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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

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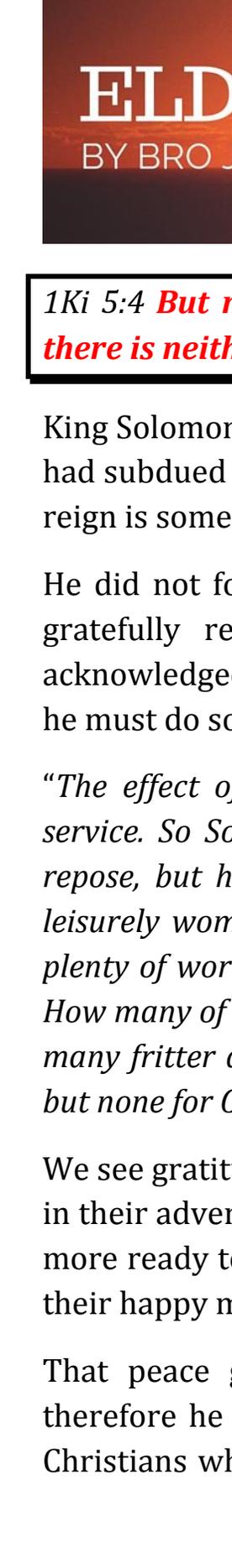
Let the Bible Answer

Organised by  
Lim Ah Pin Rd Church of Christ

THE GOODNESS AND  
SEVERITY OF GOD

Speaker: Alvin Lin  
9:30am, 26<sup>th</sup> Mar 17  
@ 20 Lim Ah Pin Rd





# ELDER'S EXHORTATION

BY BRO JIMMY LAU

***1Ki 5:4 But now the LORD my God hath given me rest on every side, so that there is neither adversary nor evil occurrent.***

King Solomon enjoyed a period of peace and prosperity during his reign. His father had subdued most of the enemies and there were no more war for him to fight. His reign is sometimes called the golden age of Israel.

He did not forget God while he enjoyed this period of peace and prosperity. He gratefully recognized that it was God who gave him those blessings. He acknowledged that it was God who had given him rest on every side. He said that he must do something in return for God. He decided to build a temple for God.

*“The effect of blessings should be thankfulness, and the proof of thankfulness is service. So Solomon did not take prosperity as an inducement to selfish luxurious repose, but heard in it God’s call to a great task. If all the rich men and all the leisurely women who call themselves Christians would do likewise, there would be plenty of workers and of resources for Christ’s service, which now sorely lacks both. How many of such ‘lay up treasure for themselves, and are not rich toward God’! How many fritter away their leisure in vanities, having time for any amusement or folly, but none for Christian service!” (MacLaren Comm).*

We see gratitude in Solomon. How often do we hear Christians complain about God in their adversities but fail to give thanks to God in their prosperity. They are often more ready to put the blame on God’s hand in sorrow but fail to see God’s hand in their happy moments.

That peace gave Solomon an opportunity to build the temple for God, and therefore he resolved to set about it immediately. How different it is with many Christians who wait for the right time to serve God. They have a stable job, good

income, loving wife and children, enjoy the fruits of their labour, go on vacation once a year, some even twice, but where is their service to God?

The Psalmist asked: **“What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me?”** (Psalm 116:12). Have we ever asked ourselves the same question? Some say it is not the time to serve God as they are busy with their career and families. I am reminded of the Jews in Haggai’s time. They said: **“The time is not come, the time that the LORD’S house should be built”** (Hagg 1:2). They were too busy building their own houses that they had no time to build the house of God. Does it sound familiar?

Solomon’s thoughts were on the house of God. He desired to build a temple for God. Are our thoughts constantly on the house of God? God's goodness excited Solomon to think of building the temple. He remembered his blessings; he wanted to render to God for all His benefits towards him.

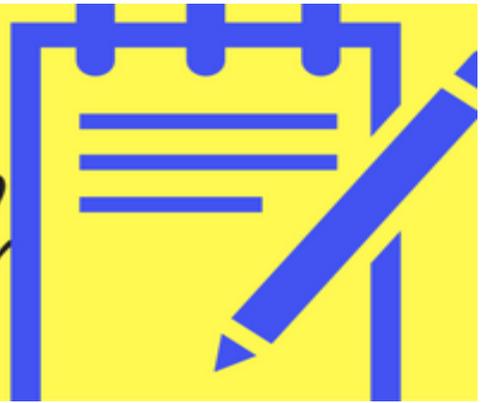
How about us? Have we forgotten His blessings towards us? Are we building the house of God? Are our thoughts constantly on the house of God?

God has also given us peace and prosperity. We are all rich materially. You don’t have to have a million dollars in your bank to be considered rich. We are asset rich. If you have a roof over your head, you are richer than many in the world who can not afford one. If you can eat in a restaurant, you are rich. If you can afford to eat a McDonald meal, you are rich. If you go on vacation once a year, you are rich.

A boy asked his parents if they were rich. His parents replied they were not. He wrote in the essay about My Family. He wrote: “My family is among the poorest in this nation. While others live in high rise apartments, we live in a two storey house. Others have a field to kick their football; we have only a small garden. They swim in the long rivers; we have only a small pool to swim. My classmates come to school in huge vehicles driven by their chauffeur; my mother has to drive me to school.”

Many will not admit that they are rich. Thank God that we are rich and He is the source of our blessings. Let us show gratitude to God like Solomon. Let us build the house of God. Let us lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven today. McLaren is right: *“The effect of blessings should be thankfulness, and the proof of thankfulness is service.”*

# From the Brotherhood



## Forget Not All His Benefits

*Adapted from Rodney Nulph*

*(<http://gospelgazette.com/gazette/2017/feb/page2.html#article2>)*

The Psalmist of long ago declared, “Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and forget not all his benefits” (Psalm 103:2). Surely one of the great themes of the Psalms is praise and adoration. I love to study the wonderfully inspired Psalms because each time I do, my heart is filled with a greater desire to thank God and praise His great name. The above Psalm reminds us to “...forget not all his benefits.” The word “benefits” as is used here refers to “that which has been given.” On a daily basis, God “...loadeth us with benefits” (Psalm 68:19). Surely one of the greatest tragedies would be to forget the benefits or blessings that God gives. Hezekiah made that terrible mistake, and God’s wrath was kindled against him for his forgetfulness (2 Chronicles 32:25). Nine lepers that were healed by Jesus forgot to praise and thank the Master as well, and Jesus took note (Luke 17:15-18). Our lives are truly loaded with daily benefits! Consider with me just a few...

Firstly, there is the daily benefit of **help**. Life upon earth, at times, can be very difficult. Without help, life can be unbearable. However, we have the guarantee that God’s help is available to the faithful. David, when faced with great trouble, declared, “Behold God is mine helper: the Lord is with them that uphold my soul” (Psalm 54:4). Interestingly, David was writing of a time when the Ziphites betrayed him out to Saul (1 Samuel 23:19; 26:1). David felt as though he had no help, no encouragement, and

yet, he realized that God was his help. The writer of Hebrews boldly reminded his readers, "...The Lord is my helper and I will not fear what men shall do unto me" (Hebrews 13:6). Paul encouraged Timothy with this very thought as well. "At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge. Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion" (2 Timothy 4:16-17). To know and be assured that God will always be there for us, no matter what comes our way, is a daily benefit that should thrill our very souls!

Secondly, there is the daily benefit of **hope**. Sadly, I meet people day by day that have no hope, nothing for which to look forward. To the Christian, however, he lives each day filled with hope! The hope of knowing that my sin is forgiven is a great benefit. Guilt and shame inundate the lives of those who have never been forgiven. However, those who have met the blood of the Savior, can "look the world in the eyes" because their sins are "remembered no more" (Jeremiah 31:31-34). God reminded His people of old, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11 ESV). Paul commanded that we "rejoice in hope" (Romans 12:12). To enjoy the daily benefit of hope not only makes tomorrow bearable, but makes tomorrow enjoyable (Romans 15:13)!

Thirdly, there is the daily benefit of **home**. Surely one of the greatest joys in life is to have a place to call home. No matter how difficult the day, happiness ensues when we arrive at home. However, this home on earth is only temporary. Can you imagine the happiness that will overwhelm us when we get to our permanent home! Jesus spoke of this home to calm His anxious disciples (John 14:1-4). The patriarchs of old remained faithful because they desired a better home (Hebrews 11:16). When you go on vacation, although the trip may be enjoyable, the destination is what keeps you motivated. Similarly, the Christian life, although filled with daily benefits, pales in

comparison to the destination above. "Sometimes I grow homesick for heaven and the glories I there shall behold. What a joy it will be when my Savior I see in that beautiful city of gold!" The daily benefit of home keeps us on the journey.

We serve an amazing God! He cares and provides for our daily needs. He extends mercy when we fail. The Psalmist knew that God was worthy to be praised. Dear readers, the God that the Psalmist praised is the same God whom we should praise. As you pillow your head tonight, oh please, "forget not all his benefits"! Thank you God for all you do!



### Meeting Reminder

#### **Business Meeting**

Date: 19 March 2017, Sunday (**TODAY**)

Time: 12.15pm

*All bible classes teachers, please end your classes at 12.05pm.*

### Guests Last Week

1. Sis Low Rui Shan  
*(Columbia Heights COC, San Francisco)*
2. Sis Emily Esconde  
*(sis Bernice's former helper)*
3. Chia Yock Ee  
*(bro Daniel's wife)*
4. Doloras Roberto  
*(bro Roberto's wife)*
5. Yeo Boon Chiew  
*(bro Peter Chin's friend)*
6. Stephanie Senna  
*(bro Martyn's friend)*
7. Shalen  
*(sis Seow Hui's helper)*

### Baby Joy!



Our heartiest congratulations to **bro Farand & sis Cynthia** on the birth of their baby boy, **Noah Lim** on 13 March. Please continue to pray for the health of both mother and child.

### Health

***(Please pray for smooth recovery)***

1. **Bro Ernest's** recovery from papular urticaria (allergic reaction to mosquito bites)
2. **Sis Pooi Fun's mother's** recovery from stroke

# UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

**25 March 2017, Saturday**

**Area Cleaning**

Time: 10am – 12nn

Venue: Church Building

***More hands make light work!***

**26 March 2017, Sunday**

**Evangelism Sunday**

Time: 9.30am

Venue: Church Building

*Topic: The Goodness & Severity of God*

*Speaker: Bro Alvin Lin*

***Invite your family & friends to hear  
the good news!***

**8 April 2017, Saturday**

**Blood Donation Drive**

Time: 11am – 5pm

Venue: Church Building

***Please inform sis Rachel Poo if you are  
interested to donate.***

**14 April 2017, Friday**

**(Public Holiday)**

**Dementia Health Forum**

**Time: 10am-12pm**

Venue: Church Building

Topics: Dementia and related conditions

***Please inform bro Alvin or sis Ser Ern  
or sign up thru [goo.gl/44eafz](http://goo.gl/44eafz) if you  
are interested.***

**Blood Drive MRT Tracting**

Dates:

**25 March, Sat –**

11.30am-2.30pm

**26 March, Sun –**

1.30pm – 3pm

**1 April, Sat –**

11.30am – 2.30pm

**2 April, Sun –**

1.30pm – 3pm

***Please inform bro Andy or sis Rachel  
Poo if you are interested to help.***

**11-14 June 2017,  
Sunday- Wednesday  
**Combined Camp 2017****

Venue:

Lotus Desaru Beach Resort

Theme:

One Big Family

Cost:

\$230/adult, \$90/child

***Book your leave now & sign up at the  
Events noticeboard!***

**1 - 3 June 2017,**

**Thursday - Saturday**

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Chinese Asian Bible  
Lectureship**

Venue: Syeun Hotel (Ipoh, Malaysia)

Cost: RM360/pax for twin sharing

***Please sign up on the Chinese  
noticeboard if you are interested to  
attend.***

# NEWS



## Thursday Bible Class

Organisation -  
Broaden Your Skills  
By bro Timothy Ng

## Birthday of the week

- 19 Mar (Sun) - Irene, Marc & Rachel Quek
- 20 Mar (Mon) - Amy Yap
- 21 Mar (Tue) - Tuan Sang, Nicodemus & Christine Chan
- 23 Mar (Thu) - Annie Cheong
- 24 Mar (Fri) - Melvin
- 25 Mar (Sat) - Lynn



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

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## Overseas:

- **Sis Joann & bro Mitchell** in Perth, Australia for studies
- **Sis Rachel Ting** in UK for studies
- **Bro Jong Wah & sis Nancy** in Perth, Australia
- **Our supported missionaries:** Bro Kwan, bro Bob & bro George (China), bro Glen (Australia), bro John Yo (Taiwan), bro Hai (Vietnam)

## Health

- **Sis Baby's & Auntie Yeoh's** health
- **Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's & Kwan Mama's** health
- **Sis Susan Goh's mother's** health
- **Sis Kim Tian's** recovery from her skin problem
- **Sis Jasmine Lim's** recovery from her eye problem
- **Sis Susan Goh's** recovery from her fractured ribcage
- **Bro Joel Lee's** recovery from his knee surgery
- **Sis Doris'** recovery from her varicose vein surgery
- **Sis Shanice's** recovery from her eye surgery
- **Lisa's (bro David Sum's daughter)** recovery from ACM & sinusitis

## Expectant Mothers

- Sis Daryl Cheong (May), sis Siew Siew (Sep)

## NSF

- Bro Joel Lee, bro Kevin

# MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		19 Mar 2017	26 Mar 2017	2 Apr 2017
<b>Song Leader</b>		Justin Kwan	Jonathan Yang	Benjamin Kwan
<b>Opening Prayer Leader</b>		Victor Lee	Jerry Cheong	Chua Kian Hong
<b>Psalms Text</b>		Psa 23:1-6	Psa 24:1-10	Psa 25:1-11
<b>Preacher</b>		Paul Lim	Alvin Lin	Ernest Lau
<b>Lord's Supper Text</b>		Mark 15:24-37	Mark 14:22-25	Isa 53:4-9
<b>Lord's Supper Servers</b>	Scripture Reader	Shawn Wong	Timothy Ng	Henry Chee
	Prayer: Bread	Wong Sek Hoong	Lim Poh Teng	Nigel Poo
	Prayer: Fruit of Vine	Ling Leong Dak	Danny Poo	Ling Leong Dak
	Prayer: Offering	Henry Leow	Joel Lee	Timothy Ng
	Assistant	Zachary Ling	Ng Wei Jie	Jose Cardoza
Foundation Class		Wee Hooi Kok	Lau Jeng Sang	Kenneth Liong
<b>Announcer</b>		Amos Yang	Ernest Lau	Alvin Lin
<b>Greeters</b>		Grace Ler Lois Chee	Lim Poh Im Shum Chee Ming	Jeshua Lin Nicodemus Oey
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
<b>Song Leader &amp; O.P.</b>		Jimmy Lau	Alvin Lin	Alvin Lin
<b>Speaker</b>		Ernest Lau	Jimmy Lau	Joel Lee
<b>Lord's Supper, Giving &amp; C.P.</b>		Henry Leow	Lee Tian Seng	Jerry Cheong
<b>Thursday Midweek Service</b>			<b>23 Mar 2017</b>	<b>30 Mar 2017</b>
<b>Song Leader</b>			Alvin Lin	Jeshua Lin
<b>Opening Prayer Leader</b>			Benjamin Kwan	Ong Jun Wei
<b>Closing Prayer Leader</b>			Benjamin Tan	John Goh