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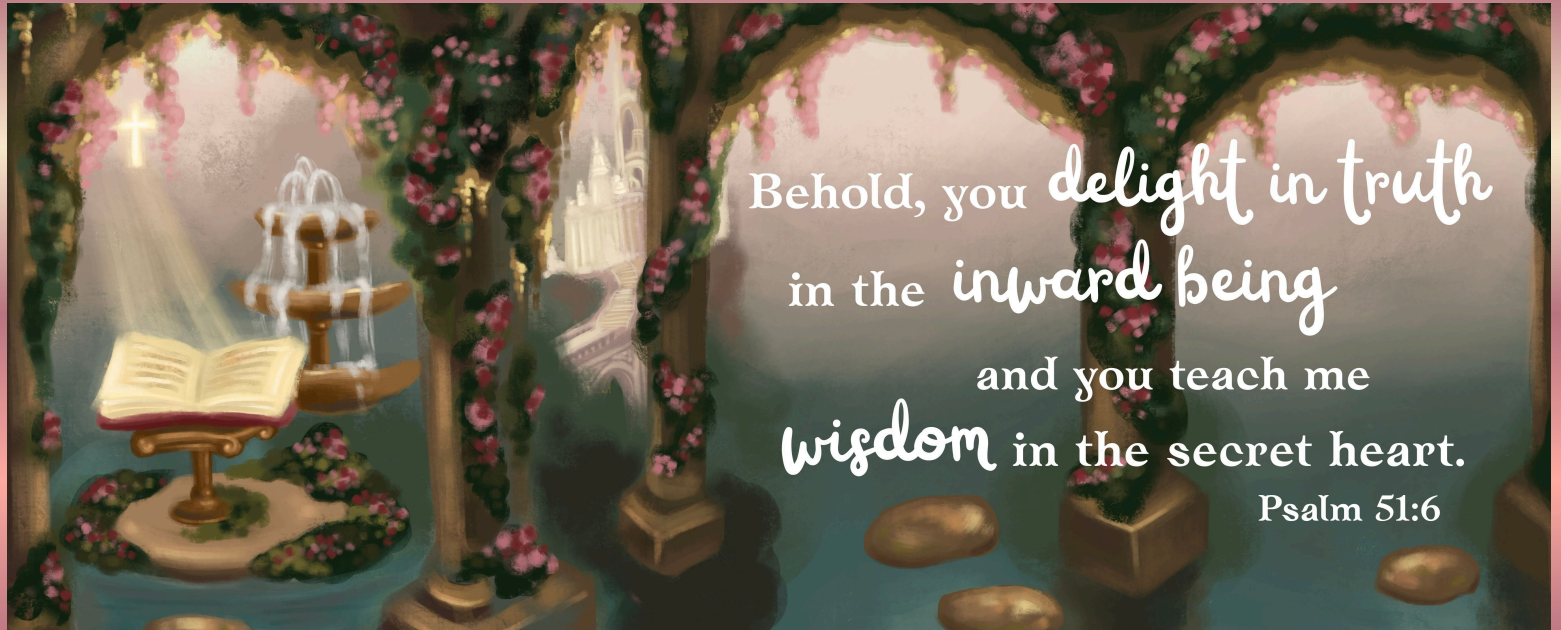
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Honour the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops. Proverbs 3:9

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- General Fund (GF)
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For God loves a cheerful giver.

CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE

Today, after morning service

Please stay on after service, for about 15 minutes, for a financial update by our Council Chairman, Elder Khoo Teng Cheong.

LADIES' PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

Today, 10:30am @ Annexe, L3

Topic: Patience—When Mature Love Waits

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Today, 10:35am @ Annexe, L203 & over Zoom

Topic: Not Good to Be Alone—Ecclesiastes 4:1-16

SENIOR CITIZENS' MINISTRY

Thursday, 7 May, 10am @ Main Hall

Exercise: 9am @ 160CR, before meeting

Topic: God's Unavoidable Judgement & Subsequent Restoration of Israel (Amos 9:1-15)

Speaker: Mrs Peck Suat Mui

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 Paul Chan and Richard Tio will be present to spend time with you in private prayer.

ROOTED AND FLOURISHING



Psalm 1 is an often read and a well-quoted psalm. It opens the entire Psalter (Book of Psalms) by presenting to us two paths, two ways to live, and ultimately two destinies.

Verse 1 instructs us: “Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers.” Notice the progression of actions—walk, stand, sit. Spiritual drift is real and yet it is often subtle. It begins, at first, as casual alignment with the ways of the world, but if we are not careful, it can slowly become our settled identity. The caution here for us is: Are there any ungodly compromises in our life that we need to be wary of?

But just resolving to avoid evil is not enough. In running from evil, there must also be something we run to—something that will keep and sustain us in the way of the righteous: “But whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night.” (v2) Elsewhere in the Psalter, specifically in Psalm 119:11, we are told: “I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.” God’s word guards us from sin. More than that, to the blessed ones, God’s word is also their affection. What captures their delight further shapes their direction as they spend time meditating on his word “day and night” (v2). This is a call to examine our loves: What fills our minds when we are unoccupied? What rhythms shape our days?

For those who delight in God’s word and who meditate on it continually, “That person is like a tree planted by streams of water.” (v3) This is not a picture of a wild tree struggling for survival, but one intentionally planted, nourished, and sustained. Its roots run deep, drawing life from a constant source of life-giving water and nutrients. Its leaves do not wither, even in harsh seasons, and it bears fruit faithfully in season. To the weary believer, this is a word of encouragement, for the one who abides in God’s word is being steadily shaped and will prosper, even when his or her spiritual growth may feel slow and their life situations remain challenging, for “the LORD watches over the way of the righteous” (v6). God is not distant or indifferent; he knows, guards, and pays close attention to the path of those who belong to him. They are forever held in his care.

The second half of the psalm, however, offers us a sober and solemn contrast with its stark image: “Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.” (v4) Chaff is “weightless”, rootless, and ultimately useless. They are here one moment but gone the next. A life disconnected from God may appear substantial for a time, but it cannot endure. When the winds of judgement come, there is nothing to hold it in place, and ultimately “the way of the wicked leads to destruction.” (v6)

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FOCUS ON PRAYER



TODAY'S SPEAKER

Pray for our Pastor Elder Leong Che Yeong who gives us today's ministry message, **"The Way of the Righteous and the Wicked"** (Psalm 1). Pray that we will have attentive hearts to this message given to us.

ROOTED IN GOD'S WORD

Dear Lord,

Plant us by the streams of your truth. Guard us from walking in wicked ways and shape our desires to delight in your word. Help us meditate on it day and night, so that we may bear fruit in season. Keep us rooted, steadfast and faithful to you, and may we always walk in your righteous path. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

BKC MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Pray the following for our Missions Committee:

- Pray for the team planning for the August missions month. Pray for the theme, speakers, and passages chosen to edify the church.
- Pray for the Lord's leading as they explore the feasibility of collaboration with the ministry of ElShaddai, a faith-based humanitarian NGO in Malaysia. The ministry reaches out to the displaced and marginalized communities of various nationalities through compassion services and social work. Their current work involves refugee, asylum-seeker, stateless people and other marginalised diaspora communities in Malaysia.
- Pray for the planning of this year's mission trips. May God guide more people to participate.

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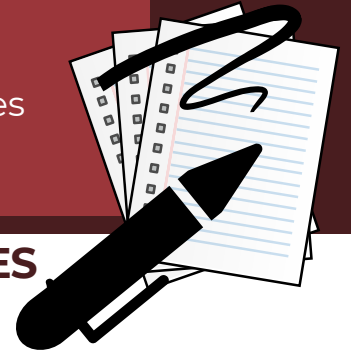
The contrast presented in this psalm is therefore also a challenge we should all take seriously: Are we rooted in the LORD or are we drifting? Are we shaped more by God's truth or by the patterns of the world around us? Where is our current path leading?

As a church, this psalm is a timely reminder for us to be a people rooted in God's word, delighting in his truth, and bearing fruit together while at the same time challenging us to examine our influences, our habits, and our desires. A righteous life is deeply blessed, even if it is not always easy. May we then choose wisely the way of life—one planted deeply in God's word, and flourishing for the glory of God.

THEME: TEACH ME THY WAYS

Verse of the Week: Psalm 1:2 (NIV)

... [but] whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night.



SERMON NOTES

TODAY

The Way of the Righteous and the Wicked
(Psalm 1)

Pastor Elder Leong Che Yeong



NEXT SUNDAY

Create in Me a Clean Heart
(Psalm 51)

Elder Khoo Teng Cheong