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“The 4 P's of our Glorious God” (Isaiah 25:1–10)

Summary of Prayer Meeting Devotion (3 May 2023)



Pastor Jack welcomed the 16 attendees, comprising a Deacon, members and regular friends and 5 overseas brethren, namely: Pastor Babu (New Covenant BPCI, Bangalore), Elder Habakkuk (Gilead Balm Children's Home, Yangon), Pastor Benjamin (Biblical Reformed Seminary, Yangon), Pastor Myitta (Yangon) and Sis. Hla Pui (Mercy Church, Naypyidaw).

After the opening hymn, entitled “Wonderful Peace” and a word of prayer by Pastor Jack and reading of the chosen text by some attendees, Pastor expounded on the following 3 salient points:

A) Praise Of God (vs 1–3)

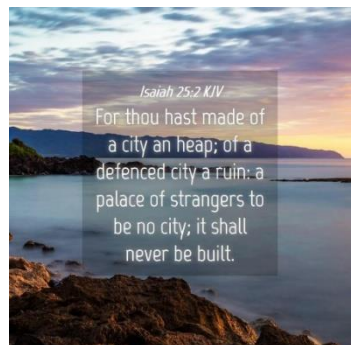
Verse 1: *“O LORD, thou art my God: I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth”.*

- In verse 1, the prophet Isaiah was referring to glimpses of the events in the Tribulation period and the beginning of the Millennial kingdom in the future and the main insights and secrets of what was to come later as in the second coming of Christ.
- He addressed **God** as his **Lord** or “Yahweh” (God of Israel) whom he was serving and whom he knew would come to judge the world one day.
- Isaiah knew that God was omnipotent, righteous, just, authoritative and powerful and he regarded “Yahweh” as “**O LORD, THOU ART MY GOD**”...his **personal** God, so he proclaimed that he would “**exalt** thee and **praise** thy name.”

- To **exalt** someone is to “**lift up the name**” of that person. We can exalt the name of the Lord by our singing, prayers and praise.
- Thus the most commonly uttered phrase of Christians may well be “**Praise the Lord**” but that may also result in His name being used in vain.
- We praise the Lord for a reason; we praise Him for who He is, for what He is or for what He has done for us specifically.
- Have we remembered to praise, thank and glorify God for all the wonderful blessings that He has showered upon us thus far?
- The prophet thus claimed to “**praise thy name**” of the Lord, a particular aspect of God.
- All of us are identified by our names, which then define who we are.
- However, though the 3rd Commandment states that we should **not** take the name of the Lord **in vain**, some Christians in current modern times do use the name of the Lord **without respect and due regard** for the **holiness** and the **glory** of His Name.
- As Christians, we are reminded to use His Name in **praise** and it is **important** for us to **know** God's name **intimately**.
- When we look at the Hebrew usage of the name of God, we will find many Hebrew words associated with the name of God, eg. Jehovah Shalom, Jehovah Jireh.
- The prophet was very **concerned** with our understanding of whom we pray to and why we pray because “**thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.**”
- “Thy counsels” refer to the spoken words given by God to His prophets and people. These counsels are truthful and faithful. Many such true biblical statements have been proven correct in modern times.
- The Bible is the inerrant and infallible Word of God, which up till today, no one has ever succeeded to refute it with sound evidence.

Verse 2: “*For thou hast made of a city an **heap**, of a **defenced** city a ruin: a palace of strangers to be no city; it shall never be **built**.*”

- In verse 2, the prophet foretold of God's forthcoming judgement upon the people's sin during the Tribulation where many things



would be destroyed and the fortified city ended up in ruins, but God Himself would build up the city again and put His people there, as shown in verse 3.

Verse 3: “Therefore shall the **strong** people glorify thee, the city of the **terrible** nations shall **fear** thee”.

- These were called **strong** people who were those that glorified God because they praised, feared, revered and respected Him. These people were those who were saved from God's wrath as they came to seek, believe, praise, fear and glorify God.
- **So, do we have a fear of God; and a healthy regard for the Name of God, and share it with our family or Church?**
- **Let us learn to fear the Lord and not men which is the beginning of wisdom!**

B) Provision And Promise of God (vs 4–7)

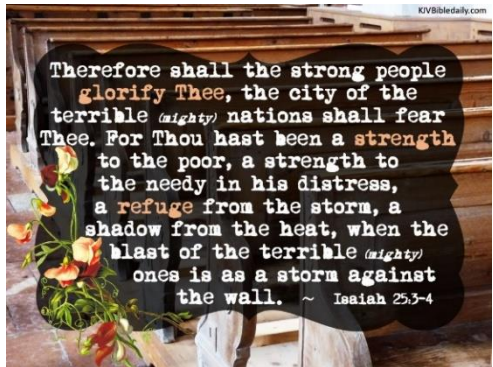
Verse 4: “For thou has been a **strength** to the **poor**, a **strength** to the

needy in his **distress**, a **refuge** from the **storm**, a **shadow** from the **heat**, when the **blast** of the **terrible** ones is as a **storm** against the **wall**.”

- Why do we need God to be a strength to the poor and the needy in distress, a refuge from the storm and a shadow from the heat?
- It was because there would be a big trouble coming soon. During the great Tribulation, we may not survive that time if we did not have the Lord, so God would be a strength in these coming and even more evil days ahead.
- This would be a very severe time of testing and great strife for the Christians, but there was a promise that God would be our strength, especially for His people who were weak.

Verse 5: “Thou shalt bring down the noise of strangers, as the heat in a dry place; even the heat with the shadow of a cloud: the branch of the terrible ones shall be brought low”.

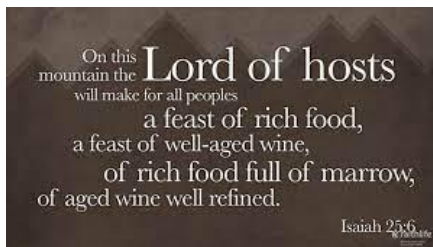
- In verse 5 there was a description of 2 kinds of people: the believers in the Lord and the non-believers.



- Those who did not believe in the Lord would face God's wrath. There would be many deaths, also by famines, droughts, pestilences and wars.
- Those who believed in the Lord would face certain circumstances because some of these things were universal and applied to everyone, but God would protect and preserve them and also provide food for their sustenance, as reflected in verse 6.

Verse 6: *"And in this mountain shall the Lord of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined".*

- In verse 6, God would bring a mountain upon which He would prepare a lavish(fat) feast of food and wines for His faithful believers at a time when food and drinking water were highly- scarce resources but very critical to human survival needs.



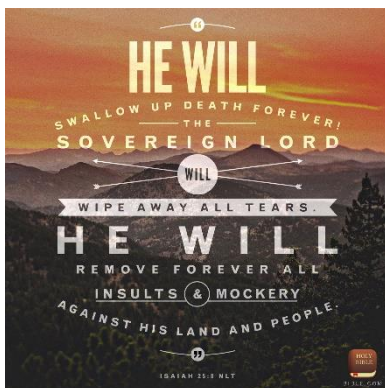
Verse 7: *"And He will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations".*

- As the Great Tribulation will also concern the judgement of nations, both individuals and nations would be involved, in the last days.
- **Those that chose to oppose the Lord's truth /ministry would have to face very severe consequences and testings in these last days and for those who were still alive during that time, they would face a terribly frightening time, as no one would be able to stand up against a righteous, just and powerful God who comes in judgement!**

C) Power Of God (vs 8–10)

Verse 8: *"He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces;and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth:for the Lord hath spoken it".*

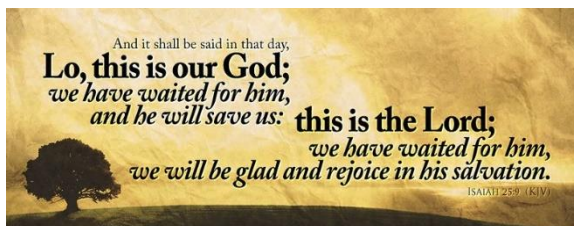
- Verse 8 deals with God's supernatural **power** in swallowing up death in victory and wiping away of tears off all faces (as in heaven), and the rebuke of His people, there would still be many deaths. It means that after we (believers) die, that death is not the end of our existence but that we have eternal life.
- God will take away our sorrows, pain, enemy and fear from us and rebuke the people, as the Lord had spoken it.



- So, it belongs to us as a Christian in verse 9.

Verse 9: “*And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our **God**; we have **waited** for him; and He will **save** us; this is the Lord; we have **waited** for him, we will be **glad** and **rejoice** in his **salvation**”.*

- Waiting can be uneasy, scary, frightening or anxious when we are unsure, in pain or in difficulty as there is uncertainty ahead. Sometimes we are able to wait but at other times we may not be able to do so.
- However, in verse 9, God wants us to **wait** for Him and we have **waited** for Him to **save** us and we will be **glad** and **rejoice** in His salvation, for God is our **Saviour**. We are saved by His **grace**.
- The **salvation** given to us in full force by God saves us from the **penalty** of sin, **not** from the **presence** of sin.
- We still need to wait for the day that the Lord will totally protect and remove us from this fallen depraved world so that we can be in a perfect condition, without sin, harm or danger.
- In the short run, we still need to wait, which can be quite severe in our testing.



- It frightens us to know that the world system may fail us, but not so the Lord, because it was stated in verse 9 that God will save us and we will rejoice in His salvation.
- That is the power that the Christian will enjoy from the Lord; that power of God to save.

Verse 10: *“For in this mountain shall the hand of the Lord rest, and Moab shall be trodden down under Him, even as straw is trodden down for the dunghill”.*



- In the last days, salvation that brings us out of spiritual darkness is very precious, because this world will be destroyed as it is destined for destruction, so we need God's power.
- At some stage when a nuclear war erupts on earth, all nations will be destroyed and there will not be any winners.
- **But the Lord Himself will come in order to rule and put to subjection the powers that are contrary to the Word of God.**
- We are reminded that God will rest and Moab, a long-time enemy of Israel, will be trodden down,
- until it becomes useless and powerless, like a dunghill.
- This depicts a picture of the sovereign God putting down the enemies of God, Israel and His believers.

Conclusion:

Those nations that are rich, arrogant, military, economic, political and financial superpowers, that can control and influence the global marketplace and tend to put down the gospel, for they possess this power in the short run.

They have practised outright persecution and unjust actions against the servants of God, missionaries, churches, and preachers but when the Lord returns in the end times all these will be reversed. And the power of God and His salvation will bring us through the final calamities when God will put down all His enemies in due season.

Han Kin Hoong

Lovingly hand drawn by John Almon of our Sunday Worship.



LORD'S DAY PROGRAMME FOR APRIL - JUNE 2023

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN THE OT FOR OUR LEARNING

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The Marks of Awakening under
a godly King (2 Kings 23:1-14)

The Uncompromising Testimony
of Daniel (Daniel 1:1-14)

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The Sober Challenge of Samuel
(1 Samuel 12:14-24)

The Effectual Supplication
of Elisha (2 Kings 4:26-38)

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The Reason for Triumph at
Mount Carmel (1 Kings 18:17-40)

The Divine Testing of Job
(Job 1:1-21)

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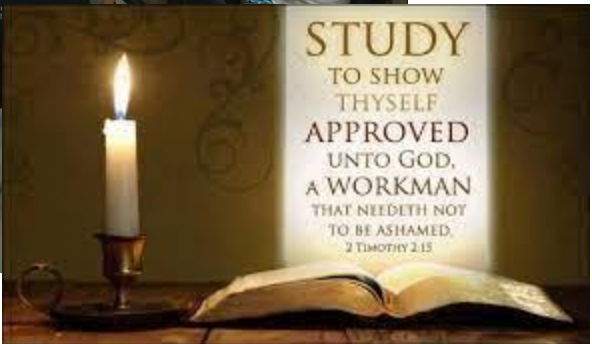
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Gospel Sunday - Who will or will not
be in Heaven? (Revelation 20: 10-15,
Hebrews 12:22-24)



Sunday School
Class on Book of
Acts by Pr Mok



Westminster
Confession of Faith
class by Pastor

The systematic Study of
the Westminister
Confession of Faith is
demanding and not for
the faint hearted

Memory Verse

Dan 1:8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

Announcements

1. Welcome to our Lord's Day 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.
2. Pastor brings us God's Word this morning on "***The Uncompromising Testimony of Daniel (Dan 1:1-21)***", continuing the quarterly series on "***Significant Events in the OT for our Learning***".
3. Rev Tan Eng Boo will preach next Sunday on "***The Sober Challenge of Samuel (1 Sam 12:13-25)***".
4. Sunday School classes after worship service:
 - Westminster Confession of Faith – Pastor
 - Studies in 1 Chronicles – Dn Kwong Leen
 - Book of Acts – Pr Mok
5. Chinese Fellowship meets on every Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren. We have systematic studies on Basic Theology, and the Parables of Jesus. Join us for a time of profitable learning. [**Zoom ID:883 9662 4157 Passcode:625551**]
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:218178**]
7. **Pastor and Angie will be away in Hong Kong from 23 May to 2 Jun 2023, ministering at the Seminar and Worship Service of Grace Reformed Evangelical Church. For pastoral assistance during this period, kindly contact Preacher Mok (hp: 80623408) .**
8. The **Annual Church Camp** will be held at **Pulai Springs Resort (Johor Bahru, Malaysia), June 7-10, 2023**. Rev Philip Heng is our camp speaker "***Exercise unto Godliness in an Ungodly World***".
9. We need willing hands and hearts to assist in the weekly cleaning of the premises. Do let Dn Yue Kay if you are available to serve in this area.
10. 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.
