi in a village and for the protection and salvation of the children.)





Pray for the effectual preaching from the pulpit to minister to the hearts of man. Take time to read the Bible and some sound Christian books this month with your family.



**Lessons in Godly Prudence
from a Wise King**
Studies into Ecclesiastes

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- 6 The Intervention of God (Ecl 9:7-18)
- 13* Speech and Danger of Laziness (Ecl 10 :12-20)
- 20 Wise Counsel for Young and Old (Ecl 11:1-10)
- 27 Gospel Sunday: Fruitful Aging and the Chief Purpose of Man (Ecl 12:1-13)

Memory Verse

Ecc1 9:10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

Announcements

1. Welcome to our Worship Service! For our visitors, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave.
2. Pastors speaks today on “**The Intervention of God (Ecc1 9:7-18)**”, continuing the quarterly sermon series on “Lessons on Godly Prudence from a Wise King – Studies in Ecclesiastes”.
3. Pastor Jack speaks next Sunday on “**Speech and Danger of Laziness (Ecc1 10:12-20)**”.
4. In compliance with the Covid19 Phase 2 (Heightened Alert), the following Sunday School classes will be suspended till 13 Jun 2021 or when the heightened measures are lifted:
 - WCF Shorter Catechism Class – Pastor Jack
 - New Testament Survey – Dn Choo Siang
 - Studies in Numbers – Dr Kwong Leen
5. Chinese Fellowship meets on Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren.
6. Do send your prayer items to Pastor and join us for Church Prayer Meeting on Wed at 8pm via Zoom. The Jun prayer list is available from Dn Choo Siang.
7. Monthly Neighbourhood Bible Class meets on the first Friday of each month in church on the study of 2 Samuel. God willing, the next class will be held on 2 Jul in church.
8. The Pandemic book can be purchased through Dn Yue Kay (Hp: +65 97450311) or via email at sovereignhopebpc@gmail.com.
9. Do kindly observe the safety measures of the church and assist with the weekly cleaning of the premises.
10. 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**
