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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

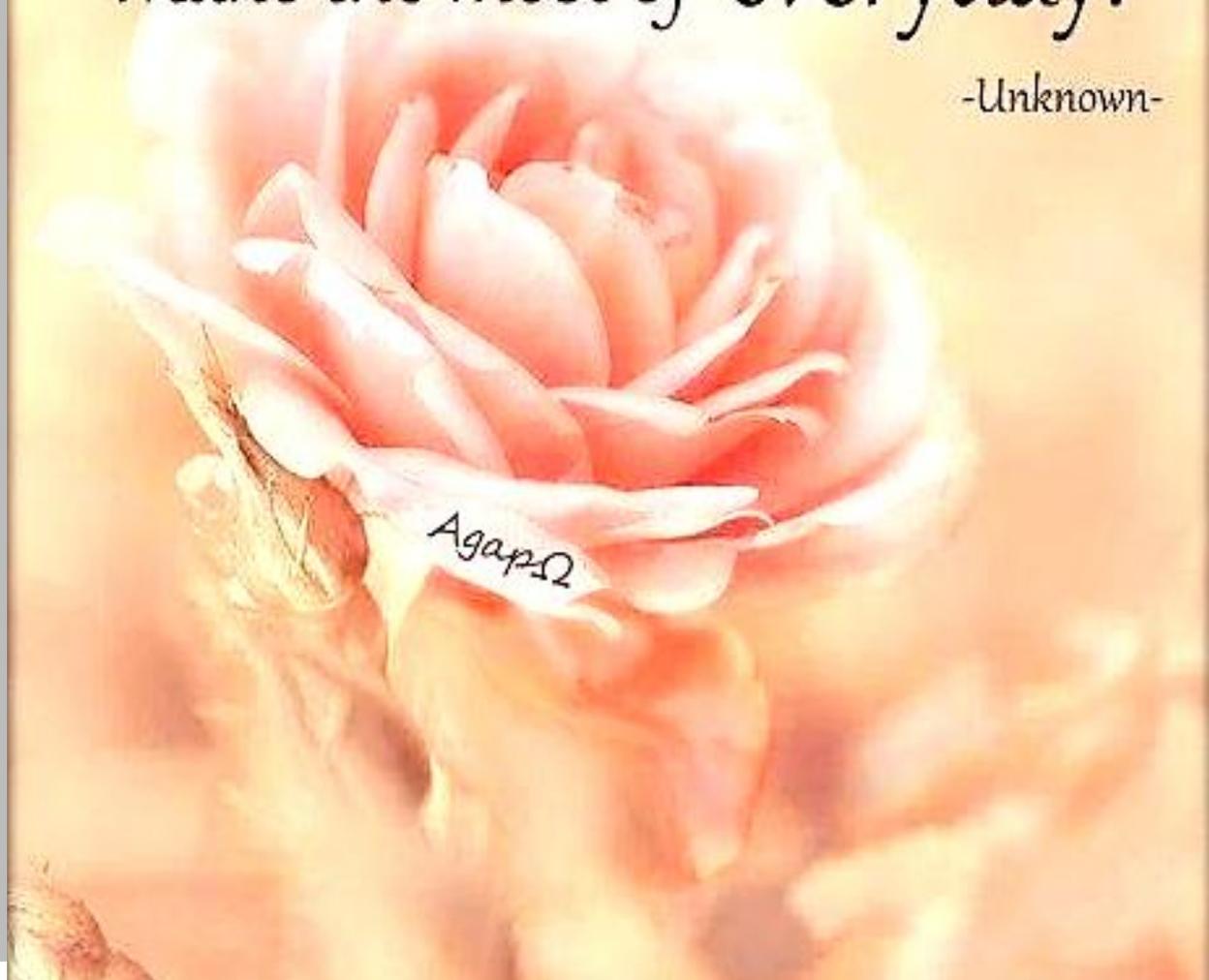
Bro Alvin Lin
Bro Ernest Lau

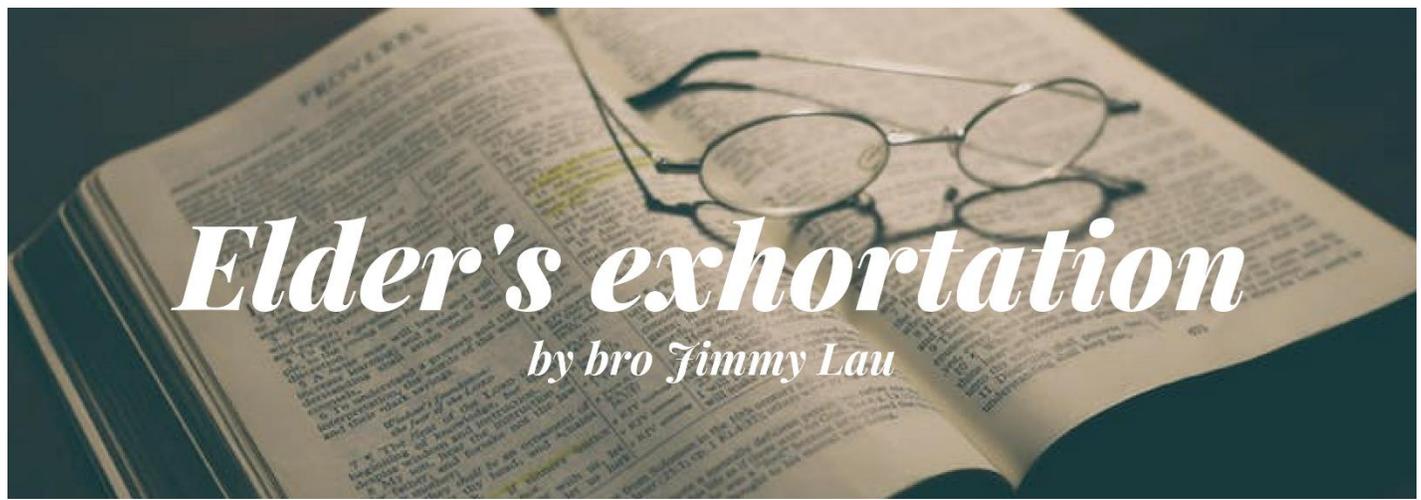
Administrator

Sis Goh Ser Ern

Life is too short to argue and
and fight. Count your blessings.
Love the friends and family that
are always there. Smile more often.
Make the most of everyday.

-Unknown-





Elder's exhortation

by bro Jimmy Lau

2Ki 4:10 Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither.

I love this Shunammite woman. She was amazingly hospitable. She was described as a “great woman” (vs 8). It means she was great in every sense of the word. She was known for her good deeds. At least, we know she was a very hospitable person. She was also rich; she asked her husband to build a small upper chamber for this holy man of God, and to furnish it with the necessary articles of furniture (bed, table, seat, and lamp), that he might always turn in at their house.

What can we learn from her hospitality?

1. Her hospitality was **SINCERE**. When she saw Elisha passing by her house, “*she constrained him to eat bread*” (vs 8). It implies she kept pestering and insisting Elisha must stay for dinner. She didn’t do it out of courtesy, as most people would, but she was sincerely hospitable. “*Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good*” (Rom 12:9).

2. Her hospitality was **UNIVERSAL**. She entertained a total stranger. It is easier to extend hospitality to a friend but to entertain a total stranger is different. When we entertain a visiting preacher, he is still a friend but this Shunammite woman entertained a stranger. The scripture says: “*Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares*” (Heb 13:2).

3. Her hospitality was an act of **BENEVOLENCE**. She gave hospitality to a poor but godly man. Conventional hospitality welcomes to its table the respectable only. But genuine hospitality looks out for the poor and deserving, and constrains them to enter and be fed. “*When thou makest a feast, call not thy brethren, nor thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbors;*

lest they also bid thee again, and a recompense be made thee. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, and the blind" (Luke 14:12-13).

4. Her hospitality was **PERMANENT**. *"And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread"* (vs 8). It was her in character. It was not a one-time affair. The poor prophet was always welcome to stay. Many would complain that a person is taking advantage of their charity when he keeps coming back; but this woman's charity has no limit. She would keep giving and giving. *"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again"* (Luke 6:38).

5. Her hospitality was **BOUNTIFUL**. She did not say to her husband, "Entertaining him will cause us a lot of inconveniences or expense, therefore let us not invite him." But no; she even built a chamber fully furnished with chair, table and light for Elisha. She didn't think it was burdensome. How often some complain about having guests in their homes. Some would not open their homes for fellowship because they feel it is just too troublesome for them. But this Shunammite woman was abounding in her good deeds; she didn't think it was troublesome. *"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith"* (Gal 6:10).

6. Her hospitality was **SPONTANEOUS**. *"She constrained him to eat bread."* She did not have to be coerced or be persuaded to take in a stranger. Nobody asked her to do it; she just did it. She did it of her own accord. It was natural for her. *"If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?"* (Jas 2:15-16).

7. Her hospitality was **REWARDED**. She was rewarded with a son. She didn't ask for it. She did not expect any return. But she was blessed with a son. Likewise, God will remember every good deed that we have done. *"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister"* (Heb 6:10).

Are you a hospitable person? This Shunammite woman did above and beyond what conventional charity has prescribed. How did she do it? It was in her character to do it. She did not have to be forced, persuaded but she saw the need and she just did it.

How about us? Do we wait for others to do it? Do we have to be forced to do it? Do we do it with love and from a sincere heart of love? Think about it.



Can God Do Everything?

Adapted from Dave Miller

(<http://apologeticspress.org/APContent.aspx?category=12&article=4668>)

Both Christians and atheists generally have assumed that if the God depicted in the Bible exists, He can do anything—since He is represented as being all-powerful. However, this assumption is incorrect. The Bible does not claim that the omnipotence of God implies that He can do anything and everything. In reality, “omnipotence” by definition does not, and cannot, apply to that which does not lend itself to power. Skeptics and atheists have posed queries that they feel nullify the notion of omnipotence, thereby demonstrating the nonexistence of God. For example, “Can God create a boulder so large that He, Himself, cannot lift it?”

Separate and apart from the fact that God is not, Himself, physical, and that He created the entire physical Universe, though He is metaphysical and transcendent of the Universe, the question is a conceptual absurdity. It’s like asking, “Can God create a round square or a four-sided triangle?” No, He cannot—but not for the reasons implied by the atheist: that He does not exist or that He is not omnipotent. Rather, it is because the question is, itself, self-contradictory and incoherent. It is nonsensical terminology. Rather than saying God cannot do such things, it would be more in harmony with reality to say that such things simply cannot be done at all. God is infinite in power, but power meaningfully relates only to what can be done, to what is possible of accomplishment—not to what is impossible! It is absurd to speak of any power (even infinite power) being able to do what simply cannot be done. Logical absurdities do not lend themselves to being accomplished, and so, are not subject to power, not even to infinite power (see Warren, 1972, pp. 27ff.).

Further, to suggest that God is deficient or limited in power if He cannot create a rock so large that He cannot lift, is to imply that He could do so if He simply had more power. But

this is false. Creating a rock that He, Himself, cannot lift, or creating a four-sided triangle, or making a ball that is at the same time both white all over and black all over, or creating a 90-year-old teenager, or making a car that is larger on the inside than it is on the outside—to propose such things is to affirm logical contradictions and absurdities. Such propositions do not really say anything at all. Though one can imagine logical absurdities that cannot be accomplished, they do not constitute a telling blow against the view that God is infinite in power.

So, no, the concept of “omnipotence” does not mean that there are no limits to what an omnipotent being can do. While God can do whatever is possible to be done, in reality, He will do only what is in harmony with His nature. In fact, the Bible pinpoints specific things that God cannot do. For example, the Bible states unequivocally that God cannot lie (Numbers 23:19; 1 Samuel 15:29; 2 Timothy 2:13; Titus 1:2). He is a Being whose very essence entails truthfulness. Falsehood is completely out of harmony with His divine nature.

Another impossibility pertaining to God’s power is the fact that He shows no partiality or favoritism (Deuteronomy 10:17; Romans 2:11; Colossians 3:25; 1 Peter 1:17). He is “open and above board”—evenhanded—with all His creatures. He can be counted on to interact with human beings as He said He would. His treatment of us centers on our own self-chosen behavior—not on our ethnicity or skin color (Acts 10:34-35; 1 Samuel 16:7).

A third instance that qualifies the meaning of “omnipotent” is seen in God’s inability to forgive the individual who will not repent and forsake sin (Joshua 24:19; Proverbs 28:13; Matthew 6:15; 18:35; Luke 13:3,5). As great and as magnificent as the mercy and forgiveness of God are, it is impossible for Him to bestow forgiveness upon the person who does not seek that forgiveness by meeting the pre-conditions of remission. God is literally powerless to bestow forgiveness through any other avenue than the blood of Jesus and obedience to the Gospel of Christ (Romans 1:16; 2:8; 2 Thessalonians 1:8; 1 Peter 4:17; John 3:5).

The more one studies the Bible, examining the attributes and characteristics of the God depicted there, the more one is struck with (1) the inspiration of the Bible—since its skillful handling of such matters places it beyond the charge of successful contradiction, and (2) awe at the infinitude of God. Not one of the factors discussed in this article reflects adversely upon the reality of God’s omnipotence. But it is abundantly clear that a person may so live as to render the God of heaven incapable of coming to that person’s aid. It is imperative that every human being recognizes the need to understand His will and to conform one’s behavior to that will. It is imperative that every individual avoid placing self in the precarious position of being in need of that which God cannot do.

WEEKLY NEWS



Special Collection

A big thank you to all who contributed to the special collection for Skudai COC Building Project. A total of \$8,978.56 was collected. Thank you all for your generosity. The sum of \$30,000 was approved in the EOGM last Sunday. Hence, a total of \$38,978.56 will be contributed to the project.

MEETINGS

Extraordinary General Meeting (EOGM)

The results & minutes of the meeting are pinned on the noticeboard.

Curriculum Meeting

Date: 22 October 2017, Sunday

Time: 1.30pm

All class ICs are requested to attend the meeting and get ready your class curriculum for 2018.

Health

1. Please pray for **sis Doris's** speedy recovery from her operation.
2. Please pray for **sis Doreen's** recovery from shingles

Away

1. **Sis Diana** in USA for work till 16 Oct
2. **Bro Chong Ping & sis Suan Kiang** in San Francisco till 18 Oct

Enlistment

Bro Benedict has been enlisted to the army last Wednesday. Please pray for his faith and safety while serving the nation.

Wedding

We rejoice with **bro Jun Wei & sis Ser Ern** over their wedding yesterday! Please pray for these newlyweds as they begin a new life together as husband and wife. They will be attending the Chinese service as they are scheduled to collect their HDB keys this morning.

Guests Last Week

1. Bro Terry & Regina Clarke (*West Inn COC, USA*)
2. Bro Eddy Ee (*Jurong COC, Singapore*)
3. Bro David Lee (*Jurong COC, Singapore*)
4. Sis Wendy (*Jurong COC, Singapore*)
5. Leonard Chia (*sis Peiyi's husband*)
6. Peh Guang Rong (*sis Yan Ling's husband*)
7. Kenny Kee (*sis Debbie's husband*)
8. Samuel Dela Cruz (*sis Mergie's husband*)
9. Gifford Chuang (*sis Ser Ern's cousin*)
10. Gavin Cheah (*bro Reuben's friend*)
11. Ooi Yu Han
12. Triston

8 October 2017, Sunday (TODAY)

Youth Fellowship

Time: 1.30pm – 3pm

Venue: LAP Church Building

Highlights: Games

Please approach bro Benjamin Kwan if you have any queries.

UPCOMING

EVENTS

MARK THE DATES!

4 November 2017, Saturday

Senior Fellowship

Time: 10am – 12nn

Venue: LAP Church Building

Highlights: Making a paper weaving placemat

Please approach bro Alvin if you are interested to attend.

23-25 Nov 2017,

Thursday - Saturday

Gospel Meeting

Time: 7.45pm – 9pm

Venue:

LAP Church Building

Speaker: Bro Tim Hayes

Topics:

23 Nov (Thu) –

Do You Know God?

24 Nov (Fri) – *Do You Know The God of Hope?*

25 Nov (Sat) – *Do You Know The God of Love?*

Invite your family & friends to hear the gospel!

22 Lectures

Q & A Forum

Special classes for Men & Women

10th ANNUAL FOUR SEAS LECTURESHIP

Jesus, His life & teachings

Date
Nov. 22-25, 2017 (Wed - Sat)

Daily Chapel (3rd floor)
8.15am – 8.45am

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

Venue:
120, Boon Lay Drive, S649924

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28-30 Nov 2017,

Tuesday - Thursday

Vacation Bible School

Time: 9am – 5pm

Venue: LAP Church Building

Age range: 4-9 years old

Theme: Prayer

Please sign up at

<http://bit.do/2017VBS>

Please approach sis Ser Ern or sis Sydney if you have any queries.

18-21 Dec 2017, Monday - Thursday

30th Annual Youth Development Programme (YDP)

Venue: Port Dickson Golf & Country Resort

Age range: 12 - 23 years old

Theme: Life's Choices

Cost: RM 330

Please sign up at the noticeboard in the kitchen or at <http://bit.ly/2017YDP>

For queries, please approach bro Alvin or contact the organisers at ydp2k17@gmail.com

NEWS



Thursday Bible Class

How Christians Deal With Problems

By bro Reuben Lim

Birthday of the week

10 Oct (Tue) – Zachary

13 Oct (Fri) – Benjamin Kwan

14 Oct (Sat) - Tricia



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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Overseas:

- *Sis Shuan Kwee* in Hong Kong for work
- *Sis Joann* in Perth, Australia, for studies
- *Sis Farah* in London, UK, for studies
- *Bro Long Jun* in China
- *Bro Wei Xiang* in China for a 6-week internship till 14 Oct

Health

- *Sis Baby's & Auntie Yeoh's* health
- *Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's, sis Peiyi's & bro Ivan's* health
- *Bro Roberto's* recovery from his knee surgery
- *Bro Capi's mother's* health

NSF

- Bro Joel Lee, bro Kevin, bro Wei Jie, bro Benedict

MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		8 Oct 2017	15 Oct 2017	22 Oct 2017
<i>Song Leader</i>		Alvin Lin	Amos Yang	Justin Kwan
<i>Opening Prayer Leader</i>		Charlie Teo	Danny Poo	Low Chong Ping
<i>Psalms Text</i>		Psa 42:1-11	Psa 43:1-5	Psa 44:1-8
<i>Preacher</i>		John Grubb	Ernest Lau	Alvin Lin
<i>Lord's Supper Text</i>		1 Cor 11:23-29	Mar 14:22-25	Matt 26:26-29
<i>Lord's Supper Servers</i>	<i>Scripture Reader</i>	Jeshua Lin	Zachary Ling	Soo Kok Leong
	<i>Prayer: Bread</i>	Jonathan Yang	Farand Lim	Victor Lee
	<i>Prayer: Fruit of Vine</i>	Henry Leow	Lau Jeng Sang	Wong Sek Hoong
	<i>Prayer: Offering</i>	Joel Lee	Alan Poon	Henry Leow
	<i>Assistant</i>	Melvin Tan	Yew Tian Geng	Ng Wei Xiang
<i>Foundation Class</i>		Arthur Yap	Wee Hooi Kok	Kenneth Liong
<i>Announcer</i>		Jimmy Lau	Benjamin Kwan	Lee Tian Seng
<i>Greeters</i>		Lim Poh Im Shum Chee Ming	Ludina Carrido Susan Cheong	Jeshua Lin Nicodemus Oey
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
<i>Song Leader & O.P.</i>		Amos Yang	Alvin Lin	Jimmy Lau
<i>Speaker</i>		Ernest Lau	Jimmy Lau	Jerry Cheong
<i>Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.</i>		Lee Tian Seng	Henry Leow	Lee Tian Seng
Thursday Midweek Service				
<i>Song Leader</i>			Jeshua Lin	Ernest Lau
<i>Opening Prayer Leader</i>			Henry Leow	Alvin Lin
<i>Closing Prayer Leader</i>			Ong Jun Wei	Danny Poo