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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

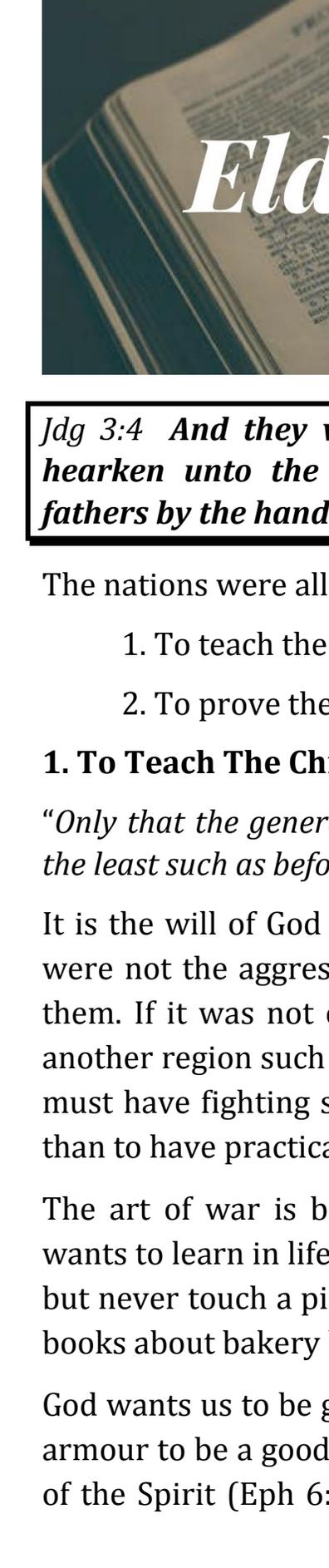
Bro Alvin Lin
Bro Ernest Lau

Administrator

Sis Goh Ser Ern



**AND, YE FATHERS,
PROVOKE NOT YOUR
CHILDREN TO WRATH:
BUT BRING THEM UP
IN THE NURTURE AND
ADMONITION OF THE
LORD.
- EPH 6:4**



Elder's exhortation

by bro Jimmy Lau

Jdg 3:4 And they were to prove Israel by them, to know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of the LORD, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses.

The nations were allowed to remain in Canaan for two reasons:

1. To teach the children of Israel war (Judg 3:2).
2. To prove the faith of Israel (Judg 3:4).

1. To Teach The Children Of Israel War.

“Only that the generations of the children of Israel might know, to teach them war, at the least such as before knew nothing thereof,” (Judg 3:2).

It is the will of God that the people of Israel should know how to fight. Even if they were not the aggressors who initiate war, other nations would come and fight with them. If it was not one of the nations of the Canaanites, it would be a nation from another region such as the Syrians, Assyrians and the Babylonians. Hence, any nation must have fighting soldiers. And what better way to train commanders and soldiers than to have practical experience in war.

The art of war is best learnt by experience. The same goes for anything that one wants to learn in life. One cannot be a pianist by reading books on how to play a piano but never touch a piano key with his fingers. One cannot be a baker by reading up on books about bakery but never bake a cake in his life.

God wants us to be good soldiers of Christ (2 Tim 2:3). He has given us a whole set of armour to be a good soldier (Eph 6:13-18). A piece in the armour of God is the sword of the Spirit (Eph 6:17). Do you know how to wield the Spirit's sword? The Spirit's

sword is used to defend and to attack. The apostle Peter wrote: **“Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear”** (1 Pet 3:15). That is defending the truth. And Paul exhorts: **“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine”** (2 Tim 4:2). That is attacking the hearts of men to bring them to repentance and belief of the truth.

God has given us a battle field. There are unbelievers, sceptics, atheists and false teachers around us. God has also given us a full set of Christian armour. He has provided us the training ground and the equipment to fight. The rest is up to us. Are you a good soldier of Christ?

2. To Prove The Faith Of Israel.

“And they were to prove Israel by them, to know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of the LORD, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses” (Judg 3:4).

It is to test their faith. We live in a world where materialism prevails. It takes effort to remain faithful to God. True faith can be distinguished from pseudo faith when a Christian is thrown into the sea of materialism. We have seen it with our own eyes. We have seen our children’s generation when they were young and serving the Lord. We have seen them grow up and join the material world. We have seen some of them turning into materialistic men and women. Some of them may still attend church but they may be like those whom our Lord said: **“This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me”** (Matt 15:8).

The world is a testing ground for our faith. It is the laboratory where God will sieve the sheep from the goats. Paul says: **“Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?”** (2 Cor 13:5).

It behoves all of us to examine our faith. Do we have genuine faith in God? The world is a testing ground for our faith. God’s judgment will be based on the things we have done in this life (2 Cor 5:10). Let us remain faithful to God.

We are in a war with false teachings and materialism. Let us be good soldiers of Christ. Let us equip ourselves with the whole armour of God if we are to win this war. Let us be strong and be very faithful to God.



Preacher's exhortation

TRUE REPENTANCE

by bro Alvin Lin

Why did you obey the gospel? Was it due to genuine repentance, or was it due to the fear of hell? There are some who obey the gospel for the latter reason and thus remain unconverted; they change their beliefs but there is no change in their behaviour. How then do we demonstrate true repentance?

Change in action

In order for one to show his repentance, he has to change his action. This means that he has to refrain from doing what is wrong. In the account of the two sons, the first son demonstrated his repentance by changing his action – “he regretted it and went [change in action]” (Mat 21:28-29). This change in action is necessary for repentance, otherwise the repentance will not be genuine (Mat 3:8; 7:20).

Change in mind

But in order for one to change his action, he has to change his mind. This means that he has to resolve not to do what is wrong. In preaching to the Gentiles, Paul called on them to repent by changing their mind and action – “turn to God [change in mind]... do works befitting repentance [change in action]” (Act 26:20). This change in mind is necessary, otherwise the change in action will only be temporary (Rom 12:2).

Change in heart

But in order for one to change his mind, he has to change his heart. This means that he has to be remorseful for what he has done wrong. In writing to the Corinthians, Paul commended them for their repentance in changing their heart, mind, and action – “godly sorrow [change in heart]... what diligence it produced in you, what clearing of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what vehement desire, what zeal, what vindication [change in mind]... in all things you proved yourselves to be clear in this matter [change in action]” (2Co 7:10-11). This change in heart is necessary, otherwise the change in mind will only be temporary (Exo 14:5).

Change in attitude

But in order for one to change his heart, he has to change his attitude. This means that he has to recognize that he has done wrong. In the account of the prodigal son, the son repented by changing his attitude, heart, mind, and action – “he came to himself [change in attitude]... father, I have sinned against heaven and before you [change in heart]... and I am no longer worthy to be called your son [change in mind]... make me like one of your hired servants [change in action]” (Luk 15:17-19). This change in attitude is necessary, otherwise there will be no impetus to change at all (Rom 2:4-5).

And so we see that true repentance is a changed way of life resulting from a change in attitude in recognizing that we have sinned against God, which leads to a change in heart in being remorseful for our sins, which leads to a change in mind in resolving not to sin anymore, which leads to a change in action in refraining from sin. How is our relationship with God today? Have we drifted away from God and lost our first love (Rev 2:4)? Have we allowed the deceitfulness of sin to harden our hearts (Heb 3:13)? If so, let us confess our sins to God. ask Him for forgiveness, and demonstrate true repentance with a change in attitude, heart, mind, and action (1Jo 1:9).

WEEKLY NEWS



Wedding

Our heartiest congratulations to **bro Benjamin Kwan & sis Deborah** on their marriage yesterday! Please pray for these newlyweds as they begin a new life together as husband and wife.

Travelling (Pray for safety)

1. **Bro Jong Wah, sis Nancy, sis Esther, sis Doreen, sis Hwee Chin & sis Fong Yoke** in Croatia, Bosnia & Slovenia till 15 Oct.
2. **Bro Chong Ping & sis Suan Kiang** are in San Francisco till 22 Oct.
3. **Bro Tian Geng** will be travelling for work from 16 Oct till 11 Nov.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW ELDER & DEACON

With the impending departure of bro Lee Tian Seng to the new work, and with bro Henry Leow stepping down from the role of deacon, we are pleased to inform that **bro Michael Yeo and bro Benjamin Tan** have agreed to fill in the roles of elder and deacon, respectively. If you have any feedback, please email to the elders by **21 October 2018**. For your reference, the qualifications for elders, deacons and their wives are found in 1 Timothy 3:1-13 & Titus 1:6-9.

Guests Last Week

1. Bro David Lee (*Jurong COC*)
2. Bro Marcus Chui (*Jurong COC*)
3. Kenny Kee (*sis Debbie's husband*)
4. Chester Heng (*bro Marcus' friend*)
5. Tan Jia Yi (*sis Michelle's friend*)
6. Shalen Manuel (*sis Seow Hui's helper*)
7. Meyske (*sis Debbie's helper*)

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

Youth Fellowship

Date: 14 October, Sun (**TODAY**)

Time: 1.30pm – 3pm

Venue: Church building

Topic: What's wrong with instrumental music in worship?

All are welcome!

Youth Homezone

Date: 20 October, Sat

Time: 3 pm to 6 pm

Venue: Church building

Activities: Board games & pizza

All youths are invited to join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship!

Fishers Of Men Graduation

Date: 21 October, Sun

Time: 1pm

Venue: Church building

The graduation ceremony is open to all. Please indicate your attendance on the sign up sheet by 14 Oct (TODAY) as lunch will be provided.

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

Venue: 120, Boon Lay Drive, S649924

6261 8517

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SAVE THE DATE AND COME JOIN US!

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

17TH - 20TH DECEMBER 2018
EL SANCTUARY, MELAKA
12 - 23 YEARS OLD

FOR DETAILS AND RSVP, PLEASE CONTACT:

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Please inform bro Alvin if you are interested to attend by 28 Oct.

Vacation Bible School 2018



Age: 4-12 years

Please inform
sis Jacqueline/
sis Ser Ern
for more details.



Thursday Bible Class
The Need for Spirituality

by bro Jimmy Lau

Birthday of the week

- 16 Oct (Tue) – Jun Wei
- 17 Oct (Wed) – Alvin Foo
- 18 Oct (Thu) – Phoebe
- 20 Oct (Sat) – Annie Lim, Bee Hoon & Kwee Eng



Please send any news & prayer requests to limahpincoc@gmail.com

PRAYER REQUESTS

Overseas:

- **Bro Kwan** in China
- **Bro Long Jun** in China
- **Bro Kenneth Liong and sis Iris** in San Francisco
- **Bro Jonathan & sis Joan** 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
- **Bro Martin's** recovery from stroke
- **Sis Shu Fang's father's** recovery from angiogram to unblock one of the arteries
- **Sis Jasmine's niece's** growth & development
- **Baby Angel's** recovery from HFMD

Pregnancy

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

NSF

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

MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		14-Oct-18	21-Oct-18	28-Oct-18
Song Leader		Ernest Lau	Benjamin Kwan	Joel Lee
Opening Prayer Leader		Michael Yeo	Danny Poo	Timothy Ng
Psalms Text		Psa 77:11-20	Psa 78:1-12	Psa 78:13-25
Preacher		Timothy Ng	Barry Hatcher	Ernest Lau
Lord's Supper Text		Isa 53:4-9	Php 2:5-11	1 Cor 11:23-29
Lord's Supper Servers	<i>Scripture Reader</i>	Gavin Cheah	Nicodemus Oey	Axel Chee
	<i>Prayer: Bread</i>	Jeremy Kwan	Charlie Teo	Henry Chee
	<i>Prayer: Fruit of Vine</i>	Kenneth Quek	Alvin Chan	Paul Lim
	<i>Prayer: Offering</i>	Alan Poon	Marc Wee	Nicodemus Oey
	<i>Assistant</i>	Leonard Chia	Cornelius Lee	Titus Goh
Announcer		Jimmy Lau	Ernest Lau	Lee Tian Seng
Greeters		Lim Poh Im Shum Chee Ming	Ludina Carrido Susan Cheong	Grace Ler Lois Chee
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Timothy Ng	Ernest Lau	Amos Yang
Speaker		Jeshua Lin	Alvin Lin	Ernest Lau
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Alvin Lin	Lim Poh Teng	Ling Leong Dak
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
Song Leader			18-Oct-18	25-Oct-18
Opening Prayer Leader			Jeshua Lin	Andy Lin
Closing Prayer Leader			Danny Poo	Kenneth Quek
			Paul Lim	Benjamin Tan