

**Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings
and sacrifices as much as in
obeying the LORD?**

1 Sam 15:22a



ENGLISH SERVICES

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Doxology

Worship in Songs:

AM: Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven; Christus Victor (Amen);
Be Thou My Vision

PM: Lord have Mercy; From Everlasting (Psalm 90); Christus Victor (Amen)

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 8 (ESV)

Message: Israel Demands a King

Response Hymn: Shine into Our Night

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

Speakers:

Ps Alby Yip (8.30 & 10.30 am)

Ps Danny Chua (4.30 pm)

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Lim Nan

Worship Leader: Dn John Chua

Vocalist & Musicians: AM Music Team 2

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Charles Chia

Worship Leader: Dn Sam Ong

Vocalist & Musicians: AM Music Team 2

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Peter Wang

Worship Leader: Eld Roland Low

Vocalist & Musicians: PM Music Team 2

Pastors and Ministry Staff

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

Rev Dr Alby Yip, Senior Pastor (1030)	<i>alby</i>
Rev Dr Dev Menon, Pastor (430)	<i>dev</i>
Rev Lim Jit Thye, Pastor (Cant-Mand)	<i>jtlim</i>
Rev Daniel Nge, Pastor (Mand-Eng)	<i>daniel</i>
Rev Vernon Quek, Pastor (1030)	<i>vernon</i>
Rev Ng Zhiwen, Pastor (830)	<i>zhiwen</i>
Rev Paul Yeo, Pastor (Mandarin)	<i>paul</i>
Rev Chris Rajendran, Pastor (Tamil)	<i>christopher</i>
Rev Danny Chua, Pastor (430)	<i>danny</i>
Preacher Choo Han Boo (Hokkien)	<i>hanboo</i>
Ms Elizabeth Hira, Children's Ministry/DHF	<i>hira</i>
Mrs Sha.ron Quek, Overseas Ministries	<i>sharon</i>
Dr Quek Tze-Ming, Ministry Staff	<i>tzeming</i>
Mrs Jacqueline Ong, Youth Ministry	<i>Jacqueline</i>
Mrs Vanessa Khoo, Women's Ministry	<i>vanessa</i>
Mr Joel Khoo, YAs/Discipleship	<i>joel</i>
Mr Timothy Ong, Missions Education	<i>timothy</i>
Rev Dr David Wong, <i>Advisory Pastor</i>	
Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i>	

Confidential Care & Counselling:

care@zionbishan.org.sg

Israel Demands a King

1 Samuel 8

Introduction

Israel Demands

God Responds

Request Granted

Conclusion

Discussion Questions:

1. What was wrong with Israel's request?
2. In what way God's response can help us with our lives?
3. Think of happenings in your life/around you that could have been prevented. Why?

Israel Demands a King

1 Samuel 8

The Story So Far

Hannah: A barren woman and her prayer song for a king

Israel: The corrupt nation and their 'god in a box'

Samuel: A prophet-judge who hears Yahweh and saves Israel

Samuel's Sons: Worthless Leaders *Déjà vu* (8:1-3)

The never-ending problem of sinful human leadership continues.

Israel's Demand: A Worldly Request (8:4-9)

God's Promise: "... out of all nations you will be my treasured possession" (Ex. 19:5)

Israel's Desire: "... appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations. (1 Sam 8:5) go out before us and fight our battles" (1 Sam. 8:20)

God's Verdict: "... they have rejected me from being king over them (1 Sam 8:7)

God's Judgment: Sinful Israel gets their what they deserve (8:10-22)

Israel's King: a leader in their image – a self-serving ruler who will reject God's justice and laws (Deut. 17:14-20) to take endlessly from his own people.

Conclusion: Judgment & Longing

Judgment: What happens when God grants our sinful demands? How is it like to live life under the 'king' of our own choosing?

Longing: Who will be the king raised up by Yahweh, who judges justly, fights our battles? Who will be a king who gives to his people, rather than take again and again from them?

Discussion Questions:

1. What do you remember from the events of Samuel thus far in the journey?
2. Consider Samuel and his sons (8:1-3) – what do you think has gone wrong here? Where have we seen this before (2:22-25)?
3. How do you feel as you read of Israel rejecting the LORD as king? In what areas of your life do you notice yourself rejecting God's rule (share as openly as you can)?
4. What does life look like when we consciously reject God's rule to serve other 'kings' of our choice? Why is it that some of these other 'kings' that rule us often drain and pain us?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Catechism Class Retreat – Thank God for the 30 over participants who went away for yesterday's retreat. It was a time of hearing the Father's voice through His word, fellowshiping through gospel conversation and over food. May the Lord continue to minister His presence to each catechumen and grow their assurance in Jesus, as they consider joining our church family this May on Pentecost Sunday!

Domestic Helpers' Fellowship (DHF) – Thank God for our sisters who meet weekly to read and learn from the Bible together. Pray for a fresh desire to know the Lord daily and His Spirit's understanding to uncover and understand the mysteries of the Bible. May they surrender all and follow Jesus, offering their whole life as a pleasing sacrifice.

Our People

Remember our folks who are ill, unable to come in-person and can only worship via livestream. If you are able to, call or even pay them a visit.

Our World

Nepal – SQ returns from Kathmandu today after almost 2 weeks. Thank God for a good training for ministry workers in this network of Tibetan ethnic background believers. Pray for these brothers and sisters in Christ as they persevere to share the gospel in this high, mountainous areas where discipleship is very difficult.

Lebanon – This past Wednesday, more than 100 coordinated, Israeli airstrikes were reported in Lebanon. More than 250 people were killed and over 1,100 were wounded (Reuters). Our partner at Life Centre, Beirut had to close down their centre as a precaution. Hospitals are full of injured and more are expected to come in as authorities search through the rubble. A national day of mourning has been declared. Please pray for the mercy and the peace of Lebanon and the region. Let us also uphold our brothers and sisters at the Life Centre in prayer, for God's comfort on them as they minister to others.

Last Week

BPCIS Good Friday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	45	
English Service 8.30am	623	
English Service 10.30am	565	
TOTAL	1233	\$28,270.58*
Chinese Service livestream*	6	
Chinese Service 8.30am	197	\$3,785.00
Tamil Service	19	\$280.00
TOTAL	1455	\$4,065.00

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	7	
English Service 8.30am	242	\$828.00
English Service 10.30am	532	
English Service 4.30pm	301	
Chinese Service livestream*	6	
Chinese Service 8.30am	84	\$1,701.00
Cant/Mand Service 10.45am	80	\$548.00
Mand/English Service 10.30am	63	\$1,114.00
Hokkien Service	56	\$987.00
Tamil Service	12	\$887.00
DHF	23	
TOTAL	1406	\$6,065.00

#Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

*offering collected for BPCIS

Electronic Transfer	\$102,495.95
Weekly Total	\$140,896.53

Weekly offering to meet budget for 2026/27: \$91,095

GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$14,173.00
Weekly Total	\$14,173.00
Total expenses as of To-date	-\$1,300,123.43
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$4,828,151.58

Church Family News

Ps Vernon is on Paternity Leave from 7 Apr – 4 May.

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, 17 Apr

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

Register at zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Sat, 18 Apr

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at zionbishan.org.sg/yf

Sun, 19 Apr

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

1 Samuel Series

19 Apr -- King Saul Anointed

(1 Sam 9:1-10:27)

Dr Quek Tze-Ming (AM)

Ps Ng Zhiwen (PM)

26 Apr -- Saul Delivers Israel

(1 Sam 11)

Ps Dev Menon

3 May – Samuel's Farewell

(1 Sam 12)

Ps Ng Zhiwen (AM)

Ps Danny Chua (PM)

10 May -- Saul's Disobedience

(1 Sam 13)

Ps Alby Yip (AM)

Ps Vernon Quek (PM)

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!

Christ for Cambodia

As I write this (on Wed 8 April), I am seated in a rural church hall somewhere in one of the poorest provinces in Cambodia. A large gathering of pastors and leaders from all over the province have come. This region is less than 1% Christian, and the leaders have come to catch a vision to see many come to know Jesus. This could mean organizing the first ever large-scale public gospel rally in this province.

The church I am in has seen difficult times. Twenty-three years ago, the building was burned and almost destroyed by a mob. A new building has since been erected. One of the pastors here lost his father 40 years ago at the hands of persecutors. Now he is a member of the provincial Christian committee representing the churches here, whose task is to rally the churches here to unite for evangelism.

From fear of persecution to faith to proclaim!

The LORD is at work in this place. I am here as a witness.

In just these 2 days, I have seen signs of revival. The national church is incredibly united. More than three-quarters of the churches in the nation are connected with one another through a relational network of leaders down to the provinces.

The senior leaders of the Church across different denominations serve together as friends. They will make time to meet and talk through issues, and fellowship over food. They have prayed together and share a vision to see the number of Jesus followers in the nation increase manifold within the next 7 years. That's a bold vision that only God can make happen!

The national church 'elders' are godly men and widely respected. They give their time and energy freely to serve the unity of the Church.

The Cambodian brother who drove me from the capital (Phnom Penh) to the province considers it his ministry calling to drive to all the provinces, building relationships with the local churches, encouraging the leaders, and solving

problems. He does this entirely as a volunteer, living on the support of other Christians.

I am right now listening to a sister providing interpretation for a presentation of the gospel rally. Just last night, she was encouraging the key pastors in the province to take ownership of the vision to reach their own people. She too is doing this as a self-supported volunteer.

We were also joined by two locals who serve with Youth With A Mission, who had come from a province on the other end of the country – they came to lend strength and see the church on this end be united for the gospel.

The passion and sacrifice of God's people here is touching me deeply. I believe the kingdom of God grows 'at the speed of relationships', and I see that happening here. I am excited for them.

Ok, so I am here to more than just witness. I am discerning how the Church in Singapore can lend strength to what the local church here is doing.

Pray with me as I think about this. And if you are interested or wish to be involved in some way, come and speak to me.



This was taken after a dinner meeting with some local leaders and pastors in Phnom Penh.

Announcements

Men's Ministry

Gal 1:1-5 – "..... not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead".

Men of Zion, sign up and join us to know our calling and where it comes from.

Confidence in Christ - Our Calling to ___?

by Dr. Quek Tze-Ming, *Ministry Staff,
ZB BPC/Lecturer BGST*

18 Apr (Sat) 8am – 9.30am

Zion Bishan MPH, Level 1

Breakfast Fellowship @7.30am

<https://tinyurl.com/MMEG2026Apr>

Missions Prayer Night (MPN)

Simple Thinking, High Living 24 Apr (Fri) 8pm over Zoom

Some growth takes time to see. Hear from RN & JN how they have caught a glimpse of growth from the last few years of friendship and partnership with our Nepal mission partner.

Join our Friday Prayer Meeting (FPM) channel at

<https://zionbishan.org.sg/fpm>

HOPE Explored Gospel Series

19 Apr – 3 May (Sun) 10.30am

@Mandarin-English Service

A time for interactive sharing and exploring life and faith. A safe place to listen, think, ask questions and share.

Please register at

<https://forms.gle/Sd8RhgCZuhBvPj5x8>

The Marriage Course

7 Sat evenings beginning from

2 May, 6 - 9pm at the **Living Room Cafe**.

The Family Ministry is calling for married couples to invest in their marital relationships. The Marriage Course is a **7 week** session designed to help couples strengthen their marriage.

Course fee of **\$210** per couple .

Dinner will be provided and child minding too if need be. Limited to 6 couples per course run.

Interested couples can register and find out more info at

<https://forms.gle/XANEGJYwxAccsNbV7>

or contact **Dn Junaidi (9665 1621)**

or **Dn Kemp (9048 9977)**.

Raising Teenagers

A talk by Rory Bell

4 May (Mon) 7.30am - 9.30pm

ZB Chapel

Parenting teenagers can feel overwhelming, but it doesn't have to be. Come and listen to Rory Bell as he shares practical, Bible-based insights to help parents navigate teenage years.

Rory Bell is the director of Teaching and Training (TnT) Ministries, an organisation that resources and equips people to teach the Bible to children and teenagers more faithfully, more creatively, and more effectively.

Register at

<https://bit.ly/ZBraisingteens26>

by **20 April**. For enquiries, contact **Hira** (8.30 svc), **Jacqueline** (10.30 svc, **93227629**) or **Dns Cassandra** (4.30 svc).

ADC

Formed in Faith - A Workshop in Spiritual Formation

Do the words "Spiritual Formation" leave you cold, or perplexed? Have been wondering how God shapes His people over a lifetime? Or maybe you want to learn some ways to grow your spiritual life? Through teaching, reflection, and guided exercises, we will be invited to consider where we are in our walk with God and how He may be at work forming us today.

Location: Chapel L4 (in-person only)

Speaker: BGST Centre for Spiritual Formation (Ms Janice Chern & Dr Quek Tze-Ming)

Date & Time: Sat, 16 May, 9am - 12pm

Fees: \$10 (upon registration)

Attendance only by registration at:

<https://tinyurl.com/ADC-Formed>

Please contact

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further information.