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LAP BULLETIN

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Worship Schedule

SUNDAY

9.30 am
Worship
(English)

11.15am
Bible Class
(English)

3.45pm
Bible Class
(Mandarin)

5.00pm
Worship
(Mandarin)

7.00pm
Worship
(English)

THURSDAY

7.45pm
Bible Class
(English/Mandarin)

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Elders

Bro Jimmy Lau
Bro Lee Tian Seng

Deacons

Bro Henry Leow
Bro Jerry Cheong

Preachers

Bro Alvin Lin
Bro Ernest Lau

Administrator

Sis Goh Ser Ern



*Learn to love without condition,
Talk without bad intention,
Give without any reason,*

*and most of all,
Care for people without any
expectation.*

Sermon Outline

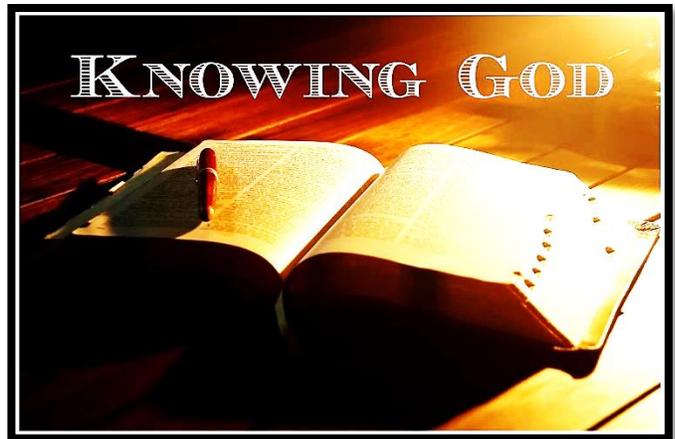
LIFE OF MEN WHO KNEW GOD – PETER

Text: Col 1:9-10; 1Jo 2:4; 1Jo 4:7-8

Sermon outline by bro Alvin Lin

I. KNOWING GOD THROUGH KNOWING HIS WILL.

- A. Some claim to know God, but they do not know His will (Mat 7:21-23).
- B. Peter knew Jesus as “the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Mat 16:15-16), but did he really know God (Mat 16:21-23)?
- C. To know God is to know His will (Col 1:9-10).
- D. Peter subsequently understood the importance of knowing the will of God (Act 10:28).
- E. Therefore, he exhorts us to desire the knowledge of the Word of God (1Pe 2:2).



II. KNOWING GOD THROUGH KEEPING HIS COMMANDMENTS.

- A. Some claim to know God, but they do not keep His commandments (Tit 1:16).
- B. Peter knew Jesus as “Master and Lord” (Joh 13:6,9,13), but did he really know God (Mar 14:50,66-72)?
- C. To know God is to keep His commandments (1Jo 2:4).
- D. Peter subsequently understood the importance of keeping the commandments of God (Act 5:27-29).
- E. Therefore, he exhorts us to grow in the Christian graces (2Pe 1:5-8).

III. KNOWING GOD THROUGH LOVING THE BRETHREN.

- A. Some claim to know God, but they do not love the brethren (1Jo 2:9-11).
- B. Peter knew Jesus as the “beloved Son” of God (Mar 9:5-7), but did he really know God (Mar 9:31-34)?
- C. To know God is to love the brethren (1Jo 4:7-8).
- D. Peter subsequently understood the importance of loving the brethren (1Pe 5:1-3).
- E. Therefore, he exhorts us to love one another with a pure heart fervently (1Pe 1:22).



ELDER'S EXHORTATION

BY BRO JIMMY LAU

1Ki 2:19 Bathsheba therefore went unto king Solomon, to speak unto him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a seat to be set for the king's mother; and she sat on his right hand.

When Bathsheba came to Solomon, he received her with the reverence due to her being the queen-mother: he rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto her, and bade her sit upon a throne at his right hand. The seat at the right hand of the king was the place of honour. Solomon honoured his beloved mother.

The first four of the Ten Commandments instruct how to honour God. The next six Commandments instruct how to live in peace with our fellow men and the first on this list is towards parents: “Honour thy father and thy mother” (Exo 20:12).

We see that honouring our father and our mother is the most important commandment towards man. Our parents are the first persons we make contact with and the first persons we love in our lives. They sacrifice a lot for us; it is only right that we honour them.

Even as a king, Solomon gave due respect and honour to his mother. His actions show his love for his mother. What does it mean to honour your mother? It may include paying her a visit, giving her a gift, bringing her out for dinner, sending her a card, making a telephone call to her, remembering her birthday, bringing her on vacation, bringing your children to visit her, taking care of her when she is sick and etc..

This would include the way we speak to her and of her. Addressing her as “the old lady” isn’t very much of honouring or respect. Our address of her should reflect this unique relationship and her rank and position.

Honouring involves the following actions:

1. **OBEDIENCE** – *“Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right”* (Eph 6:1). This means that we should come when she calls, should go where she sends, should do what she bids, and should refrain from what she forbids.

Today, we see children are glued to their chairs and they would not come, go, or do when their mother calls them to do something in the house. They think the household chores belong to their mother and they get irritated when they are called to help in even a simple task. This is not honouring their mother. Honouring her includes obeying when she bids.

2. **CARING** - *“Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old”* (Proverbs 23:22). Are you taking care of your mother?

Mothers make a lot of sacrifice for their children. Some gave up their careers to take care of their children. They were their full time nurses when they were sick. They patiently taught them how to walk and eat and clean up the mess they left behind. But now, they are old and weak in their legs. Some may not even be able to feed themselves. What do we do? Do we get impatient that they are slow and could not even eat by themselves?

Honouring them is caring for them when they are old and fragile. Remember that we will grow old too. Our attitude towards our parents shows whether we honour them.

3. **LOVE** - We honour mothers when we show genuine love for them. Oftentimes, we take it for granted that our mothers know we love them, but it is proper that we make special effort to let them know we do. It warms their hearts to see their children loving them. Mothers do not grow too old to receive affection. The embrace of her children regardless of their age is always the same as when they were just infants. Once a mother's child, always a mother's child; even when you have your own children, you are still your own mother's child.

4. **MANNER OF LIFE** – Being a good son is honouring her. *“He that wasteth his father, and chaseth away his mother, is a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach”* (Pro 19:26).

We honour our fathers and mothers by our manner of life. A child that brings shame to himself also brings shame to his parents. No parents will feel honoured to have to say this to someone: “My son is in prison.” Or, “My daughter is a lesbian.” Such children bring dishonour to their parents.

“A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish man despiseth his mother” (Pro 15:20). A wise son is one who brings honour to her mother by his conduct and way of life. A foolish son is one who brings dishonour to the family. We either honour or dishonour our mothers and fathers by our manner of life.

To all the filial children who honour their parents: *“Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice”* (Pro 23:25).



WEEKLY NEWS



Bereavement

Our deepest condolences to **sis Doreen & family** over the loss of her mother on 14 Feb. Please pray for her family as they mourn over the loss of their loved one.

Returning Home

Sis Wiwin has returned to Indonesia on 14 Feb. Please keep her in prayers for her faith.

Guests Last Week

1. Bro Alex Hung & sis Rui Shan
(Columbia Heights COC, San Francisco)
2. Sis Choo Sai Eng
(Lavender COC, Singapore)
3. Chia Yock Ee *(bro Daniel's wife)*
4. Kenny Kee *(sis Debbie's fiancé)*
5. Walter Chan, Connie Busche & Grace Hung
(family members of bro Alex Hung)
6. Eva Wong

Meeting Reminder

MC Meeting

Date: 5 March 2017, Sunday
Time: 1.30pm

Away

1. **Bro Danny & family** will be travelling to Japan on 21 Feb till 26 Feb.
2. **Bro Benedict** in Taiwan till 21 Feb.
3. **Bro Justin & sis Bernice** in Hong Kong till 24 Feb.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

25 February 2017, Saturday

Men's Fellowship

Time: 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Venue: Church Building

Highlight: Army chit-chat + fruits/snacks + movie time!

Come join the MEN to discuss about our army experiences and the challenges that Christians face while serving in the NS. A good learning experience for both the experienced and the uninitiated!

25 February 2017, Saturday

Ladies Fellowship

Time: 2:30 - 4.30pm

Venue: Church Building

Highlight: Games & sharing sessions by sis Peck Lian, sis Daryl & sis Cynthia Lee

Join us to learn and share some insights and advices about bringing up kids in the way of the Lord. Please sign up on the Events noticeboard by 19 Feb if you are interested.

11 March 2017, Saturday

Senior Fellowship

Time: 9.00am – 12.30pm

Activity: A morning walk in Chinese Garden

Join us for a short meeting today after bible class at Teenagers' Classroom if you are interested to help. Please inform bro Alvin or sis Ser Ern if you are interested to attend.

26 March 2017, Sunday

Evangelism Sunday

Time: 9.30am

Venue: Church Building

Topic: *The Goodness & Severity of God*

Speaker: *Bro Alvin Lin*

Invite your family & friends to hear the good news!

14 April 2017, Friday (Public Holiday)

Dementia Health Forum

Time: 10am-12pm

Venue: Church Building

Topics: Dementia and related conditions

Please inform bro Alvin or sis Ser Ern or sign up thru goo.gl/44eafr if you are interested.

1 - 3 June 2017, Thursday - Saturday

12th Annual Chinese Asian Bible Lectureship

Venue: Syeun Hotel (*Ipoh, Malaysia*)

Cost: RM360/pax for twin sharing



Please sign up on the Chinese noticeboard if you are interested to attend.

25 March 2017, Saturday

Area Cleaning

Time: 10am – 12nn

Venue: Church Building

More hands make light work!

8 April 2017, Saturday

Blood Donation Drive

Time: 11am – 5pm

Venue: Church Building

Please inform sis Rachel Poo if you are interested to donate.

Blood Drive MRT Tracting

Dates:

25 March, Sat –

11.30am-2.30pm

26 March, Sun –

1.30pm – 3pm

1 April, Sat –

11.30am – 2.30pm

2 April, Sun –

1.30pm – 3pm

Please inform bro Andy or sis Rachel Poo if you are interested to help.

11-14 June 2017,

Sunday- Wednesday

Combined June Camp

Venue:

Lotus Desaru Beach Resort

Theme:

One Big Family

Cost:

\$230/adult, \$90/child

Book your leave now & sign up at the Events noticeboard!

NEWS



Thursday Bible Class

Keys to Acceptable Prayer

By bro Ong Jun Wei

Birthday of the week

19 Feb (Sun) – Tian Seng

20 Feb (Mon) – Tingwei

21 Feb (Tue) – Ivan

25 Feb (Sat)– Yan Ling



Please send any news & prayer requests to

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Overseas:

- **Sis Joann & bro Mitchell** in Perth, Australia for studies
- **Sis Rachel Ting** in UK for studies
- **Bro Jong Wah & sis Nancy** in Perth, Australia
- **Our supported missionaries:**
Bro Kwan, bro Bob & bro George (*China*), bro Glen (*Australia*), bro John Yo (*Taiwan*), bro Hai (*Vietnam*)

Health

- **Sis Baby's & Auntie Yeoh's** health
- **Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's & Kwan Mama's** health
- **Sis Susan Goh's mother's** health
- **Sis Kim Tian's** recovery from her skin problem
- **Sis Jasmine Lim's** recovery from her eye problem
- **Sis Susan Goh's** recovery from her fractured ribcage
- **Bro Joel Lee's** recovery from his knee surgery
- **Sis Doris'** recovery from her varicose vein surgery
- **Sis Sarah Ho's cousin's boyfriend's** recovery from his brain surgery

Expectant Mothers

- Cynthia Lee (Mar'17), Daryl Cheong (May'17)

NSF

- Bro Gideon, bro Joel Lee, bro Kevin

MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		19 Feb 2017	26 Feb 2017	5 Mar 2017
Song Leader		Ernest Lau	Ernest Lau	Alvin Lin
Opening Prayer Leader		Low Chong Ping	Paul Lim	Danny Poo
Psalms Text		Psa 21:1-13	Psa 22:1-11	Psa 22:12-21
Preacher		Alvin Lin	Jerry Cheong	Ernest Lau
Lord's Supper Text		Isa 53:4-9	Matt 27:35-50	Matt 26:26-29
Lord's Supper Servers	Scripture Reader	John Goh	Gideon Quek	Cornelius Lee
	Prayer: Bread	Reuben Lim	Lim Poh Teng	Charlie Teo
	Prayer: Fruit of Vine	Benjamin Tan	Lau Jeng Sang	Ng Chee Beng
	Prayer: Offering	Isaac Chua	Reuben Lim	Alan Poon
	Assistant	Axel Chee	Ng Wei Xiang	Yew Tian Geng
Foundation Class		Ng Chee Beng	Benjamin Tan	Arthur Yap
Announcer		Amos Yang	Lee Tian Seng	Reuben Lim
Greeters		Jeshua Lin Nicodemus Oey	Cynthia Tan Mary Ann	Wang Tingwei Teo Kim Tian
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Alvin Lin	Jimmy Lau	Alvin Lin
Speaker		Ernest Lau	Henry Leow	Kenneth Liong
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Henry Leow	Jerry Cheong	Lee Tian Seng
Thursday Midweek Service		23 Feb 2017		2 Mar 2017
Song Leader		Benjamin Kwan		Jeshua Lin
Opening Prayer Leader		Kenneth Quek		Henry Leow
Closing Prayer Leader		Andy Lin		Reuben Lim