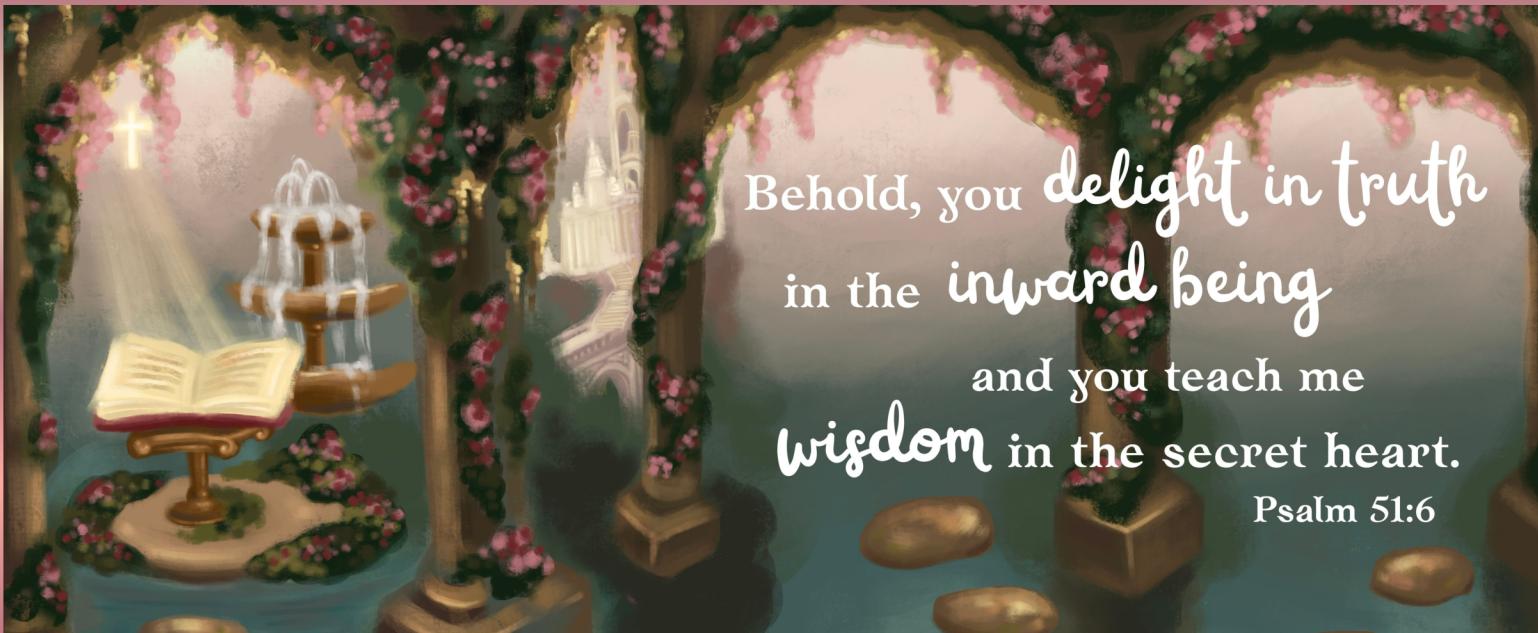




# SUNDAY BULLETIN

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## WORSHIP

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Honour the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops. Proverbs 3:9

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- General Fund (GF)
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#### THANK YOU

For God loves a cheerful giver.

### SENIOR CITIZENS' MINISTRY

**Thursday, 15 Jan, 10am in Church @ Main Hall**

**Exercise:** 9am before meeting in Church @ 160CR

**Topic:** All the Tribes are Guilty (Amos 3:1-15)

**Speaker:** Mrs Judy Lee

### LADIES' MEETING

**Sunday, 18 Jan, 10:15am in Church @ Annexe, L3**

**Theme:** Virtuous Women—Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit

**Topic:** Love, Joy and Peace

**Speaker:** Dr Koh Siang Kiang (Retired Professor of Singapore Bible College)

### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

**Sunday, 18 Jan, 10:15am in Church @ Annexe L203-204 & over Zoom**

**Topic:** Spiritual Disciplines—Overview

### SUNDAY PRAYER WITH ELDERS

Two elders will be available after the morning service to pray with anyone who seeks personal prayer support. This morning, Elders Khoo Teng Cheong and Dr Jonathan Choo will be present to spend time with you in private prayer.

### JOIN A CARE GROUP TODAY!

The Bible reminds us that our discipleship journey is more of a team effort than an individual solo run. BKC Care Groups began in our church over forty years ago and continue on today.

Reach out to Leong Kok Weng to join a Care Group today.

You may contact him at **92992280** or email him at

**leong.kok.weng@bethesdakatong.org.**

## MEETING THE HOLY GOD



Exodus 19:1–25 brings us to a dramatic and decisive moment in Israel's story. Having been rescued from slavery in Egypt, God's people now arrive at Mount Sinai. They are no longer slaves, but they are not yet shaped into a holy nation. So here at the mountain, the Lord reveals not only his will, but his holy presence.

God begins by reminding Israel of what he has already done: "I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself" (v4). Before any commands are given, God's grace is declared. Israel's subsequent obedience is therefore not a way to earn God's favour, but a response to his saving love. This rings true for all believers today as well. Our relationship with God always begins with what he has done for us, not with what we must do for him.

The Lord then calls Israel to be "a kingdom of priests and a holy nation" (v6). His call is both an honour and a responsibility. God chooses his people not just to bless them, but to bless the world through them (cf. Gen 12:3). They are to be set apart for him: distinct in how they live, speak, and worship. For us, this challenges any idea we may have that our faith is merely a personal one, just strictly between us and God. To belong to God is to reflect to the world his character in our everyday life.

As the people prepare to meet the Lord, the tone becomes serious and sombre. Boundaries are set around the mountain. Thunder, lightning, fire, smoke, and a loud trumpet fill the scene. God is near, but he is not casual. The separation is not because God is cruel, but because he is holy. It is a firm reminder that we are not to approach God lightly or on our own terms. While we are invited to draw near to him, we are also called to do so with reverence and awe.

Yet all that God does is not meant to push us away from him, but to draw us deeper into worship of him. The same God who descends in fire is the God who speaks to his people and invites them into a covenant with him. God's warnings are acts of love, guarding his people from treating his presence as common.

For the church today, Exodus 19 invites you and I to both gratitude and self-examination. We rejoice that God has saved us and brought us to himself through Christ. At the same time, we ask whether we honour his holiness in our worship, our obedience, and our daily lives. Do we listen attentively to his word? Do we prepare our hearts to meet him?

As we come before God, may we hold together both confidence and reverence. He is the God who saves, calls, and speaks to us—and he is still holy. Let us respond with obedience shaped by gratitude, and worship marked by awe.

# FOCUS ON PRAYER



## TODAY'S SPEAKER

Pray for Elder Paul Chan who gives us today's ministry message, **"Israel at Mt Sinai"** (**Exodus 19:1-25**). Pray that we will have attentive hearts to this message given to us.

## SERVE AND WORSHIP THE HOLY GOD

Holy God,

You carried us on eagles' wings and brought us to yourself. Teach us to approach you with reverence and obedience. Set us apart as your holy people, attentive to your voice, ready to worship, and willing to live as a kingdom of priests for your glory. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

## KINDERGARTEN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Pray the following for our Kindergarten Sunday School (KSS):

- Praise the Lord for the children (2 to 6-year-olds) whom he has brought into the ministry.
- Thank God for providing enough teachers this year.
- Pray for the young children to be able to understand the lessons, and grow in their love for God and faith in Jesus as their saviour.
- Pray for the teachers and assistants to have wisdom and creativity to carry out the lessons each week and to guard their own walk with the Lord.
- Pray for God to use the KSS ministry to reach out to other children and their families who have yet to know the Lord.

# THEME: TEACH ME THY WAYS

## VERSES OF THE WEEK: Exodus 19:5-6 (NIV)

"Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

## SERMON NOTES



### TODAY

Israel at Mt Sinai (Exodus 19:1-25)

Elder Paul Chan

### NEXT SUNDAY

The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-26)

Elder Dr Jonathan Choo

