

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A warm welcome** to Mr. Michael Yong to our pulpit this morning.

**Pray for Dn. Lim Chien Chong** as he prepares to speak on Sunday (17 November) from Acts Ac. 28:16-31. Message title: "Its Only the Beginning." Service will be livestreamed at bit.ly/gracebpsermons at 9:30 am.

**Evangelism and Missions.** There will be an evangelism outreach session today at Changi Airport at 2:30 pm. Meeting place will be at T3 Departure Hall

**Mandarin Service** is organising a Two Day One Night Kukup trip from 22 to 23 November. You are welcome to invite Mandarin speaking family members or friends to join. Please register at the MS notice board. Limited to 30 participants.

**Adult Fellowship.** Saturday 23 November. Time: 5.00 - 6.30pm. Speaker: Stephen Pacht. Topic: "The Christian Responsibility towards the Jewish People." There will be Question & Answer time with the speaker. There will also be a book table. Do invite your friends for this meeting. There will be a dinner fellowship after the meeting.

**Pray** that God will guide our church leaders as they meet for the following meetings: -

- a. Board of Elders meeting today, 10 November 2024, 1.30pm
- b. Session Meeting on 24 November 2024, 1.30pm

**Flower Contribution slots** are available on 1, 8 & 15 December.

**Refreshment Contribution slots** are available on 15, 22 & 29 December.

## NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

|                                |                             |
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| <b>Speaker</b>                 | Dn. Lim Chien Chong         |
| <b>Worship Leader</b>          | Dn. Chea Oei Kiang          |
| <b>Musicians</b>               | Lim Sue San, Chew Weh       |
| <b>Scripture Reader</b>        | Kenneth Chiu                |
| <b>AV Ministry</b>             | Chea Rueil-E, Joshua Lim    |
| <b>Ushers</b>                  | Tan Teck Shi, Jonathan Sam  |
| <b>Chrysalis 3 &amp; 2</b>     | James Chen, Chen Ching Huey |
| <b>Chrysalis 1</b>             | Angeline Fang               |
| <b>Flowers</b>                 | Tay Boon Jin                |
| <b>Refreshments</b>            | Lim Ai Lin                  |
| <b>Prayer Meeting Devotion</b> | Dn. Chea Oei Kiang          |

## LAST WEEK'S GIVINGS

Offerings \$ 1, 852.00  
 Tithes \$ 5, 397.00

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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

### His Help in Temptation

*For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.*

*Hebrews 2:18 ESV*

## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

### Moderator

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# Grace Bible Presbyterian Church



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## 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

MH229 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

### Opening Prayer

### Worship in Song

MH296 Be Still, My Soul He Will Keep You

### Responsive Reading

Psalms 121 (KJV)

### Giving and Thanksgiving

Awake, Awake O Zion

### Doxology

### Scripture Reading

Acts 27:13-38 (ESV)

### Pre-Sermon Song

Thy Word

### Pastoral Prayer

### Sermon

*Ordeals are No Deterrence*

### Closing Song

May the Peoples Praise You

### Benediction

Threefold Amen

## Month of November Preaching Schedule

- 3 Nov "The Blessings from the Messiah." (Zc. 10).
- 10 Nov "Ordeals are No Deterrence" (Ac. 27:13-38)
- 17 Nov "It's Only the Beginning." (Ac. 28:16-31)
- 24 Nov "Eye of the Storm" (Ps. 46)

## Sunday Worship & Activities

9.30am Main Service    10.00am Junior Worship    11.30am Bible Classes  
 (7-12 yrs old)

## DON'T LET GO OF GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY OVER YOUR WORST

By Cameron Cole

### Helpful but Hopeless

As sufferers wrestle with how a loving, good God could allow such painful, wicked things to occur in our lives, people want to say, "God didn't have anything to do with this."

But as a friend, let me tell you the immediately hard, but ultimately hopeful, truth about your Worst: God *did* and *does* have something to do with your tragedy. I know this sounds like a cruel statement, but stay with me. There is hope in the end.

There is both a *fundamental* and a *practical* reason why the notion of God's limited involvement in suffering breeds harm and hopelessness.

Let me tell you what I hear when people say, "God didn't have anything to do with this." I hear . . .

*God's hands are tied.*

*God took his eye off the wheel when your Worst occurred.*

*Satan is just as great, mighty, and sovereign as God.*

*God just isn't that powerful. He's impotent.*

*God is not in control.*

*God is weak.*

### The Bible Tells Us So

None of these statements resemble the God of the Bible. The witness of Scripture testifies to a God who remains sovereign in every moment.

The Bible says that God controls the forces of nature (Ps. 147:15–18). His providence rules over plants and animals (Jonah 4:6; Matt. 10:29). He ordains random events (Prov. 16:33; Act 1:23–26). He reigns over rulers

and nations (Job 12:23–25). He controls major disasters (Lam 3:37–38; Amos 3:6). He has power over the spiritual forces of evil (1 Sam. 16:14; Matt. 8:31–32).

If God controls all of these elements of existence—all of which are far less significant to him than you, his child—then certainly he reigns in the story of your life, even in your Worst.

### God's Sovereignty Is the True Comfort

If God is not fully sovereign in your suffering, then you cannot trust that he is fully in control of your healing and recovery. If God's hands are tied when the Worst enters your life, then maybe his powers are also limited in helping you.

The scriptural word concerning the sovereignty of God assures you that even in the moments when it feels as if God has abandoned you and your plight, you can know objectively that God remains in control.

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