



2023

LOVING BEYOND | BOUNDARIES

WELCOME HOME!

We are glad that you can join us today to worship the Lord as one family in Christ. May we continue to trust Him, and glorify Him in all that we do!

SERVING THIS WEEK

Dn Jonathan Foo	Shalynn Koh
Goh Shu Jin	Lydia Cheng
Faith Goh	Dn Ivan Lee
Erica Yap	Bong Ru Hui
Sally Chan	Cassia Ong
Caleb Ong	Ng Jian Hao
Sally Teh	Eld Chua Hung Choo
Lau Wen Min	Cecilia Arokiam
Irene Koh	Ng Peiyi
Jamie Ding	Dns Clarissa Leong
Dns Joella Tan	Bernard Yim
Jonathan Ng	Josh Lim
Ng Jianmin	ATP Joseph Tee
Cadence Chua	

NEXT WEEK

It's Not The End!

2 Kings 24
Eld Oswald Goh

Lead Ps Wendell Chua

9027 7465

Ps Lawrence Ong

9146 8277

Assis-to-Ps Joseph Tee

9088 0077

Ps Yap Kim Sin (Advisory)

9862 4390

Read (pg 7-8)

Book Review from Book Circle
By Lau Wah Ming

ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Theme *Reforming into Christ-likeness*

Prepare for Worship

Prelude

Exalt His Name

Call to Worship
Invocation
Doxology
Opening Hymn
Responsive Scripture Reading **2 Kings 23:1-15**

Worship in Song

Listen to His Word

Josiah's Reforms
2 Kings 23: 1-30

Ps Lawrence Ong

Response Song

Give to His Work

Offering
Offertory Response

Pray to Him

Corporate Prayer
Pastoral Prayer

Closing Hymn
Benediction
Announcements
Postlude



SERMON NOTES

Josiah's Reforms 2 Kings 23:1-30



Introduction

1. Josiah Reforms Israel's worship (vv1-20)
2. Josiah Restores Israel's Passover (vv21-27)
3. The Lord's Mercy to Josiah (vv28-30)



Reflections...

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Christians@Work: Salespersons

- » Pray for the Christians in our church working in sales.
- » May the LORD give them wisdom and insight in the development of their sales promotions and techniques.
- » We seek God's help to help them to be honest and upfront.
- » May they continue to demonstrate God's Kingdom values to everyone they interact with in their careers.

Teacher's Day Celebration cum Retreat (2 Sept)

May God help all volunteers serving in the Sunday School and Awana:

- » To seek God earnestly through prayer to be a faithful disciple of Jesus, and to know how to disciple the hearts of our children to love, trust and obey Jesus.
- » May the Spirit unite and fill hearts with His joy in service, and give them grace to obey His calling and persevere.
- » May God strengthen the bond and friendship shared in Christ, and make us a faithful friend who can offer encouragement and support to one another to build each other up in faith.
- » May God bless the fellowship and programme planned for Teacher's Day Celebration cum Retreat on 2 Sep.

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Major Examinations: Praying for Our Young Students

- » Please keep the following students in your prayers as they prepare for their major exams.
- » May the LORD remind them of His presence and their worth in Christ alone, and not in their results.

'O' Levels

1. Chloe Lin
2. Kayla Lin
3. Jude Lim
4. Ethan Baey
5. Evan Baey

'N' Levels

1. Tan Yaw Chor
2. Daniel Ng

International

Baccalaureate (IB)

1. Micah Toh
2. Rebecca Toh

Integrated

Programme (IP)

1. Emma Joy Lee-Goh
2. Jedidiah Koh

'A' Levels

1. Titus Soh
2. Sui Yi Jie
3. Sui Yi En
4. Nicklaus Goh
5. Dyan Koh
6. Brendan Toh (IP)
7. Joshua Yang (IB)

ZS Prayer Month: Cebu Mission Trip (2-7 Sept)

- » Thank God for the opportunity to spend time & develop deeper relationships with our mission partners at Grace Doctrinal Christian Fellowship (GDCF) in Cebu this September.
- » Pray for the mission team (Ps Wendell Chua, Ng Peiyi, McPaul Wee, Esther Ng & Arcci Amor) as they prepare to lead a worship conference on the Biblical theology of corporate worship at GDCF.
- » Pray for a meaningful time of learning, sharing & fellowship amongst both sides.

CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Adult Bible Class

27 August, 11am @ Chapel 1

Thy Kingdom Come

(Book of Revelation)

by **Eld Lee Soon Tai**

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!

Please register with SAF reps

Roland or Joanne.

Schedule of Classes

2023: 29 Oct, 12 & 26 Nov,
3 & 10 Dec

2024: 7 & 14 Jan, 25 Feb,
3, 10 & 24 Mar, 7 & 28 Apr

Prayer Fellowship

**PF takes place every
Wednesday except on public
holidays or as announced!*

30 August

Wednesday @ 8.00pm

Join in prayer together
for our church:

<http://tiny.cc/zionPF2023>

Meeting ID: **865 4863 7670**

Passcode: **017541**

For queries, please contact

Ps Lawrence Ong @ 9146 8277

SAF Talk: Ageing Gracefully

2 September, 3pm @ Sanc 2

Let us journey to old age together! Dr. William Wan, author of the book "Through the Valley: The Art of Living and Leaving Well", will be the speaker. Come invite your relatives and friends to join us for the talk.

Ageing Gracefully...

Date: 2 September 2023 Saturday

Time: 3pm

Venue: Level 3 Sanctuary 2



Speaker:
Dr William Wan



Register with **Roland 93388054**
/ **Joanne 97808641**

International Fellowship Ministry

BOOK TABLE

FREE RESOURCES

Foreign Languages Outreach
Materials
Gospel Literature
Our Daily Bread

3 September @ the Fellowship Hall, after each service.



Deepest Condolences to...

Marlita Pinoliad Pescador

(ZMS) on the Home-going of
her father, **Margarito Pinoliad**,
21 August 2023.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Services	Worshippers & Volunteers
ZMS	223
2MS	106
ZES	48
Total	377
Sunday School	50

FELLOWSHIP TEA CONTRIBUTIONS

27 Aug	Lawrence & Margaret Poon	Thanksgiving
	Hector Goh	Thanksgiving
	Mr. Wee Hian Chai	Thanksgiving for God's Blessings: 100th Birthday

WEEKLY OFFERING

General and Missions Fund

\$23,692.80

(Received 14 Aug - 20 Aug)



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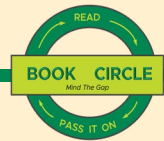
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BOOK REVIEW FROM BOOK CIRCLE



Why Does God Allow Evil To Prosper?

A review of aspects of the minor prophet Habakkuk by Lau Wah Ming

“O LORD, how long...? Why...?” This sounds like the present-day cry of men and women at the end of their tether. In fact, it was the cry of Habakkuk in the days just before the fall of Judah and the ultimate destruction of Jerusalem in the years following the reign of Josiah, when Jehoiakim succeeded as king in 609 BC (2 Kings 23-25). Habakkuk lived at a time when society was shaken by violence. As Judah sank deeper into disobedience towards God, the national fabric began to fall apart. Habakkuk was distressed. He sees violence all around. He sees corruption in high places. He sees wars and killing. He sees evil or wrongdoing unpunished. He is disturbed. **“Oh God, how long before evil is destroyed?”**



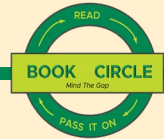
Habakkuk feels trapped by the situation. He faces the kind of disturbances we face today living in Singapore in 2023, and like some of us who feel overwhelmed and deeply anxious of the immediate future for ourselves and our children, Habakkuk is in despair. He begins to ask the questions we want to ask: **Why, and does God not do something? Why is justice not done?**

God answers Habakkuk. (*We shall eavesdrop into their conversation; hold your breath.*) God asks Habakkuk to look away from his little world and watch him at work on a wider canvas. **“Look among the nations and see; and wonder and be astounded. For I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told.”** Hab 1:5. It may well be that God is aware that if he tells Habakkuk what he is doing, Habakkuk may be more distressed. Indeed, God’s ways are not our ways and because God’s thoughts are not our thoughts, God tells us things and his purposes at his own pace and timing. This is applicable today, in 2023 and beyond.

In answering Habakkuk’s question, God responded with clarity. God tells Habakkuk that he is rousing the Chaldeans (the Babylonians) to punish the people of Judah and he describes the terrible and horrific punishment in great and specific details. Habakkuk is astonished. The cure is worse than the ills, how can it be? He asks God: Why? Where is the justice? Habakkuk views that the Babylonians are more wicked than his own people and needed to be punished themselves. This implies or betrays the belief that one (in Habakkuk’s case, Judah) would survive the judgement by one’s own righteousness. That thinking is wrong.

Hence God responds by revealing that a fundamental truth is being worked out by means of his sovereign activity in history, though usually in a hidden way. God answers Habakkuk, by stating three things: (a) he indicates his ultimate plan by asking Habakkuk to write down or articulate a vision for all to understand; that is the oracle in the book of Habakkuk; (b) he emphasizes that the vision is for an appointed time; but be patient, wait for it, it will surely come, and (c) he disabuses Habakkuk of his wrong thinking (stated above) and declares: life (i.e. to be restored

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to God from man's fallen state) will be found only through faith (Heb 2:4); those who are righteous in the day of judgment are righteous not through their own works but only through faith. In the New Testament, Paul also quotes from Habakkuk and teaches in Romans 1:17: *The righteous shall live by his faith*. And also, in Eph 2: 8-9, *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast*.

This doctrine of justification is at the heart of the gospel, for justification explains how we are found acceptable to God. To understand this doctrine is to understand the gospel itself. (We covered the doctrine of the double blessing of grace and faith in an earlier book review dated 18 June 2023. The restoration of communion with God is through our union with Christ by the Spirit, when we receive the double grace of justification and sanctification.) For the rest of the vision, read Habakkuk in full and study the three short chapters.

One last point, in Heb 2:20, there is a reminder to us in the present world. "But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. "We live in a darkening world and a depressing time, **but God remains in control**. We needed to learn to be silent before God in practising the presence of God. To hear God speak, we must stop speaking, a very difficult task in a noisy, hurrying, talkative, and violent world today. We also learn from Habakkuk what to do in our own seasons of waiting: for a spouse, a diagnosis, a job situation, a healing; whether business, physiological, or relational. Habakkuk shows us that God is faithful to deliver his people, including us, from every trouble in his own way and time. Will we trust? If so, we will also wait, and we will prove in our own lives that God is worth waiting for.

Note: This short review is guided by reading several commentaries available at Book Circle. But do read the bible text directly in the Old Testament. It is only three chapters.

Drop by the Book Circle, a 24/7 "**Word Ministry**", situated in the Fellowship Hall to **browse, pick up a book, read, and pass it on**.

Should you be interested in a book or an author or a topic that you want to know more about; do let us know so that we can check on your behalf the book's availability in the library. As this is a pilot initiative, we seek the patience and understanding of the requesters should the response be delayed, or the book is not available.

You can contact Bee Hong (HP 91711009) or Pek Hong (HP 98188220) to see if the book is available in the library.

"Nurturing in each gardener a heart with a thirst to seek after Him"