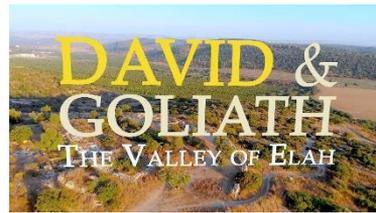


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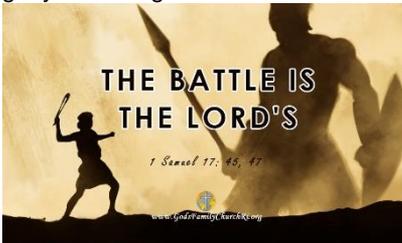
The Not-So-Secret Recipe for Triumph - God's Way

The Valley of Elah near Tel Azekah located in the western edge of the Judean low hills is the actual geographical location where the great historic battle of David and Goliath took place in 1Sam 17. **This biblical account is not only for the Sunday school kids; it is relevant for triumphant living in our walk of faith.**



We live in an uncertain and troubled world. We faced many challenges in our lives in 2021 with the pandemic and it will continue to be so in the new year. No matter how serious the conflict or profound the confusion or threatening the fear in our life at this moment, the past and future, **God can help you defeat the Goliath in our lives provided we humbly submit to Jehovah and fight in God's strength and terms, not ours. (1Sam 17:45-47) We need to get ready to do real battle, not just banter on social media.**

The wonderful account was of the young shepherd boy David who fought for the glory of God against a formidable foe and not for himself and won the day for Israel.



On the contrary, king Saul was self-centred, disobedient to God, tried to save his own earthly empire and was thoroughly defeated and later dethroned. What on earth are we thinking or doing for heaven's sake?

Victory comes only when we give ourselves **fully surrendered to God, embrace the right perspective in life**

and with the right Person on our side. Heaven is the eternal Game Changer. Win on our knees in much prayer to heaven for divine supplies. (Dan 6:10)

In life, it is important who we know and are aligned to. I am not referring to any mere mortal but to Him who is out this world; He is the Almighty Creator of this universe. (Isa 45:18)

POLE for Success

Everyone should consider practicing the **POLE** principle in our ministry, family life and work or studies in the new year in order to be effective in what we do.

Plan/Ponder & Pray

Seek and obey the sovereign will of God in much fervent prayer, have a clear direction and think deeply where we want to go and how to get there. Plan ahead and avoid last minute firefighting. Pray daily for the forgiveness of sins, for wisdom and protection for our family and work; intercede for souls, the church and nation in crisis. (Eph 6:18) **Remember that if we aim at nothing, we are bound to hit it. Live with an eternal purpose which has lasting consequences and not for temporal causes.**

Organise

A confused and disorganised mind is a disaster in the making. It is important to sit down and to get organised. Develop a plan of sound knowledge on how to achieve the goals, the necessary resources needed, **with careful and edifying communication and companions and with sound biblical convictions and actions.** (Dan 1:7-17)

Labour/Learn & Listen

The Christian disciple is a hardworking person. Indolence is not in his vocabulary. Success is heart work and hard work. We need to be diligent to learn and listen to others and to work it out or to co-labour from others in unison. Be patient and get it right in due time with good productive input. Industry is a blessing and laziness is a curse in life.

Evaluate & Enable again

After some time and at some stage during the year, **we need to sit back, reflect and consider doing a post-mortem in the wisdom of the Lord on how we can better move forward in the will of God. Do not stagnate but keep improving ourselves in the fear of God.** The psalmist cried out to God to search and try him; we should the same as well. (Psa 139:23,24)

Conclusion

Brethren, let us not seek to crave for more money or greater assets or more property in 2022. **We desperately need a new heart at the start of this new year. Choose God over Gold and the Word over the World.**

Remember to seek the Lord first in applying **POLE** in your personal, professional and devotional life, to be an effective Christian worker and witness for the glory of Lord even in the midst of a serious devastating crisis with the help of God.

Something to ponder and pray, think and act upon. Get it right, now and do not procrastinate as 2022 has arrived. **The surrender to God is the vital touchstone for an abundant new life in a new dawn ahead.**



Jack Sin

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LORD'S DAY PROGRAMME FOR JANUARY - MARCH 2022

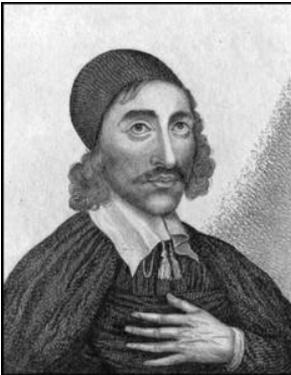
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30	THE FOUNDATION OF OUR PRE-EMINENT CHRIST	2:1-13

FEBRUARY		COLOSSIANS
6	4TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY THE VIGILANT GROWING CHURCH IN END TIMES	2 PETER 3:9-14
13	THE PERILS THE CHURCH FACED TODAY	2:16-23
20	HEAVENLY PRECEPTS FOR DAILY LIVING	3:1-11
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Christ's Scepter

"But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom." Heb 1:8

True faith...takes Christ and Him only to be its Lord...

Many will come to Christ to find a feast but few come to Christ to bear His scepter.

Some would come under the safety of His blood, but disdain the authority and dominion of His sword; **they like Christ the Priest, but not Christ the Lord.**

I will briefly show you two things...*firstly*, **unbelievers will not accept Christ to be their Lord only, because their heart has another Lord**...He is our Lord to whom we give service, and we His servants who obey him...Let the commands of profit or pleasure and Christ come into competition and you shall see that the unbelieving heart will go after its lord; it will not hearken to Christ, for it prefers sin before Him.

The unbelieving heart will easily adventure Christ's displeasure to fulfil its own lusts. Again, the unbelieving heart cannot choose Christ, as it cannot like Him for a Lord. Why? Because the dominion of Christ of Christ is holy and heavenly; it is directly opposite to the sordid principles and affections, and ways of an unbelieving heart.

Secondly, **every believer admits Christ to be their Lord as Thomas said, “My Lord, and my God”** (John 20:28)...and so:

- (1) Faith sets up the scepter of Christ, and sweetly frames the soul to a willing subjection,
- (2) Again, faith takes the whole Christ, and therefore Christ is the only King and Lord to faith,
- (3) Again, faith knows that the whole person is Christ’s purchase, His blood has bought us, and so passed us into the entire dominion of Christ: “ye are bought with a price; ye are not your own,” said the apostle, 1 Cor 6:19-20.

Now try yourself in this: **Who is your Lord?**

If by faith you have sworn fidelity to Christ, then though all temptations beset you, to captivate or alienate your heart from the service of Christ, yet amidst all oppressions, yes, under all the knocks and buffetings, and interruptions by sin, **the heart cries out, I acknowledge no Lord but Christ; Him I would obey; Him I honor, I love; His I am, and I yet hate those sins which yet I cannot conquer.**

** Extracted from *Day by Day with the English Puritans*, Hendrickson Publishers, 2004.**

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- *The Bowels of Tender Mercy Sealed in the Everlasting Covenant.* (759 pages) [PDF Google Books](#)
- *The Doctrine of Providence.* (389 pages) [PDF Internet Archives](#) [Matthew 10:29-31](#). Appended to “The Shepherd of Israel”
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- *The Anatomy of Secret Sins.* [Psalm 19:12-13](#).
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- *The Parable of the Prodigal.*
- *The Riches of Grace.*

Local Evangelism ... even in an Endemic...



← Thank God for the Bibles from the Gideon Bible Society through Bro Albert Ang. Tamil and Telugu Bibles were requested by John Caleb for migrant workers.

In season, out of season.....
John Wong giving a Gideon Bible to
a migrant worker when exercising
at Sungei Buloh Nature Park. →



← A neighbourhood cleaner receiving a
Gideon Bible in Simei.

Sharing the gospel with a group
of students at MacPherson
estate. →



Overseas Missions ... even in an Endemic... Christmas love gifts to ministries in Myanmar



**Mercy Church
Widows Ministry,
Nay Pyi Taw**



**Evangel BP Church
Christmas Outreach,
Yangon**



Memory Verse

Col 1:5 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;

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 speaks today on “***Apostolic Concerns for the Church (Col 1:1-8)***”, starting a quarterly theme of “Christ-Centred Principles for the Local Church”, a study on the Epistle to the Colossians.
3. Pastor speaks next Sunday on “***The Fervent Intercession for the Saints (Col 1:9-18)***”. The Lord’s Supper will be served.
4. Sunday School classes continues after worship service:
 - WCF Shorter Catechism Class – Pastor Jack
 - Understanding Biblical Eschatology & related Topics – Joseph
 - Studies in Numbers – Dn Kwong Leen
 - Burmese Bible Class - James
5. Chinese Fellowship meets on Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren. Included in the programme is a study on Church History in China on alternate Sundays. Join us for a time of profitable learning.
6. 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.
7. Monthly Neighbourhood Bible Class meets on this **Fri 7 Jan 2022, 7.30pm** on the study of 2 Samuel. Come and join us!
8. Those who wish to bring a new friend to the worship service, kindly inform the safety officer Dn Yue Kay or Pastor at least a day in advance.
9. The Pandemic book can be purchased through Dn Yue Kay (Hp: +65 97450311) or via email at 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**
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