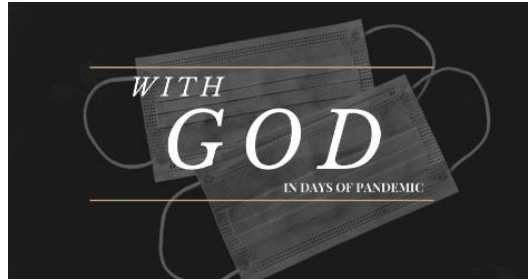


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## **15 Thoughts for the Christian in a Health Calamity**



As we continue to live each day and work/study/serve/worship and look up to the risen Christ in troubled times, it is noteworthy that there are vital things a Christian is to be mindful of even in the midst of a global/local disaster or a personal trial/testing.

Here are 15 vital thoughts for our contemplation:

1. God is still sovereign and He is reigning and ruling over us and the world from His Throne above by His providential hand even in the midst of a raging global pandemic.
2. Christ is still the risen King of kings and He is victorious over the grave. He is coming back soon anytime and we are to be vigilant.
3. The Spirit of God is still the Holy Comforter and He is still interceding for us. He continues to indwell in regenerate man and women as we trust in Him.
4. The church of Christ is still essential for our spiritual wellbeing and we must make a conscious effort to worship together in the sanctuary of God in a physical gathering of believers, in corporate worship of God and collective prayer as our sacred duty to the enrichment of our souls.
5. Satan is still deceiving many and he continues to undermine believers and the church with worldly distractions, fears, falsehood and lies. We must be alert and ready for spiritual battle and be equipped all the time.

6. The pure gospel of Christ is still the only means to the awakening and saving of souls. Our time to share it with the lost is limited.
7. The canonical Bible is still the Inspired, Inerrant and Sufficient Word of God and we need to make every endeavour to read, meditate, study and apply it daily in our lives and be transformed by it!
8. Corporate fellowship, stewardship and the worship of God in His house with his covenant people is still paramount for the spiritual health and vitality of our souls.
9. God still answers prayer when we bring our petition and supplication to Him, in submission to His holy will both personally and collectively. We need to come humbly together as a church before the Throne of Grace.
10. We still need to be alert and disciplined to put on the full armour of God and to stand and defend ourselves against the wiles of the evil one daily.
11. Confession and repentance of sin are still necessary for sanctification. We need to nurture holiness and a sound mind and a good conscience.
12. We need to be ready and prepared for the imminent second advent of our ascended Christ and be accountable to Him one day and we live in these end times with perilous days ahead.
13. The quest for holiness and godly living is still a command as we grow in sanctification daily in conformity to the image of Christ as we live in a depraved and fallen world of manifold temptations.
14. The victorious Christ is still our Rock and Fortress in the midst of fear and anxiety in this health crisis and He is still keeping and protecting His elect from all harm and danger although we do need to do our part responsibly as well with necessary safety measures.
15. There is still comfort and consolation in the death, resurrection and second coming of Christ as clearly taught in the Word of God as we go through the trials of life. His grace is still sufficient for us each as we trust, wait patiently and rely on Him.



Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
 Look full in His wonderful face,  
 And the things of earth  
 will grow strangely dim,  
 In the light of His glory and grace.

Jack Sin

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## With Grateful Thanks from Gilead Balm Home, Yangon, Myanmar



Greetings in His matchless name!

I hope you and all beloved ones in the SHBPC Singapore are doing well.

Firstly, we praise God for His never-failing love and care to our family at the Gilead Balm Home (GBH) with needed provisions through you His people (all of you).

As we have received the love gift on July 18, 2021 from the Sovereign BPC, Singapore, we would like to thank all donors towards this small but great ministry (GBH).

Your love gift means a lot to us as we use it specially for food, oil, clothes, writing materials and rice bags for the next 6 months. Please continue to pray for the spiritual growth of the children.

We always pray for you all and never forget to mention for the ministry of SHBPC that God would bless all for His kingdom's sake.

Yours in Him,  
Eld Habakkuk,  
Gilead Balm Home  
Yangon



(NB. Do pray for our brethren in Myanmar who are badly affected by both the political crisis and the pandemic and we are in touch with some of them to support and encourage them in the Lord in a spiritual and practical manner.)

**Wednesday 8pm Prayer Meeting (14 July 2021)**  
**“3 Steps to Fruitful Living by Pastor Jack Sin” (Prov 3:1–10)**

Pastor Jack welcomed the 14 attendees (deacon, members & regular friends and 3 overseas brethren, namely, Elder Loke TL from Melbourne, Pastor Babu @ New Covent BPC, India, and Preacher Mok @ New Life BPC, London).

We opened the Prayer Meeting with the hymn, “Trust and Obey “. This hymn title truly undergirds the tenet of the genuine Christian life of humble submission, faith and obedience unto God, the author and finisher of our faith.

Thereafter, Pastor Jack led us through a word of Opening Prayer. Next, we took turns to read God’s Word from Proverbs 3, verses 1 – 10 before Pastor Jack expounded on it.

3 Salient Points to consider:

**A) Remember to Keep the Laws of God (v1 - 4)**

- Why do we need to remember?
- Most people are very forgetful; hence we consciously need to save or keep God’s laws and instructions in our hearts.
- The Word of God is to be not merely informative, but also to be transformative, causing one’s life to be changed for the better.
- Keeping God’s commandments will bring rewards of length of days, longevity and peace, but if we are not living in the will of God, then, life becomes meaningless, without any inner peace in you.
- So, what is your focus in life?
- Do you start the day in the presence of God in prayer at Quiet Time before rushing out into the world?
- Do you make a conscious effort to seek God’s will and ask God what He wants you to do today?
- Focus on the things that God wants you to remember and these things will then become important to you.
- We even receive God’s favour because we get in tune with God and get it right in the first place.

**B) Reminder to Trust in God and acknowledge His Ways (v5 - 7)**

- When we “trust in someone” it means we “make a decision to entrust our life in someone’s care and charge” and he takes over our life.

- We should not be too self-trusting; we ought to trust wholly in God and “lean not on your own understanding”.
- We are to recognise and acknowledge God’s authority over us in ALL matters, whereby “He will direct our paths”.
- We need to exercise a humble submission unto God and to fear Him for “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom”.
- We must revere and respect God.

**C) Responsibility to Honour God with your Time, Talent and Treasure (v8 - 10)**

- All aspects of our health, be it physical, mental and spiritual, are important, so do not just concentrate on physical health. The health of our soul is just as important.
- When we “honour” God, we give Him our due regard and respect, with our “first fruits of all our increase” in our Time, Talents and Treasures(substance).
- These “first fruits” refer to the ripening fruits, not the whole crop, from the early harvest available in April/ early March.
- When we give cheerfully of our substance, our talents and our time to God in prayer, fellowship, evangelism and service in the ministry, God will richly reward us with His Blessings of peace, safety, protection and prosperity.
- The Lord is no man’s debtor!
- Our cheerful tithing out of joy is to advance the Kingdom of God and His ministry, so it is important to put God first.

**Conclusion**

In order to lead a fruitful and meaningful Christian life, we must take an audit of our daily walk with God. We need to:

- \* Stay focussed on God’s laws and heavenly issues and not on the issues in the world.
- \* Seek God while He still can be found.
- \* Trust, honour and obey God in humble submission unto the Lord.

Amen.

Han Kin Hoong

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*Welcoming Sis Devi as a member of the Sovereign Hope BPC by Transfer of Membership.*



*Thank God for many willing hands serving the Lord in various areas of the church.*

## FINISHING WELL THE RACE OF LIFE

Lord's Day Program from Jul - Sep 2021

### JULY

- 4 The Power of a Sound Mind (2 Tim 1:1-7)
- 11\* Hold Fast to Sound Words (2 Tim 1:8-18)
- 18 The Imageries of a Christian (2 Tim 2:1-14)
- 25 Study to be a Biblical Practitioner (2 Tim 2:15-19)



### AUGUST

- 1 A Sanctified Vessel for God (2 Tim 2:20-26)
- 8\* The Characteristics of the End Times (2 Tim 3:1-9)
- 15 Fruitfulness through the Word (2 Tim 3:10-17)
- 22 The Sacred Duty to Share the Gospel (2 Tim 4:1-5)
- 29 Perseverance in the Ministry (2 Tim 4:6-10)

### SEPTEMBER

- 5 Faithful Coworkers Labouring Together (2 Tim 4:11-22)
- 12\* Love and Truth in Action (2 John)
- 19 The Case Study of 3 Persons (3 John)
- 26 Consider God in Troubled Times (1 Kings 4:1-11)



## Memory Verse

2 *Tim 2:20* But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.

## Announcements

1. Welcome to our Worship Service! For our visitors, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave.
2. Pastor Jack speaks today on “**A Sanctified Vessel for God (2 Tim 2:20-26)**”, the quarterly theme on “Finishing Well the Race of Life - The Epistle of 2 Timothy”.
3. Pastor Jack speaks next Sunday on “**The Characteristics of the End Times (2 Tim 3:1-9)**”. The Lord’s Supper will be served.
4. The **Annual Congregation Meeting cum Elections** will be held on **Sun 29 Aug 2021**. **All members are to attend**. Nominations for office bearers are open from now till 15 Aug 2021. Nomination forms are available from Dn Yue Kay.
5. The following Sunday School classes will be suspended till after 18 Aug in compliance with Phase Two (Heightened Alert) requirements:
  - WCF Shorter Catechism Class – Pastor Jack
  - New Testament Survey – Dn Choo Siang
  - Studies in Numbers – Dr Kwong Leen
6. Chinese Fellowship meets on Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren.
7. Do send your prayer items to Pastor and join us for Church Prayer Meeting on Wed at 8pm via Zoom. The Aug prayer list is available in church.
8. Monthly Neighbourhood Bible Class that meets on the first Friday of each month in church on the study of 2 Samuel will be suspended till after 18 Aug in compliance with Phase Two (Heightened Alert) requirements.
9. The Pandemic book can be purchased through Dn Yue Kay (Hp: +65 97450311) or via email at [sovereignhopebpc@gmail.com](mailto:sovereignhopebpc@gmail.com).
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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