



# 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

[ Morning ]

Worship in Songs: God the Uncreated One; I Worship You, Almighty God;  
Speak, O Lord

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-4:1a (ESV)

Message: God Speaks, Samuel Listens

Response Hymn: God Has Spoken by His Prophets

Holy Communion: Jesus Paid It All

[ Afternoon ]

Worship in Songs: Hungry I Come to You; Shepherd of My Soul; Speak O Lord

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-4:1a (ESV)

Message: A Leader Who Hears the LORD

Response Hymn: Your Word

Holy Communion: Jesus Christ I Think Upon Your Sacrifice

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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://zionbishan.org.sg/broadcasts)

## Serving You Today

### **Speakers:**

Ps Dev Menon ( 8.30 & 10.30 am )

Ps Vernon Quek ( 4.30 pm )

### **8.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Justin Low

*Worship Leader:* Eld Sonny Tan

*Vocalist & Musicians:* AM Adhoc Music Team

### **10.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Tiew Chew Meng

*Worship Leader:* Eld Foo Say Chiang

*Vocalist & Musicians:* AM Adhoc Music Team

### **4.30pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Annette Low

*Worship Leader:* Dn Junaidi Nyoto

*Vocalist & Musicians:* PM Adhoc Music Team

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

*E-mail: user ID followed by @zionbishan.org.sg*

|  |                    |
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| Rev Dr Alby Yip, Senior Pastor               | <i>alby</i>        |
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| Rev Lim Jit Thye, Pastor (Cant-Mand)         | <i>jtlim</i>       |
| Rev Daniel Nge, Pastor (Mand-Eng)            | <i>daniel</i>      |
| Rev Vernon Quek, Pastor                      | <i>vernon</i>      |
| Rev Ng Zhiwen, Pastor                        | <i>zhiwen</i>      |
| Rev Paul Yeo, Pastor (Mandarin)              | <i>paul</i>        |
| Rev Chris Rajendran, Pastor (Tamil)          | <i>christopher</i> |
| Rev Danny Chua, Pastor                       | <i>danny</i>       |
| Preacher Choo Han Boo, (Hokkien)             | <i>hanboo</i>      |
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| Mrs Jacqueline Ong, Youth Ministry           | <i>Jacqueline</i>  |
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| Mr Joel Khoo, YAs/Discipleship               | <i>joel</i>        |
| Mr Timothy Ong, Missions Education           | <i>timothy</i>     |
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| Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i> |                    |

### **Confidential Care & Counselling:**

[care@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:care@zionbishan.org.sg)

## **God Speaks, Samuel Listens**

1 Samuel 3:1 - 4:1a

### **The Word of the Lord was rare (3:1-3)**

### **Samuel asks Eli about the Word of the Lord (3:4-9)**

### **The Lord speaks to Samuel (3:10-14)**

### **Eli asks Samuel about the Word of the Lord (3:15-18)**

### **The Word of the Lord goes out to all Israel (3:19-4:1)**

#### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What do you remember about the passage or the sermon?
2. What does it mean the Word of the Lord was rare? What caused this famine? Could a similar situation happen in church or society or even your family?
3. Eli is seen to become deaf, blind and fat. How do these descriptions give us an insight into his spiritual life? Could such a thing happen to us?
4. What can we learn about how Samuel interacted with the Lord? Does it mean a similar scenario should happen to us? If not, then how do we apply a passage like this to our current context? Where does Jesus fit into all this?

**A Leader Who Hears the LORD**

1 Samuel 3:1 - 4:1a

**Intro: Israel in trouble...**

'In those days...the Word of the LORD was rare' (3:1)

'At that time...Eli...could not see' (3:2)

A leadership Crisis (2:12 & 2:22-25)

**The LORD Calls A New Leader**

| Samuel  | Eli & his house |
|---|-----------------|
| <b>Scene #1: God calls and speaks to Samuel (3:1-14)</b>            |                 |
|   |                 |
| <b>Scene #2: Samuel speaks God's Word to Eli (3:15-18)</b>          |                 |
|   |                 |
| <b>Scene #3: Samuel speaks God's Word to all Israel (3:19-4:1a)</b> |                 |
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## **Conclusion: Looking for a Leader**

Marker #1: A Leader who hears (and obeys) God's words

Marker #2: A Leader who will speak God's words faithfully no matter what

## **The God-given Leader we need**

**So...what we should look for in our leaders...**

In every house

In God's House

### **Questions for Reflection & Discussion:**

1. What was your big takeaway from 1 Samuel 3:1-4:1a? What were you personally encouraged or challenged by?
2. How do we better appreciate Jesus as God's given Leader to us from today's passage?
3. How does this shape the way we see family and Church leadership?
4. Pray in response to today's passage: thanking God for our Perfect Leader Jesus and praying for all our leaders to be like Him.

## *Prayer Points*

### **Our Church**

**ECM** – May the Lord guide us into the year ahead, not only as we share and approve a church budget, but also as we prayerfully support and join hearts behind the work of ministry in Zion Bishan.

**Suffering Saints** – Let us remember in prayer those among us who are suffering from long-term or serious illnesses whether physical or mental, even some who are homebound and unable to gather regularly with the saints. Thank God for brothers and sisters in Christ who have reached out to individuals in such difficult situations, to minister the Gospel to them. As many of these suffering brothers and sisters continue wrestling in their helplessness, may the Lord be gracious to grant recovery and healing if that is His will. May He continue to be the Rock and refuge for them, and may He lift them in their neediness to lean on Him (1 Sam 2:1-10). May those who might be struggling quietly and alone also be moved to call out to Him and to the rest of the church family for help.

### **Our World**

**Indonesia** – In region A, an environmental disaster in 2001 opened small doors for the gospel here. However, the ground remains hard. The recent severe flooding 3 months ago, devastated large areas in and around this region. 2 of our ministry partners distributed relief to various villages in region A and conducted trauma healing sessions. There were several people who received the gospel and are now being followed up. However, it is not easy for them and pressure to return to their former beliefs is strong. Pray that they will remain firm in their faith and that others will also come to faith as Christians serve and support those affected by the floods.

## Last Week

| Sunday Service               | Attendance  | Offering          |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| English Service Livestream*  | 18          |                   |
| English Service 8.30am       | 202         | \$764.15          |
| English Service 10.30am      | 596         |                   |
| English Service 4.30pm       | 288         |                   |
| Chinese Service livestream*  | 7           |                   |
| Chinese Service 8.30am       | 80          | \$1,149.00        |
| Cant/Mand Service 10.45am    | 77          | \$1,365.00        |
| Mand/English Service 10.30am | 64          | \$873.00          |
| Hokkien Service              | 65          | \$1,198.00        |
| Tamil Service                | 10          | \$344.00          |
| DHF                          | 18          |                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                 | <b>1425</b> | <b>\$5,693.15</b> |

\*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Electronic Transfer | \$67,123.40        |
| <b>Weekly Total</b> | <b>\$72,816.55</b> |

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

## GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

|                                    |                       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Electronic Transfer                | \$6,399.50            |
| <b>Weekly Total</b>                | <b>\$6,399.50</b>     |
| <b>Total Gift Received To-Date</b> | <b>\$6,065,432.43</b> |

## Church Family News

Bro Tze-Ming is preaching on Romans 12:1-21 at Shalom BP this morning.

## A&A Schedule Update

- 1) **Monday (2 Mar)** - Car park will be closed all day till about 5pm for column casting work on Level 5.
- 2) **Mon (2 Mar) – Thurs (5 Mar)** - Level 1 toilets will be closed for installation of new wash troughs and taps. Kindly use toilets in upper floors.
- 3) **Mon (16 Mar) - Sat (21 Mar)** School Holiday Week  
- No access to Level 3 rooms for the resurfacing of corridor flooring. If you have booked a room during that week for meeting, please contact Lydia for an alternative venue.

## 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**

**ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH – GPF**

Please provide your CONTACT NUMBER on each cheque

## Looking Ahead

### **Fri, 6 Mar**

**8.00pm:** Prayer Meeting

*Register at [zionbishan.org.sg/fpm](http://zionbishan.org.sg/fpm)*

### **Sat, 7 Mar**

**4.00pm:** Youth Fellowship

*Register at [zionbishan.org.sg/yf](http://zionbishan.org.sg/yf)*

### **Sun, 8 Mar**

Worship Services at **8.30am, 10.30am & 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](http://bit.ly/ZBinterest) and we will put someone in touch with you as soon as possible!

## 1 Samuel Series

### **8 Mar – A Priesthood Condemned**

( 1 Sam 4:2 – 22 )

*Ps Danny Chua ( 8.30am & 10.30am )*

*Ps Ng Zhiwen ( 4.30pm )*

### **15 Mar -- Samuel: The Ark of the Lord**

( 1 Sam 5:1 – 7:2a )

*Ps Alby Yip ( 8.30am & 10.30am )*

*Ps Vernon Quek ( 4.30pm )*

### **Year of Rest**

I find it uncannily funny, or perhaps divinely coincidental that I should be resuming full duties after a “year of rest” when somehow the pastoral team and session have designated this year as a Year of Rest. So should I rest or should I “chiong” since I’ve “rested” 😊

Yes, I have a year of rest to ponder over and practice rest. But to be honest, I have struggled greatly to find and learn rest in the first few months. After all, I have been actively at the forefront of work and ministry from home to office relentlessly for the last 30 years.

I trust some of you are like me. Much as you know you need adequate rest or even pick up an exercise, somehow rest seems elusive or even impossible. I suspect this is true for those who have relentless work, family and financial commitments.

In reality, most working class do not have the luxury of planning our calendars and timetables. Most people’ lives and time are dictated and demanded by the tyranny of the urgent, important and necessary. “Rest” may even have disappeared from our life’s rhythm.

Perhaps that is why many people crashed (which can manifest in many ways). I did (you can speak to me personally to know more). We all know we need rest. But what is rest? Even the busiest person gets to rest and sleep (or plain knocked out?). But is that what rest means?

Is rest simply a cessation of activities? The Bible talks about rest directly and indirectly in a few places. Again, it is divinely coincidental that we are covering the passages in our Samuel sermon series these two weeks.

The word “presence” was mentioned five times always in relation to the Lord. In particular, 1:22 and 2:21 say Samuel is to or is in the “presence of the Lord”. Notice that Samuel was still a boy then. Notice that Samuel only heard from God only in chapter 3.

Most importantly, notice that Samuel, notwithstanding his young age, he was placed on 24-hour standby shift (maybe bullied by Hophni and Phinehas and the “old birds”?). That was why he went to Eli thinking that Eli called him to maybe get a glass of water or something.

In a sense, Samuel was already caught in the web of the tyranny of the urgent, important and necessary. But perhaps in his tender and yet unadulterated heart, the work may be menial, servile and demanding, but he knows he was serving God, even when it was “in the presence of Eli” (2:11; 3:1)

Brother Lawrence, a Carmelite priest who too was assigned to menial, servile and seemingly humiliating tasks wrote a small booklet *The Practice of the Presence of God*. He explains that deep communion with God is not reserved for formal prayer or religious settings.

The presence of God can be practiced at every moment—while cooking, cleaning, or performing ordinary tasks—by speaking to God lovingly and turning one’s heart toward Him with trust and simplicity. Could that be the rest that we need in our life’s rhythms?

Perhaps we should make it a point to sing the nursery song once in a while. With Christ in the vessel, we can smile at the storm! I have faced a fierce storm in the year past. I must confess that I was overwhelmed at the beginning.

But as I learn to be still, to practice the presence of God, no, the storm didn’t subside. The reality didn’t change. But I changed because I was changed. My heartfelt thanks to the pastors, staff, leaders and members of the church who have magnanimously blessed me with the time and space.

I am fully cognizant that many of you can ill afford or would never have such luxury. Hence, besides thanking you all, I commit also myself in this next season to give of my best to the Gospel and to you all in Zion Bishan, and where God calls, to His wider Kingdom—with proper rest and the practice of the presence of God. I invite you to the same too.

## Announcements

### Extraordinary Congregational Meeting

**1 March (TODAY) 1pm**

**Registration starts at 12.30pm  
@ Fellowship Hall**

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

Proxy Form available at entrance for those who can't attend.

**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](mailto:jenwei@zionbishan.org.sg) ) or **Melvin** ( [melvin@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:melvin@zionbishan.org.sg) ) for more info.

### Sabbath Rest Workshop by Ps Dev Menon

**14 Mar (Sat) 10am – 12pm  
Conference Room, Level 3**

Please sign up at:

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

### ZB Youth Ministry

**ZB Youth Ministry is calling** for youths to be connected to the ZB church family — join us for Youth Fellowship on Saturdays, and Youth Discipleship class on Sundays.

If you know someone in their teens interested to join, or if you'd like to find out how you can serve our ZB youths, speak with **Jacqueline** ( **93227629** ), **Dns Ee-Wern** or **Dns Larissa**.