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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
Bro Michael Yeo

Deacons

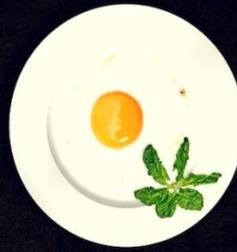
Bro Benjamin Tan
Bro Henry Leow
Bro Jerry Cheong

Preachers

Bro Alvin Lin
Bro Ernest Lau

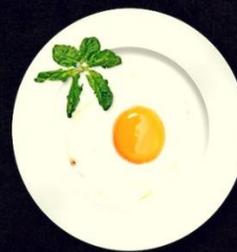
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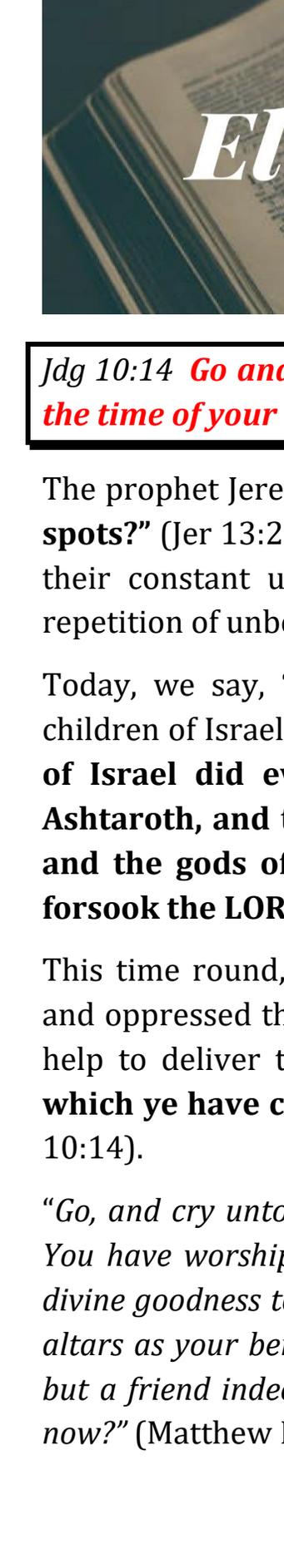
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AGAPE LUNCH

LET'S ALL STAY BACK TODAY &
ENJOY FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER
OVER LUNCH!





Elder's exhortation

by bro Jimmy Lau

Jdg 10:14 Go and cry unto the gods which ye have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your tribulation.

The prophet Jeremiah said: “**Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots?**” (Jer 13:23). The answer is an obvious No. Jeremiah was rebuking the Jews for their constant unbelief and wickedness. The history of the Israelite nation is a repetition of unbelief, repentance, and back to unbelief.

Today, we say, “Old habits die hard.” No sooner were the Judges dead that the children of Israel returned to their evil ways and state of unbelief: “**And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim, and Ashtaroth, and the gods of Syria, and the gods of Zidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the children of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines, and forsook the LORD, and served not him**” (Jdg 10:6).

This time round, God sent the Ammonites to oppress them. The Ammonites vexed and oppressed the children of Israel eighteen years (Jdg 10:8). They cried to God for help to deliver them from the oppressors. God said: “**Go and cry unto the gods which ye have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your tribulation**” (Jdg 10:14).

“Go, and cry unto the gods which you have chosen, try what they can do for you now. You have worshipped them as gods - try if they have now either a divine power or a divine goodness to be employed for you.... You brought your sacrifices of praise to their altars as your benefactors, imagining that they gave you your corn, and wine, and oil, but a friend indeed will be a friend in need; what stead will their favour stand you in now?” (Matthew Henry Comm).

God upbraided them for their great ingratitude, reminded them of the great things He had done for them, delivering them each time from their enemies. They have not been forced to worship those gods by their oppressors; they freely chose them in place of God before the oppressors came.

In case you have not observed, they turned to idols in times of peace and prosperity. They enjoyed peace and prosperity when the judges were with them. Gradually, they forgot about God. They did not turn to idolatries overnight; it was a gradual process.

“If God is forsaken, Baal is followed. The soul must have some master, and if it rebels against God it will serve Baal, mammon, the world, the flesh, or the devil. We serve God or Baalim, light or darkness, good or evil. There is no middle course. We must be moving in one or other of two directions. The question is, Are we going to the light or from the light, to God or from God?” (Homilies By W.F. Adeney, Pulpit Comm).

Sometimes, it takes afflictions to awaken the soul to repentance. Men tend to forget God in times of prosperity. They will be too engrossed in making wealth that they forget the Provider of those things. Men tend to serve darkness when they are enjoying themselves. They will say like the rich fool: **“Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry”** (Luke 12:19).

We serve either God or mammon (Matt 6:24). *“Mammon is a Syriac word, a name given to an idol worshipped as the god of riches...the meaning is, ye cannot serve the true God, and at the same time be supremely engaged in obtaining the riches of this world. One must interfere with the other,”* (Barnes’ Notes).

How is your spiritual health? We often say one to one another: “How are you?” But, we should be more concerned about each other’s spiritual health. Some are laying up treasures upon the earth; we need to help them to lay up treasures in heaven. The Israelites had their Baal and Ashtaroth but today, we have our mammon to turn our hearts away from God. Let us not be deceived by the promises of riches of this world.

Let us remain steadfast and unmovable in our faith. **“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you”** (Matt 6:33).



Hymn #2

"A BEAUTIFUL PRAYER"

by bro Ernest Lau

"Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done" (Luke 22:42)

Introduction:

"A Beautiful Prayer" was a hymn written and composed by Luther G. Presley, 1937. Presley's other well-known works include "When All of God's Singers Get Home" and "When the Saints Go Marching In." The lyrics of the hymn reflect on the prayer that Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, shortly before His arrest (cf. Matthew 26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:39-46). The hymn helps to transport our minds to the garden where Jesus was, and to understand the pain and sorrow that Jesus felt as He prepared for His impending death, which He did in order to save us.

Stanza 1:

*"In the Bible we read of a beautiful pray'r, A pray'r sent to heaven above;
It was prayed by a heart that was laden with care And filled with such wonderful love"*

We are reminded that even our Lord Jesus prayed. Prayer is important, as it is the avenue by which we communicate with our God and pour forth our petitions to Him. Our prayers are sent to Heaven in like manner that the incense from the priest's censer ascends up to God (Revelation 8:4). Jesus' prayer was particularly beautiful because it shows a heart that was full of care and love for us. We are reminded that Jesus placed the burden of our cares upon Himself, and He continues to invite all who are burdened to go to Him for rest (Matthew 11:28; 1 Peter 2:9).

Stanza 2

*"You can catch the sad tone of His voice as He said, 'Thy will not my own must be done,'
As a lamb to the slaughter he soon must be led To die as the Crucified One"*

This was a prayer made in sorrow, even as Jesus anticipated His impending crucifixion. As was prophesied by Isaiah, Jesus would be delivered to His death even as a lamb to the slaughter (Isaiah 53:7). It had been planned since the foundation of the world, that Jesus would be the one who would be crucified and die for the sins of the world (Revelation 13:8). As a man, Jesus was certainly not looking forward to His own death! Yet, He said, "not my will, but thine, be done" (Luke 22:43). Jesus was obedient to the will of the Father, even to the death (Philippians 2:8). Will we likewise deny our self will and be obedient to God?

Stanza 3:

*"As He prayed there alone in such deep agony, It was a most beautiful pray'r;
Just to think His great heart was all broken for me, That He my great sorrow must
share"*

Jesus would often withdraw from His disciples for a time to pray alone. As He prayed alone in the garden, he experienced such deep agony, that as he prayed, his sweat fell to the ground like "great drops of blood" (Luke 22:44). Probably the only thing worse than death is the foreknowledge of your own death, and the pain of it! What sorrow of heart Jesus went through because of me! Jesus relinquished His Heavenly abode to share in our humanity and be partaker of humanly sorrow, suffering and death. Jesus went through this suffering and death in order to save us from our sins (Romans 5:8).

Chorus:

*"When the Savior was praying in the garden of Gethsemane,
He said, 'loving Father, If you will let this cup pass from me;'
I know He was thinking of the anguish death would bring to His own,
How deep was His sorrow When Jesus was praying Alone"*

The chorus once again reminds us of the sorrow Jesus felt as He prayed in the garden. Jesus prayed to the Father, "If it be possible, let this cup pass from me" (Matthew 26:39). If there were any other way to do it, Jesus would have gladly done so, rather than to suffer and die! But the blood price must be paid, and that of the Lamb without blemish (1 Peter 1:18-19). Therefore, Jesus paid this price, because He did not focus on His own suffering, but of the spiritual death we would all suffer otherwise. Praise be to God for the loving Savior that we have in Jesus!

WEEKLY NEWS



Congratulations to our Four Seas Graduates

Our heartiest congratulations to **bro Benbin, sis Maria, sis Por, sis Jeje & sis Jessica** over their graduation on 24 November. We wish them well as they prepare to return to their home countries to serve the Lord!

Guests Last Week

1. Sis Emily, sis Debra Nair & bro David Lee (*Jurong COC*)
2. Sis Pearl Jean (*Lavender COC*)
3. Sis Lee Yok Hoon (*Malacca COC, M'sia*)
4. Sis Natalie Oh (*Kota Kemuning COC, M'sia*)
5. Bro Thomas Ting (*Ipoh COC, M'sia*)
6. Sis Eveline (*Sunter COC, Indonesia*)
7. Bro KhovaKham & family (*sis Por's family*)
8. Bro Tim & sis Robin Burroughs (*North Main COC, USA*)
9. Bro Adam (*sis Maria's father*)
10. Alexis Lim (*bro Samuel's wife*)
11. Jason Lam (*sis Sarah's fiancé*)
12. Jessica Lam (*Jason Lam's sister*)
13. Tan Jiayi (*sis Michelle's friend*)
14. Kelvin Kuan (*sis Eunice's friend*)
15. Cassandra (*bro Gavin's friend*)

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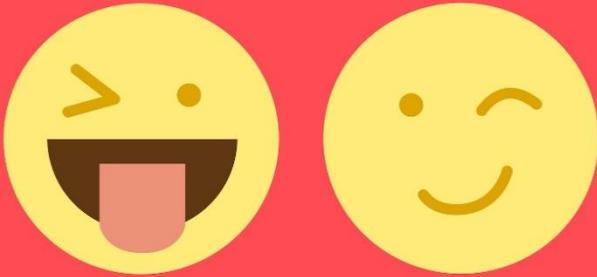
The Gospel Meeting committee would like to thank **bro Jason Hilburn, bro John Grubb, bro Stan Stockton & bro Billy Bland** for speaking during the Gospel Meeting, as well as all who had helped out in the Gospel Meeting (men-to-serve, receptionists and volunteers for preparing and serving the refreshments). Thank you also to everyone who made the effort to distribute tracts and invite your friends! May the Word continue to be preached!

Travelling (Pray for safety)

1. **Bro Danny & sis Linda** will be travelling to Japan from 2-11 Dec
2. **Sis Susan Ng & family** will be in Melaka till today.
3. **Sis Mary Looi & family** in England till today.
4. **Bro Kwan** in China & Taiwan till 18 Dec
5. **Bro Peter Chin, sis Pooi Fun, bro Jimmy, bro Kian Hong, sis Kia Sang, bro Alvin, bro Nicodemus, sis Christine, sis Sarah, bro Jun Wei, sis Ser Ern, sis Rachel & sis Eunice** will be in Malaysia from 7-9 Dec.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018

4-6 DEC, TUE-THU @ LAP
4-12 YEARS OLD

Please sign up with Jacqueline/Ser Ern.



SAVE THE DATE AND COME JOIN US!

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

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



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Escape 2018

31 DECEMBER 2018, MON | NIGHT |
MORE DETAILS WILL BE RELEASED SOON.



NEWS



Thursday Bible Class

The Need for Successes in Life

by bro Alan Poon

Birthdays of the week

2 Dec (Sun) –

Kian Hong & Mei Leng

4 Dec (Tue) – Jenny

5 Dec (Wed) – Elsa

6 Dec (Thu) – Farand

7 Dec (Fri) –

Cynthia Quek & Jacqueline



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

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 Shermin's grandmother's & aunt's** health (relapse of cancer)
- **Sis Germaine's** recovery from her anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) surgery.

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		2-Dec-18	9-Dec-18	16-Dec-18
Song Leader		Ernest Lau	Justin Kwan	Jeremy Kwan
Opening Prayer Leader		Charlie Teo	Benjamin Tan	Michael Yeo
Psalms Text		Psa 79:1-13	Psa 80:1-9	Psa 80:10-19
Preacher		Billy Bland	Ernest Lau	Benjamin Kwan
Lord's Supper Text		1 Cor 11:23-29	Mar 14:22-25	Mat 26:26-29
Lord's Supper Servers	<i>Scripture Reader</i>	Gideon Quek	Cornelius Lee	Marc Wee
	<i>Prayer: Bread</i>	Jerry Cheong	Wong Sek Hoong	Lim Poh Teng
	<i>Prayer: Fruit of Vine</i>	Andy Lin	Ling Leong Dak	Farand Lim
	<i>Prayer: Offering</i>	Ong Jun Wei	Andy Lin	Martyn Gostelow
	<i>Assistant</i>	Melvin Tan	Gavin Cheah	Yew Tian Geng
Announcer		Lee Tian Seng	Benjamin Kwan	Jimmy Lau
Greeters		Wang Tingwei Teo Kim Tian	Grace Ler Lois Chee	Constance Lau Wu Wenyu
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Amos Yang	Ernest Lau	Alvin Lin
Speaker		Joel Lee	Alvin Chan	Ernest Lau
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Alan Poon	Nicodemus Oey	Lim Poh Teng
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
Song Leader			6-Dec-18	13-Dec-18
Opening Prayer Leader			Benjamin Kwan	Jeshua Lin
Closing Prayer Leader			Lee Tian Seng	Low Chong Ping
			Ong Jun Wei	Benjamin Tan