



BETHESDA  
(KATONG)  
CHURCH

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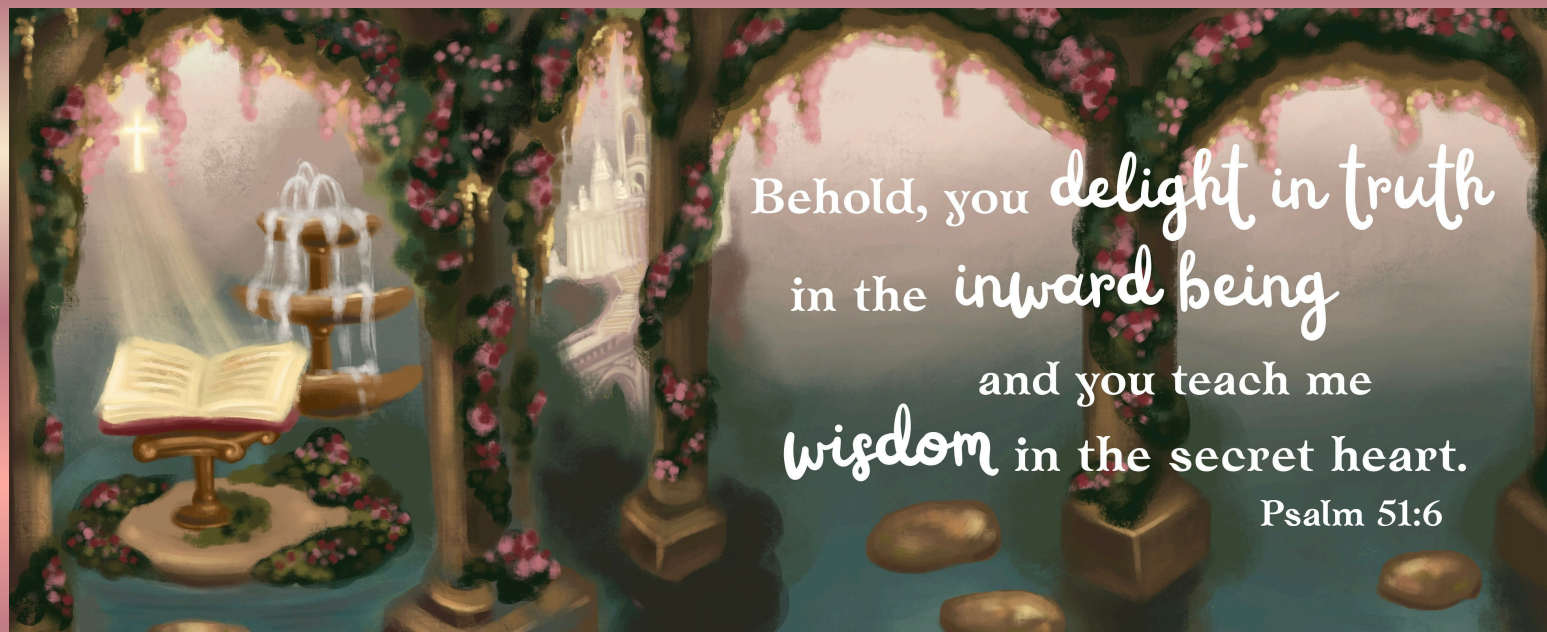
## SUNDAY BULLETIN

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GROWING Together  
IN CHRIST



### WORSHIP

#### THROUGH GIVING

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

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#### PURPOSE

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- General Fund (GF)
- Missionary Fund (MF)
- Disaster Relief Fund (DRF)

#### THANK YOU

For God loves a cheerful giver.

#### SENIOR CITIZENS' MINISTRY

**Thursday, 19 Feb, 10am in Church @ Main Hall**

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

**Activity:** CNY Celebrations

**Speaker:** Mr Jeffrey Goh

#### BAPTISM INSTRUCTION CLASSES

**Sundays, 22 Feb - 15 Mar, 10:30am @ Annexe, L204**

The next Baptism Service is planned for Easter Sunday, 5 Apr. For planning purposes, please register your interest in attending the classes with Susan via WhatsApp (@ 81261986).

#### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP AND LADIES' MINISTRY

The next meeting for Men's Fellowship and Ladies' Ministry will be on 15 Mar.

#### 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 Loon Sum Loon and Dr Douglas Chan will be present to spend time with you in private prayer.



#### ONE BODY, ONE FAMILY

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12

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CHURCH CAMP 2026



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also accepted  
at our Sunday booth.

#### REGISTER FOR CHURCH CAMP 2026

Join us for a meaningful time of worship, fellowship and growing together as "One Body, One Family" in God. BKC Church Camp 2026 will be held at Grand Paragon Hotel, JB from 14-17 Jun.

## GOD GUIDES AND GUARDS US ON THE WAY INTO HIS PROMISE



After pages of laws shaping Israel's life together, Exodus 23:20-33 brings the Book of the Covenant to a hopeful conclusion. God lifts the eyes of the Israelites toward the future: "See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared" (v20).

It is God who initiates his plan and shares it with his people. Israel is not told to forge its own path into Canaan. The Lord is the one who sends his messenger ahead of them. It is he who guards, brings, and prepares them. The same God who redeemed them from Egypt now commits himself to escorting them into his promise. Likewise, our Christian life also begins and matures this way, fully grounded in divine initiative. We move forward not because we are capable, but because God goes before us.

This promise, however, comes with a clear command: "Pay attention to him and listen to what he says" (v21). The angel God sends represents God's own authority and presence. To disregard him is to disregard God, and Israel is to fully obey God within this covenant relationship. Obedience to God must be our proper response to his gracious guidance. The Lord promises, "If you listen carefully... I will be an enemy to your enemies" (v22). In observing covenant loyalty, Israel, and by extension us, will then experience God's divine protection.

At the same time, this passage also warns us against compromise. Israel must not bow down to the gods of the land or adopt their practices. God's people cannot inherit God's promises while clinging to rival allegiances. God, being a jealous God, requires our total devotion. We cannot allow any other thing or person apart from God to occupy the altar of our lives. The idols of today may not be carved from wood or stone, but they are just as real. We chase after things such as success, security, approval and autonomy, consciously or otherwise. These false gods may be alluring and seemingly promise life; in truth they enslave us, leading to spiritual death. What is competing against God for your faithfulness? Are you intentionally rejecting the competition?

While God will grant Israel victory over her enemies, God states that this victory will be gradual: "I will not drive them out in a single year... Little by little I will drive them out before you" (v29-30). We often long for instant transformation—immediate answers, swift sanctification, quick resolution of hardship. But the Lord works in accordance with his timing and will. He shapes his people over time. He forms us through our steady dependence on him. Will you patiently abide in him?

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# FOCUS ON PRAYER



## TODAY'S SPEAKER

Pray for Pastor Elder Leong Che Yeong who gives us today's ministry message, **"Conquest of Canaan Promised" (Exodus 23:20-33)**. Pray that we will have attentive hearts to this message given to us.

## KEEP US FROM A DIVIDED HEART

Lord God,

As you go before us, guard our way and bring us to the place you have prepared. Help us to listen carefully and to obey your voice. Keep us from false gods and divided hearts. Drive out what opposes you, and make us wholly faithful to you. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

## LADIES' MINISTRY

Pray the following for our Ladies' Ministry:

- Pray for good bonding and an edifying time as ladies gather on the first Sunday of each month for prayer fellowship, focusing on the theme 'Virtuous Woman—Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit'. Pray that the fruit of the Spirit will take shape and grow in their daily lives, in their relationships within their families, in church and in the community.
- Pray for the third Sunday Ladies' Meeting each month, for their schedule to be protected and for the Holy Spirit to lead the speakers in their preparation. Pray also for the ladies to prepare their hearts to hear and apply.
- Pray for the Committee—for humble dependence on God, and to serve with unity and spiritual fervour, doing their best unto the Lord.

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Ultimately, the land is described as a gift from God. It is not Israel's entitlement, but rather it rests upon their covenant relationship with God.

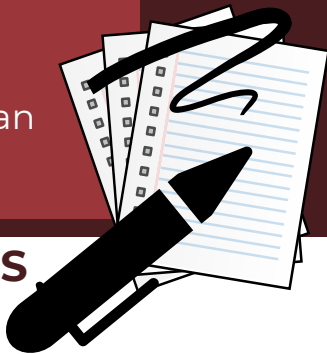
Today's passage calls us to trust and obey God. God goes before us in Christ, who leads us not just to a geographical inheritance but to eternal life. He guards our way. He commands our allegiance. He patiently sanctifies us.

The God who prepares the destination also prepares his people. Let us then follow him attentively, confident that the one who goes before us is faithful to bring us home.

THEME: TEACH ME THY WAYS

Verse of the Week: Exodus 23:22 (NIV)

If you listen carefully to what he says and do all that I say, I will be an enemy to your enemies and will oppose those who oppose you.



SERMON NOTES

TODAY

Conquest of Canaan Promised (Exodus 23:20-33)

Pastor Elder Leong Che Yeong



NEXT SUNDAY

Evangelism as Our Spiritual Formation and Discipleship (2 Corinthians 2:14, 17, 3:1-3)

Dr Lai Pak Wah  
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