



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship – 28 July 2019

Theme for the Year: "Strength in Weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Prelude	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>
Call to Worship	
*Opening Hymn	434 – <i>Our Great Saviour</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Hymn	339 – <i>Glory To His Name</i>
Tithes & Offering	
*†† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	John 14:1:11
Hymn	623 – <i>Footprints of Jesus</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life"
*Closing Hymn	Insert – <i>We Come, O Christ, To You</i>
*Benediction & <i>Threefold Amen</i>	
Silent Prayer & Postlude	
Announcements	<i>*Congregation standing</i>

†Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen.

††Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise
him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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The Book of Proverbs

One of my favourite Bible books is Proverbs. Over my ministry I have preached through the Book a number of times because of its relevance to us today, so I take this opportunity to share some of its gems with you. We won't look at every proverb, but I will pick some out and see what they have to say to us about life.

Proverbs is a very practical book. When we read Proverbs we read about paths of action that should be avoided. We should heed the warnings and stay away from that path. We do not have to learn the hard way. And on the positive side, when Proverbs describes for us the path that we should be walking, then that is the path we should be on.

There are two ways we can learn about life. We can learn from experience - we go the wrong way and we reap the consequences. Now, I know that when we go the wrong way, we can and should, in fact we must, come to God in confession.

But remember that while God forgives, nature does not.

The other way we can learn is from God's Word, and so we avoid the wrong path and therefore avoid the

consequences and the harm done along the way.

Proverbs 1:2-4 tell us why proverbs was written - "The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel: to know wisdom and instruction, to perceive the words of understanding, to receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, judgment, and equity; to give prudence to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion."

The 'simple' in verse 4 is the person who is easily influenced especially by group pressure.

Proverbs will give prudence to a person under peer pressure. Prudence is the capacity, or the ability, to be able to evaluate the pro and cons of a situation and to be able to seize the opportunity for the best possible good

So not only does it mean that we do not get sucked in, it also means we make the best use of the opportunity.

Verse 4 again 'to the young man knowledge and discretion' In other words, a knowledge of Proverbs will give us wisdom beyond our years. A student who believes the Bible, and knows that God created this world,

has far more wisdom on that issue than their evolutionary minded teacher who may have a string of degrees after their name.

While that teacher will only have a string of theories about the origin of everything, that young child can tell that teacher, graciously, of course, how it all began. They will have wisdom beyond the years

And these words - wisdom, understanding, judgment, discretion, justice, equity - are going to appear over and over again in the Book of Proverbs in different ways as God shows us how to avoid the wounds of bad choices made by living by our own judgment that is not being transformed by our daily intake of the Word of God

Verse 5 says, "A wise man will hear and increase learning, and a man of understanding will attain wise counsel." What is the message? We should know it. There is a positive sense in which every person is our

teacher because every person will know something that I do not know, and in that sense, they are my teacher.

3 things stand out about wisdom in verse 5 - when we hear it, we increase in learning, and attain wise counsel. Just because we have heard something over and over again, that does not necessarily mean that we have learnt it yet.

So the basic lesson of verse 5 is that we shouldn't think we know it all, but we are to continue to learn - ever the student. A wise saying goes something like this - "He gathers what he hears, he spends what he teaches. If we spend BEFORE or FASTER than we gather we will soon prove to be bankrupt.

To be continued...

~Pastor John Barlow



Catechism for Younger Children

4. How can you glorify God? By loving him and doing what he commands.
5. Why are you to glorify God? Because he made me and takes care of me.
6. Is there more than one true God? No. There is only one true God.

Worship Service Roster

<i>Service</i>	<i>This Week (28.7.19)</i>	<i>Next Week (4.8.19)</i>
Speaker	Ron Nugent	Glen Lock
Worship Leader	Jimmy Orchard	Johnson Lim
Pianist	Jairus Wong	Nancy Lim
Welcomers	Josephine Austin & Wendy Gong	Johnny & Lydia Orchard
Offering Stewards	Jansen Ng, Yen Fye Yap Chris Budiman, Kim Leow	Steven Lim, David Lim Johnny Orchard, Rex Sriharan
Ushers	August Ng, Jerome Ng	Putri Harapan, Josephine Austin
Kitchen Duties	Dina Portillo, Aliza Chiu August Ng	Adeline Ng, Nancy Lim Lydia Orchard, Helen Wong
PA Duty	Ian Tay	Raymond Woo
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>2 Aug 2019</i>	<i>9 Aug 2019</i>
Chairman	Johnson Lim	Jimmy Orchard
Pianist	Eugene Lim	Eugene Lim

Announcements

1. A warm welcome to all worshipers. May God richly bless you. Please stay behind after the service for fellowship and tea.
2. We welcome Pastor Ron Nugent to our pulpit this morning.
3. Ladies Fellowship Meeting today at 12:30pm. Lunch and continuation of the DVD "How People Change". Ladies of all ages are welcome! Please see Sis Wendy Gong.
4. The Lord's messenger for next Lord's Day is Pastor Glen Lock. He will be speaking on "Deliver us from the Evil One" (Luke 22:31-62).
5. We will be celebrating Lord's Supper next Lord's Day. Please bring a dish to share at the fellowship lunch.
6. Adult Bible Class: Pastor John Barlow will be teaching from Proverbs on 4, 11 & 18 August, this book is relevant for all ages.
7. Retiree's Bible Study is on break for the month of July and will resume in August.
8. Bread Collection Ministry: More helpers are needed to assist in collecting bread on Saturday afternoons. Please see Bro Ian Tay if you are able to serve in this area.
9. Worship Ministry Roster for August is available in the foyer.
10. Fellowship meeting calendar (June – Dec) is on the notice board.

Appointments for the Week

FRI 7:45 pm CBI & Prayer Meeting

SUN 9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship Service

Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance

General Fund - \$1,915.00 (ET- \$400.00,
\$200.00) Missions Fund - \$170.00 (ET- \$100.00).
Building Fund - \$5,690.00 (#650 - \$390.00, ET-
\$5,000.00, \$300.00)

Total Tithes & Offering - \$7,775.00.

*ET: Electronic Transfer Attendance - 110.