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# A PRIEST IN CHRIST



BY SENIOR PASTOR PRINCE GUNERATNAM

“JESUS...has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen” (Revelation 1:6).

**“And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ‘Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, “This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel”. Say to them: ‘The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.’ So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them” (Numbers 6:22-27).**

The Bible says, “... for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment” (Matthew 12:36). Another translation says we are responsible and accountable for every careless word we speak. As believers, we must mean what we say and say what we mean.

We can be justified or condemned by our words. In the parable of the talents,

the person with one talent said, “O master, I know what a hard and difficult person you are, you reap where you don’t sow. I took the one talent and buried it in the ground because I was afraid. And now you are asking for the account of the talent, I have dug it up from the earth and giving it back to you”. The master responded, “From what you have spoken, you know the kind of man I am, and it should spur you to be extra hard working. Instead, you buried the talent and lived a slothful, lazy, unproductive life!” Essentially, the master was saying that the very words the servant had spoken became a judgment against him. **“For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned”** (Matthew 12:37).

There is power and influence in our words

● A kind word cheers up. **“Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, but a good word makes**

**it glad”** (Proverbs 12:25).

● A harsh word stirs anger. **“A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger”** (Proverbs 15:1).

● Isaiah the Prophet said, **“The Lord has given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. He awakens me morning by morning, He awakens my ear to hear as the learned”** (Isaiah 50:40).

Paul said, **“And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, ‘Abba, Father!’”** (Galatians 4:6). We are a priest in Christ. It says in Revelation 1:6 that Jesus, **“... has made us kings and priests to His God and Father...”**. As priests, we can pronounce God’s blessings.

## DEFINITION OF A BLESSING

**B**lessing is the impartation of God's goodness into one's life. When you say "The Lord bless you", you are saying, "God's goodness be imparted into you". The priests are to say to the children of Israel, "**The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you**" (Numbers 6:25). It means to have the favour and grace of a loving Father in heaven upon your life. And "**The LORD lift up His countenance upon you**" (Numbers 6:26) speaks of God making all provisions available to you, so you are blessed. This was the way God taught the priests to bless the children of Israel. When you speak what God tells you, it will come to pass.

The God of the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, is a good God who desires to bless. The Bible tells us that before man became a sinner, God had a plan to save man from the penalty of sin. The first thing God did when He created Adam was to bless him. God said, "**Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth**" (Genesis 1:28).

- "Be fruitful and multiply" is a clear statement that God is against abortion and homosexuality. Abortion kills. Homosexuality recruits and is not fruitful. Adam was blessed to multiply after his kind.
- "Subdue the earth" means to take control and not be controlled by things created by God. It becomes sinful when we allow things to control us. Recognizing that it is God who bless you, put things in its right place.
- "Have dominion" is taking charge, to rule and take responsibility. God has given man dominion over all other living things on earth. All of God's creation is for man's blessings and enrichment.

God blessed Abraham and said, "**Listen I am going to make you into a mighty nation. Everybody who blesses you will be blessed. Everybody who curses you will be cursed**" (Genesis

12:1-3). We are blessed because of Abraham. There is power in speaking God's blessings. Obey the Lord and you will be blessed. Disobedience is sin.

Jesus, when He returned to heaven blessed His disciples. The Bible says, "**And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven**" (Luke 24:50-51). This was the very last thing Jesus did before He went to heaven. The blessing brought the fulfillment of the Day of Pentecost. There was an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. There was a mighty rushing wind and all who were in the upper room were empowered to do God's will. They became successful in ministry because they were blessed with the Holy Spirit. Paul blessed the church in each of his epistles to them. He said, "Grace to you and peace from God our Father." Paul was pronouncing God's peace and grace be multiplied upon them.

The Bible tells us as believers in Christ, He "**... has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen**" (Revelation 1:6). As Priests, we can bless our families. Lay hands on your wife and kids and bless them. The Bible says, "**Like a fitting sparrow, like a flying swallow, so a curse without cause shall not alight**" (Proverbs 22:2). When parents bless their families, the blessing becomes a shield or covering and protects them from any curse spoken against them. Curses cannot strike them because there is power in your words of blessings pronounced over your family and children in Jesus name!

## THE POWER AND PERMANENCE OF THE BLESSINGS

(No one can steal your blessings).

- Abraham blessed his son, Isaac and Isaac blessed his sons. But Jacob deceived his father Isaac into thinking he was the older son and Isaac blessed him with the rights of the

first born (the first son has a greater blessing because he carries the responsibility of the family). **When Esau, the elder son, discovered Jacob's deception, he could not get Isaac to reverse the blessing** (Genesis 27:30-38).

- Jacob, when he grew old, blessed his twelve sons. The Bible says, "**All these are the twelve tribes of Israel, and this is what their father spoke to them. And he blessed them; he blessed each one according to his own blessing**" (Genesis 49:28).
- Jacob blessed his grandsons (Joseph's sons) (Genesis 48:14-19) An amazing thing happened when Joseph, the youngest son of Jacob, brought his two sons to be blessed by their grandfather, Jacob. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Jacob crossed his hands when he blessed them. He places his right hand over Ephraim, the younger boy, and this left hand over Manasseh instead. The right hand signified a greater blessing. The crossing of his hand was prophetic and caused the grafting of the Gentiles into Israel's blessings. Ephraim the younger boy symbolized the Gentile nations. As a result of this prophetic act, we Gentiles can have the blessings of the children of Israel.

There is power in the blessings of God to save, heal, deliver and give you the victory. Tremendous miracles will happen in your workplaces, offices and neighbourhoods when you utter words that cause blessings to flow, bringing honour and glory to God. The Bible says, "**Therefore if your enemy hungers, feed him; if he thirsts, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good** (Romans 12:20-21). Blessings is God's way of healing. ✚

*All Bible Quotations are from the New King James Version.*



# AN UNFORGETTABLE MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE AT CCC

BY JANET LUCAS

Receiving Jesus' Priceless Legacy Of Peace!



Senior Pastor greeting visitors at Hospitality Lounge after service



Sister Petrina fellowshiping with Calvarites



**O**n 12 May 2013, we had a wonderful Mother's Day service at Calvary Convention Centre (CCC). Associate Pastors Steven

Kum and Chris Lee led us in a time of vibrant worship with songs and hymns, including one of my favourites, "Great is thy Faithfulness".

Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam looked radiant in a smart navy-blue suit as Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam escorted her to the pulpit. She shared that this was her first sermon in CCC and continued with two jokes which had everyone bursting with laughter. Yes, she had the undivided attention of the congregation!

Her message was on Jesus' peace. When Jesus left this world more than 2,000 years ago, He made a will. He left a priceless legacy. To His heavenly Father, He bequeathed His soul. To His earthly Mother Mary, He left her to the care of His beloved disciple John. To His disciples, who were feeling afraid, rejected and troubled, He left them "His Peace". He told His disciples, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27).

The peace that Jesus gives is different from the peace the world gives. Jesus' peace is the peace He personally experienced while living on earth. Jesus knew who He was and was at peace with Himself, doing God's will and being all God wants Him to be. In the same way, we can have the peace of Jesus when we know and accept who we are and purpose to glorify God. If we do not know this, we will be trying to please everyone around us and will not have peace.

Jesus had peace through depending on God His Father solely and through having right priorities. Jesus was never in a hurry although He had much to do.

Jesus also had peace through prayer and meditation. Like Jesus, we need to spend time alone praying, meditating on His Word and waiting upon God. The believer is not exempt from disease, pain, failures and mistakes. But we can have His peace, presence and power to overcome.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam made the altar call and many responded for prayers and were ministered to. Senior Pastor prayed a powerful prayer of blessing upon all.

Then Senior Pastor acknowledged and

prayed for all mothers, after which they each received a gift (a small writing kit) as a token of love and appreciation from the Church. The older children from Missionettes and Royal Rangers distributed the gifts.

The Carpenters Workshop (ages 4-12 yrs) performed a special number in honour of their mums, a song entitled "My Wonderful Mom". Their singing definitely won not only the hearts of the mums, but all present.

Praise and thank God for a wonderful day and the blessing through the ministry of the God's Word, gifts and love showered upon mothers and all in the Church family.

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*Clockwise from top left:*  
Sister Petrina enjoying a light hearted moment while preaching; Senior Pastor acknowledges and prays for mothers at the service; Mothers receiving gifts from older children; Kids presenting special song "My Wonderful Mom"

“Happy Mother’s Day” rang through Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) as ushers greeted mothers with warm smiles and handshakes as they entered CCC.

# Warm Fellowship at CCC Plaza and Foyer over a Meal

BY PETER LIM



Brisk turnover at cakes stall



Every year we appreciate and honour mothers worshipping at Calvary Church on Mother's Day. This year, with the move to Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) we are able to have a Food Fest after the service at CCC Plaza.

This event is to enable the Calvary family to come together for a time of fellowship over a meal. Early in the morning, the tables were set and beautifully decorated with balloons.

After service, the Church family was greeted with the aroma of 14 food and beverage stalls, ranging from BBQ burgers, popiahs, chicken rice to cupcakes. Beverages offered were soft drinks and premium coffee.

Mothers together with their families enjoyed the food sold. The good variety of food offered were well received.

The Missionettes had a stall selling hand bouquets and pots of flowers. Many rushed to get flowers to appreciate their mothers.

Praise God for the wonderful time of fellowship for the Calvary family amidst the lovely ambience of the CCC Plaza. Many made new friends too.

A Food Fest is in the pipeline for Father's Day.

Look out for it! +



*Clockwise from top left:*  
Queing for food; Enjoying a meal at the Plaza;  
Coffee is served; Flowers at Missionettes stall a hot favourite; Church staff serving spaghetti

Find out how every mother is special and uniquely gifted to be a blessing.



Chooi Oi Yin with son Ivan Yun



María Lourdes with sons Kevin Atienza Chan & Ivan Chan Chee Pang

**Ivan Yun:** My mom is my role model, an example of how my life should be. Attending Calvary nursery and Sunday School was part and parcel of my growing up days. My mom would always remind me that I am God's child, and whatever I do, He is watching over me. I enjoy sharing with mom the daily challenges in life, the struggles I went through as a teenager, my interests and studies. She's like a friend and sister to me.

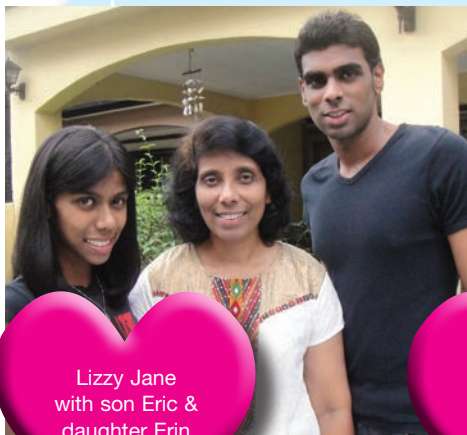
**Kevin Chan:** My mom loves and fears God. She has the biggest and softest heart and so is an easy target for bullying sometimes. She brought me to Church every Sunday when I was a baby, despite strong objection from my grandparents and aunties. My younger brother and I thank God for her praying for us until we came to know the Lord. I enjoy shopping with her, help with her fashion style and teach her to surf the internet, facebook and other stuff.

# MY Mother

**Eric & Erin:** Our mum is God-centred in everything she undertakes to do. Even the smallest details revolve around God and the Word of God. She is loving and often goes the extra mile for us. Both my parents played a part in introducing God to us as children but it is their example that has kept us rooted in the faith.

**Ashley Puan:** She is like a superwoman. She knows how to fix things and solve problems, all of which she learnt from her mom. What I love most about mom is her generosity - she is always giving to those who are in need. She never fails to share Christ whenever she comes across a potential believer.

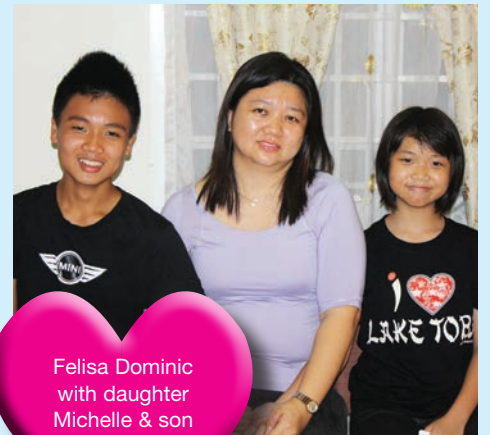
**Michelle & Shaun:** Our mom is lovely, caring, spiritual and our friend. She introduced us to God when we were younger and led us in accepting Jesus. We learnt from mom to never let a day go without praying and to be ready for the end of the world.



Lizzy Jane with son Eric & daughter Erin



Lucy Tan with daughter Ashley Puan



Felisa Dominic with daughter Michelle & son Shaun Foo





Krystle Lim Bee Tin  
with son  
Zechariah Bux

**Zechariah Bux:** My mom is unique to me because she can be strict and naggy at times, loving and caring at the same time and entertaining at other times. The best lesson I learnt from her is never give up, no matter how hard the obstacle is that lies ahead.

OUR CW  
KIDS SAY

# I LOVE MY MOM

BECAUSE .....



**Michelle Lim & mom Anne Wong**

"I love my mom because she makes me laugh when she laughs! She brings much joy to me. And I love her because she has worked hard all these years and never gives up."



**Sammi Yap & mom Elaine Mok**

"I love my mom because she cooks for me, hugs me, takes care of me and loves me. She teaches me to pray and trust God. I believe she is an angel that God sent to watch over me".



**Zoe Wee & mom  
Linda Tan  
Tan & brother Jared**

"Mom, I love you because you still love me when I do wrong and naughty things. Blessed Mother's Day!"



**Sara Chew & mom Hilda Liow**

"I love my Mom because she is everything a mother should be and much more. She teaches and guides me. When I do wrong, she is quick to chastise, and even quicker to forgive me. Mothers are a great gift from God, mine especially because she loves Jesus."



**Olivia Yong &  
mom Cindy Sin**

"My mom has always been there for me, caring and providing for me. She is really pretty. I love you mom. Thank you for everything."



Irene Gan with  
daughters Hua May  
(second right),  
Hua Li & Hua Ann  
(first right)

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# SEORANG IMAM DI DALAM KRISTUS

OLEH PENDITA KANAN PRINCE GUNERATNAM

***“TUHAN berfirman kepada Musa: “Berbicaralah kepada Harun dan anak-anaknya: Beginilah harus kamu memberkati orang Israel, katakanlah kepada mereka: TUHAN memberkati engkau dan melindungi engkau; TUHAN menyinari engkau dengan wajah-Nya dan memberi engkau kasih karunia; TUHAN menghadapkan wajah-Nya kepadamu dan memberi engkau damai sejahtera. Demikianlah harus mereka meletakkan nama-Ku atas orang Israel, maka Aku akan memberkati mereka” (Bilangan 6:22-27).***

Alkitab mengatakan, **“...setiap kata sia-sia yang diucapkan orang harus dipertanggungjawabkannya pada hari penghakiman”** (Matius 12:36). Terjemahan lain mengatakan kita harus bertanggungjawab dan mengambil kira setiap perkataan sia-sia yang kita bicarakan. Sebagai orang percaya, kita mesti maksudkan yang sebenar apa yang kita katakan dan mengatakan apa yang sebenarnya kita maksudkan.

Kita boleh dibenarkan atau dikutuk oleh kata-kata kita. Dalam perumpamaan talenta, orang dengan satu talenta berkata, “Tuan, aku tahu bahwa tuan adalah manusia yang kejam yang menuai di tempat di mana tuan tidak menabur dan yang memungut dari tempat di mana tuan tidak menanam. Karena itu aku takut dan pergi menyembunyikan talenta tuan itu di dalam tanah: Ini, terimalah kepunyaan

tuan! “. Tuan menjawab, “Hai kamu, hamba yang jahat dan malas, jadi kamu sudah tahu, bahwa aku menuai di tempat di mana aku tidak menabur dan memungut dari tempat di mana aku tidak menanam? Ia sepatutnya mendorong kamu untuk bekerja lebih keras. Sebaliknya, kamu menanam talenta itu dan hidup dalam kehidupan yang malas dan tidak produktif!” Pada dasarnya, tuan itu berkata bahawa kata-kata yang diucapkan oleh hamba itu telah menjadi suatu penghakiman terhadapnya. **“Karena menurut ucapanmu engkau akan dibenarkan, dan menurut ucapanmu pula engkau akan dihukum”** (Matius 12:37).

Ada kuasa dan pengaruh dalam kata-kata kita

- Perkataan yang baik akan menggembirakan. **“Kekuatiran dalam hati membungkukkan orang, tetapi perkataan yang baik menggembirakan dia”** (Amsal 12:25).
- Perkataan yang keras mencetuskan kemarahan. **“Jawapan yang lemah lembut meredakan kegeraman, tetapi perkataan yang pedas membangkitkan marah”** (Amsal 15:1).
- Nabi Yesaya berkata, **“Tuhan telah memberikan kepadaku lidah seorang murid, supaya dengan perkataan aku dapat memberi semangat baru kepada orang yang letih lesu. Setiap pagi Ia mempertajam pendengaranku untuk mendengar seperti seorang murid”** (Yesaya 50:4).

Paulus berkata, **“Dan karena kamu adalah anak, maka Tuhan telah**

**mengutus Roh Anak-Nya ke dalam hati kita, yang berseru: “ya Abba, ya Bapa!”** (Galatia 4:6). Kami adalah seorang imam dalam Kristus. Ia mengatakan dalam Wahyu 1:6 bahawa Yesus, **“... dan yang telah membuat kita menjadi suatu kerajaan, menjadi imam-imam bagi Tuhan Bapa-Nya...”**. Sebagai imam-imam, kita boleh melafazkan berkat Tuhan.

## DEFINISI BERKAT

Berkat adalah pemberian kebaikan Tuhan dalam kehidupan seseorang. Apabila kamu berkata “Tuhan memberkati mu”, kamu berkata, “kebaikan Tuhan diberikan kepada kamu”. Para imam mengatakan kepada anak-anak Israel, **“TUHAN menyinari engkau dengan wajah-Nya dan memberi engkau kasih karunia”** (Bilangan 6:25). Ia bermakna mempunyai kasih setia dan kasih karunia Bapa penyayang yang di surga atas kehidupan kamu. Dan **“TUHAN menghadapkan wajah-Nya kepadamu TUHAN mengangkat wajah-Nya ke atas kamu”** (Bilangan 6:26) berbicara mengenai Tuhan menyediakan perbekalan untuk kamu, supaya kamu diberkati. Ini adalah cara Tuhan mengajar para imam untuk memberkati anak-anak Israel. Apabila kamu berbicara apa yang Tuhan katakan kepada kamu, ia pasti berlaku.

Tuhan Alkitab, dari Kejadian hingga Wahyu, adalah Tuhan yang baik yang berhasrat untuk memberkati. Alkitab memberitahu kita bahawa sebelum manusia menjadi seorang berdosa, Tuhan telah mempunyai rancangan untuk menyelamatkan manusia dari hukuman dosa. Perkara pertama yang Tuhan

lakukan apabila Dia menciptakan Adam adalah memberkati dia. Tuhan berkata, **“Beranakcuculah dan bertambah banyak; penuhilah bumi dan taklukkanlah itu, berkuasalah atas ikan-ikan di laut dan burung-burung di udara dan atas segala binatang yang merayap di bumi”** (Kejadian 1:28).

- a. “Beranakcuculah dan bertambah banyak” adalah satu pernyataan yang jelas bahawa Tuhan menentang terhadap pengguguran anak dan homoseksual. Pengguguran membunuh. Homoseksual merekrut dan tidak berhasil. Adam dikurniakan untuk bertambah dalam jenis kumpulannya.
- b. “Taklukkan bumi” ertinya mengambil mandat dan bukan dikawal oleh perkara-perkara yang dicipta oleh Tuhan. Ia menjadi berdosa apabila kita membenarkan hal-hal yang mengawal kita. Mengenalpasti bahawa Dia adalah Tuhan yang memberkati kamu, meletakkan perkara-perkara di tempat yang sepatutnya.
- c. “Berkuasalah” adalah mengambil alih, untuk memerintah dan bertanggungjawab. Tuhan telah memberikan kuasa kepada manusia ke atas semua hidupan lain di bumi. Semua ciptaan Tuhan adalah untuk berkat dan kelimpahan manusia.

Tuhan memberkati Abraham dan berkata, **“Aku akan membuat engkau menjadi bangsa yang besar, dan memberkati engkau serta membuat namamu masyhur; dan engkau akan menjadi berkat. Aku akan memberkati orang-orang yang memberkati engkau, dan mengutuk orang-orang yang mengutuk engkau”** (Kejadian 12:1-3). Kita diberkati kerana Abraham. Ada kuasa dalam pengucapan berkat Tuhan. Taat kepada Tuhan dan kamu akan diberkati. Ketidaktaatan adalah dosa.

Yesus, ketika kembali ke surga memberkati murid-murid-Nya. Alkitab mengatakan, **“Lalu Yesus membawa mereka ke luar kota sampai dekat Betania. Di situ Ia mengangkat tangan-Nya dan memberkati mereka. Dan ketika Ia sedang memberkati mereka, Ia berpisah dari mereka dan terangkat ke sorga”** (Lukas 24:50-51). Ini adalah

perkara yang terakhir Yesus lakukan sebelum Dia pergi ke surga. Berkat membawa penggenapan pada Hari Pentakosta. Terdapat pencurahan Roh Kudus pada hari Pentakosta. Ada angin yang kuat berdesir dan semua yang berada di dalam bilik atas telah diberi kuasa untuk melakukan kehendak Tuhan. Mereka berhasil dalam pelayanan kerana mereka dikurniakan dengan Roh Kudus.

Paulus memberkati gereja di dalam setiap suratnya kepada mereka. Dia berkata, “Rahmat dan sejahtera daripada Tuhan Bapa kita”. Paulus telah melafazkan damai dan rahmat Tuhan yang berlipat ganda kepada mereka.

Alkitab memberitahu kita bahawa sebagai orang yang beriman dalam Kristus, Dia **“... telah membuat kita menjadi suatu kerajaan, menjadi imam-imam bagi Tuhan, Bapa-Nya, --bagi Dialah kemuliaan dan kuasa sampai selama-lamanya. Amin”** (Wahyu 1:6). Sebagai imam, kita boleh memberkati keluarga kita. Meletakkan tangan pada isteri dan anak-anak kamu dan memberkati mereka. Alkitab berkata, **“Seperti burung pipit mengirap dan burung layang-layang terbang, demikianlah kutuk tanpa alasan tidak akan kena”** (Amsal 26:2). Apabila oran tua memberkati keluarga mereka, berkat itu akan menjadi perisai atau melingkupi dan melindungi mereka daripada sebarang kutukan yang diucap terhadap mereka. Kutukan tidak boleh menyerang mereka kerana ada kuasa dalam kata-kata berkat kamu yang dilafaz atas keluarga dan anak-anak kamu dalam nama Yesus!

## KUASA DAN BERKAT ABADI

(Tiada siapa boleh mencuri berkat kamu).

- Abraham memberkati anaknya, Ishak dan Ishak memberkati anak-anaknya. Tetapi Yakub menipu bapanya Ishak dalam pemikiran yang dialah anak sulungnya dan Ishak memberkatinya dengan hak kelahiran pertama (anak sulung mempunyai berkat yang lebih besar kerana dia menlaksanakan tanggungjawab keluarga). **Apabila Esau, anak sulung, mengetahui penipuan Yakub, dia tidak dapat**

**membuat Ishak menterbalikkan berkat itu** (Kejadian 27:30-38).

- Yakub, apabila usianya meningkat, memberkati dua belas orang anak-anak beliau. Alkitab berkata, **“Itulah semuanya suku Israel, dua belas jumlahnya; dan itulah yang dikatakan ayahnya kepada mereka, ketika ia memberkati mereka; tiap-tiap orang diberkatinya dengan berkat yang diuntukkan kepada mereka masing-masing”** (Kejadian 49:28).
- **Yakub memberkati cucu-cucunya (anak-anak Yusuf)** (Kejadian 48:14-19) Satu perkara yang menakjubkan berlaku apabila Yusuf, anak bongsu Yakub, membawa dua anak-anaknya untuk diberkati oleh datuk mereka, Yakub. Di bawah bimbingan Roh Kudus, Yakub mnyilangi tangannya apabila dia memberkati mereka. Dia meletakkan tangan kanannya ke atas Efraim, anak yang lebih muda, dan tangan kirinya ke atas Manasye sebaliknya. Tangan kanan menandakan berkat yang lebih besar. Penyilangan tangannya adalah nubuatan dan menyebabkan kesatuan bangsa-bangsa lain ke dalam berkat Israel. Efraim budak yang lebih muda melambangkan bangsa-bangsa lain. Hasil daripada tindakan nubuatan ini, kita sebagai bangsa-bangsa lain boleh mempunyai berkat anak-anak Israel.

Terdapat kuasa dalam berkat Tuhan untuk menyelamatkan, menyembuhkan, menyampaikan dan memberi kamu kemenangan. Keajaiban besar akan berlaku di tempat kerja mu, pejabat dan kawasan sesama kamu apabila kamu mengucapkan kata-kata yang menyebabkan berkat mengalir, membawa kehormatan dan kemuliaan kepada Tuhan. Alkitab mengatakan, **“Tetapi, jika seterumu lapar, berilah dia makan; jika ia haus, berilah dia minum! Dengan berbuat demikian kamu menumpukkan bara api di atas kepalanya. Janganlah kamu kalah terhadap kejahatan, tetapi kalahkanlah kejahatan dengan kebaikan!”** (Roma 12:20-21). Berkat adalah cara penyembuhan Tuhan. +

Semua petikan Alkitab adalah dari versi Terjemahan Baru.



# PRICELESS

BY CAROL WELLER

What are we willing to exchange for the priceless treasure?



*Clockwise from top left:*  
Parable of the pearl of great price - rich and poor woman examining treasures as wise merchant looks on; Sister Petrina welcoming the ladies; Pastor Lee Peng sharing the devotion; The Worship Team

**D**imensions Extended, an extension of the Dimensions Tuesday Worship Service was held for the first time on Saturday, 11 May 2013 at Calvary Church Damansara Heights. It seeks to include women who are ordinarily unable to make it on Tuesday mornings as well as provide a platform for ladies to express their gifts and talents in diverse ways.

The event began at 10am with a welcome address by Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam and lively worship led by three young ladies from Calvary Youth. Then a team from the Chinese ministry danced to an upbeat number entitled "All praises to God."

The theme 'Priceless' was brought out very well by the contemporary dramatization of three of the parables of Jesus. In a modern-day version of the parable of the lost coin, the woman who lost one of her 10 coins though portrayed in a lovable and funny manner aptly illustrated God's relentless love in pursuing the 'lost' who are valuable in His sight. The tear-jerking rendition of the prodigal daughter who reconciled with her

mother after a heated up disagreement over her demands for freedom was deeply moving. In the final skit depicting the parable of the pearl of great price, an old and wise Chinese merchant challenged a wealthy woman and her poor friend to sell off everything they had in exchange for a pearl of inestimable value.

In summarising the parables, Associate Pastor Chan Lee Peng reminded the ladies of their precious worth in God's eyes regardless of their past, appearance, possessions, performance or status in life. Our sense of personal worth is established through an intimate personal relationship with God. True freedom is found in total submission to God's will. The decision to go our own way and pursue our own dreams will inevitably lead to destruction and a loss of self-worth. To hold onto the reins of our lives or to surrender—the choice is ours. Surrender calls for a costly sacrifice. The merchant who found the pearl of great price sold everything he had to possess it (Matthew 13:45-46). Similarly, are we willing to give up everything in exchange for our true priceless treasure i.e. our Lord Jesus Himself?

Many responded at the altar to make a choice to fully follow Jesus. Following this, we had a parade featuring five women from different nationalities wearing several types of exquisite pearls. Interesting facts on pearls that highlighted certain spiritual insights were shared. The Dimensions choir concluded the event with a special number, "No one fills my heart like Jesus." For the 130 women who turned up, it was indeed a blessed and well-spent morning. Lunch was served at the Calvary Refreshment Centre and the ladies enjoyed a time of meaningful fellowship. ✚



*Clockwise from top right:*  
 Dance team from Chinese Ministry;  
 Prodigal daughter demanding freedom from her mother;  
 The Dimensions choir;  
 Woman upon finding her lost coin;  
 Models for the Parade of pearls;  
 Carol Weller highlighting some spiritual insights on pearls  
*Left:*  
 Ladies responding for prayer at the altar

# 在基督里的祭司

文：古纳南主任牧师

「耶和華曉諭摩西說：『你告訴亞倫和他兒子說：『你們要這樣為以色列人祝福，說：『願耶和華賜福給你，保護你。願耶和華使他的臉光照你，賜恩給你。願耶和華向你仰臉，賜你平安。』』』他們要如此奉我的名為以色列人祝福；我也要賜福給他們』」（民6:22-27）。

聖經上說：「…凡人所說的閑話，當審判的日子，必要句句供出來」（太12:36）。另一個譯本說，我們要為我們講的每一句不慎的話負責任和問責。作為信徒，我們必須說到就做到和說實話。

我們可以被我們所說的話定為義或定有罪。在按才干接受托付的比喻里，一個得了一錠銀子的人說：「主啊，我知道你是忍心嚴厲的人，你沒有種下的，還要去收割。因為我很害怕，我把你的一錠銀子埋藏在地里。現在你要求為銀子交帳，我已經把它從地里挖了出來交回給你」。主人回答說：「從你口所說的，你知道我是什麼樣的人，它應該鞭策你要加倍努力工作。相反地，你埋藏了銀子，過著一個懶散，懶惰，無生產力的生活！」實際上，主人在說的是，僕人所說出的話，成為了對他的審判。「因為要憑你的話定你為義，也要憑你的話定你有罪。」（太12:37）。

我們說的話是有能力和影響力

- 一句好話，使心歡樂。「人心忧虑，屈而不伸；一句良言，使心歡樂」（箴12:25）。
- 言語暴戾，觸動怒氣。「回答柔和，使怒消退；言語暴戾，觸動怒氣」（箴15:1）。
- 先知以賽亞說道：「主耶和華賜我受教者的舌頭，使我知道怎樣用言語扶助疲乏的人。主每早晨提醒，提醒我的耳朵，使我能聽，像受教者一樣。」（賽50:4）

保羅說道：「你們既為兒子，神就差他兒子的靈進入你們的心，呼叫：『阿爸！父！』」（加4:6）。我們在基督里是祭司。在啟1:6，它說到耶穌，「…又使我們成為國民，作他父神的祭司…」作為祭司，我們能夠宣告神的祝福。

## 一個祝福的定義

祝福是傳授神的美善給一個人的生命。當你說「神祝福你」，你是在說，「神的美善給予你」。祭司要對以色列的百姓說，「願耶和華使他的臉光照你，賜恩給你」（民6:25）。這意味著在你的生活中能領受慈愛的天父的恩寵和恩惠。「願耶和華向你仰臉，賜你平安」（民6:26）說到神提供所有的供應給你，使你蒙福。這是神教導祭司祝福以色列子民的方式。當你說出神告訴你的話，它

就會應驗。

聖經中的神，從創世記到啟示錄，是一位美善的神，他願意祝福人。聖經告訴我們，在人成為一個罪人之前，神已經有一個計劃要從罪的刑罰中拯救人出來。神在創造亞當的時候，他做的第一件事就是祝福他。神說道：「要生養眾多，遍滿地面，治理這地，也要管理海里的魚、空中的鳥，和地上各樣行動的活物」（創1:28）。

- 「要生養眾多」是一個明確的聲明，神是反對墮胎和同性戀。墮胎是殺死。同性戀招致不能生養眾多。亞當被祝福要生養人類。
- 「治理這地」是指要掌管和不被神所創造出來的事物控制。當我們讓事物來控制我們時，我們就成為有罪的人。認識到這是神祝福你的，當把事物放在正確的位置。
- 「要管理」是要負責，管理和承擔責任。神賜給人類管理地上所有其他的活物。所有神的創造物是給人的祝福和富足。

神祝福亞伯拉罕並對他說：「你要離開本地、本族、父家，往我所要指示你的地去。我必叫你成為大國。我必賜福給你，叫你的名為大；你也要叫別人得福。為你祝福的，我必賜福與他；那咒詛你的，我必咒詛他。地上的萬族都要因你得福」（創12:1-3）。我們得福是因為亞伯拉罕。宣講神的祝福是有能力的。順服耶和華，你就有福了。不順服是罪。

耶穌，當他要回到天上時，祝福了他的門徒。聖經上說：「耶穌領他們到伯大尼的對面，就舉手給他們祝福。正祝福的時候，他就離開他們，被帶到天上去了。」（路24:50-51）。這是耶穌在他被接去天上之前所做的最後一件事。這祝福帶來了五旬節的應允。在五旬節那天有聖靈的澆灌。有一陣大風吹過，所有在樓上的人都被賦予能力去遵行神的旨意。他們在事奉上成功，因為他們得到聖靈的祝福。

保羅在他寫給教會的每一封書信里都有祝福他們。他說：「願恩惠、平安從神我們的父歸與你們。」保羅在宣告神的平安和恩典加倍的臨到他們身上。聖經告訴我們，作為在基督里的信徒，他「又使我們成為國民，作他父神的祭司。但願榮耀、權能歸給他，直到永永遠遠。阿們！」（啟1:6）。作為祭司，我們可以祝福我們的家庭。按手在你的妻子和孩子身上並祝福他們。聖經上說：「麻雀往來，燕子翻飛；這樣，無故的咒詛也必不臨到。」（箴26:2）。當父母祝福他們的家人時，這祝福成為了盾牌或遮蓋，保護他們免受任何對他們所說的詛咒。詛咒不能擊打他們，因為你奉耶穌的名對你的家人和孩子宣告祝福的話是有能力的！

## 祝福的能力和持久性

（沒有人可以竊取你的祝福）。

- 亞伯拉罕祝福他的兒子以撒，以撒祝福他的兒子。

但雅各欺騙他父親以撒，使他以為他是大兒子，以撒就祝福他給他長子的名份（頭生的兒子有一個更大的祝福，因為他要承擔家庭的责任）。當長子以掃，發現雅各的詭計，他不能使以撒倒轉他的祝福（創27:30-38）。

- 雅各，當他年老的時候，祝福他的十二個兒子。

聖經上說：「這一切是以色列的十二支派；這也是他們的父親對他們所說的話，為他們所祝的福，都是按著各人的福分為他們祝福。」（創49:28）

- 雅各祝福他的孫子（約瑟的兒子）（創48:14-19）

當雅各最小的兒子約瑟，帶了他的兩個兒子來，讓他們的祖父雅各祝福時，發生了一個驚人的事情。在聖靈的指導下，當雅各給他們祝福時，他交叉他的雙手。他把右手按在以法蓮，年幼的童子的頭上，和他的左手，按在瑪拿西的頭上。右手象徵著一個更大的祝福。他的雙手交叉是先知性的，造成外邦人被接上以色列的祝福。年幼的童子以法蓮象徵外邦人。因這一先知性的行動的結果，我們外邦人可以以以色列子民的祝福。神的祝福有拯救，醫治，釋放和給你勝利的能力。當你說出使祝福涌流的話語時，巨大的神迹就會發生在你的工作場所，辦公室和鄰舍，把尊榮和榮耀歸給神。聖經上說，「所以，『你的仇敵若餓了，就給他吃，若渴了，就給他喝；因為你這樣行就是把炭火堆在他的頭上。』你不可為惡所勝，反要以善勝惡。」（羅12:20-21）。祝福是神醫治的方式。+

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## 中文聚會 (六月份)

主題：讓我們「愛惜光陰」

（弗5：1-10，16）

講員：蔡添治

日期：30-6-13（日）

時間：早上十一點半

地點：CCC，一樓，6號課室

（敬備茶點招待）

## 申請浸禮及會籍

✠ 浸禮及會籍課程

日期：8-6-13（六）

時間：下午一點

✠ 浸禮聚會

日期：8-6-13（六）

時間：下午五點

地點：加略山教會(大堂)

# JUNE 2013

## SERVICE SCHEDULE

### CHINESE FELLOWSHIP

**30 June (Sun) ■ 11.30am**

Speaker : Chua Ken Tee  
 Topic : "Let us Redeem The Time"

Venue : CCC – Level 1, Room 06  
 Refreshments will be served.

### BAHASA MALAYSIA FELLOWSHIP

**30 May (Sun) ■ 11.30am**

Speaker : Associate Pastor David Seah  
 Topic : "Reaching Out In Joy" (Menjangkau Dengan Sukacita)  
 Venue : Level B1 Institutional Block, CCC

### WATER BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP CLASS

**8 June Saturday ■ 1.00pm**

at Damansara Heights  
 WATER BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP CLASS

**8 June 2013 Saturday ■ 5.00 pm**

at Damansara Heights  
 WATER BAPTISM SERVICE



### DAMANSARA HEIGHTS

**Saturday ■ 5.00pm**

**Associate Pastor**  
 Peter Ong

\*Holy Communion **JUNE 1\***

**Senior Associate Pastor**  
 Petrina Guneratnam

**JUNE 8**

**Rev. Dr**  
 Robert Lim  
 (Father's Day Weekend)

**JUNE 15**

**Associate Pastor**  
 David Seah

**JUNE 22**

**Associate Pastor**  
 Richard Yun

**JUNE 29**

\*Holy Communion



### CALVARY CONVENTION CENTRE

**Sunday ■ 9.00am**

**Senior Pastor**  
 Prince Guneratnam

\*Holy Communion **JUNE 2**

**Senior Pastor**  
 Prince Guneratnam

**JUNE 9**

**Rev. Dr**  
 Robert Lim  
 (Father's Day)

**JUNE 16**

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