



# COVENANT

## Bible-Presbyterian Church

*Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom*

### Order of Worship — 3 November 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	TP 99:1-5
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	John 6:41-58
The Lord's Supper	
Hymn	230 – <i>Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands</i>
Hymn	462 – <i>Be Thou My Vision</i>
Tithes & Offering	
*†† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Job 1:1-22
Hymn	342 – <i>When This Passing World Is Done</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"A Perfect and Upright Man"
*Closing Hymn	358 – <i>Not a Disappointment</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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## Touch Not The Lord's Anointed?

When David's men instigated him to harm Saul, David responded by saying that he would not stretch forth his hand against the anointed of the Lord.

This phrase is often used today when a minister comes under fire. It is assumed that he is the Lord's anointed and thus beyond criticism.

But this thinking has very negative consequences - it puts the minister above questioning, it assumes there are special Christians, and it can lead such a man to abuse his post.

*What Does it Mean to "Touch the Lord's Anointed?"*

In Psalm 105, Israel was called the Lord's anointed. Because of God's promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, he would be faithful to them - to give them the land of Canaan.

But while he promised, he didn't give them the land right away. Hebrews 11:8-9 says they lived in tents and were travelers in a land that was not theirs.

But throughout all that, God took care of them. He delivered them and kept them from harm.

Egypt tried to harm them and Balak tried to harm them. They traveled from country to country, faced difficulties, but God protected them and defended them from their enemies.

And he warned others not to touch the Lord's anointed. Touching the Lord's anointed, therefore, means to harm God's people.

Similarly, in 1 Samuel 24 and 26, David had opportunity to harm Saul but he refused to do so.

In 1 Samuel 24, Saul was in a cave to relieve himself, and David's men urged him to kill Saul. David didn't - but cut off a piece of Saul's garment. This was a sign to Saul that David could have killed him.

But after doing so, David's conscience troubled him. The fact that he even thought of killing Saul troubled David.

He said in 1 Samuel 24:5 - *"The LORD forbid that I should do this thing unto my master, the LORD'S anointed, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the LORD."*

And even when his man had an opportunity to kill Saul, David told him in 1 Samuel 26 - "Destroy him not: for who can stretch forth his hand against the LORD'S anointed, and be guiltless?"

While David felt it was wrong to strike Saul down, he felt it quite right to rebuke Saul - and in front of thousands.

1 Samuel 26:10 - *"David said furthermore, As the LORD liveth, the LORD shall smite him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall descend into battle, and perish."*

David knew that Saul deserved harm - but only the Lord could mete it out. Therefore, touching the Lord's anointed has to do with harming God's people.

*Who Is the Lord's Anointed?*

The word anointed means to pour oil. In the near east, pouring oil on someone was a mark of appointment - where one was set apart for a role. In the Bible, 3 kinds of people were anointed for their work.

The prophet was anointed. Elijah anointed Elisha in his stead to be a prophet. 1 Kings 19:16 - *"And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room."*

The priest was anointed. Aaron, the first priest, who was anointed by Moses. Leviticus 8:12 - *"And he poured of the anointing oil upon Aaron's head, and anointed him, to sanctify him."*

The king was anointed. Saul himself was chosen and set apart for the work as king. 1 Samuel 9:16 – *“To morrow about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou shalt anoint him to be captain over my people Israel, that he may save my people out of the hand of the Philistines: for I have looked upon my people, because their cry is come unto me.”*

### *Jesus is God’s Anointed*

Today, these offices are no more. They have been fulfilled by Christ. Jesus is now prophet, priest, and king. In fact, the Greek word for Christ means anointed. It is translated from “Messiah” the Hebrew word for anointed.

All the other anointed positions were foreshadows of Christ.

Jesus is the fulfillment of all prophets. Acts 3:22 (cf. Deuteronomy 18:15) – *“For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.”*

Jesus is the fulfillment of all priests. Hebrews 7:17 (cf. Psalm 110:4) – *“For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.”*

Jesus is the fulfillment of all kings. Matthew 2:5-6 (cf. Micah 5:2) – *“And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, and thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.”*

If Jesus is the anointed one, there is no need for any other now.

### *God’s People Are God’s Anointed*

But all believers are anointed by God. Just as the entire nation of Israel was considered anointed, all of God’s people are anointed.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 – *“Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.”*

In the Old Testament, only some believers were prophets, only some were priests, and only some were kings. But in the New Testament, because of what Christ has done, we are all prophets, priests, and kings. No one is above anyone else. Even Paul rebuked Peter on one occasion.

We are all prophets (Ephesians 5:18-19) and we are all priests and kings (Revelation 1:6).

In the same way, ministers and office bearers are anointed of God just as all believers are anointed. And while the Bible does speak of giving them due honor for their work, they are not above rebuke.

### *Conclusion*

To touch God’s anointed means to harm God’s people. And this is something we should never desire or think to do. ~  
*Pastor*



## **Catechism for Younger Children**

41. What is this change of heart called? The new birth, or regeneration.
42. Who can change a sinner's heart? The Holy Spirit alone.

## Worship Service Roster

<i>Service</i>	<i>This Week (3.11.2019)</i>	<i>Next Week (10.11.2019)</i>
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Mark Chen	Johnson Lim
Pianist	Ian Tay	Nancy Lim
Welcomers	Danny & Susie Tan	Kim & Jesslyn Leow
Offering Stewards	Rex Sriharan, John Tan John Chandran, Johnny Orchard	Ken Hong, Micah Chiang Xin Yi Hong, Sharon Sriharan
Ushers	Jemima Ng & Sharon Sriharan	Jerome Ng & Heng Qi Ban
Kitchen Duties	Eileen Tay, Alison Wong Putri Harapan, Ida Lee	Nancy Lim, Rebecca Lee Jemima Ng
PA Duty	Raymond Woo	Ian Tay

### Announcements

1. A warm welcome to all worshipers. May God richly bless you. Please stay behind after the service for fellowship lunch.
2. We are celebrating the Lord's Supper today. Please spend some time in quiet meditation and self-examination to prepare yourself to partake of the elements in the Sacrament.
3. Next week's message: "Testing from Above" (Job 2:1-10).
4. Church Family BBQ, 12pm on Sunday 1st December at Point Walter. Cost: \$5 for everyone except children under 6 years old. Please register and pay with Bro Micah Chiang or Bro David Pang.

#### Appointments for the Week

SUN 9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship Service

#### Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance

General Fund - \$2111.90 (#892 - \$200.000, #893 - \$20.00, ET - \$220.00). Mission Fund - \$1210.00 (#891 - \$1000.00, ET - \$100.00). Building Fund - \$1400.00 (ET - \$1300.00)  
Total Tithes & Offerings - \$4721.90

\*ET: Electronic Transfer Attendance - 126.