

KUM YAN methodist church
english service

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English Zoom Service

Speaker
Ps Simon Say

Sermon
Do Not Deceive Yourself
James 1:19-27



from the pastor's heart

THE MARKS OF A TRUE DISCIPLE

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” MATTHEW 5:3

One of my pastime is discovering the art of how things are made. Recently, I learnt of how one Japanese shoe manufacturer was able to create a worn look on their most popular leather sneakers. The whole process was laborious to say the least. But what captured my attention was the master leather processor's attitude of excellence and how he would painstakingly process every single sneaker to his exacting standard. He was one fine master leather processor indeed!

Well, what makes a fine disciple of Jesus Christ? It begins with... Attitude. This attitude is highlighted by the word 'blessed' in the Beatitudes or Matthew 5:1-12. Repeated nine times in the passage, 'blessed' refers to one who receives divine favour so that the poor, though weak and powerless now, are in the end privileged because of God's favour towards them. This blessedness is rooted spiritually and is not based on the good or bad situations that happen in the disciple's life.

To be 'poor in spirit' is to recognise that without God we will be spiritually bankrupt. We can never repay God for what He had done through Jesus on the Cross. Nothing we do in life for God, no matter how great, can be compared to the price that Jesus paid on the Cross.

Yet a disciple who is poor in spirit knows that it is not about having self-condemnation, inferiority complex or having no backbone at all! Rather he can stand before God with nothing to hide and nothing to prove, recognising that it is only by God's grace that he can stand. Furthermore, 2 Corinthians 6:10 reminds us that in spite of spiritual poverty, the disciple has something to give, for "... poor, yet making many rich..." refers to the spiritual riches which are available to anyone who belongs to Christ.

As disciples, are we constantly aware that we are in permanent debt to God, that we feel a bankruptcy of our own heart and sense a desperation within our spirit? How is that reflected in your thoughts, words and actions? Church, it is only when we are spiritually poor that can we be spiritually rich. Shalom.

- PS SIMON SAY

prayer: our spiritual weapon of choice

Facing doubt, confusion, negative thoughts, indecision, unfocused thinking? Pray! Scripture tells us prayer is our most powerful spiritual weapon of warfare to tear down these strongholds (2 Cor 4:4-6). After giving us a list of pieces of armour for defence, he says, pray unceasingly, for that is your weapon of offense (Eph 6:10-20). Pray in strength and boldness. Take the offensive. Do not allow the enemy to steal, kill, destroy your inheritance in the Lord.

Let us all be intentional to grow our prayer life. Pray for ourselves, our families, and also use the pointers (on the next page) as a guide for intercession - for the Church, our nation and the nations. Pray on your own or gather others to pray together. All are welcome and invited to join any of these weekly, online, corporate prayer meetings organised by KYers!

kum yan prayer meetings

LOVESINGAPORE MORNING PRAYER

Sundays, 7am to 8am via Zoom

Kum Yan anchors prayer on Sundays and all are welcome to join! Contact CLs for Zoom link.

KY WATCH & PRAY

Wednesdays, 8pm-930pm via Zoom (KYHost)

A prayer movement birthed during the Covid-19 Circuit Breaker to pray for Church, Singapore and the World as the Spirit leads! Open to all!

KY MISSIONS PRAYER MEETING

Tuesdays, 8pm-930pm via Zoom

Join in prayer for World Missions. Do contact Tan Licheng (KY Missions Staff) for Zoom link.

family news

ENG-YC-JYC COMBINED ON-SITE SERVICE

- CELEBRATING MOTHERS' DAY

Sunday, 9 May 2021, 10AM, KY Sanctuary

Registration for this special combined service to commemorate Mother's Day was launched last week! Several tickets are left for KYdZ Program - do register today!

- Zone A - 50
- Zone B - 35
- Zone C - 20
- KYdZ - 100 (L5)



Registration closes on
12nn on 7 May.

bit.ly/ecycmothersday

RENOVATION COMPLETED



Thank God for His provision as upgrading and renovation works to our Sanctuary sound system and feature wall (which began in mid-April), was completed yesterday!

The wooden cross from our original Sanctuary again takes centre place as the theme of the design is The Cross: The Centre of Our Faith. Barrisol panels in diagonal lines guide our eyes towards the cross, giving it emphasis.

KUM YAN MISSIONS NEWSLETTER

The May issue is ready for dissemination. You will receive it from your cell leader. If you need any assistance, please contact Licheng. Let's continue to lift up the mission workers and nations in prayer.

church prayer agenda

WORLD

1. With **COVID-19** cases rising for the ninth consecutive week (<https://www.who.int>) pray for God's mercy and for the gospel message to spread (Mt 9:35,38). Pray for The Church to be salt and light in the midst of confusion and chaos (Mt 5:13-16).
2. Pray over the continuing unrest and political turmoil in **Myanmar**. Remember the people and pray for God's comfort and peace to rest on them.
3. As **Pentecost** (23 May) approaches, pray that as The Church celebrates this significant event, she will prepare and usher in the Holy Spirit to impact not only the Church but the World. Pray also that the world may find true peace that only the Prince of Peace can give (Jn 14:27).

SINGAPORE

1. Remember the **poor and needy**, the homeless, broken, sick, those suffering due to job loss and without hope. Ask God, in His grace and mercy, to reveal Himself in their difficulty and desperation (Dt 15:10-11; Ps 82:3-4).
2. Thank God for our **Government** and national leaders. Pray for them as they go through a tough leadership transition. May God pour out His grace over our nation's leaders, grant them His wisdom, release His understanding and compassion upon their hearts and remind them of their purpose as they serve the people (1 Tim 2:2).

CHURCH IN SINGAPORE

1. Pray that the Church will earnestly reach out to the poor, the needy and the lost, carrying with them the Lord's love and compassion as they obey the Great Commission (Mt 28:18-20)
2. More than ever before, the Church in Singapore will answer to the urgent need to disciple everyone, from the cradle to the grave, within and without the nation (Mt 28:18-20).

KUM YAN CHURCH

1. Pray for Kum Yan, as one body, to keep the unity of the Holy Spirit through the bond of peace, led by our one and only Lord Jesus Christ for the glory of God the Father (Eph 4:1-6).
2. Pray for Kum Yanites to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Pet 3:18)

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OUR VISION

To be a caring community, a lighthouse and home in the city; bringing hope and purpose through a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ to all peoples of all ages.

ENGLISH CONGREGATION

CELL GROUPS

10:25	New Creation
ABCD	Orchard
Commonwealth	Queen Street
East Coast	River Valley
Full House (NE)	Stamford
Full House (W)	Sunset Way
Haven	Toa Payoh
Hazel	Victoria
Hougang	West Coast

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Ben Chong	Cheryl Leong
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GIVING ONLINE

Detailed instructions and important information on giving online can be found on our website: <https://kumyan.org.sg/contact/give-tithe/>

I-BANKING

ACCOUNT: Kum Yan Methodist Church
A/C TYPE: DBS Bank Current / Autosave Account
A/C NO: 033-002463-0

PAYNOW

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