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perfection of His Godhead. His love passes conception. Let us retire tonight impressed with the thought, that the love of Jesus is unalterably fixed on us who believe in His name.

My blessed Saviour, is Thy love  
So great, so full, so free?  
Behold I give my love, my heart,  
My life, my all, to Thee.

**3. "Yea, He loved the people" Deut 33:3**  
(March 30 MORNING)

GOD'S LOVE IS NOT MAN'S LOVE. He loved the unlovely, the poor, oppressed, rebellious, stiff-necked, hard-hearted, unworthy creatures. Just such are His people by nature now, and such are we. Yet He loves us, pities us, and chooses us from among others. For us He spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all; and with Him He will freely give us all things. Though He has not yet all His people with Him, yet He has Jesus sitting at His right hand as their representative; the express image and exact likeness of His elect. All the rays of God's love centre in Jesus, who is the Head of His body the church. All the streams of delight flow from Him to every believer on earth. As He loves Jesus so He loves us, for Christ and we are one. What is done to us, is done to Him; and what is bestowed upon Him, as our Mediator is bestowed upon us His people. O glorious mystery of infinite and eternal love! Direct my heart into this love of God!

O love of incomp'able kind!  
That leaves all thought so far behind;  
Where length, and breadth, and depth, and  
height,  
Are lost to my astonish'd sight:  
Lord shed abroad that love of Thine  
In this poor sinful heart of mine.

**4. "We love Him because he first loved us"**  
**1 Jn 4:19**  
(March 11 EVENING)

"HEREIN IS LOVE, NOT THAT WE LOVED GOD, BUT THAT HE LOVED US." Our love to God is but a feeble reflection of His love to us. He loved us in eternity that we might love Him in time. He loved us without any cause in us; but being infinitely lovely, He should be loved for His own sake. But it is the display of His love which awakens love in our bosoms towards Him; and His love being shed abroad in our hearts we love Him in return. No man in his natural state can love God, for "the carnal mind is enmity against God, for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." If therefore we love Him, or even heartily desire to love Him, it is proof that our hearts have undergone a change; and that change is the proof of His love to us. Every spiritual blessing flows naturally from His love, and whatever comes to us from Him is a covenant blessing, and leads us back to Him in return. Our faith in His word, our hope in His mercy, our love to His people, our zeal for His cause, our sorrow for sin, and our desires after holiness are all so many proofs of His love to us. But our sonship crowns the whole. This is unparalleled love, that such sinners as we are, should be called, "The sons of God."

How can I doubt Thy love to me,  
Thy love which sent Thee to the tree?  
That cruel cross on Calvary,  
To bleed and die to ransom me!

God bless you dear readers.

*Yours faithfully in the Saviour's Service,*  
*Dr SH Tow, Founding Pastor*



# CALVARY PANDAN BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THEME: "The LORD Knoweth the Way  
of the Righteous" (Psalm 1:6)

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My dear readers,

*(Extracts from Daily Remembrancer by Rev James Smith, edited by Dr SH Tow)*

**1. "Leaning upon her Beloved" Song 8:5**  
(November 18 EVENING)

"I AM MY BELOVED'S, AND HIS DESIRE IS TOWARD ME." Jesus is the object of a believer's love. To him the world is a wilderness. Heaven is his Father's house and his home. He is passing through the wilderness in company with Jesus. He is as the bride leaning on her beloved. This is indicative of weakness in herself and confidence in her Beloved. He is her strength as well as her guide, her support as well as the object of her affection. She leans on him as well as converses with him. He supports as well as comforts her. Believer, keep close to thy Saviour's side. Never leave Him while in this waste howling wilderness. Lean on Him, and when you feel weak lean hard. His strong arm is put forth to support your weak frame. He will bear you up and lead you on. The more you lean on Him, the more you will love Him; and the more you love Him, the closer you will cleave to Him. Yield to His guidance, trust in His love, lean on His power, walk by His side, and commend Him to others around you. In His company you are safe, in communion with Him you will be happy: like the two disciples of old, your heart will be warmed, and you

will be at the end of your journey before you are aware of it.

On thy Saviour's love and power,  
On His righteousness and blood,  
Lean in every passing hour,  
Lean till you sit down with God.

**2. "Love is strong as death" Song 8:6**  
(May 26 EVENING)

DEATH HAS CONQUERED ALL, BUT OUR LORD CONQUERED DEATH. The wisest, the strongest, the bravest, the kindest, the holiest - all have been conquered by death. It has triumphed over myriads, and turned our world into a vast graveyard. But love is equally strong, it conquers all. The love of Jesus is stronger, for it conquered death itself. And we are the objects of that love. He says, "I have loved you." He proves it: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." He has proved the strength of His love by the gifts He has conferred upon us; by the visits He has paid us, by the tears He shed for us, by the labour He undertook to perform for us, by the sufferings He endured for us, by the death He died, by the desire He cherished, and by His constant intercession on our behalf. His love overcame all obstacles, triumphed over all opposition, conquered all foes, and now reigns in His bosom as a ruling passion of His manhood, and as a glorious

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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

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**9.50 am Pre-Service Prayer Meeting: Main Sanctuary Cry Room**  
**Today:** Preacher Joshua Yong; N/W: Preacher Ko Ling kang

**10.15 am Pre-Service Singspiration: Today:** Dn Chia Chung Seng N/W: Dn Milton Ang

**10.30 am Lord's Day**  
**Today:** **Worship Leaders : Preacher Joshua Yong / \* DnTan Choon Keng**  
**Speaker : Preacher Ko Ling kang**  
**Message : The First Commandment With a Promise! – Deu.5:16**

**N/W:** **Worship Leaders : Preacher Ko Ling kang / \* Dn Chia Chung Seng**  
**Speaker : Preacher Joshua Yong**  
**Message : All of Us Have Killed! – Deu. 5:17**

### Last Week's ( 11 Nov ) Attendances

English Worship	10.30 am	1075
Junior Worship		
Mandarin Worship	8.00 am	145
Mandarin JW		11
SGH	6.00 pm	615
Prayer Meeting (Tues)	8.15 pm	127

### Lord's Day Activities

**Junior Worship** 11.15am to 12.15pm  
 Pre-school: 3 years old, Tiny Tots room #04-03  
 4 years old, Nursery room (ground floor, next to stage)  
 5-6 years old, Kindergarten rooms (ground floor)  
 Primary 7-12 years old, JW Sanctuary #02-03

**Indonesian Bible Study** 11.15 am -12.15 pm, Room #04-04 (CMC Room)  
 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm, Room #04-06 (1st Saturday)

**Myanmar Bible Study** 11.15 am -12.15 pm, Room #02-12 (Kindergarten Computer Rm)

**Basic Bible Knowledge** 12.15 pm - 1.15 pm, JW Sanctuary #02-03  
*Today:* Lesson 19: The Return of Jesus Christ  
 i/c Preacher Ko Ling kang  
*N/W:* Lesson 20: Understanding the Church Constitution  
 i/c Preacher Ko Ling kang

**Adult Bible Classes (ABC)** 12.15pm - 1.15pm  
 Rooms #02-05-07 (Book of Haggai) - Eld Chew Chong Kiat  
 Main Sanctuary (Book of 1 Kings) -Eld Ko SC / Dn Yap Wai Ho  
 Cry Room (Gospel of Matthew) - Eld Goh KT / Eld Lee KS

12.15 pm - 1.15 pm, JW Annex, #02-04

12.15 pm - 1.15 pm, New Sanctuary Cry Room, Level 3

**Teens' Meeting** 12.15 pm -1.15 pm, Room #02-02

**Young People Discn** 12.30 pm -1.30 pm, Room #03-04  
 (17-23 years old)

**AV Library** 1.30 pm - 4.00 pm, Main Sanctuary (#02-08)

**Library** 2.00 pm, Main Sanctuary Cry Room

**Choir**

**Tracting**

(2nd & 4th week)

**SGH Children Ministry** 6.00 pm, Nursery room (ground floor, next to stage)  
 (4 - 9 years old)

### Lord's Day Duties

	<b>18 November</b>	<b>25 November</b>
<b>Musicians</b> <i>Morning</i>	Ong Su Ling / Rachel Han	Ko Lingwei / Esther Low
<i>SGH (6pm)</i>	Eileen Poh / Benjamin Tan	Adrian Ho / Lim Zhongyan
<b>Greeters</b>	Sharon Lim & Theng Hui Hwen	Ray & Jane Tan & family
<b>Welcomers (Session)</b>	Dn Milton Ang	Preacher Joshua Yong
	Dn James Fu	Dn Eugene Goh
<b>Lunch Coupon Sale</b>	Heng Khuan & Christine	<i>No sale of lunch packets</i>
<b>Ushers</b>	Steven Lee, Whye Mun, Philip Fang, Ming Kin, Timothy Tan, John Fong, Eng Cheow, Tye Law, Bo Thong, Ernest Chan, Mark Woo, Saravanan, Ray Tan, Joel Koh, William Teo	Steven Lee, Woon Chin, Nam Moon, Dn Lim Ah Sang, Joe Chan, Liem Seng, Andrew Tay, James Lim, Dn Peck Thian Guan, Chee Weng, Kum Luen, Edgar Teo, Wei Jun, Yee Shen
<b>Kitchen Duty</b>	YAF	AF
<b>SGH Singspiration</b>	Elder Chew Chong Kiat	Elder Chew Chong Kiat
<b>SGH Ushers</b>	SAF	YAF
<b>SGH Greeters</b>	Amy Ang & Connie Ng	YF
<b>SGH Welcomers /</b>	Heng Khuan & Christine	<i>No sale of dinner packets</i>
<b>Dinner Coupon Sale</b>		
<b>SGH Kitchen Duty</b>	SAF	YAF

### Activities for the week ( 19 - 24 November )

Tues 8.15 pm **PRAYER MEETING:** Sanctuary, 2nd level, i/c Preacher Ko Ling kang

Fri 9.00 am **PANDAN MOTHER'S GROUP:** Church Lounge (#02-14)  
 Year End Get-Together Sister Irene Lim  
 For enquiries, please call Cindy (97120084) / Eileen Poh (94235443) / Chui Yin 97455212

Sat 9.30 am **GOLDEN YEARS FELLOWSHIP OUTING:** Bus will leave church at **9.30 am**. Walk in Community Garden followed by message and fellowship lunch at the home of Dn & Mrs Milton Ang.  
 The Test of a Person (Pro 27:21) Brother Wee Hian Kok

10.00 am **YAF Ladies Bible Study** in the home of Lingting. 15 Toh Yi Dr, #03-69, S590015  
 Remove your feet from evil (Prov 4:27b) Pr Joshua Yong  
 For enquiries, please contact Eunice @ 9171 4834

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

5.00 - **YOUTH FELLOWSHIP Combined Meeting with True Life:** Rooms #02-8.30 pm 05-07  
 Titus 2 Preacher Joshua Yong  
 Do contact Pr Joshua @ 9190 4677 or Dn Adrian Poh @ 90305803 if you have any queries!

Sat 5.00 pm **ADULTS FELLOWSHIP:** Main Sanctuary  
 Ready to Good Works (Titus 3:1) Preacher Ko Linggang  
 For enquiries, please call Elder Lee Kong Sing @ 9431 4607

**News & Announcements**

- Last week's LOVE GIFTS TO DESIGNATED OFFERINGS: \$11,422.00**  
**Bethel DC-Chiang Rai**50+30=\$80.00; **Bethel DC-Warunee**50=\$50.00; **Bible College East Africa-Kenya** 50=\$50.00; **CMC** 50+50=\$100.00; **AV Library** 50=\$50.00; **Missions** 100=\$100.00; **SAF Miri Missions** 52=\$52.00; **Arthur Aung** 50=\$50.00; **Joshua Yong** 50=\$50.00; **Quek Suan Yew** 100+20+50=\$170.00; **Tow Siang Hwa, Dr** 50+50+50=\$150.00; **Koh KH's mother-in-law** 50=\$50.00; **FEBC** 50+10+500=\$560.00; **John Tan Suan Toon & Eunice** 50=\$50.00; **Kathmandu BPC-Nepal** 8000+100+30=\$8,130.00; **Cynthia & Hiang Hang** 100=\$100.00; **RPG-English/Chinese** 10+10+150+10+400=\$580.00; **Sister Woan Juin** 50=\$50.00; **Chee Hou & Kathy-Baby Grace** 1000=\$1,000.00
- DESIGNATED OFFERING GUIDELINES** -- In light of the pervasive falling away in the last days, and to protect CPBPC's stand on holiness and obedience to the doctrine of biblical separation, the BOE has decided that any future designated offering to person or churches or ministries or groups that are unbiblical will be redirected to the general fund, from 5th November 2017 onwards.
- PASTOR & MRS QUEK** are away on vacation in Japan from 17 to 29 Nov. Please remember them in prayer.

**SUNSET GOSPEL HOUR (SGH)**

**Theme: "Know Your Enemies!"**

	<b>18 November (6.00 pm)</b>	<b>25 November (6.00 pm)</b>
<b>Topic:</b>	"Destruction of Man's Last Enemy" – <b>1Corinthians 15:20-26</b>	"The Roaring Lion Devours" – <b>1Peter 5:8-9</b>
<b>Preacher:</b>	Preacher Ko Linggang	Preacher Joshua Yong
<b>Chairman:</b>	Preacher Joshua Yong	Elder Chew Chong Kiat

**YEAR END SERVICES - BILINGUAL**

<b>Year End Service</b>	
<b>Christmas Praise Service</b>	<i>Lord's Supper will be served</i>
Date: 24 Dec 2018, 7.30 pm	Date: 31 Dec 2018, 7.30 pm
Topic: <b>"The Greatest Gift"</b> <b>(Hebrews 2:14-18)</b>	Topic: <b>"Slumbering or Sober?"</b> <b>(1Thess. 5:6-11)</b>
Speaker: Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew	Speaker: Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew
Worship Leaders: Preacher Ko Linggang / Dn Adrian Poh	Worship Leaders: Preacher Joshua Yong / Dn Leong Chee Meng

- THE FAMILY AND RELATIVES OF HO YONG MIN** thank Pastor and Preachers, Choir members, friends and church members for the support and encouragement on the home going of Catherine Tan Kim Soon, wife, mother and grandmother on 9 October 2018. Apologies for the late acknowledgment and thanks due to an oversight.
- LIVELY STONES CONTACT GROUP** meets on Saturday, 24 Nov at 5.00pm in the home of Eng Huat and Beng Yan. Address: 27 Lor Sari, Singapore 119116. For enquires, please contact Beng Yan at 96341217.
- BELIEVER'S / INFANT BAPTISM/REAFFIRMATION/TRANSFER** will be held on 30 Dec. Infant Baptism Interview with parents - please meet Rev Quek in the main sanctuary after morning worship service on 2 Dec. Thank you.
- USAGE OF CHURCH PREMISES** for VBS, Camps, Retreats and Special Occasions in 2019. All leaders in charge of JW, Teens, CMC, YF, YAF, AF, GYF, Ladies Fellowship and other ministries are requested to submit their bookings/plans to the church warden Ah Tu by 2 Dec 18. Thank you
- PARKING @ GALILEE BPC ON SUNDAY** -- Please do not park at Galilee BPC on Sunday before 12.00 noon. They need the parking spaces. Please also do not park outside the entrance and exit of Galilee BPC as it might impede their entry and exit. Thank you for your kind cooperation. God bless in Christ.
- YOUR CO-OPERATION WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED** - After the worship service and before you leave the sanctuary every Lord's Day, please check that no litter has been left behind and that the hymnals/songbooks/Bibles are placed neatly. Thank you.

**TEENZ CAMP 2018**

**Date:** 26 Nov to 1 Dec  
**Speaker:** Dn Yap Wai Ho  
**Venue:** CPBPC  
**Topic:** Relating to Others  
 Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/teenscamp2018>  
 Please contact Faith Tan 86849608 if you have any queries.

**JW Primary Retreat 2018**

**Theme:** Running the Race (Hebrews 12:1-2)  
**Date:** 7 December (Friday), 8am-8.30pm  
**Speaker:** Dn Lim Seh Beng  
**Venue:** CPBPC  
**Fee:** Free for all JW Primary children (P1-6)  
 Registration deadline: 25th November  
 Registration forms are available from all JW teachers.  
 Please contact Molly ([molly@consultm2.com](mailto:molly@consultm2.com)) or Nicholas ([nicholaslimsy@gmail.com](mailto:nicholaslimsy@gmail.com)) if you have any queries.

**YF December Camp**

**Theme:** Love Made Perfect (1 John 4:17)  
**Date:** 17 - 21 December 2018 (Monday - Friday)  
**Speaker:** Preacher Joshua Yong  
**Venue:** Resort Lautan Biru, Mersing (Lot 655, Jalan Rantau, Kg. Makam, 86800 Mersing, Johor)  
**Fee:** S\$100  
**Registration:** [tinyurl.com/yfdeccamp2018](https://tinyurl.com/yfdeccamp2018)  
**Registration Deadline:** 2 December 2018  
 Contact Ern-Wei (81887395) or Jing Yi (86864911) for more details.  
 Do let us know if you need any financial assistance.

**Introduction** –In an age of great carnality whereby Christianity has fallen away into apostasy, how does one know that he has truly believed in the LORD? It is during times of trial that the clarity of truth is made known in the heart of the child of God. The Bible teaches that the perseverance of the saints is entirely the work of God in the believer's life. No one can take the child of God out of the Father's hand and that of the Son as well. This is God's all-powerful guarantee. **John 10:27-30** "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: **28** And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand. **29** My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand. **30** I and *my* Father are one." However, this does not mean that the child of God need not experience this amazing truth in his heart as he serves and witnesses for the LORD on this sin-filled earth! The assurance of salvation is based upon God's promises in His holy and perfect Word of God but that does not exclude the precious experiences of the abiding presence of God's love and mercies in the believer's life.

Times of adversities are the best periods in every believer's life to taste this goodness of his heavenly Father for him. Psalm 40 is a psalm that teaches this. It helps the child of God to know (experientially) how good and gracious God will always be to him; not when he arrives in heaven but the moment he becomes a child of God. The spiritual benefits are for today's experiences. The LORD knows that His children need them. He wants them to draw nigh to Him under all circumstances, especially dire ones. This is what Psalm 40 is about.

**I. Why We Wait!** (vs. 1-5) – The literal translation of the phrase "I waited

patiently" is "to wait I will wait." This is the strongest way to emphasize a point where the same verb is used twice. David would do whatever it takes, and no matter how long it would take him, to continue to wait for the LORD to accomplish His holy will in his life. David would never stop trusting in the LORD, his God. No matter what his enemies might do to him or how they discourage him. David would remain faithful! This was his patience and determination in waiting for the LORD, to do whatever He determined to be the best for David. In times of trials such determination will be stretched to its limit where the thread of trust will be paper thin. With such a determination, David experienced the LORD's provision and protection.

Using synthetic parallelism, David testified that "he [the LORD] inclined unto me, and heard my cry." Psalm 40 was David's testimony of the LORD's perfect timing in coming to His servant's help. It is never too early that God's servants will miss the hand of God in their deliverance. It will never be too late that His servants are crushed under the load. The timing will be just right so that the servants of the LORD will see and experience all that the LORD had intended in that trial. All God's servants have to do, like David, is to wait patiently, no matter how long it takes.

**Verse 2** (synthetic parallelism) – David shared that the LORD, "brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, *and* established my goings." There is no indication of the context in which this psalm was written. What pit David experienced could only be one of two events in his life as recorded in 1 and 2 Samuel. It was either during his time as a fugitive when he ran from King Saul or the time when his own son Absalom usurped his

kingdom and wanted to kill him to secure his kingdom. Based upon the tone of the psalm it is most likely the former rather than the latter. He said that he was established by the LORD and his enemies were “more than the hairs of mine head.” (cf. verse 12b) This could only have happened during the time of King Saul when David had to hide outside of Israel in Philistine territory to be safe. David was determined on at least two occasions to not touch the Lord’s anointed, King Saul, because David waited patiently for the LORD to make him the next king. David did not take matters into his own hands by killing Saul, which was what all Gentile kings did in those days. David was the man after God’s own heart. He wanted to please his LORD at all costs, even if it meant living like a fugitive for years. The horrible pit and miry clay would be metaphors that David used to describe his many near death experiences when King Saul came very close to killing him if not for the LORD’s divine interventions.

Using synthetic parallelism, David said that the deliverance of the LORD was not only to take him out of danger but also to place him in safety. Such an experience makes the patient waiting priceless. David had drawn closer to his LORD through his patient waiting. There was no other way. The LORD set his feet upon a rock and established his going. This means that David was one hundred percent certain that what he was doing was pleasing to his LORD. He tasted the LORD’s deliverance. His position of service was to be the king of Israel. The LORD helped him. The manner in which he became king was just as important as becoming king, if not more. He began his kingly ministry on a clear slate of holiness. He did not cut corners or sin. All Israel loved him. No one could blame him, not even the Benjamites, as Saul lost his kingdom because of his own transgressions. David had a crystal clear conscience as he began his

service as king. This is the rock and establishment that David referred to.

**Verse 3** (synthetic parallelism) – The result is that David gave the LORD praise from his heart. His song of praise unto the LORD was spontaneous. He credited it to the LORD’s doing. “**3** And he hath put a new song in my mouth, *even* praise unto our God: many shall see *it*, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.” By the experience of the LORD’s deliverance in his life, David ascribed the spontaneous praise from his lips to his LORD. It was not empty praise that was a routine ritualistic exercise but a genuine heartfelt thanksgiving to his LORD. This was a new song based upon a recent and new experience. It was a present day experience that David praised his LORD for. It was not for past experiences even though David had many of them growing up as a faithful shepherd looking after his father’s flock. Believers need to have present day experiences with their LORD just like David.

All those around him would see the LORD’s deliverance and be afraid. What is there to be afraid of? King Saul marshalled his whole army and threatened the whole of Israel to capture David so that he could kill him because David was anointed to be the next King of Israel as the LORD had determined. But he failed miserably. He got himself killed at the end of his failed and foolish endeavours. He tried to stop God by trying to kill David and he failed miserably. That is why all those who knew and saw were afraid. Do not go against the servant of the LORD whom the LORD has appointed to do His holy will. To stop David was to stop God. To stop any of God’s children today who are doing God’s will is the same. That is why those who know and see ought to fear! Those who are born again will trust more deeply in the LORD in ways that only such a testimony can bring about. When they see the LORD deliver those who

patiently wait for the LORD and how they become better believers, they will be encouraged to do the same. If it can happen to a believer like David, it can happen to me too!

**Verse 4** (synthetic parallelism) – The conclusion is that the man is blessed by the LORD. “Blessed *is* that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.” The word “blessed” is used here to refer to a believer who is happy because he knows (experientially) that he is a child of God. He has a personal relationship with the LORD because he patiently waited for the LORD to deliver and the LORD did! He deliberately made the LORD his trust even though the enemies tried their utmost to discourage him. David had to live outside of the Land of Promise and hide in enemy territory, thus it was as good as saying that the LORD did not protect him in Israel. So why do he still want to trust in God? Thank God David persevered to the end of his trial. This experience made him blessed in the sight of the LORD.

David refused to stoop to the level of his enemies who employed evil and wickedness to get their way. They were proud and filled themselves with lies to fulfil their evil hearts’ desires! David did nothing to King Saul to deserve his murderous rage. Saul lost his kingdom because of his self-centred arrogance and man pleasing heart. David did not take his kingdom away from him. Yet, he blamed David for it because of his sins and the LORD chose David as his successor.

**Verse 5** (synthetic parallelism) – When trials are over and the child of God grows in grace and knowledge of the LORD Jesus Christ, he can confidently declare that, “Many, O LORD my God, *are* thy wonderful works *which* thou hast done, and thy thoughts *which are* to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: *if* I would declare and speak

*of them*, they are more than can be numbered.” David could easily testify of the goodness of his LORD through his numerous patient-waiting for his LORD to help him. This was a continuous daily experience. The LORD was near him. The LORD helped him. The LORD spoke with David and David with his LORD, even during the times he sinned. David’s life was far from perfect but it was not perfection the LORD sought. The LORD sought holiness and David experienced that in his life. The intimacy between David and his LORD was sweet and warm. It gave him all that his heart and soul needed even though at times he did not get what he want or asked for. This is the way with the LORD. He decides because He knows best and perfectly what His children need and He will give it to them. All that His children need to do is to trust and wait patiently. These experiences in his life from the day he knew the LORD were too many for him to recount.

What David experienced is supposed to be the norm for all of God’s children. However, living in the 21<sup>st</sup> century of compromise and spiritual apostasy, the slightest hint of spirituality or holiness in a child of God’s life is regarded as a supreme experience, like a blind man given a glimpse of light from a dim torch light and thinking that it is the bright light of the noon day sun! Living in carnality has dominated believers’ lives today. The benefits of waiting patiently for the LORD’s help in times of spiritual distress are more difficult to attain and experience than finding diamonds in the streets. Trusting in the LORD requires long patience. The blessings are numerous as David had testified. The greatest benefit is that the child of God is drawn closer to his heavenly Father and to walk with Him intimately right now!

[To be continued]

