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Connected to the Powerhouse of Heaven

Rev 5:8. And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.



Fervent intercession and prayer is the powerhouse of the church and family for it reaches the ears of heaven. It is said that the spirituality of a church can be measured by the substance and demeanour of its weekly prayer meeting. (Spurgeon)

As often busy with much secular matters, we need to ask ourselves if there is a genuine evangelistic concern. Is there a heartfelt longing for the conversion of the unsaved? Is there a global vision and a fervent desire for revival and the propagation of the gospel to other lands?

But what then is true prayer? John Bunyan defines prayer as 'a sensible, sincere and affectionate pouring out of the heart or soul to God through Christ - in the strength and assistance of the Holy Spirit - for such things as God has promised according to his word for the church, with submission in faith to the will of God.'(John Bunyan, Praying in the Spirit, 1662).

The church should rally regularly at the throne of grace, to intercede for the lost, pray for the spiritual well-being of its members, and praise and thank God corporately - all to the edification of saints.

Needful Corporate intercession

Spurgeon, the prince of preachers in 19th century England, emphasised corporate prayer: *'In 1866 Spurgeon instituted daily prayer meetings at the Metropolitan Tabernacle in London at 7 in the morning and again 7:30 each evening.'* (The Life & Work of C. H. Spurgeon, Holden Pike, Banner of Truth, 1991).

"True prayer is measured by weight, and not by length. A single groan before

God may have more fullness of prayer in it than a fine oration of great length."



The main Tabernacle prayer meeting used to take place on Monday evenings and was attended by over 3000. To provide for participation, there were supplementary times for prayer by smaller groups within the church. The church was flourishing because the people were praying, and the Lord richly blessed and prospered their ministry.

The New Testament records many instances of church prayer meetings. While the disciples waited for the Day of Pentecost, 'these all continued with one accord in prayer and supplications with the women ...' (Acts 1:14). When the apostle Peter was incarcerated, it was the church that prayed for him (Acts 12:12). As they were praying for his release, Peter himself arrived - an answer to their corporate praying. It was as the

elders at Antioch prayed and fasted together that the Spirit revealed his mission for Paul and Barnabas (Acts 13:1-3; see also 14:23).

Paul enjoined the Corinthians to pray for him corporately. In 2 Corinthians 1:11 he wrote: 'Ye also helping together by prayer for us that, for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons, thanks may be given by many on our behalf'. The first church in Europe has its genesis in a (Jewish) prayer meeting for women (Acts 16:13).

Paul always asked churches to strive together with him in prayers to God. Romans 15:30 says, 'Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me.'

Having an Audience with God

It is customary for us to note engagements in our diaries (or now in mobile phones for some). If you were invited to meet the Queen, would you remember the appointment? Each time we attend a prayer meeting, we have an audience with the King of kings and Lord of lords.

The prayer meeting to seek God is important and should have precedence over all other demands on our time. When was the last time you attended the church prayer meeting? Or have



you never attended at all? Communicate less with man and more with God.

My wife and I have been attending church prayer meeting over the past 40 years and we always set aside Wednesday night to seek the Lord in corporate prayer (unless we are sick or away). We find it needful to regularly join the church - to uphold one another before the Lord in prayer and to hear others share in thanksgiving to the Lord.

All churches, whatever their size, could do with more people setting aside time to meet God at the church prayer meeting, to engage in fruitful and fervent intercession for one another before the Lord an hear His Word.

Desperate Need of our Souls

The church and the family stand in urgent need of personal and corporate revival - in ourselves and even in our nations. Revivals always seem to have their genesis in prayer meetings. How can a church grow and fulfil its calling unless the members commit it to the Lord in frequent prayer, both privately and corporately?



We thank God for those who make an effort to attend the church weekly prayer meeting regularly and have been blessed by it. Let me urge and strongly encourage you all to unite with the church in intercessory prayer once a week - to testify to God's goodness and guidance in our lives and pray together as a church family.

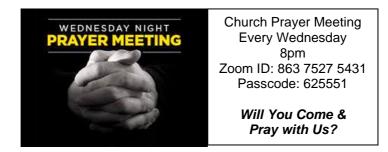
Conclusion

Phil 4:6 'Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.'

Come, and be blessed also by the clear teaching of the Word and collective singing of hymns. Bless others as you testify and share God's grace in your life, so that others will be exhorted too.

Talk to God about men before you talk to men about God. May the Lord provoke and spur us to cultivate consecrated and zealous prayerful lives, both individually and corporately. Attend your church weekly corporate prayer meeting, it is the very source of spiritual power!

Jack Sin





With Grateful Thanks from Gilead Balm Home Yangon, Myanmar

Dear Pastor Jack,

We praise God for His wonderful provision through His people from the Sovereign Hope BPC in Singapore (though the donor was unknown to us by name). We are so much grateful to him/her and praying that God will continue to bless the needs too.

The love gift (2,590,674.00 kyats) was joyfully received from our beloved Deacon Yue Kay as he directly transferred to the bank, and the gift is so helpful to our family as we just moved to a new location, and used the funds to buy two things of what we need most at this new place as below:

1. Battery 250Ah+Inverter 1200w =1,605,000

2. Aircon. Chigo 1.5 = 1,050,000

We do believe that this is really the blessed hand of God to provide these two great needs for our family. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to you Pastor and all the midweek prayer partners for your concerns with a deep concern for our family Gilead Balm Home.



May the Lord continue to be gracious upon him/her with His bountiful blessings. Yours in Him.

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Elder Habakkuk Gilead Balm Home, Yangon



What have the Life and death of Christ got to do with me? Does it even have any impact in my life here and when I die?

COME AND FIND OUT AT THESE 2 WORSHIP SERVICES

GOOD FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE 29 MARCH 2024, 8:00 PM Understanding the Vicarious Atonement

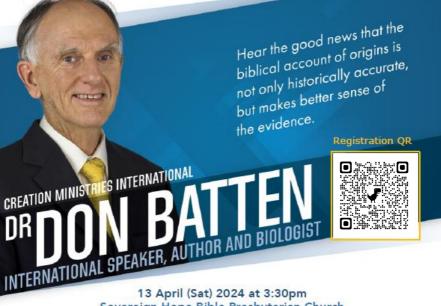
EASTER MORNING SERVICE 31 MARCH 2024, 10:00 AM The Implications of the Empty Tomb

By Rev Jack Sin

ALL ARE WELCOME

VENUE : SOVEREIGN HOPE BP CHURCH 160, PAYA LEBAR RD, ORION @ PAYA LEBAR #04-06, S(409022)

Those interested can inform Dn Yue Kay at 97450311 by 25 March 2024



13 April (Sat) 2024 at 3:30pm Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church 160 Paya Lebar Road. Orion@Paya Lebar. #04-06. \$409022

NOAH'S GLOBAL FLOOD THE GENESIS EVENT THAT SHOOK THE WORLD

• The Beginning: the Bible and science agree!

- Creation week Six days or billions of years?
- Evolution's long ages undermine the scale of Noah's flood, the goodness of God and the Gospel message.
- Secular creation myth (evolution) is scientifically impossible.
- Interpreting Noah's global flood through today's fossils and rocks.
- Did dinosaurs walk with men?
- Scientific evidence supporting a global flood that occurred in a young Biblical age.

Enquiries: Deacon Paul Tan at mobile 97314733 Registration Form Link: <u>https://forms.gle/2k5mBYEqetz4yBP1A</u> Admission is free. Creation resources available.

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Hosting CMI: Ministry@creation.info

Sovereignhope 2024 CHURCH CAMP 4D3N

Date: 11-14 June 2024 Tuesday - Friday

Place: Lotus Desaru Beach Resort

Theme: Biblical Pathway for Church Growth & Church Health

Speaker: Rev. David Khobal Principal – Biblical Reformed Seminary, Myanmar

Camp Fee: Twin Sharing e S\$ 380 Single e S\$ 510 Child (with Bed) e S\$ 295 Child (without Bed) e S\$ 180 Child (from age 4 to below 12 Years Old)

Register with: Dn Yue Kay at 97450311 by latest 30 April on first come first served basis

Memory Verse

Heb 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Announcements

- 1. Welcome to our Sunday Worship Service! 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.
- Pastor brings us God's Word this morning on "Counsel for the Christian Race (Heb 12:1-17)", continuing the quarterly series on "The Majesty & Supremacy of the Son of God (Book of Hebrews)".
- Next Sunday, Pastor will preach "Sacred Duties of Every Believer (Heb 13:1-17)".
- 4. Sunday School classes after the worship service continue as follows:
 - Westminster Confession of Faith (Pastor)
 - Studies in 2 Chronicles (Dr Kwong Leen)
- Special Meeting for Chinese Fellowship tonight at 7pm via Zoom. Rev Dr Ben Chen, the Thirdmill Global Network Regional Director of East & Southeast Asia, will be our speaker on "*The Deepest Desire*". Join us for a time of profitable learning. [Zoom ID:883 9662 4157 Passcode: 218178].
- 6. Creation Ministries International Special Talk by Dr Don Batten will be held on Sat 13 Apr 2024 at 3.30pm. See page 6 for the details.
- 7. Annual Church Camp will be held on June 11-14, 2024, at Lotus Desaru Beach Resort on the theme "*Biblical Pathway for Church Growth & Health*". Rev David Khobal, Principal of Myanmar Theological Seminary, will be our Camp Speaker. Contact Dn Yue Kay (hp:97450311) or Dn Paul (hp:97314733) for more details and registration by 30 April 2024. See page 7 for the details.
- 8. Pray for our brethren in their:
 - Kin Hoong's continuing medical investigations and catheterization procedure on 25 Mar,
 - Anthony's recovery from the radiotherapy treatment.
- 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. [Zoom ID:863 7527 5431 Passcode: 625551].
- 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

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