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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

## **CHURCH OF CHRIST PRESENTS**

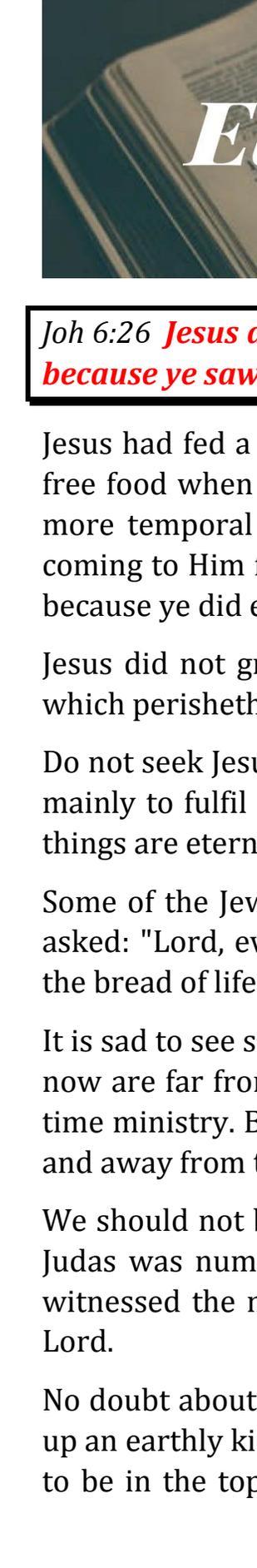
# **"THE GREATEST LIFE EVER LIVED"**

**Speaker: Alvin Lin**

**27 May 2018, Sunday | 9.30am |**

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# *Elder's exhortation*

*by bro Jimmy Lau*

***Joh 6:26 Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.***

Jesus had fed a great multitude the day before. They were thrilled that they could have free food when they followed Him. Many returned the next day. They hoped to receive more temporal benefits by attaching themselves to Him. Our Lord rebuked them for coming to Him for the wrong reason: "Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled."

Jesus did not gratify their curiosity. The Saviour bade them, "Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life" (John 6:27).

Do not seek Jesus merely for material benefit. Many seek Jesus for the wrong reason and mainly to fulfil the things of this life. Things in this life are temporary but the spiritual things are eternal and life everlasting which only the Son of God alone can give.

Some of the Jews that were present did not understand the message of Jesus and they asked: "Lord, evermore give us this bread" (John 6:34). Jesus then spoke plainly: "I am the bread of life" (John 6:35).

It is sad to see some who have made a profession of faith in Christ but later fell away and now are far from God. Some of them had even been involved in serving the Lord in full time ministry. But something went wrong and now they are not only out of the ministry and away from the church, some even profess they do not believe in Jesus.

We should not be surprised since the Bible contains many examples of spiritual failure. Judas was numbered among the twelve apostles. He was part of the inner circle that witnessed the miracles and heard the teachings of Jesus. He fell. He even betrayed his Lord.

No doubt about it, some of the other disciples followed Jesus thinking that He would set up an earthly kingdom and reign as king. Peter, James, and John came to Jesus requesting to be in the top positions in the kingdom (Mark 10:37). Even after the Lord had been

resurrected, the disciples asked: "Wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6).

So, why do you follow Jesus? Someone may say, "I am following Jesus because I want Him to give me a marriage partner." Another may follow Jesus because he wants Him to heal his sickness. Another may follow Jesus because he is lonely and wants to meet friends.

Denominations today use cheap gimmicks to get people to follow Jesus. The church service has been changed from heart-felt worship to Hollywood style entertainment complete with special effects.

There are many people today who attend church because they are "bread seekers" rather than genuine Christ seekers. Are the reasons listed below why you attend church?

- I like the preacher.
- They have a wonderful church building.
- The church runs a childcare and kindergarten school; just what I need.
- The people are friendly and loving.
- I am looking for a life partner.
- The church distributes food every first Sunday of the month.

The right reason to follow Jesus is because of who He is: God and Saviour. If our faith rests on the person of Jesus Christ as revealed in Scripture, then we will not be shaken when we suffer terrible health or encounter failures and afflictions in our lives. This is because our faith rests on who Jesus is and on what He has promised His children throughout eternity.

When our faith rests on a firm foundation that Jesus is God and our Saviour, we will remain strong even when we struggle with tribulation, distress, persecution, poverty, health issues, or death itself. We can overwhelmingly conquer all those obstacles because our faith is in Him as our Lord and Saviour (Rom. 8:35-37). We trust God and have faith in what He is doing.

I like this quotation: "Life is like a piano, the white keys represent happiness and the black show sadness. But as you go through life's journey, remember that black keys also create music."

Follow Jesus because of who He is, and not for the temporal benefits that He might give you. The "bread seekers" followers will quit when they find that the bread is not coming. But true followers of Christ will remain steadfast unto the end. Let us follow Jesus because of who He is: God, Saviour, and King.



## **Is the Bible Obsolete?**

By Wayne Jackson

**“How can the Bible be accepted as universal when certain aspects of it are obsolete by reason of the ancient cultures out of which it arose? In view of its historical setting, how can it be practical? How can it function as a guide for man today?”**

In considering this question there are several factors that must be taken into consideration.

### **Change Is Inevitable**

If the one making this objection is concerned with arguing a consistent position, he would be forced to contend that God could never give a written revelation to mankind, because history never stands still. There always has been, and ever shall be, changes in cultural conditions.

Thus, according to the logic advanced above, any written communication from Heaven would become obsolete in relatively rapid fashion. For that matter, all historical documents would be worthless because the modern student would be unable to understand them due to evolving circumstances.

The question, therefore, has a built-in presumption that reflects upon the very nature of God.

### **Who Is God?**

In order to correctly address the alleged problem suggested above, one must recognize the following facts (which could be argued effectively independently, but for the convenience of this brief piece, will be stated only).

- God exists.
- He is the Creator of humankind.
- He has always had an ideal goal for Adam’s offspring, but humanity, irresponsibly exercising its freedom of choice, rejected that ideal and plunged itself into a state of sin and suffering.

- Out of divine love, a plan for man’s redemption was initiated.
- That plan was revealed progressively across the ages of time.
- From the nature of the case, the record of that purpose has been embedded in human history.
- By his infinite power, the Lord was able to adapt the facts and conditions of his purpose to a universal mode of communication capable of being understood in any era, in spite of the fluctuations of historical circumstances.

### **Historical Background of the Bible**

Much of the Bible has its roots in the land of Canaan, that special parcel of real estate that God gave to Abraham and his offspring in preparation for the coming Messiah. One of the remarkable characteristics of this small territory is its versatility. Palestine has a broad variety of geographical features — from high mountains, e.g., snowcapped Hermon (almost 10,000 feet), to the sweltering region of the Dead Sea area (1,300 feet below sea level).

The land has hosted a large conglomerate of forests, plants, and animals (both wild and domestic). This unusual diversity, together with the fact that much of the imagery (by which biblical ideas are conveyed) is drawn from the conditions of the region, has provided an ideal means of communicating to wide range of cultures (both ancient and modern). It is hardly a coincidence that Jehovah chose this region as a preparatory arena for the unfolding of his revelation by means of the Scriptures.

### **God’s Expectations for Human Understanding**

Jesus expected the people of his generation to understand the requirements of Moses’ law, even though that religious system had been initiated fifteen centuries earlier.

For instance, Christ rebuked the Sadducees, charging that they were ignorant of the Scriptures. Then, in establishing his case for the resurrection of the dead, he anchored his argument from a text in the book of Exodus (see Matthew 22:29-30).

It is obvious that the Lord did not endorse the notion that the clarity of the Old Testament documents had been shrouded in obscurity by virtue of the passing of some fifteen centuries.

Similarly, Paul declared that:

*“Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that through patience and through the comfort of the scriptures we might have hope” (Rom. 15:4).*

He too was oblivious to the modern notion that divine revelation is made obsolete by “time.”

### **Timeless Truth**

Many truths are timelessly transparent, in spite of the culturally grounded language in which they are clustered.

When the Pharisees and scribes saw Jesus extending friendship to sinners and tax collectors, they harshly criticized him (Lk. 15:1-2). And so, in one of his parables the Savior told of a man who had a hundred sheep, one of which wandered into the wilderness and became lost. With loving concern, the shepherd went after the imperiled creature and tenderly brought it home.

Though most of us are not in the sheep business today, it does not require an advanced degree in animal science to understand the lesson being conveyed.

Who can miss the spiritual point in the parable of the “Good Samaritan” (Lk. 10:25ff), in spite of the fact that the imagery in which the lesson is nestled arises from an environment of twenty centuries ago?

Are the common truths enshrined in Aesop’s fables without value today merely because (presumably) a Greek slave who lived more than 2,500 years ago wrote the composition? Who has so argued?

### Conclusion

The charge that the Bible cannot be understood, and therefore is irrelevant today, is without merit. This is but another of those shallow rationalizations that take their rise from the flawed logic of those who seek to avoid responsibility to the Creator.

Such is but a thinly-veiled attempt to fashion a religious system of human flexibility that permits a man to “direct his own steps” (Jer. 10:23).



### Congratulations!

Our heartiest congratulations to **bro Isaac Chua & sis Wenyu** who celebrated their wedding yesterday! The couple would like for everyone to celebrate this happy occasion with them with a buffet lunch TODAY after the bible class!



## Health

1. We thank God that **Sis Peiyi's** scope results revealed that her cancer is now in remission! Please continue to pray that she will remain in good health.
2. Please pray for **bro Gideon's** recovery from his jaw surgery last week.



## Travels

*(Please pray for travelling mercies)*

1. **Bro John, sis Susan, bro Jun Wei & sis Ser Ern** in Taiwan till 20 May.
2. **Clement (sis Susan Ng's son)** in Beijing for immersion programme till 26 May.
3. **Bro Justin** is travelling for work till 3 June.



UPCOMING EVENTS  
MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

# FELLOWKIDZ

DATE: 26 MAY 2018, SATURDAY  
TIME: 11AM-5PM  
VENUE: SIS SER ERN'S HOUSE.

## FAMILY CAMP 2018

**Date:** 4 – 7 June, Monday - Thursday  
**Venue:** Berjaya Waterfront Hotel  
**Theme:** *Christians & Communications*

**Cost:**

\$190/adult  
\$150/child with bed  
\$90/child without bed

*Only 2 more weeks!*



# NEWS



## Thursday Bible Class

### Ruth Chapter 3

by bro Ernest Lau

## Birthday of the week

20 May (Sun) – Diana

22 May (Tue) – Constance

23 May (Wed) – Jonathan

26 May (Sat) – Amos



Please send any news & prayer requests to [limahpincoc@gmail.com](mailto:limahpincoc@gmail.com)

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## Overseas:

- *Sis Shuan Kwee* in Hong Kong
- *Sis Farah & bro Siang Yee* in London, UK, for studies
- *Bro Long Jun* in China
- *Bro Nigel* in Dubai
- *Bro Kenneth Liong and sis Iris* in San Francisco

## Health

- *Sis Baby's & Auntie Yeoh's* health
- *Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's, sis Peiyi's & sis Molly's* health
- *Bro Roberto's* migraine
- *Sis Doris'* recovery from her trigger finger surgery
- *Sis Alice's* recovery from a closed fracture.
- *Lisa's (bro David Sum's daughter)* recovered from her surgery.
- *Sis Molly's brother's* health
- *Bro Capi's mother's* health
- *Sis Siew Siew's mother's, sis Shu Fang's mother's, sis Doris' mother's, sis Shermin's grandmother's & sis Sarah's grandmother's* health

## Pregnancy

- Sis Lydia (Jun'18), sis Jasmine Chan (Jun'18), sis Debbie (Jun'18)

## NSF

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

# MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		20-May-18	27-May-18	3-Jun-18
<i>Song Leader</i>		Amos Yang	Ernest Lau	Joel Lee
<i>Opening Prayer Leader</i>		Victor Lee	Danny Poo	John Goh
<i>Psalms Text</i>		Psa 66:1-10	Psa 66:11-20	Psa 67:1-7
<i>Preacher</i>		Danny Poo	Alvin Lin	Lee Tian Seng
<i>Lord's Supper Text</i>		Mat 26:26-29	Isa 53:4-9	Php 2:5-11
<i>Lord's Supper Servers</i>	<i>Scripture Reader</i>	Gordon Loo	Nicodemus Oey	Marc Wee
	<i>Prayer: Bread</i>	Soo Kok Leong	Henry Chee	Wong Sek Hoong
	<i>Prayer: Fruit of Vine</i>	Henry Chee	Ling Leong Dak	Danny Poo
	<i>Prayer: Offering</i>	Timothy Ng	Martyn Gostelow	Ong Jun Wei
	<i>Assistant</i>	Leonard Chia	Paul Lim	Titus Goh
<i>Announcer</i>		Ernest Lau	Benjamin Tan	Lau Jeng Sang
<i>Greeters</i>		Lee Tian Seng	Jimmy Lau	Benjamin Kwan
		Wang Tingwei	Malaphone Inthilath	Benbin Aspacio
		Teo Kim Tian	Lois Chee	Ellen Hernandez
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
<i>Song Leader &amp; O.P.</i>		Amos Yang	Kevin Lee	Alvin Lin
<i>Speaker</i>		Alvin Lin	Ernest Lau	Andy Lin
<i>Lord's Supper, Giving &amp; C.P.</i>		Ling Leong Dak	Shawn Wong	Martyn Gostelow
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm			24-May-18	31-May-18
<i>Song Leader</i>			Benjamin Kwan	Alvin Lin
<i>Opening Prayer Leader</i>			Ong Jun Wei	Reuben Lim
<i>Closing Prayer Leader</i>			Kenneth Quek	Benjamin Tan