

MINISTERING TO THE SAINTS

SERVICES	4 MARCH	11 MARCH
CHILDREN'S CLASSES	Ai Cheng, Katherine, Ai Mei & Ai Lin	Ai Cheng, Katherine, Ai Mei & Ai Lin
USHERS	ANDREW, MARY YEOW & JOSEPHINE	LINDA, PAULINE & POI CHING
SERMONETTE	LIM YEOW BOO Who Baptized You?	OOI Egyptian Captivity
BIBLE STUDY	YEOW Issues in Genesis II	YEOW Egyptian Captivity
SERMON	RICHARD LEE Beliefs And Changes (Mark 7:1-7)	ENG KIM LENG Egyptian Captivity (Exodus 1)
SINGING LEADING	BENJAMIN	ALVIN
OPENING PRAYER	ENG	FRANCIS
SCRIPTURE READING	DANIEL LIM	JOVIN
LORD'S SUPPER	ALVIN & RENG A	CHRIS & LIM YEOW BOO
COLLECTION	EDWARD	RENG A
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CLOSING PRAYER	MAHIBAN	RICHARD
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What does God require of a man above all else?
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SUNDAYS:
9.30 AM
BIBLE STUDY
SUNDAY SCHOOL
10.30 AM
WORSHIP
2.30PM
MANDARIN WORSHIP

FRIDAYS:
8.00 PM
BIBLE STUDY

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that



In a word, what God requires of man is **obedience**, defined as dutiful or submissive behavior with respect to another person,- the "other person" being God Himself, and Jesus Christ His Son (Matt.17:5; 28:19-20). Of the many passages of scripture teaching this overarching imperative, two from Jesus' own words are clear and most forceful. The passages are Luke 6:43-49 (the parallel passage being Matt. 7:16-27) and John 14:15-31, 15:14-16.

As far Jesus is concerned, obedience to his master is required of everyone who desires to become a disciple and stay a disciple. Obedience is to Him the bearing of fruit. Together, these two passages declare that **mere faith or belief** (i.e. *mental assent or agreement* to the truths of, and *trust* in, God and His Son) is insufficient, as is mere *hearing or intellectual acknowledgement* of the word of God or mere *love* (as an *emotional feeling* of liking someone or something) towards Him.

An important point made during the Lord's "Sermon on the Mount" (Matt.5:1 to 7:29; Luke 6:20-49) is that the disciple's chief concern is his duty of obedience. Jesus had been in the midst of His disciples, from among whom He had chosen 12 apostles (Luke 6:13; see Matt.4:18-22). The Sermon on the Mount was an appropriate occasion to declare certain key teachings to a wider "followership", as a multitude who were healed

STATISTICS FOR 25 FEBRUARY 2007

CONTRIBUTION	RM3,112
ANGPOW COLLECTION	RM1,021
BIBLE STUDY	42
WORSHIP ASSEMBLY	68
FRI - BIBLE STUDY (23 Feb)	30
MANDARIN WORSHIP	13 & 2 kids
MANDARIN CONTRIBUTION	RM100

He answered and said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'

by Him were there hanging to His every word (Luke 6:17-19; Matt.4:23-25).

At the very end of His teaching of commandments and precepts, which was to become the backbone of Christian ethics, Jesus reminds His audience that what matters is the *doing of all that He has commanded* and not the *mere hearing* of it nor the mere acknowledging of His Lordship. The Lord described the man who obeyed as a wise man whose obedience was like the laying of a foundation upon solid ground. The consequence of not obeying was great ruin. In this sense, obedience (“bearing fruit”) will bring from God fruits of eternal benefit to the fruit bearer!

Very many people had by then come to “have faith” in Jesus, or at least to trust in His healing power. By calling for their obedience to His words, Jesus was calling for **faith in Him** to be translated into its logical consequence, **action in obedience to His commandments**. Faith has been defined as *“the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen”* in Hebrews 11:1, that scripture being followed by a long list of individuals who exhibited their faith by obedience. Faith has also been described as being dead without the works which should accompany it (James 2:14-26). Recognizing Jesus’ authority (Matt.28:19-20) means knowing His commandments and obeying such.

Luke 6:46-49 was at the *beginning* of His earthly ministry; John 14:15-31 (and its extension in John 15:14-16) transpired near its *end*. It was taught in Jesus’ farewell discourse, during His last hours prior to the betrayal. Anticipating the completion of His mission on earth, he talked of what really mattered, and should matter to the disciples he was leaving behind- and he repeatedly called for obedience. Along with words of consolation and comfort, Jesus called for love for Him to be translated into obedience. This is important enough to be voiced out five times in His last discourse.

In John 14:15, He reasoned with his disciples that obedience was evidence of love : *“If you love Me, keep My commandments”*. He reiterates this in John 14:21, adding there that the Father’s love is conditional upon man’s love for the Son evidenced by obedience to the Son’s commandments. Responding to Judas’ query, Jesus stressed this again in John 14:23, *“If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him”*. The converse, *“He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me”* (John 14:24), implies that disobeying Jesus was disobeying God.

In John 14:31, the Lord reminded His hearers that He Himself had proven love for the Father by obeying the Father: *“...the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do”*. Finally, in John 15:14, the Lord made obedience to Him a condition for friendship: *“You are My friends if you do whatever I command you”*.

However we may define a “good relationship” among men, there is only one way to define a “good relationship” between God and His creation. His creation are to obey Him, for this is the whole purpose of their existence (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14). God requires first and foremost that we obey Him and bear fruits as evidence. Obedience is proof of our servanthood to Him and will be the basis of eternal reward or punishment (Rom.6:16-23; II Thess.1:7-10). Those who are yet to obey His commandments should take advantage of God’s longsuffering and forbearance to repent (II Peter 3:8-15).

SJ NEWS UPDATE

OUR GUESTS LAST WEEK

Eri - James and Lau (Chans’ guests)

Sun - Mr & Mrs Lai (Eng’s guest) * William (Sui Lin’s husband) * Tan Tee Ming (Ai Mei’s guest) * Mr Gopi (walk-in)

Mandarin - Gerald (LiLi’s brother) *

OUR VISITORS LAST WEEK

Sun - Sister Lily Lee (Perth) * Roseline (London) * Sister Wong (Klang) * Sister Chang (Jurong) * Albert, Ann, Andrew, Kelly, Victor & San San (Ipoh) * Kathleen (JB) * Mei Mei & Yoke Hoon (Malacca)

Sun Mandarin - Candy (Kuantan) * Ee Ren and Ee Gene (Klang)

PRAYER REQUESTS

For the health of: Doris Chan (KL), Francis, Katherine, Leela, JC Choate, Mahiban, Sarojini, Gary, Mdm Pang (Bessie’s mother), Mdm Tan Moy (Chong Foo’s mum), Mr Chiah Tee Sang (Sis Tee’s brother-in-law), Ah Ngen (Han’s brother), Steven How (*Daybreak* printer) * Santhi and family * For Dr Ken Lee in Taipei * Charlie DiPalma’s recovery from eye surgery * Mary DiPalma’s mum’s health *Napoleon Ng’s wellbeing.

APPRECIATION

1. We thank Mdm Helen U, Katherine’s sister, for the gift of RM500
2. All the families whose homes opened up recently for CNY gathering and fellowship, namely, the Chans, Engs, Yongs, Oois, Lees and the Lows

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

- Engs’ home fellowship at 8pm, Tuesday, 6 March
- Chans’ home fellowship at 8pm, Wednesday, 7 February 2007
- Ladies Fellowship - a trip to Penang for fellowship with the sisters there, 10 to 12 March.

PROGRAMME COMING UP

1. Guest speaker, Rick Kirk, from Klang will preach on 25 March 2007
2. YES organized by Klang for the young adults, **Gnosticism/New Age**, 15-17 March
3. Ladies fellowship with Mary DiPalma, 28 April 2007