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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)

Elders

Bro Jimmy Lau
Bro Lee Tian Seng
Bro Michael Yeo

Deacons

Bro Benjamin Tan
Bro Henry Leow
Bro Jerry Cheong

Preachers

Bro Alvin Lin
Bro Ernest Lau

Administrator

Sis Goh Ser Ern



Class of 2018

Benbin Aspacio (Philippines)

Jessica Patete (Philippines)

Maria Fu (China)

Malaphone Inthiath (Laos)

Jeje Medez (Philippines)

46th

Commencement Exercise

**Saturday,
November 24
@ 3pm**

**Jurong Church of Christ
120, Boon Lay Drive**

22 Lectures

Q & A Forum

Special classes for Men & Women



**11th ANNUAL
FOUR SEAS
LECTURESHIP**

Date: Nov. 28 – Dec. 1, 2018 (Wed-Sat)

← **Daily Chapel (3rd floor)** →
8.15am – 8.45am

← **Daily Lectures (2nd floor)** →
9.00am – 3.15pm

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Elder's exhortation

by bro Jimmy Lau

Jdg 7:3 Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from mount Gilead. And there returned of the people twenty and two thousand; and there remained ten thousand.

The number that came to Gideon was 32,000, but that of the Midianites and their allies was about 135,000 (Jdg 8:10). It seems like the Israelites were greatly outnumbered. Gideon was ready to think his army was too small against the enemies who had chariots and more soldiers. But God spoke to him, and said he had too many. Gideon was to perform two tests on the men that were with him.

The first test was a test of courage: those who were fearful were to return to their homes (Jdg 7:3). Unbelievable! 22,000 were fearful and left. Only 10,000 remained with Gideon. If you were in Gideon's position as a commander, you would be perspiring and wondering: "What can I do with 10,000?"

But even that number was regarded by the LORD as still too great, and so He asked Gideon to perform a second test. **"Bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there"** (Jdg 7:4). It would be a test of a true soldier. **"Every one who laps the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set by himself. Likewise, every one who kneels down to drink"** (Jdg 7:5).

Gideon was to divide the people by putting all those who should lap the water with their tongue as a dog laps into one class, and all those who knelt down to drink into another. The number of those who lapped the water into their mouth with their hand amounted to 300, and all the rest knelt down to drink. God said to Gideon: **"With the 300 men who lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hand,"** (Jdg 7:7, ESV).

Not all are good soldiers. One may have a large army but not all are good fighters. There will be only a few who are excellent soldiers who really know the fighting and survival skills. A majority will be fearful of war. They didn't expect to go to war the day they joined the army. They were just young men fascinated by guns and fighting jets. Probably they had just watch the movie Rambo and wanted to be like one and so they went straight from the cinema and took a bus to the army depot and signed on in the army.

They learned that the army is fun but not war. What a relief if every commander is as good as Gideon: "Those who are afraid can go home."

God knows what fear can do to an army. Fear can demoralize an entire army. The fearful will tell the rest, "We can't win; we are outnumbered." It will shake the whole battalion. They will lose the fighting spirit.

Fear will also cause internal destruction. In today's army, the fearful soldier can shoot his own people. The fearful pilot will shoot down any plane he sees because he wouldn't risk his own life to ensure whether the object in front is friend or foe.

In the church, the fearful will not work. The fearful will say: "**I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth**" (Matt 25:25). The fearful will hinder the works of the church because they will say all the pessimistic things about the project. They will instill fear in the hearts of those who are willing to work. God knows it and tells Gideon to let the fearful return to their homes.

The second test was a test of a true soldier. The Israelites were close to the camp of the Midianites, who must have been watching every manoeuvre of their foes. For this reason, they must remain alert and vigilant. When they came to the water, therefore, many thought only of their thirst and forgot the enemies were watching. Throwing themselves down, they abandoned themselves to the luxury of quenching their thirst, and by their attitude exposed themselves to the enemies. But the three hundred stood up and used their hands to scoop the water and put it into their mouths. In this way they kept themselves alert and showed that duty, not self-indulgence, was uppermost in their minds. These three hundred were set aside.

Three hundred soldiers drank in haste and were alert to their surroundings. They were tough; they could endure long fatigue, without complaining of thirst or weariness. Likewise, in the church, we need men who can make the sacrifice and be different. They are men who are not concerned with their "thirst" as they are concerned with the work at hand. They will finish the work and quench their *thirst* later. They know the devil is as a roaring lion walking about seeking its prey and

therefore, they will remain vigilant and not expose their backs to the devil (1 Pet 5:8). Like the apostle Paul, he will rest only when the fight is over (2 Tim 4:7-8). Paul was indeed a true soldier of Christ.

Am I a good soldier of Christ? Are you a good soldier of Christ? Many are fearful; let us help and encourage them. Many are weak and careless; let us strengthen them in the Lord and be watchful over their souls: **“We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves”** (Rom 15:1).

Let us be strong and very courageous as good soldiers of Christ.

“Sound the battle cry! See, the foe is nigh;
Raise the standard high for the Lord;
Gird your armor on, stand firm every one;
Rest your cause upon His holy Word.

Refrain

*Rouse, then, soldiers, rally round the banner,
Ready, steady, pass the word along;
Onward, forward, shout aloud Hosanna!
Christ is Captain of the mighty throng.”*
~ William F. Sherwin~



THE SIN OF HATRED

by bro Alvin Lin

It has been said that people would pay more to save the body than to save the soul, but they would pay more to get even than for anything else. This is especially so when the cost of litigation is greater than any possible return, in which case vengeance becomes the obvious motive. Our Lord Himself hates sin (Heb 1:9), but He loves the soul of the sinner (Jud 22-23) and He does not allow Christians the sensual joy of vengeance (Rom 12:19). Not only are we not to take vengeance, we are not to even

hate a brother (Mat 5:22). In this article, we shall discuss the contrasting examples of Saul and David and consider how hatred led to the downfall of Saul, and how David prevented hatred from consuming him.

The condition of hatred

One who hates is a child of the devil (1Jo 3:10), because he does the desires of the devil (Joh 8:44). He is in darkness (1Jo 2:9-11), seeing that his lack of brotherly kindness causes him to suffer from spiritual myopia and amnesia (2Pe 1:7-9). Saul did the desires of the devil when he disobeyed God in offering a burnt offering instead of waiting for Samuel (1Sa 13:11-13), and sparing Agag and the best of the things instead of destroying them utterly (1Sa 15:20-23). Do we also want to become a pawn of the devil because of hatred?

One who hates is a murderer (1Jo 3:15), because murder proceeds out of the heart (Mat 15:19). He will not have eternal life (1Jo 3:15), seeing that his hatred will hinder him from inheriting the kingdom of God (Gal 5:20-21). Saul tried to pursue and murder David on numerous occasions (1Sa 18:11,25; 19:1,10,11; 20:31; 23:8,25; 26:3). Do we also seek to destroy a person because of hatred?

One who hates is a liar (1Jo 4:20), because one who knows God will keep His commandment to love one another (1Jo 2:4 c.f. 1Jo 4:8). He will be punished in hell (Rev 21:8), seeing that he will not receive forgiveness from God for his unforgiving attitude (Mar 11:25-26). Saul lied to David when he promised to enrich David with great riches, give David his daughter in marriage, and to exempt David's house from taxes in Israel (1Sa 17:25), but instead he turned David into a fugitive (1Sa 24:14; 26:20), gave Merab to Adriel (1Sa 18:19) and Michal to Palti (1Sa 25:44), and forced David's parents into exile in Moab (1Sa 22:4). Do we also lie about our love for God because of hatred?

The conquest of hatred

Firstly, we need to first guard our heart against hatred, because out of it spring the issues of life (Pro 4:23). David was a man after God's own heart (Act 13:22), having a heart of mercy and compassion like God (Mic 7:18-19). Do we also guard our hearts against bitterness, wrath, anger, clamour, evil speaking, and malice (Eph 4:31-32)?

Secondly, we need to meditate on the good of others, so that the God of peace will be with us (Php 4:8-9). David saw Saul as his master and the Lord's anointed (1Sa 24:6),

his lord the king (1Sa 24:8), and his father (1Sa 24:11). Do we also see our brethren as God's elect (Rom 8:33)?

Thirdly, we need to resolve conflicts quickly and do all that is in our power to live peaceably with all men, because vengeance belongs to God (Rom 12:19). David extended an olive branch to Saul, causing him to be ashamed and winning his respect (1Sa 24:16-20; 26:21-25). Do we also proactively resolve conflicts with our brethren (Mat 5:23-26; 18:15-17)?

Fourthly, we need to love, bless, do good, and pray for our enemies, so that we will be perfect just as our Father is perfect (Mat 5:44,48). David fasted, prayed, and mourned for his enemies when they were sick (Psa 35:13-14). Do we also rejoice and weep with brethren even if they do not get along with us (Rom 12:15)?

Hatred causes one not just to hurt himself, but also those around him. It caused Saul to attempt to kill the 3 most important men in his life – his son-in-law David (1Sa 19:11), his mentor Samuel (1Sa 16:2), even his son Jonathan (1Sa 20:33). How has our hatred affected ourselves and our loved ones? Is getting even so important to us regardless of the hurt caused to God, the church, even our families? Brethren, all that we do for God is negated if we do not have love (1Co 13:1-3). Let us not allow bitterness to take root in us and hinder us from entering heaven (Heb 12:15).



Travelling

(Pray for safety)

1. **Bro Poh Teng, sis Irene, bro Samuel & family** in Taiwan till 13 Nov.
2. **Sis Kim Choo** will be in Bangkok for work from 12 Nov. **Bro Wee Sin and Gracie** will be flying to join her from 14 Nov and they will return to Singapore on 19 Nov.
3. **Sis Shermin** in Thailand till 14 Nov.

Health

1. Please pray for **sis Germaine's** recovery from her anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) surgery.
2. Please pray for **sis Shermin's aunt**, Catherine, who has had a relapse of cancer. The doctors' prognosis is that she has 6 months left. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Guests Last Week

1. Bro Willy, sis Sandra & sis Maggie (*Kota Kemuning COC, M'sia*)
2. Bro David Lee, sis Elizabeth & sis Lydia (*Jurong COC, Singapore*)
3. Bro Hoat & sis Megan Oey (*bro Nicodemus' parents*)
4. Kelvin Kuan (*sis Eunice's friend*)
5. Tan Jiayi (*sis Michelle's friend*)
6. Lay Lay (*sis Lydia's helper*)
7. Meyske (*sis Debbie's helper*)

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

FSC Lectureship – ‘Revive Us Again’

28 Nov, Wed	29 Nov, Thu	30 Nov, Fri	1 Dec, Sat
Morning			
Reviving My Role In the Work of Perfecting the Saints <i>Stan Stockton</i>	Reviving My Duty to the Grieving <i>Ong Eng Boon</i>	Reviving My Persistence in Prayer <i>Chan Yong Yaw</i>	Reviving My Role In the Work of the Ministry <i>Lee Tian Seng</i>
Reviving My Trust in God <i>Jonathan Burns</i>	Reviving My Hunger & Thirst for Spiritual Food <i>Billy Bland</i>	Reviving My Role in Edifying the Body of Christ <i>Tim Hayes</i>	Reviving My Longing for Heaven <i>Benjamin Tan</i>
Reviving The Joy of My Salvation <i>Byran Hatcher</i>	Reviving My Need to Put First Things First <i>Roger Campbell</i>	Reviving My Zeal to be a Soul Winner <i>Jamie Long</i>	Reviving My Duty to the Sick <i>Tim Burroughs</i>
Afternoon			
Field Report – Sabal Kruin <i>Tammy Gani</i>	Field Report – India <i>Emmanuelle George</i>	Field Report – Palau <i>Ernest Lau</i>	Presentation of the Work of Four Seas College <i>Billy Bland</i>
Men: Reviving My Desire to Choose a Godly Life Partner <i>Emmanuelle George</i> Ladies: Reviving My Faithfulness to My Marriage Vow <i>Teo Kim Tian</i>	Men: Reviving My Faithfulness to My Marriage Vow <i>Ernest Lau</i> Ladies: Reviving My Desire to Choose a Godly Life Partner <i>Eunice Chua</i>	Men: Reviving My Role As Head of the Family <i>James Andrews</i> Ladies: Reviving My Resolve in Godly Parenting <i>Jennifer Hatcher</i>	Men: Reviving My Obligation to Support My Aged Parents <i>George Zhang</i> Ladies: Reviving My Obligation to Support My Aged Parents <i>Sabrina Wong</i>
Open Forum	Reviving My Strength to Stand for the Truth <i>Jason Hilburn</i>	Open Forum	Reviving My Duty to the Weak in Faith <i>John Grubb</i>
Night			
-	The Greatest Lie Ever Told About Our Origin <i>Jason Hilburn @ LAP</i>	The Greatest Lie Ever Told About The Church <i>John Grubb @ LAP</i>	The Greatest Lie Ever Told About How to be Saved <i>Stan Stockton @ LAP</i>
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-	<i>LAP Children Class</i> Primary: Geok Eng Nursery: Jacqueline	<i>LAP Children Class</i> Primary: Stephanie Nursery: Ser Ern	<i>LAP Children Class</i> Primary: Stephanie Nursery: Ser Ern

NEWS



Thursday Bible Class

The Need for Self-Respect – A Balance Between Two Extremes

by bro Reuben Lim

Birthday of the week

11 Nov (Sun) – Mary Looi

13 Nov (Tue) – Shermin



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prayer requests to
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PRAYER REQUESTS

Overseas:

- **Bro Long Jun** in China
- **Bro Kenneth Liong and sis Iris** in San Francisco
- **Bro Jonathan & sis Joan, sis Farah** in UK
- **Sis Shuan Kwee** in Hong Kong
- **Bro Kevin** in New York for studies
- **Bro Siang Yee** in UK for studies

Health

- **Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's, sis Molly's & bro Soon Heng's** health
- **Sis Shu Fang's father's** recovery from angiogram to unblock one of the arteries
- **Sis Jasmine's niece's** growth & development

Pregnancy

- Sis Stephanie (Dec'18), sis Christine (Apr'19), sis Mae (May'19)

NSF

- Bro Wei Jie, bro Benedict, bro Titus, bro Shawn

MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		11-Nov-18	18-Nov-18	25-Nov-18
Song Leader		Isaac Chua	Benedict Yo	Jimmy Lau
Opening Prayer Leader		Jerry Cheong	Kenneth Quek	Low Chong Ping
Psalms Text		Psa 78:36-49	Psa 78:50-61	Psa 78:62-72
Preacher		Kwan Tai Choom	Joseph Lee	James Andrews
Lord's Supper Text		Mat 26:26-29	Isa 53:4-9	Php 2:5-11
Lord's Supper Servers	Scripture Reader	Zachary Ling	Soo Kok Leong	Yew Tian Geng
	Prayer: Bread	Ong Jun Wei	Nicodemus Oey	Farand Lim
	Prayer: Fruit of Vine	Henry Chee	Alvin Chan	Andy Lin
	Prayer: Offering	Amos Yang	Martyn Gostelow	Alan Poon
	Assistant	Ng Wei Xiang	Yew Tian Geng	Jose Cardoza
Foundation Class		Benjamin Tan	Lau Jeng Sang	Justin Kwan
Announcer		Alvin Lin	Charlie Teo	Amos Yang
Greeters		Diana Phoo Malaphone Inthilath	Benbin Aspacio Ellen Hernandez	Jessica Patete Maria Fu
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Alvin Lin	Ernest Lau	Benedict Yo
Speaker		Lee Tian Seng	Alvin Lin	Ernest Lau
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Cornelius Lee	Jimmy Lau	Henry Leow
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
Song Leader			Jeshua Lin	Andy Lin
Opening Prayer Leader			Andy Lin	Kenneth Quek
Closing Prayer Leader			Danny Poo	Gavin Cheah