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**“Come & Praise,  
Pray & Worship God”  
(Psalm 66:1-20)**

*Summary of Prayer Meeting Devotion  
by Pastor on 2 Nov 2022*

Pastor Jack welcomed the 15 attendees (deacon, members & regular friends and 6 overseas brethren, namely, Pastor Lazarus (Calvary Reformed Church), Pastor Babu (New Covenant BPC, India), Eld. Habakkuk (Gilead Balm Children's Home, Yangon), Sister Hla Pui (Mercy Church, Yangon) Bro. Benjamin (Biblical Reformed Seminary, Yangon) and Bro. Myitta (Myanmar).

We opened the Prayer Meeting with the hymn, “For The Beauty Of The Earth“. This is a hymn of our praise, prayer and worship to God. Thereafter, Pastor Jack led us through a word of Opening Prayer. Next, we took turns to read God’s Word from Psalm 66: 1 - 20 before Pastor Jack expounded on it. The following are the 4 salient points to consider:

**A) Come & Praise God (v 1 – 4)**

This Psalm 66 is a call to worship God. It’s also a song that the Jews will sing in Hebrew especially as they enter Jerusalem to ascend the mountains there.

The Psalmist in verse 1 is calling on all people “to make a joyful noise unto God” to join Israel to sing praises to God to worship and glorify Him for all the majestic deeds that God has done for them. **The Jews were mindful of their need for God. Whenever we attend a church service, we are to sing out loud meaningful and joyous hymns to praise and glorify His majestic actions and his nature.** Our main focus should be on God in all our worship services as God has helped us to overcome our problems and challenges in life and we ought to submit ourselves to His will, not ours.

In times past, God has helped the Jews to overcome their many enemies and battles, but they had also strayed away from Him to worship other false

Come and see what  
God has done, his  
awesome deeds  
for mankind!

-Psalm 66:5

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gods, yet God forgave them when they repented and continued to deliver them from their enemies and troubles. Sometimes we may feel that we don't need God in our lives, especially when we are doing fine in life, but whenever we get into trouble, we will then call on Him to deliver us. Thus we are sometimes not mindful of our need for God, so in the present time, we are duly reminded to make a conscious effort to attend a God-centred church service, to pray, praise and glorify God with the singing of spiritual songs and learning His Word in the Bible and to repent from our sins. So as His believers, the first thing that we **should do is to focus on the name of God and His statutes or commandments and all the great things He has done for us and our response in gratitude and praise to Him as our Redeemer, Refuge and Saviour.**

### **B) Come & See What God Has Done for Us (v 5 – 12)**

In verse 5, the psalmist is asking the people to come and see and let them know what God has done for them in the redemption plan. The word 'see' has an evangelistic connotation as well in telling the people about Jehovah.

In the olden days, some Jews would invite the Gentiles and also other Jews to witness what they do in their Temple during festivals when they testify to whatever instances of God's great and wonderful interventions(works) in their respective lives. They recalled all the mighty deeds of God, as in drying the Red Sea for the Jews to cross over, going through the Flood, going over the River Jordan and also defeating their enemies, as well as holding our souls in life.

The Person holding our souls is God, who will not allow us to be tested beyond what we are capable of handling, as His grace is sufficient for us to bear our testings. God has tested and probed us with afflictions, so afflictions are part of our lives as Christians. We need to trust God to see us through fire and water and the sufferings in our lives and we need to thank God for His faithfulness to see us through them all.

### **C) Come & Sacrifice to God (v 13– 15)**

When we ought to come before the Lord to worship and thank Him for His blessings and deliverance, Moses said that we must not appear before God empty-handed as we come to honour Christ with praises and tithes and offerings to Him .We also ought to bring some gifts of sacrifices to thank God for His mercies and grace when we go to worship in His church. We must be decisive not to waver at the lightest excuse to skip going to church.

The Psalmist in verse 13 –15 stresses that he **will go** to God's Temple, he **will bring** burnt offerings (for his sins), he **will pay** his vows (that were made in times of his afflictions) and he **will offer** sacrifices to God to redeem his promises. So as Christians, it is important to be responsible and committed

in fulfilling our vows to honour God as it is a privilege and joy to give of our substance, time and talent to God and His missions.

### **D) Come & Hear God's Word (v 16 -- 20)**

In verse 16 the Psalmist exhorts the people to come and hear the Word of God from the Bible preached and also personal testimonies of what God has done in the lives for those who shared their testimonies.

**True Worship is about seeking God and hearing and learning God's Word as one of the most important part about biblical worship is the attentive listening to the preaching of the Word.** Hearing must be a very serious and committed desire to hear and to practise and to obey but in verse 18, the Psalmist warns us to make sure that as we hear, we must have no iniquity in our heart, meaning we ask God to forgive our sin, so that as we pray, God will hear us. If we don't, He will not hear us.

When we come and hear God's Word, we also want Him to hear us, so we are prepared to pray to Him too. This is expressed by the Psalmist in verse 19, as he is also praying and "God has attended to the voice of my prayer". During our church service when the pastor is praying, we can identify with the prayer items being prayed for too.

In verse 20 the Psalmist concluded that he recognised that he needed mercy from God. **Actually, what we need most from God is mercy for the forgiveness of our sins. We also need the help and grace of God. So this person who comes to hear God's Word and to pray and be close to God and he or she is totally dependent on God.**

### **Conclusion:**

**Every Sunday when we come to seek God, we come to praise God, we come to seek and know what God has done and to hear His Word,** we invite other people to come. We come to sacrifice with our offerings and praise and give to the Lord both in our voices of praise and our substance and our prayers.

Finally, when we come to hear the Word, we come to let God hear our prayer and ask God for mercy. This is a meaningful Psalm that exhorts believers to come and let us make a conscious effort to worship the Lord In his sanctuary and it is our duty as Christians to do so. AMEN.

*Han Kin Hoong*

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Thank God for every labour of love for the Lord in His church.



Pray for the good health and strength of Micheal and our senior worshippers



SOVEREIGNHOPE  
Bible Presbyterian Church

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

*When the Heavenly King Condescended*

COME AND FIND OUT THE TRUE MEANING OF THE FIRST COMING OF CHRIST AND ITS LASTING IMPACT IN OUR LIVES TODAY

BY REV JACK SIN

DECEMBER 25,  
10:00 AM

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

*All Are Welcome*

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Pray for the equipping of Theological students as they prepare for the wide harvest fields of India and Myanmar

## Memory Verse

1 Thess 4:3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

## Announcements

1. Welcome to our Sunday Worship Service! For our visitors, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave.
2. Pastor speaks this morning on “***The Holy Spirit & Sanctification***” (2 Pet 1:1-11), continuing the quarterly series on “The Holy Spirit & The Believer Today”.
3. There will be **Evangelism at Macpherson this afternoon**. All are encouraged to join the team.
4. Pastor will be preaching next Sunday on “***The Holy Spirit & Witnessing*** (Acts 1:1—11).
5. The following Sunday School classes continue after worship service:
  - Westminster Confession of Faith – Pastor
  - Addressing Objections to the Gospel – Joseph Wee
  - Studies in 1 Chronicles – Dn Kwong Leen
6. Chinese Fellowship meets on Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren. Included in the programme is a video study on Fundamentals of Theology on alternate Sundays. Join us for a time of profitable learning.
7. 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.
8. There will be a **Church Christmas Fellowship Lunch on Sat 17 Dec** at Albert & Janet’s home. Kindly register with Dn Yue Kay by Dec 4.
9. Monthly Neighbourhood Bible Class will next meet on **Fri 2 Dec 2022, 7.30pm in church** on the study of 2 Samuel. Come and join us!
10. Do kindly observe the safety measures of the church and assist with the weekly cleaning of the premises.
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**

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