



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship — 4 August 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	397 – <i>I Know Whom I Have Believed</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	Matthew 4:1-11
The Lord's Supper	
Hymn	130 – <i>Beneath The Cross of Jesus</i>
Hymn	128 – <i>Hallelujah! What a Saviour!</i>
Tithes & Offering	
*†† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Luke 22:31-62
Hymn	526 – <i>I Need Thee Every Hour</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"Deliver Us from the Evil One"
*Closing Hymn	604 – <i>Who is on the Lord's side?</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 (2)

We are focusing on Proverbs 1 and up to verse 7 which is the central theme of God's philosophy for life - "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

Without God in our thinking we cannot arrive at the right conclusions to the basic issues of life.

As we look at our culture we see the degeneration. A generation ago we had much more of a Christian ethic within the structure of the culture of Australia. Today we live very much in a post-Christian culture and so we see the results, the much more blatant immorality, the over-emphasis on the rights of the criminal, the worship of the creature rather than the Creator in some of the animal activist groups, etc.

Some would save a calf from the slaughterhouse but would defend killing the unborn baby.

All evidence that without the 'fear of the Lord' we do not have the 'beginning' or the 'foundation' on which to build our knowledge and so our knowledge will let us down when we need it the most.

Without God, knowledge is distorted.

We see this through history. The Greeks believed that the gods enjoyed playing tricks on man and so if they came across a fossil in a rock that looked like a fish, it was most

likely not a fish, but the gods had made it to look like a fish to fool man. Their foundation, or their beginning of wisdom, was wrong.

Is that really as strange as it sounds? What about in our day? When an evolutionary anthropologist sees some bones, what are they to him? They would say that they are evidence that we came from a monkey.

Why? Because his foundation, or the 'beginning of his wisdom' is wrong.

Now we ask how it is possible for some people to be brilliant in their particular field and yet still godless, that they do not fear the Lord? How can this be?

The answer is that they possess some of the superstructure of knowledge, but no foundation, and so the philosophy of life that they live by is flawed. They may have some of the branches, but they've missed the roots.

That godless doctor may be brilliant in telling what is wrong with the body, but he will have just a string of theories about the origin of the human body. He will certainly have no foundation for human morality except his personal preference on issues like abortion, transgenderism, homosexuality, euthanasia, etc.

That linguist who is an ungodly person may know a lot about language structure but as far as the origin of

languages is concerned, they will only have theories.

But a child who believes the Bible will have more wisdom in that area than the non-Christian teacher. The non-Christian teacher may have the structure, but the God-fearing student has the foundation.

Verses 8 and 9 say, "My son, hear the instruction of your father, and do not forsake the law of your mother; for they will be a graceful ornament on your head, and chains about your neck."

The message of this passage is that true beauty in a child is obedience. It is for this reason that we who are parents should praise our children for character more than for talent because there are varying degrees of talent, as we all know. Some children have much, some have less.

But every child can develop good character!

Therefore, the message to parents is this - praise character and obedience more than talent.

Verses 10 and 11 say, "My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent. If they say, "come with us, let us lie in wait to shed blood; let us lurk secretly for the innocent without cause..."

This tells us to hang around with the right crowd.

We need to choose our friends from among those people who will encourage us and help to direct us in the right paths. One of the exciting things about being a Christian is that Jesus sorts our friends out for us.

Our friends will be those people who choose to accept us with our relationship with Jesus and with whom we can fellowship. Those who cannot accept us in that relationship will not choose to be our friends.

So Jesus sorts the friends out for us. Isn't that exciting?

To be continued...

~Pastor John Barlow



Catechism for Younger Children

7. In how many Persons does this one God exist? In three Persons.
8. Name these three Persons. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
9. What is God? God is a Spirit and does not have a body like men.

Worship Service Roster

<i>Service</i>	<i>This Week (4.8.19)</i>	<i>Next Week (11.8.19)</i>
Speaker	Glen Lock	Keith Morris
Worship Leader	Johnson Lim	Jimmy Orchard
Pianist	Nancy Lim	Eugene Lim
Welcomers	Johnny & Lydia Orchard	Kim & Jesslyn Leow
Offering Stewards	Steven Lim, David Lim Johnny Orchard, Rex Sriharan	Jacob Woo, Kim Leow, Ken Hong, David Pang
Ushers	Putri Harapan, Josephine Austin	Jerome Ng, Faith Chiu
Kitchen Duties	Adeline Ng, Nancy Lim Lydia Orchard, Helen Wong	Grace Wang, Carmel Sriharan, Jackie Hong
PA Duty	Raymond Woo	Ian Tay
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>9 Aug 2019</i>	<i>16 Aug 2019</i>
Chairman	Jimmy Orchard	Eugene Lim
Pianist	Eugene Lim	Nancy Lim

Announcements

1. A warm welcome to all worshippers. May God richly bless you. Please stay behind after the service for fellowship lunch.
2. We are celebrating the Lord's Supper today. First time visitors wishing to partake the Lord's Supper should see an elder before the service.
3. We welcome Pastor Glen Lock to our pulpit this morning.
4. The Lord's messenger for next Lord's Day is Pastor Keith Morris. He will be speaking on "Commitment to Christ and the Church" (2 Corinthians 8:1-7).
5. Cottage Meeting: Saturday, 10 August 2019 at 5 pm for dinner and Bible Study at church. All ages welcome. Please see Elder Johnson for more details.
6. Busy Bee: Saturday, 17 August 2019 from 9 am to 12 pm. Please avail yourself to tidy up the church compound. Please bring your garden tools.
7. 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.

Appointments for the Week

FRI 7:45 pm CBI & Prayer Meeting
 SAT 5:00 pm Cottage Meeting
 SUN 9:00 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Worship Service

Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance

General Fund - \$1,781.80(ET- \$200.00) Missions
 Fund - \$550.00 (#882 - \$360.00, ET- \$100.00).
 Building Fund - \$300.00 (ET- \$300.00)
 Total Tithes & Offering - \$2,631.80.

*ET: Electronic Transfer Attendance - 116.

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