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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 Michael Yeo

#### **Deacons**

Bro Benjamin Tan  
Bro Jerry Cheong

#### **Preacher**

Bro Ernest Lau

#### **Administrator**

Sis Goh Ser Ern



**PRAY**

**WITHOUT**

**CEASING**

**I THESSALONIANS 5:17 KJV**



# *Sermon outline*

## **A Workman Is Fervent in Prayer**

*Sermon notes by bro Jimmy Lau*

**Text: 1Thess 5:17 Pray without ceasing.**

### **Introduction**

1. Definition: The word "fervent" means to be hot (Strong's Definition). It describes an intense feeling, passionate, and enthusiasm for something. Rom 12:11

### **Discussion**

1. Why Must We Pray?
  - 1) To Connect with our heavenly Father. Eph 3:14
  - 2) Prayer is Commanded. 1 Thess 5:17
  - 3) Prayer Magnifies God to the world. Matt 6:9
  - 4) A workman will want to Communicate with the heavenly Father. Psa 55:17
  - 5) Prayer is a manifestation of Faith in God. Matt 21:22
  - 6) Prayer helps us Overcome temptations. Matt 26:41
  - 7) Prayer draws us Closer with God. Jas 4:8
  - 8) Prayer can Move the hand of God in situations where there is no other hope. Eg Hezekiah's prayer 2 Kings 20:1-3
  - 9) Prayer brings inner Peace. Php 4:6-7
  - 10) Because we desire Healing. Jas 5:13
2. Faithful Men In The Bible Are Prayerful People.
  - ❖ David. Psalm 55:17
  - ❖ Daniel. Daniel 6:10
  - ❖ Nehemiah. Neh 1:4-11; 2:4
  - ❖ Jesus. Mark 1:35; Luke 5:16

### 3. What Is Not A Fervent Prayer?

- ❖ Long. Matthew 6:7
- ❖ Vain Words. “Vain repetitions” are worthless repetitions that serve only to magnify the prayer person’s oratory skill and vocabulary. Matthew 6:7
- ❖ Recital. “Vain repetitions” include those who recite the same things over and over again.
- ❖ Self-glory. Matt 6:5

### 4. What Is A Fervent Prayer?

- i. **Passionate.** James 5:16
  - ❖ Fervent: Greek “energeō” meaning energetic. A fervent prayer is filled with energy, enthusiasm, and passionate.
  - ❖ Implies a half-hearted and lifeless prayer will not be effective.
- ii. **Earnest.** The prayers of Jesus. Matt 26:44
- iii. **Faith.** Mark 11:24
- iv. **Heart.** Hannah’s prayer. 1 Sam 1:15
- v. **Regular.** Dan 6:10; Psa 55:17
- vi. **Humility.** Luke 18:13
- vii. **Holy.** 1 Tim 2:8; Psa 51:3, 4
- viii. **Persistence.** Luke 11:8-9
- ix. **Thankful.** Php 4:6
- x. **According to the Will of God.** Luke 22:42

### 5. Examples of Fervent Prayers.

- ❖ The Earnest Prayer of Elijah. 1 Kings 18:41-46; Jas 5:17
- ❖ The Persistent Prayer Of A Canaanite Woman. Matt 15:22-28
- ❖ The Hearty Prayer Of Hannah. 1 Sam 1:10-15
- ❖ The Remorseful Prayer Of David. Psalm 51
- ❖ The Pleading Prayer Of Hezekiah. 2 Kings 20:1-3
- ❖ The Weeping Prayer of Jesus. Luke 22:39-46

### Conclusion.

Fervent prayers are effectual.

A man of God ought to be fervent in prayers.



## **Hymn #36**

### **“AMAZING GRACE”**

*"...Through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved..." (Acts 15.11)*

**INTRO.:** A hymn which praises the grace of God through our Lord Jesus Christ is "Amazing Grace". The text, except for the last stanza, was written by John Newton (1725-1807). The tune is an early American melody of unknown origin. It appears to have begun life as a plantation folk song known as "Loving Lambs." The earliest known appearance seems to be in the 1831 Virginia Harmony compiled by James P. Carrell and David S. Clayton of Lebanon, VA, although some books give the oldest source as the 1829 Columbian Harmony of Benjamin Shaw and Charles H. Spillman where it appears in variant forms. It is sometimes attributed to William Walker, who was born near Cross Keys, SC, on May 6, 1809, the son of a Welsh immigrant.

It identifies a number of things that God's grace can do for us.

#### **I. Stanza 1 says that it can save even sinful wretches like us.**

*"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now I'm found, Was blind, but now I see."*

- A. God's grace is certainly amazing, because it is by the exceeding riches of His grace that we are saved: Eph. 2.4-7
- B. While many who sing these words may not feel like wretches (some books actually change it to "that saved a soul like me"), the apostle Paul certainly did because of His sin: 1 Cor. 15.10.
- C. Like the prodigal son, once we were lost, but having returned home, now we have been found: Lk. 15.32

#### **II. Stanza 2 says that it teaches God's will that we might fear Him**

*"'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed."*

- A. God certainly wants us to fear Him: Eccl. 12.13-14
- B. Yet, at the same time, God's grace will relieve those fears which would keep us from doing God's will: 2 Tim. 1.7
- C. It is God's grace that teaches us these things. The fact is that God's grace has appeared to all men, teaching us God's will: Tit. 2.11-12. While it is true that we do not receive the benefits of God's grace until we obey, it is when we first hear and believe His word that the knowledge of His grace appears to us.

### **III. Stanza 3 says that it brings us through many dangers, toils, and snares**

*"Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home."*

- A. Surely everyone passes through many dangers, toils, and snares in this life as we experience various trials and tribulations: Acts 14.22
- B. Just as Samuel raised up a stone and named it Ebenezer, those who are Christians can say that "thus far the Lord has helped us": 1 Sam. 7.12
- C. And we understand that it will be by God's grace that we are led through any future troubles and difficulties to our eternal home: 1 Pet. 1.13

### **IV. Stanza 4 says that it provides us with our shield and portion throughout life**

*"The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures."*

- A. The good that God promises is not just good things in this life, although He gives us every good and perfect gift (Jas. 1.14) but rather is the spiritual good that He has prepared for those who love Him: Rom. 8.28
- B. And our hope for His good, both in this life and in the next, is secured by His word: Acts 20.32
- C. In this manner, He will be our shield and portion throughout life: Ps. 115.9, 119.57

### **V. Stanza 5 says that it will take us to heaven and eternal life**

*"And when this flesh and heart shall fail, And mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess within the veil A life of joy and peace."*

- A. Unless the Lord comes first, for each one of us, someday this flesh and heart shall fail and mortal life shall cease: Heb. 9.27
- B. But God has something prepared for His people "within the veil": Heb. 6.19-20



C. Thus, what we can look forward to is a life eternal of joy and peace: 1 Jn. 2.25

## VI. The final stanza says that it will keep us with God forever

*"When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun."*

- A. Some have objected to the clause, "When we've been there ten thousand years," because they say there is no time in heaven; but this is just the poet's way of making that very point: 2 Pet. 3.8
- B. The saints are pictured in heaven as shining forth as the sun: Matt. 13.43
- C. But even when the equivalent of ten thousand earth years have passed, we've no less days to sing God's praise because our existence there is referred to as everlasting life: Matt. 25.34, 46.

**CONCL.:** Newton's original stanza 6 is universally omitted from all hymnbooks today.

*"The earth shall then dissolve like snow, The sun forbear to shine;  
But God, who called me here below, Will be forever mine."*

In his monumental Dictionary of Hymnology, John Julian writes of this song, "It is far from being a good example of Newton's work." Popular opinion obviously has not agreed with Mr. Julian's assessment, because this hymn has undoubtedly been one of the best-loved and most-used of all spiritual songs for many years. It so well reminds us that both here and in eternity we can and should be thankful for and sing praises to God's "Amazing Grace."

Adapted from <https://hymnstudiesblog.wordpress.com/2008/03/13/quotamazing-gracequot/>

March					
10	Daniel	23	Annie Cheong	28	Long Jun
19	Irene & Rachel	24	Melvin	29	Kenneth Quek
20	Amy	25	Lynn	30	Celest
21	Tuan Sang, Romelyn, Nicodemus & Christine	26	Alice		



# WEEKLY NEWS



## WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF GOD

We rejoice over the baptism of **sis Rosalind** (bro Poh Teng's sister) on 24 Feb! Let us give her a warm welcome into the family of God.

Do also pray for her speedy recovery as she is still recuperating in SKH after having had a fall recently. Her particulars are as follows:

Name: Rosalind Lim

Birth date: 5 Aug 1943

## Condolences



Our deepest condolences to the family of **sis Lim Poh Im** who has gone to be with the Lord on 23 February 2020. Please continue to keep the family in your thoughts and prayers during this time of bereavement.

## Wedding



We rejoice with **bro Gordon & sis Clara** over their wedding last week! Please pray for these newlyweds as they begin a new life together as husband and wife.

## Guests last week

1. Kenny Kee (*sis Debbie's husband*)
2. Jess Meow (*sis Fong Yoke's niece*)
3. Richard Ong (*bro Victor's friend*)
4. Shang Loh (*sis Farah's friend*)
5. Jane (*sis Precious' helper*)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

### Workshop on Personal Evangelism (Youth Fellowship)

Date: 8 Mar, Sun

Time: 1.30pm – 3pm

Venue: LAP Auditorium





### Thursday Bible Class

**Genesis 9: The Rainbow**

*by bro Jimmy Lau*

### Next Sunday's Sermon

**A Workman Is**

**Active in Preaching**

*by bro Ernest Lau*



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prayer requests to

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# PRAYER REQUESTS

## Overseas

- **Bro Kenneth Liong & sis Iris** in San Francisco
- **Bro Siang Yee, bro Jeshua & sis Farah** in UK
- **Sis Shuan Kwee** in Hong Kong
- **Bro Gideon** in Finland (till 15 May'20)

## Health

- **Sis Baby's** health
- **Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's & sis Poh Im's** health
- **Bro Soo Ping's** recovery from his spine surgery
- **Bro David Sum's father's** recovery from spine surgery
- **Sis Jasmine Lim's mother's** recovery from fractured ankle
- **Bro Roberto's son's** recovery from kidney stones

## Pregnancy

- Sis Jasmine Kwan (Mar), sis Wenyu (Apr), sis Cynthia Lee (Jun), sis Melissa (Aug)

## NSF

- Bro Titus, bro Shawn, bro Zachary, bro Wei Xiang

## MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		1-Mar-20	8-Mar-20	15-Mar-20
<b>Song Leader</b>		Jonathan Yang	Jeremy Kwan	Jimmy Lau
<b>Opening Prayer Leader</b>		Benjamin Tan	Timothy Ng	Victor Lee
<b>Preacher</b>		Jimmy Lau	Ernest Lau	Charlie Teo
<b>Lord's Supper Text</b>		Isa 53:4-9	Php 2:5-11	1 Cor 11:23-29
<b>Lord's Supper Servers</b>	Scripture Reader	Gavin Cheah	Nicodemus Oey	Shawn Wong
	Prayer: Bread	Reuben Lim	Wong Sek Hoong	Alvin Chan
	Prayer: Fruit of Vine	Zachary Ling	Lau Jeng Sang	David Sum
	Prayer: Offering	Lim Poh Teng	Gordon Loo	Ong Jun Wei
		Alarico Alves	Yew Tian Geng	Ng Wei Jie
<b>Announcer</b>		Michael Yeo	Andy Lin	Benjamin Tan
<b>Greeters</b>		Sharyl Lau Wang Ting Pei	Constance Lau Ellen Hernandez	Naomi Leow Christine Phang
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
<b>Song Leader &amp; O.P.</b>		Timothy Ng	Benjamin Kwan	Ernest Lau
<b>Speaker</b>		Jerry Cheong	Ernest Lau	Jeremy Kwan
<b>Lord's Supper, Giving &amp; C.P.</b>		Benjamin Tan	Lim Poh Teng	Ong Jun Wei
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
<b>Song Leader</b>			Ernest Lau	Reuben Lim
<b>Opening Prayer Leader</b>			Henry Leow	Benjamin Tan
<b>Teacher</b>			Jimmy Lau	Jimmy Lau
<b>Closing Prayer Leader</b>			Charlie Teo	Yew Tian Geng