

Message from Pastor David Kerk

Deliverance Ministry of Gideon & Samson



Our local Sunday Times (Oct 19, 2008) features this headline "End of a greedy era". Inside that article contains these words "Life in the past decade like Easy Street. Need a plasma TV set? Put it on a credit card. Need to pay off the Visa? Use the MasterCard. But it backfired when borrowers began defaulting they could not afford in the first place. So Easy Street turned in Skid Row, and now the world is dealing with a full-blown global financial crisis." The article concluded with these words of reminder "Right now, they've learnt their lesson. But in 20 years, there'll be a new generation of bankers who won't remember this & they'll do something just as bad"

This current crisis is so similar to the generation after Joshua passed off the scene, the Israelites failed to consolidate the land God gave to their fathers. They lapsed into turbulent times tormented by the hands of the enemies. They cried out of despair, God called forth a "Judge/Deliverer" to throw off the yoke of the oppressor. Beloved, I hope this series of teachings by Dr. Paul Tan have deepen & strengthen your Commitment to Our Lord in Loving & Serving Him. Let's summarize the ministry of Gideon & Samson for those who missed last Sunday's teachings. Better still, get hold of the book "Christ In the book of Judges" for your personal study.

(1) Deliverance Ministry of Judge Gideon - Read Judges 6:11 & 16 - Promise of "the LORD is With You!"

Gideon was an unlikely candidate for God to be the deliverer for Israel when the Midianites invaded, occupied & oppressed Israel. When God called him, he was hiding, secretly threshing wheat in the winepress. Read v11. The Midianites speak to us of Legalism. They speak of how we can be enslaved and lose our freedom & privileges as sons of God. Legalism is the list of do's and don'ts that will bring us into bondage. Thank God that Jesus Christ has set us free from the curse of the law. **We can now come under the covenant of GRACE, free from the demands of the law!**

We need to understand that being sons of God we must walk in the Spirit - read Romans 8:14. In the Old Covenant, God wrote on tablets of stones but in the New Covenant, He writes His laws on the tablets of our heart - read Hebrews 8:10-11. No Spirit-born Christians need someone else tell him what

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Our Collections

Proverbs 3:9-10: "Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine."

September 08' Collections : \$32,487.10
Last week's up to 19th Oct 08 : \$14,256.70
Church Building Fund : \$27,080.00

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What is Water Baptism?

The physical act of water baptism has spiritual importance. It is the outward demonstration of the inward reality that took place in You on the day of your acceptance of Jesus Christ as your Savior & Lord. Those brethren who have already accepted Jesus Christ as Savior, please attend the baptism class starting November 2, 2008.

English Speaking : Bro Roland Seah
Mandarin Speaking : Bro Ricky Tan
Time for Lessons : 1.30pm to 3.30pm
Day of Baptism : December 25, 2008
Venue : Punggol Beach
Time : 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Pastoral Help is only a phone call away....

Not to mention the uncertain times ahead of us resulting from the recent global financial crisis, our daily life can be difficult. It's not easy to cope with life's changes, changes in lifestyle, in career, in relationship, in health situations. Sometimes it's difficult just being with another person, or being married or communicating your thoughts and ideas to another person.

At times we all struggle with anxiety, depression, loneliness, determining what we want to do with our lives, relationships with other people, pressures in school or at work.

When the pain from any of these life events become unbearable and prevents you from doing your daily chores, then time with one of our full-time pastoral staff could be helpful. **Please call Sis Ching Ching at 97710250 or Pastor David Kerk at 96460704.** At all time, try calling Sis Ching Ching or Pastor David as they are most willing to give you a listening ear.



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Date: Nov 17th to 20th

Fees: S\$50 per camper

YOUTH CAMP

Date: Dec 20th to 25th

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THE SUNDAY TIMES

26th October 2008

Sunday Services Time: 10.30am to 12.30pm

Today's Sermon

Speaker: **Bro Joe Tye**

Title of Message: **God Is Love**

Scripture Text: **1 John 4:16** -

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God Is Love. Whoever lives in Love lives in God, and God in him.

Background: *After the reign of King Solomon, Israel was divided into Northern & Southern Kingdom. Read 1 Chronicles 10:19 & 2 Chronicles 1:9. Samaritans are mixture of Jews & Gentiles. Read John 4:12. Finally the rebellious & troublesome Israelites ended up in the middle of the North & South kingdoms. Thus becoming an unwanted & rejected group of people. Who are the "Samaritan" people in our lives? - Unlovables & those in bondage.*

Main Points:

1. Spiritual Warfare at GROUND Level

John 8:32 *Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.*

- 1:1 Tell them
- 1:2 Teach them

2. Spiritual Warfare at OCCULT Level

Mark 6:13 *They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil & healed them.*

- 2:1 Casting out demonic spirit
- 2:2 Healing the sick

3. Spiritual Warfare with the PRINCIPALITY in heavenly realm

Ephesians 6:12 *For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the power of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*

- 3:1 Binding the stronghold
- 3:2 God's timing

Reflection on this message:

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he ought to do. All shall know the Lord, from the least to the greatest - read 1 John 2:27. The anointing will lead us into all truth and therefore apostle John tell us that all we need to do is to allow the Holy Spirit to instruct us.

Beware of the Midianites. Legalism brings bondage to our lives and will rob us of the Freedom of the Spirit. We also need to let our old self & habits die so that the GLORY of God can shine forth through you - read Matthew 5:16

(2) Deliverances Ministry of Samson - Read Judges 13:1-3 Personal Consecration

This text speaks of the birth of Samson. The name "Samson" means "sunshine" which is very important, Samson speaks to us the **GLORY that comes from the LIGHT, our Lord Jesus**. Samson as a child in his mother's womb, was already **CONSECRATED unto the LORD - set apart unto GOD** for Holy Use. Beloved, this word "Holiness" has often misunderstood as "Who You Are!" instead of "Who We Belong To!". The former often frustrates many of us because we struggle to be "Who We Are!" leading to those around us shouting foul "You Are Hypocrite!". However, the exact understanding Holiness meaning "Who We Belong To" will motivate & remind us of our Status In Christ, just like we orientals are proud of our family name - take for instance I take pride of my family surname "KERK". Similarly, we as **CHRISTIANS must know "Who We Belong To!" - unto CHRIST and HIM only.**

Samson was "**Separated Unto GOD**" and became a Nazarite. A Nazarite must abstain from touching of anything unclean. It was this great degree of **Samson's Separation Unto Holiness that imparted the Divine POWER of signs & wonders to him**. Samson is indeed the greatest judge with a high calling to be **HOLY before his GOD**. For a full details of the life of Samson, please read chapter 8 from "Christ in book of Judges" by Dr. Paul Tan.

Judge Samson speaks to us of the need for us to be **CONSECRATED unto the Lord**. By being separated unto our Lord as vessels for His Holy use, you and I can have the power to do the Ministry God with much joy & love unto Him & His Church. In short, **CONSECRATION is the Source of POWER in the Deliverance Ministry**. Praise God, He has called us to the ministry of deliverance. Beloved, may this learning on the ministry of Judges equip us to be better & effective ministers for our Lord in Church of Sengkang.

We Are Delivered Unto Our Lord,

Pastor David Kerk

Last Sunday's Sermon

Speaker : **Dr Paul Tan**

Title of Message : **IF Jesus Christ is Not LORD of my Life, then He is NOT LORD at all**

Scripture Text : **Judges 11:1-35**

Key Verse : *v12 Then Jephthah sent messengers to the king of the Ammonites and said "What do you have against me, that you have come to me to fight against my land"*

Background : *The Ammonites attacked the nation of Israel and took away their land. This land belongs to the children of Israel when they came out of Egypt. Read Genesis 15:18-21 The LORD raised up Jephthah as the deliverer. The Ammonites were product of an unlawful fleshy relationship - Read Genesis 19:36-38*

Main Points:

1. Come and Be our CAPTAIN, that we may Fight the Ammonites - v5

1:1 Welcome Back the LORDSHIP of Christ -v6

- They wanted Jephthah to Deliver them from the enemies
- Because they were under attack from the enemies
- Similarly, we want back our LORD when we are in trouble.

1:2 They Hated & DROVE Jephthah Away - v7

- Jephthah the Deliverer is a type of Christ in the Old Testament
- Similarly, some of us Drove our Lord Away when we are Blessed. We enjoy His Blessings But Do Not Want His Lordship

1:3 Now, they Want Jephthah To Be their LEADER - v8-9

- They turned to Jephthah for Help
- Similarly, we want our LORD to be our Helper
- Our LORD will help us. But will be LORD over us

2. You have COME to Fight against my LAND - v12

2:1 This LAND Belongs to the Israelites - Genesis 19:36-38

- Israel came into Canaan. They dispossessed the Ammonites
- Israel took possession of the LAND
- Genesis 15:18-21 God Gave this LAND to them after they left Egypt.
- Similarly, when we came out of the world of darkness/sin, Spirit of God dispossessed the acts & controls of the flesh and Gave us Abundant Life

2:2 Because Israel Came from Egypt Took away my land -v13

- Jephthah asked "Why you, Ammonites come into Israel's territory?"
- Similarly, the Flesh Will Often Try To Regain over Our lives.
- Galatians 5:17 Constant Fight between flesh Against spirit.
- Need to be led by the Holy Spirit of God

3. How To WIN Over the Flesh - Jesus is our Present-day Jephthah!

3:1 Let Christ RULE over you again.

- Just as Israel said to Jephthah, "You'll RULE over us!" -v6

3:2 Know Your RIGHTS to your possession

- The king of Ammon told Jephthah that Israel took his land. Jephthah told him " Get Lost!" v14

3:3 Claim Your VICTORY in Jesus' Name

- 1 Thess 4:4 Control your flesh in a way that is Holy & Honorable.

3:4 Pure Heart to LOVE our LORD and NOT Love the world

- 1 John 2:15-17 Surrender Totally to HIM.

Reflection on the Message:

You must destroy the Ammonites of your life today and ensure that they will not take back the territories they have lost. The key is to SUBMIT to our Lord and allow Him as LORD in our lives, the lawlessness of the flesh will have no place in our lives.

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