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Facebook LAP Live Stream @ 9.30am Sermon: Focus on the promises of God by bro Michael Yeo

HYMNS FOR TODAY

PRESENT CRISIS

NEWS & UPDATES

MISSING ONE ANOTHER?

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

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Tar-ry with

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Tarry with Me 112 Knowles Shaw, 1868 Caroline Sprague Smith, 1852 is pass - ing by; my Sav - ior, For the day 1. Tar - ry with me, the glow - ing west; up-on Thy breast 2. Deep-er, deep - er Pal - er now grow the shad - ows, 3. Tar - ry with me, my Sav - ior, Lay my head FINE the shades of eve - ning gath - er, And the night is draw-ing nigh. Swift the night of death ad-vanc - es: Shall it the night of rest? be Till the morn - ing; a - wake me, Morn-ing then of e - ter - nal rest. D.S.- For I'm lone - ly here with-out Thee; Tar - ry with me thro' the night. **CHORUS** D.S.

Sav - ior, Leave me

not

till morn-ing light;

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Blessed Assurance





THE PRESENT CRISIS

LAST WEEK'S SERMON NOTES BY BRO PETER KWAN @ EASTSIDE COC

Fear and anxiety have been gripping the world with the coronavirus disease. This deadly pandemic has been wildly and has caused spreading numerous deaths and severely disrupted lives everywhere in the planet. The disease seems unforgiving and out of control but we take comfort in the fact that the LORD IS IN CONTROL. When Adam sinned subjected the world ever since to natural disasters, diseases, wars and death.

Romans 8:22 (ESV) For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. The Bible speaks of a man named Job who went through adversities. He many was blameless upright. He and feared God and shunned evil. The Lord said to Satan. "There is none like him on the earth." (Job 1:8) He was greatly blessed with a family of seven sons and three daughters. With sheep, 3000 camel, 500 yoke of oxen. 500 donkeys. appears before God and attacks Job's character "Does Job fear God for no reason?" (1:9), Satan requests God to stop protecting and blessing Job, and claims that Job will curse God if the "hedge" surrounding Job (1:10) is removed! God allows Job to be severely tested by Satan but on condition that Satan cannot harm His person.

The drama begins with Job's losses in one day, his oxen, donkeys, and their servants to Sabean raiders. His sheep and their servants to fire. His camel and their servants to Chaldean raiders. His sons and daughters are killed in a tornado. Job mourns and tears his robe. shaves his head and falls to the ground. But then he worships. In grief, he still praises God. Even though he considers God as the One who has done all these things. He blesses the name of the Lord. He does not charge God with wrong. (Job 1:20-22). Job acknowledges God's sovereignty (1:21 ESV),

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NAKED I CAME FROM MY
MOTHER'S WOMB,
AND NAKED SHALL I
RETURN. THE LORD GAVE,
AND THE LORD HAS
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The drama continues with Satan approaching God requesting that He afflicts Job with a terrible disease (2:4-5). To prove integrity of blameless and upright, allows Job to be tested again by Satan but on condition that Satan must spare his life (2:6). The disease was characterized by boils (2:7), itching (2:8), drastic change of appearance (2:12), worms and running sores, corroding bones and gnawing pain (30:17), blackened skin and fever (30:30). The indication is that this horrible condition continued for months (7:3: 29:2). Job's wife loses faith and calls upon him to "curse God and die" (2:9)

Later his three friends came to mourn with him, and to comfort him. His friends apparently did not know and understand Job and his relationship with God. They accuse him of doing evil and of abandoning God. Job pleads His case to God (Job 5-13). God appears to Job (Job 38-42:9). "Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?" (38:1-2). The Lord reveals His Omnipotence and His Creation to Job (38:4-42:6). The song "LORD, I BELIEVE" specifies something about God which we can and must believe.

"When we behold the wonders of creation,
The flowers that bloom,
the raindrops as they fall,
The spacious skies,
and life's perpetuation,
We cannot doubt that
God controlled it all.

When we perceive the
state of alienation
In which the soul, from Thee,
O God, was lost,
We must believe,
by heaven's ordination,
Our Lord redeemed and
paid the bitter cost.

Some days are filled with
joy and expectation,
Some days are dark, with
cares we are beset.
In hours of joy or hours of
tribulation,
Be with us, Lord,
lest we, lest we forget,

Chorus: elieve ues:

"Lord, I believe, yes I believe, I cannot doubt or be deceived; The eye that sees each sparrow fall, His unseen hand is in it all." God also denounces Job's friends for their "folly" (42:7-9). In the Epilogue, God restores what Job has lost by twofold. He is blessed with 7 sons and 3 beautiful daughters. He lived 140 years, saw descendants to the fourth generation, and died full of days (42:7-17).

The Bible also speaks of God rules in the kingdoms of men, The 4:32-37. apostle declared that God "works all things according to the counsel of his will" (Ephesians 1:11). Civilizations have risen and fallen. Great leaders of nations have reigned and have been dethroned. Even wicked rulers may be doing God's bidding, 10:5-15. Isaiah God never forsakes the righteous, Psalm 37:25; Matthew 6:33

There number are a statements that declare God's unlimited power, "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" (Genesis 18:14); "I know that You can do things" (Job 42:2); "For nothing will be impossible with God" (Luke 1:37); "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26); "Ah, Lord God! It is You who have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for You" (Jeremiah 32:17).

First, we do live in a world that tarnished has been and corrupted by the problem of sin, and, being such, we will always the effects of see such corruption. This includes death. sickness, natural disasters and even this global scourge, COVID-19.

Second. we should always consider where we are in our relationship with God. We know we live with corruption. We also know that God has promised final redemption and a day of judgment (Acts 17:30-31). Are we ready for this? Are we ready to Maker? meet our Let therefore draw near to our God with fervent prayers of praise, thanksgivings, confessions and supplications.

Third, take every opportunity through testing to learn and grow (James 1:2-4). That's on us. We cannot always stop disasters and problems from touching us, but we can control how we react to the circumstances. In whatever situation we find ourselves, like Paul, we can trust that the Lord will help us through and strengthen us to accomplish all that He desires (Philippians 4:11-13).



AND WE KNOW THAT FOR THOSE WHO LOVE GOD ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD, FOR THOSE WHO ARE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE.

(ROM 8:28 ESV)



This verse gives comfort, hope and direction to Christians every day. We may feel like feathers blown in a typhoon of despair with the present crisis. But our faith and hope is grounded on a sure foundation. GOD IS IN CONTROL.





HEALTH OF SIS LINDA

Please pray for sis Linda that she can receive the right course of treatment, and that she will be well and comfortable. Please pray for the family also that they will be strong as they continue to minister to her during this time.



OVERSEAS

- Bro Kenneth Liong & sis Iris in San Francisco
- Sis Shuan Kwee in Hong Kong



HEALTH

- Sis Baby's, sis Yeoh's, sis Rosalind's, sis Swee Inn's & bro Winston's health
- Sis Suan Kiang's & sis Linda's health
- Bro Soo Ping's recovery from his spine surgery
- Sis Jasmine Lim's mother's recovery from fractured ankle

PREGNANCY vu (Apr)

- Sis Wenyu (Apr)
- Sis Cynthia Lee (Jun)
- Sis Melissa (Aug)



NSF

- Bro Titus
- Bro Shawn
- Bro Zachary
- Bro Wei Xiang





THIS WEEK

5 Apr (Sun)

- Hwee Chin & Arthur
- 6 Apr (Mon) Ser Ern
- 9 Apr (Thu) Shuan Kwee
- 10 Apr (Fri) Kok Leong
- 11 Apr (Sat) Poh Teng

NEXT WEEK

13 Apr (Mon)

- Jerry & Sau Ching

14 Apr (Tue)

- Peter & Henry Chee

15 Apr (Wed)

- Wenyu









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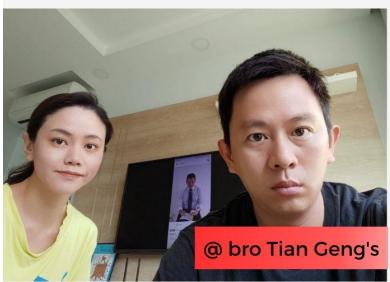












Thank you to all the hosts!

Hope everyone is doing well! Let's pray that the situation will get better!