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"We Were Not Ready"

There were two significant global events that happened towards the end of our church camp.

First was the horrific Indian Airline crashed with all its passengers dead except one on the 12 June which shook the airline industry and the whole world. We are not unfamiliar with this airline as we have to India many times for missions. It soberly reminded us of the shortness of this life that can be a vapour that can vanish away suddenly with all dreams as well. Psa 90:12

The second event was the serious bombing of Iran by Israel in an escalation of war in the Middle East. **Iran is the superpower there with 91 million people and has been a traditional foe of Israel since biblical times. It is a country mentioned by the prophets as ancient Persia that we need to watch before the *Parousia*.** This is a serious development in the end times, and we will need to watch and see what will happen next as major partners on both sides of the war will calibrate their interest and risk and a wrong calculation may bring it to the next level in an end time eschatological fulfilment as the Lord leads. The sovereign Lord is still on the throne

Interesting, when we returned from our church camp, I read the Straits Times news article dated 16 June entitled "***We were not ready***". The Iranians were totally caught off guard by surprise aerial attacks by top notched Israeli fighter jets that crippled their nuclear ambition and the removal of the top military brass. Iran responded with a



barrage of missiles that even the Iron Dome of Israel failed to intercept some. **It is a humbling experience for Israel, but God will not forsake His people after awakening them when the fullness of the Gentiles are in (Rom11:26-30).**

As much as we need to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, more **importantly we need to pray for the revival and repentance of Israel who rejected their Messiah. No amount of arsenal and firepower will give them Peace unless they**

acknowledge the Prince of Prince, the *Shar Shalom*. Psa 20:7 says, "*Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD*



our God.” This is the only formula for victory that they will have to learn one day with humble prayer to call upon the Lord as 2Chr 7:14 exhorts, *“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”* There is no other option.

This also reminds us soberly that the Lord's second coming will be an imminent one and many will repeat the same above as ill-prepared as in the days of Noah and Sodom and Gomorrah. Are we ready for the Lord's imminent return?

We thank God for gospel opportunities at our Church Camp at Forest City Marina Hotel. We had participants from 5 countries – Singapore, Indonesia, Philippines, India and Australia and an edifying time of learning from the Word of God shared by Rev Tan Eng Boo, Dr Samuel Gan and Joseph through the thematic messages, morning devotions, discussions, prayer meeting and the final challenge with teachable moments for every camper who have taken home something precious.



A highlight was the distribution of Gideon Bibles and tracts to the staff in the hotel by the campers. Thank God for the Gideon Bibles brought by Albert and they were distributed to at least 7 staff at Forest City Hotel, Nepalese security guards, Burmese workers and waiters in a restaurant and passersby having a picnic. **We pray that it will bring forth good fruit in due season. Never look down a gospel tract given in the power of the Spirit who convicts us of sin**



At last Sunday's worship service, we were glad to see Tracy again, a Vietnamese lady who is a financial advisor, at the invitation of Joseph and Rachel. She has come twice, heard the Gospel of Christ and is receptive to learning more. We will be giving her a Bible as she does not have one. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will convict her heart and her need for Christ as her only Saviour.

When was the last time you shared Christ or invited someone to church or gave a tract or a Bible? Something to seriously consider and to act upon. May we not let the Great Commission be our Great Omission

Jack Sin

With Grateful Thanks.....



Dear Ps Jack and Aunty Angie,
Thank you so much for your gifts of books, chocolates and presents to my family and uncle Praveen's family as well as Ashirvad's family.

I am really thankful for your care and concern towards me throughout this trip. I'm really glad for getting this opportunity to be a part of such a blessed church camp and learn more about wisdom and its necessity in life. I can say I have gained a lot through this camp and also from my stay in Singapore. I hope all these experiences in the church camp will enable me to serve in the Lord's ministry more effectively.

In His service

Amulya Uppalapati

Thanks Rev Jack and Ss Angie for your love and encouragement towards Amulya. It's indeed a great blessing for Amulya to have a wonderful time with the brethren and having a fruitful time to study the word of God. She will definitely transfer the blessings to the children and youths at New Covenant BPC.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Sisters Kin Kheng & Kin Hoong for your tender care for Amulya. She really enjoyed your fellowship and learned many things from you. Dn Yue Kay was also a

great support in terms of the visa application and other essential information. Amulya was overwhelmed by the love and warm fellowship of all the brethren at Church Camp.

Please continue to uphold Amulya in your prayers that she will grow in grace and true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ to be a blessing for many. Best regards 🙏✝️

Pastor Babu

New Covenant BPC, Bangalore



Camp Reflections

- Dn Yue Kay, Camp Commandant -

Before the Camp.....

9 months ago, when the camp theme was proposed by Pastor, my first thought was that it is not too spiritually challenging. After some consideration and prayer, I thought it might be relevant in this digitally dependent age where information comes at us constantly from every direction and, it often seems with ever-increasing rapidity. We need to be wise in handling and using these digital technologies in our lives so as to able to help us in our spiritual walk with God, our spiritual growth and to glorify God in all that we do. (1Cor 10:31)



As I pondered over the camp theme ***"Wise Or Foolish Living in a Smartphone Era"***, a few Bible passages came to mind where the Word of God mentioned about who is the wise and foolish people among us (Matt 7:24-26 ~ *The wise who built his house on rock / the fool who built his house on sand*) & (Matt 25:1-13 ~ *The 5 wise and 5 foolish Virgins*).

In preparing ourselves for the camp, we encouraged campers to read the two Wisdom literatures books (Proverbs ~ 31 chapters and Ecclesiastes ~ 12 chapters) starting from 28/4/25 while counting down 43 days before the camp date from 10 to 13 June 2025.

As I read these 2 books during this period, I realized that in many areas of my life, I thought I am 'wise' in my journey of faith and in my dealing and handling of human relationships. Merely knowing what is right is no substitute for doing it. James 1:22 reminds us, "*But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*" And I believe there are even so called 'wise' people can also do '*foolish*' things at times.

The theme verse in the book of Proverbs is found in Proverbs 1:7, where the means by which wisdom comes is revealed ~ ***Fearing the LORD***. The results of the proper application of wisdom include the ability to use God-given talents wisely, the realization of one's moral obligations, and one's own intellectual maturity.

During the Camp.....

On the spiritual aspects, we had the following 10 messages during the 4D3N retreat at Forest City Marina Hotel:

- A) 4 thematic messages by our camp guest speaker **Rev. Tan Eng Boo** which covered the following topics over 3 days.



- ~ *The Practical of Biblical Wisdom* (Prov 1:1-7)
- ~ *The Danger of Human Folly* (Prov 6:16 -19)
- ~ *The Christian Life and Modern Gadgets* (Gen 2:4-15)
- ~ *The Readiness for the Imminent Coming of Christ* (Zech 14:1-5 / Acts 1:9-12)

B) 3 Morning Group Devotions

- ~ By **Pastor Jack** (Psa 73:23-28 ~ *3 Things Good for Us*)
- ~ By **Pastor Jack** (Deut 10:12-20 *When God States His Requirements*)
- ~ By **Brother Joseph Wee** (Genesis 22:2-14 ~ *God's Best Gift - My Utmost Sacrifice*)

C) 1 Workshop session by **Dr. Samuel Gan** which covered 2 topics

- ~ "*Beginning: Who made God?* (Gen 1:1/John 1:1)" and
- ~ "*Did the Bible teach a Flat Earth?* (Job 26:7,10 / Isa 40:22)"

D) Wed Night Prayer meeting devotional sharing by **Pastor Jack** on the topic "*Qualities of Faithful Co-labourers*" (1Chr 12:32-38)

E) Thur Consecration Night Message by **Pastor Jack** on the topic "*Follow On to Know The Lord*" (Hos 6:1-6)



After each thematic messages (about an hour each), we had discussion and sharing among the campers in 4 groups with 7-8 people in each group and facilitated by the camp committee members (Albert Ang, Kim Meng, Dn Paul Tan and Dn Yue Kay). Discussion questions were prepared by Rev Tan and many contributed to the lively and personal sharing, testimonies and experiences in our journey of faith.

Besides learning the Word of God, we had a great time of fellowship over mealtimes and free time where campers made effort to reach out to one another, especially those who joined our church camp for the first time. In fact, it was truly an edifying time of bonding in our interpersonal relationships as we could spend much time together in camps.





As for myself, I took this opportune time for sobering reflection and contemplation of my spiritual life, especially in such a beautiful venue with many places in the hotel (beach/gardens/room balcony) for quiet moment of meditation and prayer.

On Thursday afternoon we had an outing for campers where we dine together in a Chinese restaurant for lunch and 3 hours of shopping and relaxation at AEON Mall Bukit Indah.

After the Camp.....

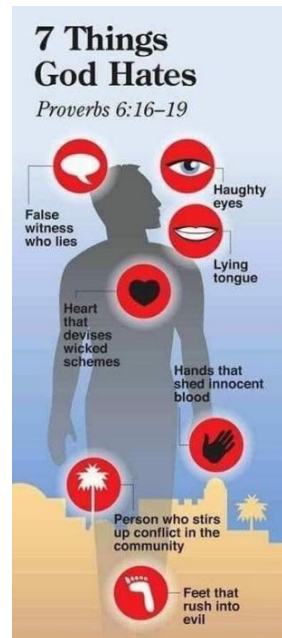
During the messages and sharing, there were a few questions by the speakers and campers: *"What on earth am I doing for Jesus?" / "How far will I go for God?" / "Are you prepared to meet the LORD?"*

I asked myself ~ *"What have I learned from all the messages?" / What is my greatest takeaway from the camp?" / "What am I going to do with what I learned from the camp?"*

Part of the problem is the idea that knowledge equals understanding and that understanding equals Wisdom. Knowledge comes from gaining information or instruction through listening, reading, watching, studying and experience, but knowledge is not an end in itself.

I must not just have superficial knowledge which can easily satisfied oneself but to gain knowledge so that I might be able to possess and interpret it based on biblical values, principles and beliefs. In this way, will I be able to grow in our understanding of that knowledge and how it will affect, inform, and applies to my life. But more importantly to desire and seek Biblical Wisdom from God so as to rightly discern how to apply my understanding in order to make right decisions. So here, wisdom and discernment are close companions, and although we can distinguish them, we cannot ultimately separate them. Moreover, discernment is not only the ability to choose right from wrong; it is the ability to choose right from almost right.

My greatest takeaway is from the message **"The Danger of Human Folly"** from Prov 6:16-19. The 4 outlines mentioned by the speaker ~ (1) One who sows discord among brethren (v.19). (2) Pride (v.17). (3) A lying tongue (vv17 & 19). (4) The scheming heart (vv 17 & 18).



Although most of the time I would think and believe that I will not fall into these temptations, but I need to remind myself constantly not to think of myself more highly than I ought but to think soberly (Rom 12:3). To be humble and not arrogance because pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall (Prov 16:18). One of the closest companions to wisdom, a companion without which true wisdom cannot exist, is humility, the virtue whereby we recognize that we lack wisdom and must acquire it. To gain wisdom, we must first know that we need it.

The final camp message on "*The Readiness for the Imminent Coming of Christ*" constantly reminding me "*Am I prepared to meet my God*" (Amos 4:12).

The following are the areas that I will follow on in my journey of faith:

- 1) **To examine daily my spiritual walk with God** with earnest assessment of my own heart to see if I really mean what I say. (Jer 17:9-10)
- 2) **To fight to maintain my love for Christ** as this world is always attempting to capture my affections of my heart. (1Jn 5:12 reminds us ~ "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world...")
- 3) **To pray earnestly, day and night, for wisdom and insight**, that God would open my eyes, that I would see the beauty of Christ and how desirable he is and how superior he is and in every way that should excite my affections. (Psa 73:25 & 119:18)
- 4) **To look to Christ intently and steadfastly and earnestly** through His Word (2 Cor 3:18, Heb 3:1 & 12:3)
- 5) **To read good books and listen good sermons** to help me grow in all spiritual wisdom and understanding of the Word. (2Tim 2:15)
- 6) **To be among God's people who cherish Christ above all** ~ it's contagious and that is what churches are for (Heb 10:24-25)

Prov 1:7 ~ "*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and understanding.*"

This means revering God and remembering that it is He who created and redeemed us, recognizing His complete power and authority over everything, and acknowledging our total dependence on Him.

Prov 9:10 ~ "*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.*"

Prov 4:7 ~ "*Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.*"



Human effort is involved but ultimately, Wisdom is God's to give (Jas 1:5). Reverence for the LORD is more important than material gain. Don't be unteachable like the fool. (Eph 5:17)

Dn Yue Kay

17/6/25

Memory Verse

Psa 27:14 Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

Announcements

1. Welcome to our 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.
2. Pastor brings us God's Word this morning on "**Approaching God with Patience (Psa 27:1-14)**", continuing the quarterly series on "**Approaching God with the Right Disposition**".
3. Next Sunday, Pastor will bring us on God's Word on "**Approaching God as Pilgrims (1Pet 2:1-12)**".
4. Special Sunday School class on "**Christianity & Science**" by **Eld Dr Jenson Lim** after the worship service.
5. Chinese Fellowship meets on every Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren. We have systematic studies on New Testament Foundations and the Psalms. [Zoom ID:883 9662 4157 Passcode: 218178].
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. [Zoom ID:863 7527 5431 Passcode: 625551].
7. The **All Asia Creation Ministry International Conference "Teaching Genesis 1-11 History & Science"** will be held on **22 & 23 Aug** at the Salvation Army Hall in Upper Bukit Timah. The keynote speakers are **Dr Don Batten** (CMI), **Rev Dr Jack Sin** (Sovereign Hope BPC), **Dr Andy McIntosh** (University of Leeds), **Dr Mona Bias** (East Asia School of Theology). Other session speakers from Australia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Mongolia, South Korea, Taiwan, United Kingdom and USA. Registration starts on 21 Apr 2025.
8. Pray for:
 - **Ministries:** **Joseph & Rachel** (AMK Gospel Peace Station & Hokkien Ministries), **CMI Conference** (Aug 22 & 23, Singapore)
 - **Travels:** **Han Family** (20-23/6, Penang), **Agnes** (20-25/6, Hong Kong), **Pastor/Angie/Dr Sam** (30/6-7/7, Brunei Ministry), **Dr Sam** (returning to Wenzhou on 8 Jul)
 - **Medical:** **Simon** [liver issues and depression], **Pit Yuen** [medical investigations], **Dr KL & CP's grand-daughter Zoe** [jaundice], **Mrs Philip Heng** [stroke recovery], **John W's sister Angeline** [lung cancer], **John W's daughter** [dialysis treatment].
9. 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.