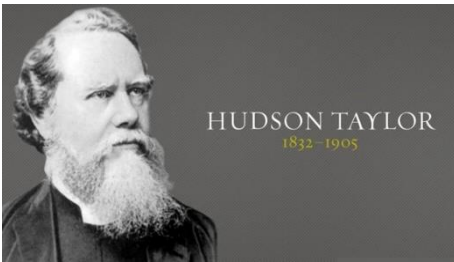


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## HUDSON TAYLOR: MISSIONARY TO CHINA



James Hudson Taylor, famous missionary to China, was born in 1832. Amazingly, when he was about five years old, he often said, "When I am a man, I will be a missionary and go to China"! At the age of fifteen he became a bank

clerk. He was brought to faith in Christ through reading a religious tract. His mother, at this time, was pleading with God for his conversion. He felt God speaking to him and saying: "Go for me to China". So, at the age of 17 he committed himself to become a missionary to China. He began to learn Chinese.

He went to London for medical training. At this stage of life, he learned to deal with people's souls to lead them to Christ. An opportunity came for him to travel to China and in 1853 he was commended by the Chinese Evangelisation Society to go as a missionary to China. He set sail on the "Dumfries" and after five and a half months reached Shanghai. At this date war was going on in China. But Hudson Taylor and his colleagues went from city to city to spread the gospel. Most of these cities had never been given any gospel knowledge. At this stage he took the decision, not shared by other missionaries, to wear a pigtail and Chinese dress. He was encouraged when a young Chinaman



became converted to Christ. He had two sides to his work: medical and spiritual.

About this time he met up with the saintly William Chalmers Burns. Their method was to go to a town and there preach the gospel and give away tracts. In some towns there were drug dealers and criminals.

He was able to give medical help to the mandarins at the city of Swatow. Here he parted from W. C. Burns, whom he never met again. At this point George Müller in England heard of the work of Hudson Taylor and became a supporter of the mission in China.

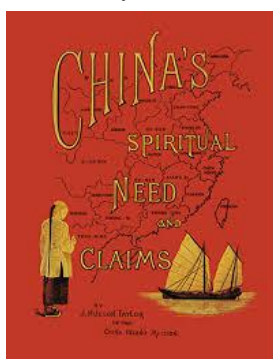
After being three years in China, Hudson Taylor decided to leave the Chinese Evangelisation Society. He intended to place his trust in God. And in this he was not disappointed. God gave him much blessing.

Hudson Taylor married on January 20th, 1858 to a lady who was helping in the mission school, Maria Dyer. At Ningpo there were encouragements. Two Chinese men, professed faith in Christ: Neng Kuli and a painter named Wang. Life was difficult but the Taylors trusted in God and God provided wonderfully for them.



The Taylors now took ship to England because their health was in serious decline. Wang, the painter, travelled with them to help them in their state of frail health. So ended their first spell of active missionary service in China. The date was 1859. They had served in

China for six and a half very busy and perilous years. The Taylors were now back in England after six and a half years' service in China. They needed to rest, but also set about making a better translation of the Chinese New Testament. They now took up residence in London. Burdened by the thought that millions of unsaved people were dying all the time with no gospel knowledge he sought to appeal for missionaries to go to China from Britain. His book, "China's Spiritual Needs and Claims" stirred many to



feel their duty to go to serve Christ in China. The mission was now called the China Inland Mission.

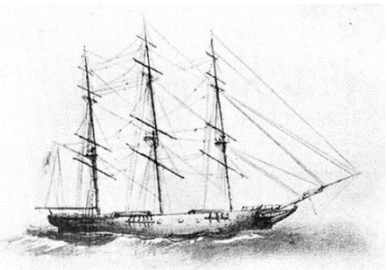
Grattan Guinness, an evangelist, accompanied Hudson Taylor to Ireland. As a result, a number of Christians were inspired to serve Christ. A mission party now prepared to sail to China on the "Lammermuir" ship. They departed in May 1866 and reached Shanghai months later. They took with them medicinal and printing facilities.



For sixteen months their mission was at Hang Chow. But there was a concern to get the gospel to the huge Inland Provinces lying in spiritual darkness. The difficult task of the missionaries was to bring the gospel to the ignorant heathen multitudes. At this stage of their work they faced opposition and hatred which demanded great faith and suffering for Christ's sake. However, Chinese who were converted now undertook the duty of preaching the gospel. Mr and Mrs Taylor now went to Yang-Chow where they had a mission station. Mrs Taylor here

developed cholera and died in July 1870. Exhausted, Hudson Taylor returned to England in 1872. In November he married a Miss Faulding. They went to live in Stoke Newington. This year he appealed for eighteen new workers for the mission in China.

After eighteen months Hudson Taylor and his new wife set out for China. Although some of the workers in the field were becoming now elderly and less fit he set about encouraging the missionaries. Money for the mission was scarce. But the missionaries now entered into new territory to win souls for Christ.



Hudson Taylor would not allow people to give him honour or praise. He said: "I am the little servant of an illustrious Master".

He returned to England and damaged his spine. Back home he further promoted the mission. He returned to China in 1876 where he oversaw the work of his colleagues. It was a very busy time. But the gospel was being taken far and near to the people of China. In 1888 he went to China via America. An American branch of the C. I. M. (China Inland Mission) was formed.

In 1897 Hudson Taylor went to China for the tenth time. In 1902 his wife died. In 1905 he travelled across America to Shanghai. Hudson Taylor passed away on June 3rd, 1905.

In 1926 came the Sixtieth Anniversary of the China Inland Mission (C. I. M.) At that date the C. I. M. had been wonderfully blessed by God. These are among the statistics: 1134 missionaries; 260 mission stations; the membership of the Chinese Christian churches was 67, 463. In total, 104,935 persons had been baptized since the mission work began. God truly blessed Hudson Taylor.



*Rev Maurice Roberts*

*Free Church of Scotland Continuing*

<p><i>J. Hudson Taylor (1832-1905)</i></p>	<b>HARMONY WITH GOD</b>
	<i>"Do not work so hard for Christ that you have no strength to pray, for prayer requires strength."</i>
	<i>"Do not have your concert first, and then tune your instrument afterwards. Begin the day with the Word of God and prayer, and get first of all into harmony with Him."</i>
	<i>"At the timberline where the storms strike with the most fury, the sturdiest trees are found."</i>

## Of Air Travel Bubbles (ATB), Family Prayer Bubbles (FPB) & Protective Panoply Bubbles (PPB)

The Transport Minister Ong Ye Kung recently announced the establishment of Air Travel Bubbles or ATBs for reciprocal air travel between Singapore and countries who have a good record in managing the pandemic. The latest ATB has been established with Hong Kong among other countries. This is a move in the right direction as we have to move on and not to stagnate economically while taking the necessary precautions to protect ourselves.

  
 A family that  
 PRAYS TOGETHER  
*stays together*  


In the same token, we need to establish **Family Prayer Bubbles** or **FPBs** in the spiritual realm around our children in the covenant home as we intercede for and with them daily. Constant and fervent supplication and prayer with our children and loved ones protects and keeps us safe from the wiles of the evil one

(Eph 6:18). Remember the godly example of Job the father in Job 1:5

Each believer will also need a **Protective Panoply Bubble** or **PPB** as we put on the full armour (*panoply* in Greek) of God to withstand evil in these perilous days. We need the shield of faith, the sword of the word, the breastplate of righteousness, the belt of truth, the helmet of salvation, and the shoes shod with readiness of the gospel (Eph 6:10-17). Job also revealed to us that God has set a hedge around us to preserve us (Job1:10).

The Christian is in constant spiritual conflict and combat, not



only against a virulent virus, but also against diabolical temptations and assaults. Thus, he needs divine protection equipment, thus both the **FPBs** and **PPBs** are required for effective and victorious warfare in the strength and grace of God. Let us work diligently on building our **FPBs** and **PPBs** today to be able to live triumphantly for the Lord each day with his sovereign grace and strength.



Thank God for 15 pastors, elders and deacons from 5 countries, namely, Myanmar, India, Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei and Singapore and we shared the Word and prayed and heard updates of the ministry and the pandemic from their

respective countries. Let us continue to uphold one another before the throne of grace.

Let us remember to pray for wisdom in our youths (Ian, Reuben, Zac and Tim) in their A and O level exams this month. Pray also for sis Pit Yuen in her treatment and recuperation and bro Hon Cheong's eye condition as they trust in the Lord for their effective recovery in due time and for the salvation of loved ones and for the preaching and teaching of the Word every Sunday as we draw near to God.

We thank God for our regular worshippers each Sunday and for new friends who come and hear the gospel and pray that hearts will be convicted to turn to Christ and be revived by his Word.



Let us remember to seek the Lord together on every Wednesday night at 8pm, for a time of devotion, sharing and supplication for one another and the ministry of the church in perilous times before the throne of grace.

Jack Sin

**PROPHETIC AND PRACTICAL INSIGHTS  
FROM ISAIAH FOR TODAY**

Lord's Day Programme from Oct - Dec 2020

**OCTOBER**

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- 4 The Case for Divine Reasoning (Isaiah 1:1-18)
- 11\* The Holiness of God and the Prophet's Response (Isaiah 6:1-8)
- 18 When the Top Angel became the Devil (Isaiah 14:1-15)
- 25 Reformation Sunday: The Refuge of God in the Reformation (Isaiah 25:1-12)

**NOVEMBER**

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- 1 The Basis for Peace of Mind (Isaiah 26:1-9)
- 8\* The Gospel Highway and Streams of Life (Isaiah 35:1-10)
- 15 The Almighty Comforter for Souls (Isaiah 40:1-14)
- 22 Fighting Phobia with Courage in God (Isaiah 41:1-14)
- 29 Triumph over Distress as Witnesses (Isaiah 43:1-28)

**DECEMBER**

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- 6 The Only One True God of the World (Isaiah 45:5-28)
- 13\* The Call to Extend the Kingdom of God. (Isaiah 54:1-17)
- 20 The Foundation for Contentment (Isaiah 55:1-13)
- 24 Christmas Eve: Mary and the Lamb of God (Luke 1:27-47)
- 27 Reforms through the Hand of God (Isaiah 59:1-21)
- 31\* WATCHNIGHT SERVICE: Am I a Wise or Foolish Virgin? (Matthew 25:1-13)

## Memory Verse

*Isaiah 35:4* Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you.

## Announcements

1. Welcome to our Worship Service! For our visitors, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave.
2. Rev Jack Sin speaks today on “**The Gospel Highway & Streams of Life**” (Isa 35: 1-10), the Oct to Dec series on “*Prophetic & Practical Insights from Isaiah for Today*”.
3. Rev Jack Sin speaks next Sunday on “**The Almighty Comforter for Souls & Patience**” (Isa 40: 1-14, 28-31).
4. Sunday School classes continues in church after the worship service:
  - Catechism Class – Pastor Jack
  - “Rules for Walking in Fellowship by John Owen” – Dn Choo Siang
  - Studies in Leviticus – Dr Kwong Leen
5. Chinese Fellowship meets on Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom.
6. Do send your prayer items to Pastor and join us for Church Prayer Meeting on Wed at 8pm via Zoom. Do collect your Nov prayer list from Dn Choo Siang.
7. The Pandemic book can be purchased through Dn Yue Kay (Hp: +65 97450311) or via email at [sovereignhopebpc@gmail.com](mailto:sovereignhopebpc@gmail.com).
8. Those who would like to help with the cleaning or safe management procedures of the church, please see Dn Yue Kay.
9. Those who have a testimony to share may submit to Pastor for the weekly.
10. Pastor is still available for counselling via WhatsApp, Email or Mobile.
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**