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NO PANIC IN A PANDEMIC

A worldwide pandemic changes the wide world overnight. The newspapers, radios and other media usually say little about fear. Readers and listeners prefer to read about, or hear about, sport and subjects which lead to laughter, relaxation and peace of mind. People are happy when there is nothing to make them fearful or alarmed.



But a pandemic is not a light subject which can be brushed off so easily. It rouses everybody to an unusual level of seriousness. At best it puts face masks on millions of faces and forbids us to visit the homes of friends and family. At worst it carries us to hospitals, care homes and to the grave.

But a pandemic, when looked at carefully, can be a blessing in disguise. It forces us to remember the shortness of life and it makes us face up to the duty, all unwelcome as it is to many people, to think about our need to prepare to face death and, in the hour of death, to meet God who is our Creator and our Judge.



In the very serious atmosphere in which we all are today with this pandemic we should pause and ask, "Am I ready to die? Is my soul ready for the eternity which death brings to each and all of us?" It is not a sin to be joyful in our life. But it is very sinful to live without paying proper attention to the very serious and important teachings of the Bible: Where shall I go when I die? How can I prepare to face eternity? Is my soul saved?

Pandemics do not come about without a reason. They are sent by God for a purpose. We humans may not be sure why God sends them. But we do well to stop and ask ourselves: "Is God saying something to us in this pandemic?" Have I lived my life to the glory of God, or have I lived for worldly pleasure?"

Unwelcome as the thought is to most people it is our wisdom to sit still quietly and ask ourselves if the great Creator of this universe is calling us to search our conscience and ask ourselves if we make time for the vitally important things of life: to read the Bible, which is God's inspired Book; to believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son, who died on the Cross at Calvary two thousand years ago.

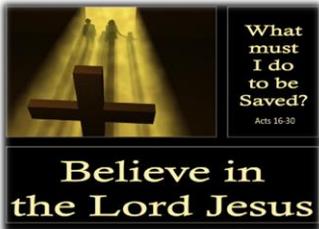
A pandemic has a message for us all. It is this: "Be afraid of ignoring your duty." Everyone's duty is to honour God; to believe His gospel and to keep His commandments. People, sadly, allow themselves to turn their back on God and even to scoff at religion. But every scoffer must face up to the fact of death and the eternity following death. There is no hope of heaven for those who live and die scoffing at God.



A pandemic creates fear in the heart of those who leave God out of their life. But the pandemic which alarms some people does not need to terrify those who trust in Jesus Christ as Saviour.

It is all too easy to scoff at religion. But the scoffer's scoffing only lasts till he, or she, enters into the state of death. Death, as God tells us in the Bible, is a place of terrible punishment for the unbeliever. Those who are in the place of eternal punishment after death no longer scoff. They experience God's anger. They wish they had never been born.

There is a clear lesson for us all when we reflect on the seriousness of the pandemic. It is this: The most important thing in life is to be right with God, to have our sins pardoned, to have faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour of our soul, to have a sure hope of heaven when we die.



The pandemic need not make us panic. Put God first in your life, give your heart to Him, trust in Jesus as your personal Saviour and be at peace. The believer's peace is based on the promises of God in the Bible that all our sins are eternally forgiven when we have faith in Jesus Christ.

Heaven is a world of love and eternal happiness for all who die believing the gospel

which God gives us in His Bible.

We may not know exactly why God has sent a pandemic on the world just now. But there is this supremely important lesson for us all – men and women, boys and girls: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31).

If you take this seriously you need not panic in this pandemic.

Rev Maurice Roberts
Free Church of Scotland Continuing

Triumph over Distress as Witnesses (Isa 43:1-28)

By Rev Jack Sin, 29 Nov 2020

The 3 salient points of the sermon were as follows:

1. Redemption - God Who Saves, Sustains & Preserves (vs 1-9)

The meaning of the word “redeem” is to acquire by normally paying a price. God has a plan of redemption for sinful fallen mankind. But in the process, He paid a ransom at the cross through the death of Christ for the salvation of His chosen ones.

In 1 Cor 1:30, we note that Christ is wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, redemption.

The redemption plan of God is a divine process to the transformation of a soul and not just a point in time.

Spurgeon said, “I have been saved; I’m being saved; I shall be saved.” His answer revealed the whole redemption programme of God.

We have been redeemed from the condemnation of sin and eternal death, not physical death, but the eternal separation from God in hell.

Paul in Eph 1:7 states that we are redeemed through the blood (ransom) of Christ. The word “atone” also means to cover (with His blood). The blood of Christ is the only way where the redemption of a soul can take place. There is forgiveness of sin by God according to the riches of His grace. The Lord has assured us, “Fear not, for I have redeemed you. Fear not, for I am with you.”

2. Renewal- God Whom We Witness & Serve (vs 10-18)

Act 1:8 says we are to be Spirit-filled witnesses for Christ from Jerusalem to the uttermost part of the world. (the original word used is not power, but “authority”) ie we are called to share the gospel of Christ with people from all nations globally.

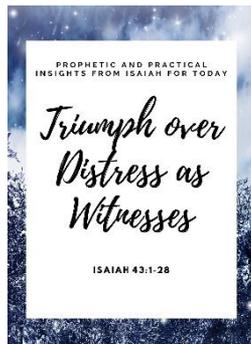
Hudson Taylor, a famous missionary to China said, “..The great commission is not an option to choose but as a command to be obeyed”.

We are reminded in 1 Peter 3:15 – to sanctify ourselves first in our hearts before God. We need to speak to God about man before speaking to man about God. Be always ready to give an answer of the hope in us with the attitude of meekness & fear (the reverential fear of God).

3. Reception - God Who Forgives, Justifies & Receives (vs 19-28)

God will provide fresh waters in the wilderness /rivers in the desert. It is a picture of new life in times of despair and destruction.

God forgives us for His own sake, not of any merit that we have. He cleanses us and blots out all our sins by His grace and mercy and remembers them no more. Let us



do the same and turn unto Christ as our God and be accepted by His grace and mercy.

Conclusion

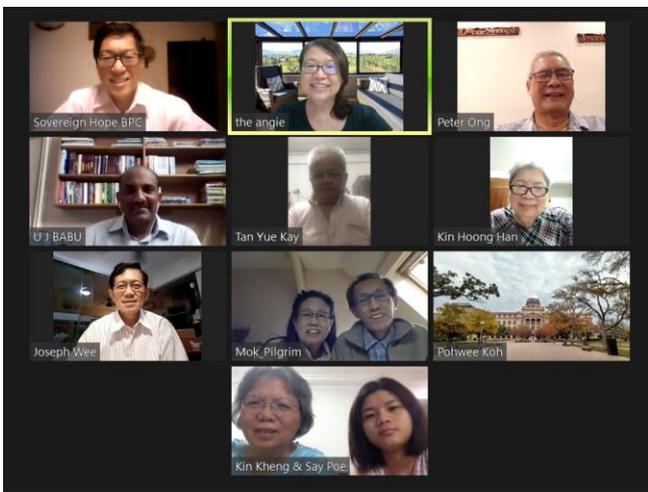
In the midst of a crisis, we continue to worship and serve a great God and we are delivered from sin by his mighty power and we belong to him .Seek the Lord Jesus today and Let us worship, witness and serve him faithfully till he comes.

Kim Meng



Men's Fellowship:
(L-R)
Pastor, Anthony,
Dn Yue Kay, Peter

Preacher Mok exhorted us on "The Exigency & Urgency of Spiritual Life (Jer 5:1) at the Church Prayer Meeting on Wed night. Do come and join us in corporate prayer!





My Thanksgiving List

2020 Nov 26th, Thursday

1. For my salvation, eternal life and hope in Him.
2. For His Great Love and Sacrifice for me, a wretched sinner.
3. For His Mercy and Grace despite my depravity.
4. For His Protection and Provision in my daily life. There's nothing that I lack.
5. For His longsuffering patience for me to return to Him, seeking His Forgiveness.
6. For His Promise: Never to leave me nor forsake me in good / bad times.
7. For His Divine Healing (physically, mentally, spiritually) as He is the Greatest Physician.
8. For His Comfort and Refuge in the storms of life.
9. For His guidance, wisdom and strength to handle whatever He has allowed to happen in my life.
10. For my simple, mustard seed of faith and trust in Him to be the blessing He has planned for me.

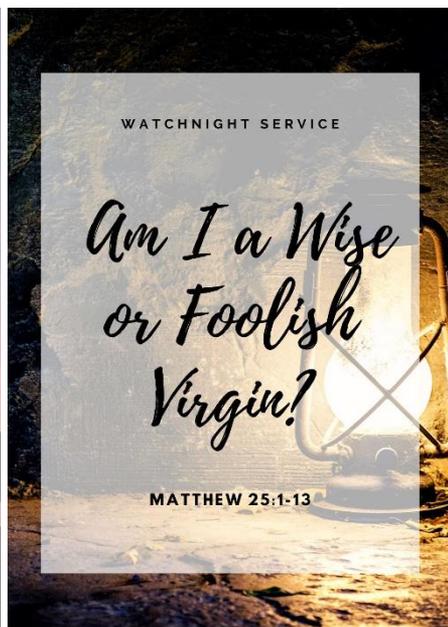
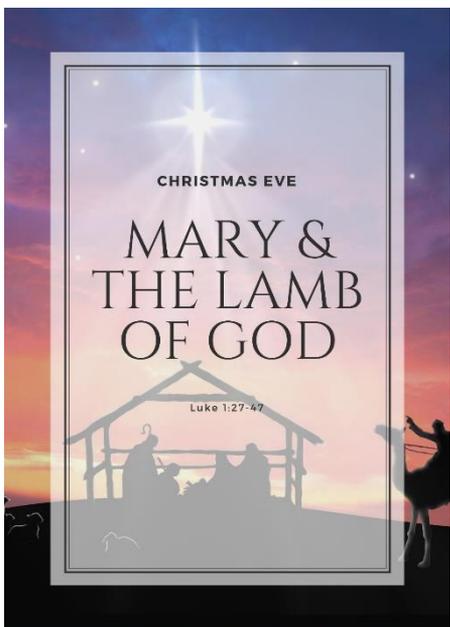
Han Kin Kheng

Memory Verse

Isaiah 45:22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth:
for I am God, and there is none else.

Announcements

1. Welcome to our Worship Service! For our visitors, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave.
2. Rev Jack Sin speaks today on “**The Only One True God of the World**” (Isa 45: 5-28), the Oct to Dec series on “*Prophetic & Practical Insights from Isaiah for Today*”.
3. Rev Jack Sin speaks next Sunday on “**The Call to Extend the Kingdom of God**” (Isa 54: 1-17).
4. There will be Christmas Eve Baptismal & Gospel Service on 24 Dec 2020 at 8pm and Watchnight Service on 31 Dec 2020 at 8pm. Do mark them on your calendar and invite your family and friends to join us for worship on these special days.



5. Sunday School classes continues in church after the worship service:
 - WCF Shorter Catechism Class – Pastor Jack
 - “Rules for Walking in Fellowship by John Owen” – Dn Choo Siang
 - Studies in Leviticus – Dr Kwong Leen
6. Chinese Fellowship meets on Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren. We have commenced a new series of studies and discussions on History of the Church. Do join us!



7. Do send your prayer items to Pastor and join us for Church Prayer Meeting on Wed at 8pm via Zoom. Preacher Mok will be sharing the Word of God and the ministry of New Life BPC, London.
8. The Pandemic book can be purchased through Dn Yue Kay (Hp: +65 97450311) or via email at sovereignhopebpc@gmail.com.
9. Those who have a testimony to share may submit to Pastor for the weekly.
10. Pastor is still available for counselling via WhatsApp, Email or Mobile.
11. 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**

**PROPHETIC AND PRACTICAL INSIGHTS
FROM ISAIAH FOR TODAY**

Lord's Day Programme from Oct - Dec 2020

OCTOBER

- 4 The Case for Divine Reasoning (Isaiah 1:1-18)
- 11* The Holiness of God and the Prophet's Response (Isaiah 6:1-8)
- 18 When the Top Angel became the Devil (Isaiah 14:1-15)
- 25 Reformation Sunday: The Refuge of God in the Reformation (Isaiah 25:1-12)

NOVEMBER

- 1 The Basis for Peace of Mind (Isaiah 26:1-9)
- 8* The Gospel Highway and Streams of Life (Isaiah 35:1-10)
- 15 The Almighty Comforter for Souls (Isaiah 40:1-14)
- 22 Fighting Phobia with Courage in God (Isaiah 41:1-14)
- 29 Triumph over Distress as Witnesses (Isaiah 43:1-28)

DECEMBER

- 6 The Only One True God of the World (Isaiah 45:5-28)
- 13* The Call to Extend the Kingdom of God. (Isaiah 54:1-17)
- 20 The Foundation for Contentment (Isaiah 55:1-13)
- 24 Christmas Eve: Mary and the Lamb of God (Luke 1:27-47)
- 27 Reforms through the Hand of God (Isaiah 59:1-21)
- 31* WATCHNIGHT SERVICE: Am I a Wise or Foolish Virgin? (Matthew 25:1-13)

