

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pray for Eld Victor Goh** as he prepares to speak on Sunday (8 August) from 1 Corinthians 2. Message title: "Human Wisdom vs God's Wisdom." Service will be livestreamed at 9:00 am at [bit.ly/gracebpsermons](http://bit.ly/gracebpsermons).

**Praise God** for Joseph's safe return to London. Pray for him as he settles his accommodation and prepares for his term of study. Pray that God will not only use him to be a blessing to other brethren there but to also provide him with good Christian friends to fellowship with and to encourage him in his walk with the Lord.

**Adult Fellowship 28 August.**  
Speaker: Philip Wong.

**Church Prayer Time.** Sunday 29 August at 11:30 am via Zoom.

## LAST WEEK'S GIVINGS

Offerings \$ 1,505.00  
Tithes \$ 1,985.00

QR code for tithes & offerings  
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## LET US PRAY

Join us in praying for the church and the world via Zoom. Please contact Rev Tan at 9784 2761 for Zoom meeting ID and password. You may also email us your prayer items at [prayer@gracebpc.org.sg](mailto:prayer@gracebpc.org.sg)

## MEDITATE ON GOD'S WORD

*My Unity and Equality with Others*

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:5-6 (ESV)

## NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

**Speaker** Eld Victor Goh  
**Worship Leader** James Chen  
**Musicians** Joanna Hor, Nathanael Goh  
**Scripture Reader** Tan Moi Kim  
**AV Ministry** Dn Daniel Tan, Sarah Goh  
**Ushers** Richard Tan, Naomi Neoh  
**Junior Worship** Goh Jee Eng  
**Pre-Primary Worship** -  
**Flowers** Roger Han, Han Geok Tin  
**Prayer Meeting Devotion** Rev Tan Eng Boo

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# Grace Bible Presbyterian Church



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Rev Tan Eng Boo

### Worship Leader

Eld Victor Goh

### Musicians

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### Scripture Reader

Nathanael Goh

### AV Ministry

Nathanael Goh  
Sarah Goh

### Ushers

Dn Allan Lim  
Dn Daniel Tan  
Lynna Seah  
Tan Chew Gim

### Junior Worship

Lim Chien Chong

### Pre-Primary Worship

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### Flowers

Chea Ee Wen

### OUR MISSION

To bring people to salvation in Jesus Christ and disciple them in their relationship with Christ.

### OUR VISION

To be a church that is passionate about God, transformed by the Word, authentic in relationship, and bold in witness.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Prelude

### Call to Worship

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

### Opening Song

MH235 Lead Me to Calvary

### Opening Prayer

Gloria Patri

### Worship in Song

MH413 Faith Is the Victory

### Responsive Reading

Psalm 10 (KJV)

### Giving and Thanksgiving

Doxology

### Scripture Reading

Numbers 1:1-5 (ESV)

### Pre-Sermon Song

MH438 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

### Pastoral Prayer

### Sermon

*Stand Up and Be Counted*

### Holy Communion

MH546 I Gave My Life for Thee

### Closing song

MH391 I Am Resolved

### Benediction

Threefold Amen

### Month of August's Preaching Schedule

1 Aug Numbers 1  
8 Aug 1 Corinthians 2  
15 Aug 1 Corinthians 3  
22 Aug "Practical Life Lessons" Ser. Pt 4  
29 Aug "Practical Life Lessons" Ser. Pt 5

### Sunday Worship & Activities

9.00am Main Service    9.30am Junior Worship    11.00am Bible Classes  
(7-12 yrs old)

## SATAN ON THE PROWL

By Rev Tan Eng Boo



***Lest Satan should get  
an advantage of us:  
for we are not ignorant  
of his devices  
(2 Corinthian 2:11 KJV)***

I was in Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve when I noticed a White-bellied Sea eagle perched on a tree trunk. I decided to move quietly and try to photograph this raptor. This is the biggest sea eagle in Singapore.

As I moved quietly towards the eagle, the raptor's head suddenly turned 180 degrees around to see who was coming behind. You wouldn't want to miss this shot, would you? I was amazed to see how alert the eagle was.

Nature provides me with some astonishing lessons I can view through biblical lenses. I don't think I can be as alert as this eagle. I am not able to turn my head 180 degrees around to see what or who is behind me. With this picture in mind, I was reminded of how important it was that we should be alert against Satan and his devices. Don't be caught unaware by his schemes.

### Satan on the prowl

"Where have you come from?" said the LORD to Satan. "From roaming through the earth," he replied, "and walking back and forth in it." (Job 1:7). The apostle Peter in 1 Peter 5:8 warns the believers that Satan is always prowling about, and especially so now. He is busy moving about with a specific objective:— seeking someone to devour. These words are

well known to us, but few will understand the gravity of the threat. Most of us have not experienced the focused attack of the devil, leading to destruction and death. John Piper says, "The phrase means, *"to swallow whole,"* like the fish did to Jonah: it's the same phrase in Jonah in the Septuagint. Your adversary the devil wants to just make you disappear, vanish. You are out of here. You are gone."

Therefore, we are told to be watchful. Be alert always because the adversary's intent is the believers' destruction. He is a vicious enemy of the saints of God. He is also called "your adversary". Remember who your enemy is. He is Satan. He is the chief enemy of God's people.

### The devil's devices

He has many devices to use against the saints of God and he has taken full advantage of them. But let me mention just one of them. It is *"discouragement."* This is one of his most effective tools in his arsenal. John W. Yates II illustrates it this way:

*It was advertised that the Devil was putting up for sale all of his tools. On that date the tools were laid out. They had prices marked on them for public inspection, and there were a lot of treacherous instruments: hatred, envy, jealousy, deceit, pride, lying, and so on. Laid apart from the rest of the Devil's tools was a tool, but it was worn more than any of the others and was priced very high. "What's the name of this tool?" asked one of the customers.*

*"That," the Devil replied, "is discouragement".*

*"Why have you priced it so high?"*

*"Because discouragement is more useful to me than all the others. I can pry open and get inside a man's heart with that when I cannot get near him with any other tools. It's badly worn because I use it on almost everyone, since so few people know it belongs to me."*

Oh yes, discouragement! I have been in the Lord's work for over 40 years and I have seen "discouragement" as one of Satan's most effective tools. By being aware of it you will be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Remember the words of Jesus to Simon Peter: "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers" (Luke 22:31, 32). Satan is out to get you at any moment and anywhere. Discouragement will be thrown at you. No matter who you are in church, and especially when you are doing something for Jesus, you will face it head on. It can be disheartening at times, and you will feel like giving up and quitting the task. Sadly, many have succumbed to the devil's scheme. Will you be one of them?

I speak for myself that discouragement is no stranger to those in the pastoral ministry. Through the years, I have learned to do what David did in the face of discouragement: "And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God" (1 Samuel 30:6 KJV).

My dear reader, today if you face discouragement, take note of what David did. He made a conscious effort to trust in the Lord and to reject fear and discouragement; you should make the same choice when you are discouraged. (Read through 1 Samuel 30)

### **How to overcome the devices of the devil?**

It is one thing to know the devil's devices. It is another thing to know how you should deal with it when confronted. James says, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you" (James 4:7, 8). "Resist" has the idea of "withstand", or "to stand our ground". By standing our ground, Satan can be overcome. Peter says, "Resist him, firm in your faith" (1 Peter 5:9). We do so by being ruled by the Word of God. "It is written" (Matthew 4:4).

I have experienced the Lord's grace when I apply His Word in my life. He has not failed me all these years of my ministry. You can be victorious, too. I am always encouraged by the words of Jeremiah: "Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts" (Jeremiah 15:16).

### **Hold the Fort**

*By Philip P. Bliss*

1. Ho, my comrades! see the signal waving in the sky!  
Reinforcements now appearing, victory is nigh.  
*Refrain*  
Hold the fort, for I am coming, Jesus signals still;  
Wave the answer back to Heaven, By Thy grace we will.
2. See the mighty host advancing, Satan leading on;  
Mighty ones around us falling, courage almost gone!  
*Refrain*
3. See the glorious banner waving! Hear the trumpet blow!  
In our leader's name we triumph over ev'ry foe.  
*Refrain*
4. Fierce and long the battle rages, but our help is near;  
Onward comes our great commander, cheer, my comrades,  
cheer!  
*Refrain*