



1 Samuel 2:10

**THE LORD WILL JUDGE THE ENDS OF THE EARTH;
HE WILL GIVE STRENGTH TO HIS KING AND
EXALT THE HORN OF HIS ANOINTED.**

ENGLISH SERVICES

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Doxology

Worship in Songs

AM: All Hail the Power of Jesus's Name; The Servant King; Refiner's Fire

PM: Shine into Our Night; Lord, Have Mercy; All to Honor Jesus

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 2:12-26 (ESV)

Message: Eli: A Corrupt Priesthood

Response Hymn: Before The Throne of God Above

Mission Focus; Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Benediction

Announcements

Welcome

We are pleased to welcome you to worship with us! If you are new to Zion Bishan, do drop us a note on our contact form and our hospitality team will get in touch with you in the coming week:

zionbishan.org.sg/rf

Sunday Services at a glance

8.30am Mandarin Service

9.00am Hokkien Service

9.30am Tamil Service

8.30am/10.30am/4.30pm English Service

10.30am Mandarin-English Service

10.45am Cantonese-Mandarin Service

Domestic Helpers Fellowship (DHF)

Bible Study Groups – to join via Zoom, register at zionbishan.org.sg/dhf

8.45am DHF 1A in English/Tagalog, for all nationalities) *In-person in Room 106 & Zoom*

8.45am DHF 2 (in Myanmar language) *In-person in Room 105 & Zoom*

2.30pm DHF 3 (in Bahasa Indonesia) *via Zoom*

8.45pm DHF 1B (in English/Tagalog, for all nationalities) *only upon request, via Zoom*

Children/Youth Discipleship Classes

Register interest: zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd

Join us on Telegram / WhatsApp

Keep up to date with our latest bulletin and church announcements:

zionbishan.org.sg/broadcasts

Serving You Today

Speaker: Dr Quek Tze-Ming

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn John Chua

Worship Leader: Dn Lim Nan

Vocalist & Musicians: AM Music Team 4

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Tim Ong

Worship Leader: Eld Michael Gan

Vocalist & Musicians: AM Music Team 4

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Melvin Soo

Worship Leader: Dn Junaidi Nyoto

Vocalist & Musicians: PM Music Team 4

Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	9844 9536
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Mr Joel Khoo, <i>YAs/Discipleship</i>	9368 9221
Mr Timothy Ong, <i>Missions Education</i>	9271 5785
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Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i>	

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care@zionbishan.org.sg

Eli: A Corrupt Priesthood

1 Samuel 2:12-36

The Story so Far ...

Behaving Badly: Whose boys are these? (2:12-26)

- Who's "worthless" now? (2:11, cf. 1:16)
- Thrust and Take: "take for himself ..." (2:14); "take it by force ..." (2:16)
- Growing Great: in Sin (2:17) or in the Favour of God and Man (2:21, 26)

Receiving Bad News: Didn't I reveal myself to your father's house? (2:27-36)

- Who's the man of God now? (2:27)
- Cut off: "the strength of your father's house ..." (2:31)
- Reversal: Who's sad and not eating now? (1:7; 2:5; 2:36)

God is (Still) Working ...

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

1. Our text (2:11-36) presents some key words or themes that recur in the account of Eli's sons. Some examples: "son" and "father;" "hear;" and things related to eating and food. Have you seen any of these words or themes earlier in chapter 1-2?
2. The house of Eli behaved badly in their ministry. What kind of character traits should we look for in Christians serving in any kind of ministry?
3. What might be some of the reasons why a Christian (especially a leader) falls into sin? How do we help each other avoid such situations, or recover from them?
4. We often look for God's activity in the dramatic or the showy. But is God working in quiet ways in your life right now? How so?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Sin Ming 410 Befrienders – Thank God for sustaining this ministry for the past 3 years now, where monthly visits and weekly follow-ups have led to relationships being built with about 30 residents, some of whom now attend other church services and evangelistic activities. This CNY, the team was also joined with 4 new friends who went to bless 68 households with oranges and new clothes from 4 donors. Pray that God will use these loving acts of kindness done in Jesus' name to draw more into knowledge of and relationship with Him.

Youth Fellowship – Beginning this coming Saturday, our YFers will be journeying through the Gospel of John in 2026 as they "Come and See" Jesus Christ. Pray that the Lord will reveal Christ more clearly and draw them near to Him. May every youth "have life in His name" (John 20:31), as they listen to Bible talks from John each month and wrestle with the person of Christ. Pray also for the speakers (our ZB leaders and apprentices) that the Spirit speak through them Christ's "words of eternal life".

Lent – The 40-day season of Lent began this past week, as we inch towards remembering Christ's suffering and death on Good Friday. May the Lord use this time to help us slow down, dwell in His word, and speak in prayer to Him - pray that the weeks ahead will provide our souls and hearts space and time to reflect on Christ, and struggle with the Spirit's help in the sins of our flesh that weigh us down.

Our World

Ram.adan – In Singapore, last Thursday, 19 Feb, marks a full month of fasting from food and drink for muslims from dawn to dusk to strengthen their faith and devotion through prayer, gratitude and acts of charity (ST, 18 Feb 2026). Pray for this group of people in the world, which is the world's 2nd largest religious group and the fastest growing major religion (Pewresearch.org, 9 June 2025 report) to encounter the living God and to grow in faith and obedience to Him.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	16	
English Service 8.30am	230	\$517.20
English Service 10.30am	516	
English Service 4.30pm	288	
Chinese Service livestream*	9	
Chinese Service 8.30am	77	\$907.00
Cant/Mand Service 10.45am	58	\$515.00
Mand/English Service 10.30am	56	\$1,807.00
Hokkien Service	55	\$1,713.00
Tamil Service	10	\$282.00
DHF	20	
TOTAL	1335	\$5,741.20

*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	\$51,981.44
Weekly Total	\$57,722.64

Weekly offering to meet budget for 2025/26: \$94,181

GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$3,338.80
Weekly Total	\$3,338.80
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$6,059,032.93

Church Family News

1. Ps Dev is preaching on Isaiah 2-4 at Emmanuel BPC this morning.
2. Our deepest condolences to:
 - a) Dns Sherena Loh & family on the Homegoing of her mother, the late Mdm Choy Lin Yeow, aged 90, on 14 February 2026.
 - b) Daniel & Miu Luang Yeow & family on the Homegoing of sister Miu Luang's father, the late Mr Yeo Yew Shium, aged 91, on 17 February 2026.Please uphold both families in your prayers.

Info for Giving

For tithes and offering:

General & Missions Fund



DBS Current A/C: **070-901056-3**

PayNow: **T10SS0029GGMF**

ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH

To give towards the

General Projects Fund



DBS Current A/C: **070-901055-5**

PayNow: **T10SS0029GGPF**

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Please provide your CONTACT NUMBER on each cheque

Looking Ahead

Fri, 27 Feb

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

Register at zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Sat, 28 Feb

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at zionbishan.org.sg/yf

Sun, 1 Mar

Worship Services at **8.30am, 10.30am & 4.30pm**

1.00pm: ECM (Members only)

@ Main Sanctuary

1 Samuel Series

1 Mar – Samuel: Renewed Priesthood

(1 Sam 3:1 – 4:1)

Ps Dev Menon (8.30am & 10.30am)

Ps Vernon Quek (4.30pm)

8 Mar – Samuel: A Priesthood Condemned

(1 Sam 4:2 – 22)

Ps Danny Chua (8.30am & 10.30am)

Ps Ng Zhiwen (4.30pm)

15 Mar – The Ark of the Lord

(1 Sam 5:1 – 7:2a)

Ps Alby Yip (8.30am & 10.30am)

Ps Vernon Quek (4.30pm)

Connect With Us

Thank you for joining us today!

Should you be interested to find out more about Jesus, indicate your response at

bit.ly/ZBinterest and we will put someone in touch with you as soon as possible!

Blessed Year of the Horse! #CNY #GetRest

A very Happy Chinese New Year to you!

I hope this past week has been a joyful one for you – filled with reunion dinners, visiting relatives, laughter with cousins, ang baos for the children, and perhaps a little too much pineapple tart and bak kwa. Chinese New Year in Singapore is always a special season: a time of thanksgiving, of fresh beginnings, of resetting relationships and rhythms.

This year, we welcome the Year of the Horse. In Chinese culture, the horse symbolises strength, speed, endurance and success. It represents drive and forward momentum. And as we step into a new year, many of us naturally think about progress – career plans, family goals, ministry hopes, financial stability, personal growth.

Interestingly, the Bible speaks a lot about horses. But often, it speaks about them as a warning.

Through the prophet Isaiah, God rebuked Judah when it sought a military alliance with Egypt to fight against the Assyrians during the reign of King Hezekiah:

“Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help
and **rely on horses**,
who trust in chariots because they are many
and in horsemen because they are very strong,
but do not look to the Holy One of Israel
or consult the LORD!”¹

¹ Isaiah 31:1

In the ancient world, horses were not farm animals. They were military technology. Horses and chariots represented national security, political alliances, and visible strength. When Judah felt threatened, they turned to Egypt and their horses. Horses meant power and protection.

But the issue was never the animals themselves. The issue was where God's people placed their trust.

Would God's people trust in visible strength, or in the invisible faithfulness of their covenant Lord? Psalm 20 puts it starkly:

“Some trust in chariots and some in horses,
but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.”²

Friends, as we enter this Year of the Horse, it is good to ask ourselves the same question: Where will our confidence lie this year? In our savings? In our career trajectory? In our children's achievements? In political stability? In our health and strength? In our own carefully laid plans? **Or in the Lord?**

This helpfully connects with our theme for 2026: #GetRest.

Real rest is not merely slowing down. It is not simply taking leave or clearing our calendar. Again, the prophet Isaiah has wisdom for us:

“In returning and **rest** you shall be saved;
in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.”
But you were unwilling, and you said,
“No! We will flee upon horses”...³

Notice that rest here is defined as turning to the Lord by quietly, confidently trusting in Him. God says that this is true strength!

² Psalm 20:7

³ Isaiah 30:15-16

True rest is not the absence of activity; it is the presence of confidence in God. It is the settled assurance that our future is not ultimately carried by horsepower – by anything else we may put our trust in – but by the Lord who holds all things in His hands.

Sadly, the people whom Isaiah warned with these words ignored them. They heard these words but did not believe them. May we learn from their foolishness!

So as we start the new year, let's wisely pray this prayer:

“Lord, teach me where I am trusting in horses.

And help me to trust in You instead.”

May this Year of the Horse be, for Zion Bishan, not a year of frantic striving or even a year of fruitless cutting back – but may it be a year where we grow in quiet confidence, of real rest in the Lord.

Once again, Happy Chinese New Year. May we truly #GetRest together in 2026.

Announcements

Extraordinary Congregational Meeting

1 March (Next Sun) 1pm

For approval of budget FY26/27 and follow-up from Sep 2025 townhall.

Please fill in the proxy form if you are unable to attend. Printed forms available at the sanctuary entrance at the end of each service.

For communicant members only.

Christianity Explored (CE) Table Hosts Recruitment

CE is a 7-week course that is designed to help others discover Jesus through the Gospel of Mark.

We're looking for communicant members who are keen to join us as volunteer Table Hosts!

The dates for training are **18 Mar, 25 Mar and 1 Apr, and debrief on 3 Jun.**

Sign up at <https://bit.ly/zbcehosts> or contact **Jen Wei** (jenwei@zionbishan.org.sg) or **Melvin** (melvin@zionbishan.org.sg) for more info.

Samuel Sermon Series Booklets

We begin a new sermon series in the book of Samuel! Printed booklets of Samuel will be available with space for note-taking to help us follow along the series. You may pick up a copy at the registration table before service, and Paynow/Paylah to 92394160 –

A5 booklets (\$2.40 each)

A4 booklets (\$4.80 each)

Sabbath Rest Workshop Ps Dev Menon

**14 Mar, Saturday 10am – 12noon
Conference Room, Level 3**

Please sign up at:

[https://www.zionbishan.org.sg/
restworkshop14Mar](https://www.zionbishan.org.sg/restworkshop14Mar)

SENIORS360 Dim Sum Hour

CPF Talk: Retirement Planning and Nomination

**14 Mar, Saturday 10.15am,
Fellowship Hall**

Come join us at this upcoming **SENIORS360 event** with our own Mr Ho Wan Weng. He will be sharing information on CPF schemes for retirement planning (CPF LIFE, payouts, Matched Retirement Savings Scheme and Nomination).

Do invite your non-Christian friends along!

Sign up by **10 Mar** via link:
<http://rebrand.ly/s360mar26>

Men Ministry

Ps. 1: 1–3: *"...The righteous person prospers because they are rooted in God."* Godliness is cultivated through spiritual discipline, obedience, and deep fellowship with God.

All men of Zion, please register & join us:

<https://forms.gle/7bYgSXP6NipY3LWu8>

Anchored in Relationship with the Father

Speaker: Ps Ng Zhiwen

Date: 28 Feb, Saturday

Venue: MPH, Level 1

Time: 8.00am – 9.30am

Breakfast Fellowship @ 7.30am