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shoot me, fearing that I would report and identify them. But God spared me.

I know God has a plan and purpose for allowing things to happen. He knows what is best for us. We should never be discouraged. Our God is faithful and true.

'Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.' (Job 1:21)

Thank you very much for your prayers and concern and for encouraging us.

God bless. In Christ, Caleb"

2. Remember Pastor Dignadice and family

In reply to Pastor Caleb's letter, I wrote:

Dear Caleb,

Surely the Lord has seen you through a most fearful experience and preserved you unharmed, intact from the evil men. I pray that He will restore you fully – body, soul and spirit – for His greater service. We continue to pray for you and your daddy. May our God preserve and keep you safe and well. Amen."

3. "Suppose it had been me!"

As I reflect on the whole episode of the "kidnapping and robbery" experienced by

Brother Caleb, I asked myself, "What if it had been me? Or someone among our B-P pastors? After all, I had been also traveling in the same province as Brother Caleb. It could well have been me!"

But, thank God, it was not me! Thank God for His great mercy and watchful care. "Prevention is better than cure!" I recall what the Psalmist says in Psalm 116:12-14:

"What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people."

And what vow shall I pay unto the Lord? What better than to send to the aid of Brother Caleb who escaped with body untouched and unscathed? This I must do without delay and let our Treasurer remit it with other sums which I'm sure our readers will be happy to contribute to encourage Brother Caleb.

Let our readers offer gladly, and see what great results may come from our expressions of sympathy, "for God loveth a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:7). The sick and aged father Pastor Leoncio Dignadice will also be much cheered!

God bless all readers.

*Faithfully in the Lord
Dr SH Tow, Sr Pastor*

AF FAMILY RETREAT - 6 to 7 SEPTEMBER 2010

Thistle Johor Bahru

Theme: Godly Family

Speaker: Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew

We have seen the breakdown of the family in today's society – the family is under attack. What is God's plan for the family?

God's Word can surely show us the way to family peace and harmony, the roles of the husband, wife, parents and the children and how to be the godly family that is pleasing to God, serving the Lord together for the glory of God.

Plan to come.....drive to Thistle Johor Bahru (less than 10 minutes from Johor Causeway) in the morning of 6 Sept and the programme will end with dinner fellowship on 7 Sept and drive back to Singapore.

Registration outside the Sanctuary will be open every Sunday after morning service and SGBF until 22 August 2010. You may download the form from our church website www.calvarypandan.org and email the completed registration form in soft copy to pscraf@yahoo.com.sg



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THEME: *"Walking with God in Perilous Times"*

(2 Tim 3:1)

Senior Pastor: Rev Dr Tow Siang Hwa

Pastor: Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew

LORD'S DAY, 15 Aug 2010

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SUNSET GOSPEL BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Theme: The Jewish People In History and Prophecy

15 August (6 pm)

22 August (6 pm)

Topic:

Call of Moses

Exodus

Preacher:

Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew

Dr SH Tow

Worship Leader:

Elder Goh Kee Tai

Elder Boaz Boon

My dear readers,

1. "In perils of robbers ..."

In the Apostle Paul's letter to the Corinthian Church (2 Cor 11:24-26), we read of his many tribulations – "... in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren ..." All that took place some 2,000 years ago in days before modern communications and law and order became an established feature in socially advanced communities. Who would have expected that daylight robbery of a most daring and vicious kind could happen in our neighbour the Philippines? And the victim was none other than our friend Pastor Dignadice's own son Caleb!

On July 29 morning, this report came from Mrs Darla Ebert, Hilltop Ministries, Antipolo Rizal Philippines: "This just came from Hilltop from Hannah Galanza, our secretary, we ask for prayers for our young Pastor Caleb Dignadice. Indeed we are thankful his life was spared.

Caleb Dignadice had a horrible experience on his way to Manila from Bicol. He was travelling alone. Somewhere in Laguna he

stopped by to use the comfort room and inside the comfort room of a gasoline station at least 4 men followed him to his car and they covered his head with his jacket in the car, tied his hands and someone drove his car, he was in it like a hostage. They even asked him to withdraw his money from ATM. They took everything, they took his car the Isuzu Highlander. Then they dropped him off somewhere in Taguig area. He is still terrified by what happened. He was thankful they did not kill him. Such a shock, Pastor Caleb is a very godly young man – Darla"

Following this, we received a letter from Pastor Caleb.

"Dear Dr Tow and brethren at Pandan,

I greet you with joy and thanksgiving to our great Shepherd, the Lord Jesus Christ.

He is our Protector and Provider, our great God whom we must holily and faithfully serve. I thank the Lord for preserving my life from the hands of the carjackers. More or less, there were 9 armed men who have taken the vehicle and all my stuff. Five of them took me, tied up my hands, and wrapped my face with cloth. The other group left with their getaway car. Then after, I think 2 hours of travel, they left me in an isolated area. They wanted to

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A very warm welcome to visitors and friends in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

PANDAN FACTS & FIGURES

Ring Pastor Quek 6566 5716; Mobile - 9671 9310 any time; Email - suanyew@gmail.com

10.00 am **Pre-Service Prayer Meeting: JW Sanctuary**
Today: Dn Milton Ang; N/W: Dn Vincent Teo

10.15 am Pre-Service Singspiration: **Today:** Dr SH Tow; N/W: Dn Milton Ang

10.30 am **Lord's Day**
Today **Worship Leaders** : Elder Jeffrey Cheong / Dr Tan Bien Keem/ Henry Chua
(L/S) **Speaker** : Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew
Message : "The Christian's Greatest Joy on Earth" (Phil 2:1-2)

Next Week **Worship Leaders** : Dn Milton Ang / Dn Chia Chung Seng
Speaker : Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew
Message : "In Lowliness of Mind" (Phil 2:3-4)

Last Week's (08.08.10) Attendances and Offerings

English Worship	10.30 am	1,170	\$24,082.30
Junior Worship		150	
Mandarin Worship	8.00 am	183	\$ 3,086.90
Mandarin JW		39	
SGBF	6.00 pm	418	\$ 4,232.20
Prayer Meeting (Tuesday)	8.15 pm	118	

Lord's Day Activities

Basic Bible Knowledge 12.15 pm - 1.15 pm, Cryroom
 Today: Lesson 6: Jesus Christ: His Resurrection i/c Pr AW Lek
 N/W: Lesson 7: The New Birth i/c Preacher Lek Aik Wee

DHW 12.15 pm - 1.15 pm, Sanctuary, 2nd level
ABC 12.15 pm - 1.15 pm, Rooms #02-05-07
Teens' Meeting 12.15 pm - 1.15 pm, JW Sanctuary, #02-03
Young People Discn Gp (17-20) 12.15 pm - 1.15 pm, New Sanctuary Cryroom
Library 12.15 pm - 1.30 pm, Room #03-04
AV Library 12.15 pm - 1.15 pm, Room #02-02
Choir 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm, Rooms #02-05-07
Tracting 1.45 pm, Lobby outside Sanctuary (2nd & 4th Week)
Filipina Bible Study 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm, Room #04-02 (1st & 3rd Week)

Lord's Day Duties

	15 Aug	22 Aug
Musicians Morning	Ong Su Ling / Rachel Han	Ko Lingwei / Eileen Hia
<i>SGBF (6 pm)</i>	Christine / Serena Ng	Suzanne Sim / Lim Zhongyan
Greeters	Yap Wai Ho & family	Matthew & Winnie Foo
Welcomers	John Fong & family	David, Hui Meng Loh & fmy
Lunch Coupon Sale	Kam Seng & Veronica	Jane Choong & Ester Lee
Kitchen Duty	YF	Mr & Mrs Steven Lee, Mr & Mrs Philip Toh, Mr & Mrs Samuel Tham
Ushers	Steven Lee, David Wong,	Steven Lee, Nam Moon,

Woon Chin, Ming Kin, Shue Heng, Ray Tan, Cho Wai Mun, Joel Koh, Mark Woo, John Fong, Victor Wong, Ernest Chan, Mark G, Kok Keong	Kwok Weng, Heng Wee, Samuel Chiang, Joe Chan, Edgar Teo, Thian Guan, Timothy Tan, James Lim, Andrew Chiang, Kam Luen, Chee Weng, Kim Hai, Wei Jun
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SGBF Singspiration	Elder Chew Chong Kiat	Dn Chia Chung Seng
SGBF Ushers	Thian Guan, Saravanan, Kiong Tay, David Wong, Dn Eric Lim, Heng Wee	YAF
SGBF Greeters	Andrew & Lee Pin	YF
SGBF Welcomers / Dinner Coupon Sales	Irene Lee & Jayme Teo	Irene Lim & Amy Ang
SGBF Kitchen Duty	Thian Guan, Saravanan	YAF

Activities for the week (16 - 21 Aug)

Tuesday 8.15 pm **PRAYER MEETING** i/c Elder Chew Chong Kiat

Thursday 1.30 pm **LADIES' FELLOWSHIP MEETING:** Lounge, Rm #02-14 (left of Tabernacle Bookroom)
 A Christian's Place in the Court of Law Pastor SY Quek

Friday 1.30 pm **GOLDEN YEARS CARE GROUP BIBLE STUDY** in the home of Mrs Evelyn Ong. Add: 682 Choa Chu Kang Crescent, #11-526. Tel: 67654456.
 Friends of Pandan and volunteers are welcome

8.00 pm **PATRIA CONTACT GROUP** meets in the home of Dn & Mrs Milton Ang. Add: 31 Goldhill Drive, S308879. Newcomers are most welcome

8.00 pm **HELPMEEET CG** meets in the home of Grace Gan. Add Blk 287B, Jurong East St 21, #11-340 Tel: 6899 9751.
 Focus of a Faithful Mother / Wife (2 Tim 2: 1~13) Pastor SY Quek
 Contact : Winnie (9043 4053), Rachel (9665 2477)

Saturday 2.30 pm **CMC** (Calvary Mission to Children)

5.30 -8.30 pm **YOUTH FELLOWSHIP:** Cryroom, New Sanctuary, Level 3
 Public vs Private Prayer Rev Dr P Koshy
Come join us for our prayer meeting at 5.00 pm

6.30 pm **ADULTS FELLOWSHIP 30TH ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING MEETING** - New Sanctuary, 3rd Level
 "Christ's Second Coming - Are You Ready?" Sr Pastor SH Tow
A fellowship dinner follows the meeting. All are welcome!

7.00 - 9.00 pm **MYANMAR FELLOWSHIP:** Room #04-05

HOME News & Announcements

1. **Last Week's LOVE GIFTS TO DESIGNATED FUNDS: S\$6,954.20**
Ajin Thus - Pointianak 50, 50 = \$100; **Ann Clements & family** 50, 500, 50, 10, 7 = \$617; **Baraka BP Church** 50 = \$50; **Bethel DC - Chiang Rai** 50, 50, 50, 400 = \$550; **Chee Khuen Wah** 50, 100 = \$150; **CMC** 3 = \$3; **Eben Yoon, Rev** 100 = \$100; **FEBC** 50, 50, 80, 300, 50, 200, 20, 10, 100, 50, 100, 40, 50, 50, 50 = \$1,200; **FEBC - Karen** 50 = \$50; **Febian / Jeremy Siregar** 50 = \$50; **Golden Years** 50, 51 = \$101; **Harrison & Charlene** 10 = \$10; **Hilltop** 50, 50 = \$100; **Hilltop Student** 82, 25 = \$107; **John & Eunice Tan** 500, 100, 100 =

60TH B-P MOVEMENT MAGAZINE - Due to space constraint, your forbearance is requested as the magazine committee would probably need to edit for brevity.

\$700; **Jordan** 50, 92 = \$142; **Jose Lagapa** 50, 20 = \$70; **Lek Aik Wee, Pr** 52, 10, 200, 10, 10 = \$282; **Lim Wee Chian, Eric** 50 = \$50; **Ling Soon Ing, Pr** 100 = \$100; **Pang Kok Hiong Rev** 50, 200, 150, 12, 60, 200 = \$672; **Peter Yoksan, Pr** 250, 100, 500 = \$850; **Pontianak Kalimantan** 50, 50, 50, 10, 70 = \$230; **Quek Suan Yew, Rev (Dr)** 160, 50 = \$210; **RPG - English/Chines** 50 = \$50; **Saipan/China** 50, 50, 0.20, 25 = \$125.20; **Tow SH, Dr** 50, 50 = \$100; **Ethiopia Bible College** 35 = \$35; **Weerapong Harichaikul (Billy)** 150 = \$150

Building Extension (Cost \$2.1 Million) - Collection todate: \$1,915,197.04

Last week: 20, 50, 50, 62, 50, 20, 150, 50, 50, 50, 300, 700, 250, 50, 50, 50, 0.20, 0.20, 0.20, 10, 10, 10, 2000, 50, 50, 2, 1, 10, 50, 20, 20 = **Total: \$4,185.60**

DESIGNATED LOVE GIFT ENVELOPES are available at RPG Rack.

2. **CONGRATULATIONS TO WEI KEONG, KELVIN & SHA SHA** on their holy matrimony on 9 Aug.
3. **PASTOR QUEK** is preaching at Calvary Tengah BPC this afternoon. Please uphold him in prayer.
4. **AF CHOIR PRACTICE** today 12.30 pm in the New Sanctuary, level 3. This practice is for the AF's 30th Anniversary Thanksgiving & Praise Service. All adults are welcome to join us.
5. **MONTHLY TEENS RETREAT** will be held today in the home of Grace Ho. Address: 80 Corporation Rd. Topic: Acceptable to God vs others. Speaker: Dn Milton Ang. Bus will leave church at 1.45pm sharp.
6. **LADIES' BIBLE STUDY GROUP** - Please note that the next Bible Study will be held on 25 Aug. For the month of Sept, Bible Study will be held on 15 and 29 because of the Sept school holidays. Thank you.

FCM COMBINED MEETING - 24 September 2010

Theme : A Victorious Christian Life Amid Ungodly Influences (1 Corinthians 15:33)

Speaker : Rev (Dr) Prabhudas Koshy

Venue : Calvary Pandan BPC

Time : 6.30pm (Dinner at \$3 per pkt), 7.15pm (Meeting)

For dinner, please contact your respective student coordinators or Lek Xuan at 96389814.

YFSEPTEMBER RETREAT

Theme: Singleness of Heart

Date: 3 – 4 Sept 2010,

registration starts at 5.30pm

Venue: Calvary Pandan BPC

Speaker: Brother Henry Chua

For more enquiries, feel free to contact Su

Ling @ 91520831 or Elvin @ 94790811.

(Forms are available at the YF notice board.)

YAF RETREAT - 9 to 11 Sept 2010

Austin Hills Resort, Johor

“SPIRITUAL FREEDOM”

A thematic study on Romans 6 - 8

By: Jose Lagapa

* Registration Forms Available at the

YAF Notice Board

* For more information, please

contact Hong Zhuang (91704337)

- e) Laments of the individual, intoned by one who had suffered physical or emotional affliction;
- f) Entrance liturgies, chanted by those who desired to enter the place of worship; and
- g) Royal psalms, sung in honour of the king.

Gunkel's method was developed by his protege, Sigmund Mowinckel. This method may be used if one is certain of the *Sitz im Leben* behind that psalm. However, it is not possible to apply this method to ALL the psalms and determine their liturgical purposes.

Knowing the situation in life that caused the psalm to be written is helpful in that one can ascertain the reason behind the writing of the psalm. This is similar to knowing the problem behind the writing of many of Paul's epistles, which helps us to better understand that particular epistle. However, unlike the epistles, the problems can be carefully and clearly determined from the epistles themselves but not so in most of the psalms. The *Sitz im Leben* is not mentioned and not all of them are for liturgical functions.

II. Titles

1. Out of the 150 psalms in the Bible, only 34 of them have no titles or superscriptions.³ The Septuagint (LXX - Greek translation of the Old Testament) has titles for all the psalms except Psalms 1 and 2.

2. The following are five categories among the titles in the Hebrew (and English) Bible that we can distinguish:

- a) Authorship
- b) Historical origin there are only thirteen of these in all the psalms. All of them refer to David's life and experiences.⁴
- c) Literary feature it means words that describe the literary character of the psalm. Terms like *maschil*, *michtam*, *shiggaion*, prayer, and praise.

d) Liturgical use e.g. Psalm 92 a psalm used for the Sabbath day. Other liturgical notes appear but they are not specific. They are: "to bring to remembrance" Psalms 38-70; "a psalm of thanksgiving" Ps 100; and "a song of ascents" — Psalms 120:1-34. The LXX notes that Psalm 24 (LXX, 23) was used on the first day of the week; Psalm 48 (LXX, 47) on the second, Psalm 94 (LXX, 93) on the fourth, and Psalm 93 (LXX, 92) on the sixth. Do not confuse the superscription found in the psalms (Hebrew Bible) with those found in the LXX. Those found in the LXX are suggestions. Those found in the Hebrew Bible of the psalms are part of inspired Scriptures.

e) Musical notations The phrase, "to the chief musicians" is prefixed to 55 psalms and seems to suggest that these were used in the Temple services. Hab 3:19 has the similar phrase as a subscript.

(Footnotes)

¹S R Driver, **An Introduction to the Literature of the Old Testament**, first printing 1897, (Cleveland: World Publishers, reprint 1956), 368-9.

²For a synopsis of Herman Gunkel's thought, see **The Psalms: A Form Critical Introduction**, translated by Thomas M. Horner, (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1967).

³These psalms are: 1, 2, 10, 33, 43, 71, 91, 93-97, 104-7, 111-19, 135-37, 146-50.

⁴David's conflict with Saul -- Psalms 7, 34, 52, 56, 57, 59, 142; culmination of his reign -- Psalm 18; Syrian Ammonite war -- Psalm 60; adultery with Bathsheba -- Psalm 51; flight from Absalom -- Psalms 3, 63; and dedication of David's house -- Psalm 30.

N/W: Elder Chew Chong Kiat
F/W: Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew

I. Classification

1. Two methods have been employed to classify or group the psalms. They are grouping by CONTENT and by FUNCTION. The method of grouping by Content is older and even after the rise of formcritical scholarship, it remains a useful method.

2. GROUPING BY CONTENT S R Driver listed seven rubrics that are helpful which are based upon the content of the psalms.¹ They are:

- a) Meditations on various aspects of divine providence, e.g. Psalms 8; 19:1-6; 33; 36.
- b) Reflections on God's moral government of the world, e.g. Psalms 1; 34; 75; 77; 90.
- c) Expressions of faith, resignation, joy in God's presence, e.g. Psalms 11; 16; 23; 84; 121; 133; 139.
- d) Psalms with distinct references to the circumstances of the psalmist, e.g. Psalms 3-7; 9-10; 12; 30; 40:1-12.
- e) National Psalms, e.g. Psalms 14; 44; 46; 60; 74; 79; 87; 124-26.
- f) Historical Psalms, e.g. Psalms 78; 81; 105-6; 114.
- g) Royal Psalms, e.g. Psalms 2; 18; 20; 101; 110.

Other recognized classifications under the grouping of Content are Messianic, wisdom, imprecatory, Psalms of praise, etc.

3. GROUPING BY FUNCTION This grouping is done by identifying the type or genre of the psalm and tracing it back to its origin in the life of Israel. The rudimentary pursuit focused on the "setting in life" (*Sitz im Leben*), that is, the situation that brought the particular psalm into existence. (Bullock, 120)

"Herman Gunkel² pioneered this method and insisted that the important question was not the historical background but the function of the song in the life of Israel." (Bullock, 120) For example, he believes that Psalm 24 was chanted at the gates of the Temple as the Ark was returned from battle. This is difficult to prove with certainty.

Gunkel proposed seven types or classes:

- a) Hymns, sung on holy days at the Temple;
- b) Community laments, chanted by the people when disaster had struck;
- c) Songs of the individual, sung by pious persons;
- d) Thank offering songs, sung by one who had been delivered from great distress, and accompanied by a thank offering;

Prayer request - Please pray for Sr Pastor, having "pace-maker implant operation" Monday 16 August at Mt Elizabeth Hospital. Expected to be discharged Tuesday morning, and leaving for five days of rest at "*Mercure Hotel*" (former "*Sofitel*") in Senai, Johor, with Elder & Mrs William Seah. Returning Saturday 21 August, speaking at AF 30th Anniversary Service at 7:15 pm: "*The Lord is coming! Are you ready?*"

