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EVANGELISM SUNDAY

Invite your family & friends!

Is the End of the World Coming Soon?

by bro Ernest Lau

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FACEBOOK PUBLIC PAGE

(LIM AH PIN CHURCH OF CHRIST)

TOMORROW @ 9.30AM

DON'T FORGET

E-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TOMORROW @ 2PM VIA ZOOM

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

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*Elder's exhortation
by bro Jimmy Lau*



PRAYER REQUESTS, BIRTHDAYS & MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

NEWS & UPDATES

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

Elders

Bro Jimmy Lau
Bro Michael Yeo

Deacons

Bro Jerry Cheong
Bro Benjamin Tan

Preacher

Bro Ernest Lau

Administrator

Sis Ser Ern

Holy, Holy, Holy!

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Reginald Heber, 1826

Alt., *Hymn Tune & Service Book*, 1879

John B. Dykes, 1861

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Tho' the dark-ness hide Thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the crys - tal sea;
 Tho' the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see;
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim Fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly! There is none be - side Thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God o - ver all, and blest e - ter - nal - ly.
 Who wast, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love and pur - i - ty.
 God o - ver all, and blest e - ter - nal - ly.

131 There's a Great Day Coming

Will L. Thompson, 1887

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1. There's a great day com-ing, A great day com-ing, There's a
 2. There's a bright day com-ing, A bright day com-ing, There's a

great day com-ing by and by; When the saints and the sin-ners shall be
 bright day com-ing by and by; But its bright-ness shall on-ly come to

part-ed right and left, Are you read-y for that day to come?
 them that love the Lord, Are you read-y for that day to come?

CHORUS

mp Are you read-y? *pp* Are you read-y? *mp* Are you read-y for the judg-ment day?

mp Are you read-y? *pp* Are you read-y *mp* for the judg-ment day?

143 When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

James M. Black, 1893

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1. When the trump - et of the Lord shall sound and time shall be no more,
 2. On that bright and cloud - less morn - ing when the dead in Christ shall rise,
 3. Let us la - bor for the Mas - ter from the dawn till set - ting sun,

And the morn - ing breaks e - ter - nal, bright and fair;
 And the glo - ry of His res - ur - rec - tion share;
 Let us talk of all His won - drous love and care;

When the saved of earth shall
 When His cho - sen ones shall
 Then when all of life is

gath - er o - ver on the oth - er shore,
 gath - er to their home be - yond the skies, And the roll is called up yon - der,
 o - ver and our work on earth is done,

FINE CHORUS

I'll be there. When the roll is called up yon - der,
 When the roll is called up yon - der I'll be there,

Prepare to Meet Thy God

James Henry Stanley, 1909

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1. Care - less soul, why will you lin - ger, Wand - ring from the fold of God?
 2. Why so tho't - less are you stand - ing While the fleet - ing years go by,
 3. Hear you not the earn - est plead - ings Of your friends who wish thee well?
 4. If you spurn the in - vi - ta - tion Till the Spir - it shall de - part,

Hear you not the in - vi - ta - tion? O pre - pare to meet thy God.
 And your life is spent in fol - ly? O pre - pare to meet thy God.
 And per - haps be - fore to - mor - ow You'll be called to meet thy God.
 Then you'll see your sad con - di - tion, Un - pre - pared to meet thy God.

CHORUS

Care-less soul, O heed the warn - ing, For your
 O care-less soul, heed the warn - ing,

life will soon be gone; O how sad to
 will soon be gone, O yes, your life will soon be gone; to face the judg - ment

face the judg ment, Un - pre - pared to meet thy God.
 O how sad to face the judg - ment Un - pre - pared to meet thy God.

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**HOW THAT IN A GREAT
TRIAL OF AFFLICTION
THE ABUNDANCE OF
THEIR JOY AND THEIR
DEEP POVERTY
ABOUNDED UNTO THE
RICHES OF THEIR
LIBERALITY.**

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2CO 8:2

The churches in Macedonia were very poor congregations. They were also experiencing severe trials of affliction. Yet, in spite of the extreme circumstances they were undergoing, those things did not kill their spirit of giving. They also could not rob them of the joy they had in the gospel. They remained very joyful and generous in spite of their deep poverty and great trials that were facing them.

There are at least two lessons we can learn from this verse about the churches in Macedonia:

1. They demonstrate to us that we are never too poor to give.
2. They demonstrate to us that we can remain joyful in any circumstances.

1. THEY DEMONSTRATE TO US THAT WE ARE NEVER TOO POOR TO GIVE.

The willingness to give lies in the attitude and not in the circumstances. If you are thinking of raising funds for your congregation, you would not think of asking from the Macedonian churches. You would have thought that they had enough problems of their own. You would assume they are too poor to be able to give. You would even suppose that they needed help from others instead. You would imagine that their minds would be so wholly engrossed with their own concerns to be concerned with yours. Well, you are wrong!

Generosity lies in the character and not in the wallet. One can be a millionaire and yet a miser. You will find that a poor man is more willing to share whatever little things he has than one who is rich. Why?

A life of comfort has made many people to become selfish and self-centred. But the poor knows what it is like to be poor and they can sympathise with them. The poor and afflicted churches of Macedonia felt this duty, and therefore came forward to the uttermost of their power to relieve their more impoverished and afflicted brethren in Judea. They knew what it is like to be hungry; they didn't want their poorer brethren to suffer hunger. Hence, we do see the poor helping those who are poorer than themselves; and the afflicted, comforting those who are more afflicted than they are.

Money is always a delicate topic to handle in the church.

Few preachers want to preach about it and members are divided on how to use it. Some would want to spend only for themselves. When the poor brethren from another country ask for aids, they grumble: "Why do they keep asking for money?" One commentator wrote: "Comfort makes men selfish, even though they are Christian; but if they are Christian, affliction, even to the spoiling of their goods, teaches them generosity," (Expository Bible Comm, e-sword).

Paul's instruction to the rich also applies to any churches that are rich:

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As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share.

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1 Tim 6:17-18 ESV

2. THEY DEMONSTRATE TO US THAT WE CAN REMAIN JOYFUL IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

The Macedonians, though both poor and persecuted, rejoiced exceedingly. Who says one must be rich to be happy? Who says the poor are always sad?

Happiness is a choice and not a result. The rich are not always happy and the poor are not always sad. Happiness does not depend on circumstances. I can be happy with a simple bowl of noodles. I can be sad when the table is spread out with delicious dainty dishes.

The Macedonian churches had abundant joy arising from the hope and promises of the gospel. And the effect of their joy could be seen in the liberal contribution which they had made. Their afflictions did not rob them of the joy they had as Christians and in helping others. They chose to remain joyful.

Paul wrote about his trials: "We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed" (2 Cor 4:8-9, ESV).

Happiness is a reaction. You can choose to dance in the rain or sulk because your plan is affected by it. Paul was in prison when he wrote: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice" (Phil 4:4).

Which prisoner can say the same thing? When the apostles were put in prison, beaten and then released, what was their reaction? "And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name" (Acts 5:41). Happiness is a choice; we choose our reaction.

Are you joyful in the Lord? Are you generous with your mammon of unrighteousness? Think about it.

Prayer Requests, Birthdays & Men-to-Serve Schedule



HEALTH

- Sis Baby's, sis Yeoh's, sis Rosalind's, sis Swee Inn's & bro Winston's health
- Sis Suan Kiang's, bro Eddy (JCOC)'s health
- Sis Jasmine Lim's mother's recovery from fractured ankle

OVERSEAS

- Bro Kenneth Liong & sis Iris in San Francisco
- Sis Farah in UK



PREGNANCY

- Bro Samuel's wife, Alexis (Dec'20)
- Sis Sarah (Mar'21)
- Sis Sheila (Mar'21)



NSF

- Bro Zachary
- Bro Wei Xiang
- Bro Cornelius (ECOC)



THIS WEEK

25 Oct (Sun) - Jimmy
30 Oct (Fri) - Melissa
31 Oct (Sat) - Peiyi

NEXT WEEK

3 Nov (Tue) - Wei Jie
4 Nov (Wed) - Barbara

8 Nov (Sun) - Charlie & Nove
11 Nov (Wed) - Mary
13 Nov (Fri) - Shermin

18 Nov (Wed) - Kim Choo
20 Nov (Fri) - Chin Siang,
 Peck Lian, David Sum, Farah
 & Rolly

24 Nov (Tue) - Susan Ng
25 Nov (Wed) - Angel
26 Nov (Thu) - Jong Wah
27 Nov (Fri) - Chong Ping
28 Nov (Sat) - Lilian

MEN-TO-SERVE (SUN)	25 OCT	1 NOV
SONG LEADER & OPENING PRAYER	BENJAMIN KWAN	ERNEST LAU
SERMON TITLE	IS THE END OF THE WORLD COMING SOON?	FRIEND OF THE WORLD VS FRIEND OF GOD
PREACHER	ERNEST LAU	MICHAEL YEO
LORD'S SUPPER, GIVING & CLOSING PRAYER	ONG JUN WEI	TITUS GOH
MEN-TO-SERVE (THU)	29 OCT	5 NOV
BIBLE CLASS TOPIC & TEACHER	GENESIS 42 BENJAMIN TAN	GENESIS 43 ERNEST LAU

Health Update

Sis Sarah would like to request for prayers on behalf of her friend's father, Lim Ching Hock. About 2 months ago, he had undergone a surgery for stroke. He is now beginning to respond to voice, move his fingers and able to open his eyes slightly. Thank you all for your prayers on his behalf, and do continue to pray that he can regain full consciousness.

Appeal for Donation from Baonaoang church of Christ



Banaoang church of Christ, Philippines, has made an appeal for help as they are in need of funds for an urgent renovation of their building, which has been in dire conditions. The major item for the renovation is the replacement of their roof, which has become worn and rusty. Additionally, the roof is not ideal as it makes the hall very warm on sunny days, and during rainy days, it leaks water, causing the hall to be flooded. This situation makes their building very inconducive for worship.



We would like to appeal to members to donate generously to help our brethren for this project. Please send your donations by **31 October** (refer to bank account/PayNow in laplist email) inform bro Ernest about your donation.

Upcoming Event

FOR LADIES ONLY

SERVING THE SAVIOUR
AS A SENIOR

sis Leanna Coats

10:00AM - 11:00AM
OCTOBER 31, 2020
VIA ZOOM

Please inform sis Stephanie if you are planning to attend!