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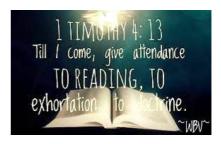
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SHBPC Reading Resource Corner

We have a new Reading Resource Corner at Sovereign Hope BPC! The church launched this new ministry on 14 Jan 2024 to encourage the reading of good Reformed books and materials made available in the church.



There are resources of various themes on marriage, family, church, worship evangelism, discipleship, service, books of the Bible, theology, Apologetics Church history, Christian living, devotional materials, commentaries and Christian magazines like Creation Science magazine, Evangelical Times, Free Grace Broadcaster, the Gospel Trumpet, Israel My Glory among others. Worshippers and friends can read it on Sunday before or after the service and if you wish to borrow a particular book, kindly inform sis Kin Kheng who will record it for you.

We believe that the Word of God is foundational to the understanding of our faith in historic Christianity. The entire Christian life is governed by one Book; the authoritative, inspired, inerrant and sufficient Word of God. The Bible is to be the sole directional guide for the believers' pilgrimage and the infallible manual for Church life and the family. Paul in 2 Timothy 3:16,17 say, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished

unto all good works."

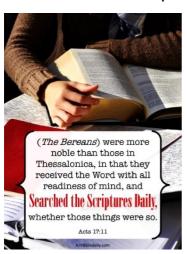
The reading of sound Reformed books can help us to understand the teachings of the Bible clearer especially if it is by a good Reformed author.

It is a joy to read and study, appreciate. and discover the many doctrinal themes of Scripture as found in good books or a commentary or a Christian magazine. For example. vou can read a book by Dr John Whitcomb or



Henry Morris on creationism or the doctrine of salvation under AW Pink or Spurgeon or Joel Beeke, or even the understanding of the epistles by John MacArthur or Christ in the Psalms or the post exilic era in Nehemiah and Ezra. These themes are to be drawn from well researched and written books. Know that the Bible interprets itself and that the meaning of words and texts is best determined by diligently reading and examining in other good books.

The Word of God as the Map and Compass of our Lives

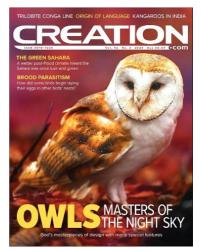


Do you seek to read, study, memorise, meditate, and apply the Word of God? Jesus says in John 5:39, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."

We need to nurture ourselves to follow the Bereans (Acts 17:11) who examined the Word of God, and we are to be given to a systematic study and meditation of the Word of God and good books. Begin your Bible reading with prayer (Ps 119:18; Jn 16:13-15). Take brief notes what you read of lesson learnt. Keep a small notebook for your Bible Study. Read slowly through a book. After reading, ask yourself what this book means and can you agree with the author and if not, why not. Then re-read it, think, pray, and write down the important lessons learnt and its applications.

Consider the following:

- What is the main theme or subject of this book and who is the author and his background?
- What are the precepts that I can learn?
- What are the key lessons or takeaways of this book?
- What does this book teach me about the Lord Jesus Christ, salvation or the Spirit?
- Does this book have a command(s) for me to obey?
- Is there any warning to heed in this book?
- Is there any instruction for me to follow in the book and anything contrary to the Word?
- How does this book impact my life today?



Conclusion

Make 2024 a year of consistent and prudent study of the Word of God and the reading of good books. Luke says of the Berean Christians in Acts 17:11, "that they received the Word with readiness of mind and searched the Scriptures daily to see if those things taught by the Apostle Paul were so." Do you check up the Bible on what you read in other books to see if it is consistent with Scriptures. Consider the place and priority the Word of God in your life now. Do you begin the day with or end the night by reading of His Word or a book as well (Psa 5:3)?

To grow in our faith and be more like Christ, study, meditate and memorise and apply His Word and reading sound books can enrich our lives daily (Josh 1:8; Rev 1:3). May this reading resource corner be of help in the study of the Word of God and well written Christian books to the spiritual nourishment and health of our souls.

Jack Sin



Come & Rejoice with Us!



Sun 4 Feb 2024 10am

^L 6th Thanksgiving

ANNIVERSAR

Equipping a Worshipping, Working & Witnessing Transformed Church Community (Romans 12:1-13) - Rev Philip Heng

Kindly inform Dn Yue Kay (hp:97450311) BY TODAY as lunch will be provided.

Pastors/
Preachers/
Elders
Lunch
Fellowship
to mutually
encourage
one
another in
the ministry
of the Lord.



Logos Teaching on Christian Apologetics Lesson 5: The History of the Bible 18 Jan 2024



Prayer Items

Church Ministry

- Weekly Sunday worship services on the new quarterly series on "The Majesty & Supremacy of the Son of God (Book of Hebrews)".
- Catechism/Sunday School classes.
- Sun night Chinese Fellowship via Zoom and the health and spiritual growth of our brethren in China, Hong Kong and Malaysia.



- Logos Training by Pastor on Christian Apologetics on every 3rd Thurs of the month.
- Preparations for 6th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service on Feb 4.
- Spiritual growth and fervency for Sovereign Hope members and worshippers.
- Wisdom upon the Session as they lead the church and Session meetings on the last Fri
 of each month.

Salvation

- Unsaved family members of church worshippers
- Macpherson evangelism contacts

Medical

- Janet Ang's full recovery from hand and leg surgery.
- Angie's brother Anson's recovery from heart bypass and carotid artery stent procedure.
- Kin Hoong's continuing medical investigations and daughter Janet's ongoing treatment.
- Pastor's bro-in-law Edwin's heart mitral valve repair robotic surgery on Feb 6.
- Samuel Wong's health conditions.
- Anthony Ong's health and continuing treatment for lung cancer.
- Health and strength for Seniors in our midst, and especially those on long-term medication.

Brethren

- Bee Leng's spiritual growth, Sun follow-up with Chan Ping and Thu Bible Study with Kin Kheng, and preparation for baptism.
- John Almon's job search and approval for Long-Term Visitor Pass.
- Travel: Marilyn (8-18/2)

Missions

- India: New Covenant BPC (*Ps Babu*, Bangalore), Calvary Reformed Church (*Ps Lazarus*, Bangalore), CALM Church (*Ps John Caleb*, Hyderabad).
- Myanmar: Biblical Reformed Seminary (*Rev Khobal & Benjamin*), Gilead Balm Home (*Eld Habakkuk*), New Vision Church (*Myitta*), Mercy Church Widows Ministry (*Lapuii*).

Dedicated to the Afflicted

A POEM OF SPIRITUAL COMFORT AND STRENGTH

When a Christian is taken ill,

He is to pray and obey Gods will,

Not murmuring nor complaining,

But by faith, waiting and trusting.

When a Christian experience pain,
And his body and spirit grow faint,
Yet, he knows that there is spiritual gain,
When his soul is richly trained.

When a Christian is distressed,
And he struggles to find real rest,
God will be with him through the test,
To trust Him for His will is the best.

As a Christian reflects on the demanding race, He recognises that God is his Dwelling Place And not forgetting His sufficient grace, With assuring hearts to God we praise.

Jack Sin

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee" (Isaiah 26:3)

Memory Verse

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Announcements

- 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 "Precious Promises & Power of God (Heb 4:1-16)", the new quarterly series on "The Majesty & Supremacy of the Son of God (Book of Hebrews)".
- Next Sunday is our 6th Anniversary Thanksgiving! Rev Philip Heng will bring us God's Word on "Equipping a Worshipping, Working & Witnessing Transformed Church Community (Rom 12:1-13)". Do let Dn Yue Kay know by <u>TODAY</u> if you are bringing a friend as lunch will be provided.
- 4. Sunday School classes after the worship service continue as follows:
 - Westminster Confession of Faith (Pastor)
 - Studies in 2 Chronicles (Dr Kwong Leen)
- Chinese Fellowship meets on every Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren. We have systematic studies on Kingdoms, Covenants and Canon of the Old Testament and the Parables of Jesus. Join us for a time of profitable learning. [Zoom ID:883 9662 4157 Passcode:625551].
- 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:218178]
- 7. 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.
