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# Bulletin

13 August 2023

*We, at BTPC, are committed to love God and to glorify our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit by building one another up in God's word, serving one another in love and, being united in praying and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ; working together for the salvation of souls and the edification of Christians through the teaching of God's word and the preaching of the gospel.*

## Saved Together In Christ

<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." - Luke 19:9-10

## — Service Order —

**Opening Prayer** (Andrew Wong)

**Song 1:** O Lord My Rock And My Redeemer

**Welcoming Time**

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 24

**Confession & Corporate Prayer**

**Song 2:***Salvation Belongs To Our God*

**Scripture Reading:** 2 Samuel 5:17-6:23 (*1st Service: Cherlyn Neo; 2nd Service: Genevive Chan*)

**Sermon:** How To Approach God (*Nicolas Wong*)

**Reflection & Discussion Questions**

**Song 3:** *I Will Trust You In The Darkness*

**Financial Giving & Offerings**

**Announcements**

**Closing Prayer & Benediction**

## — Scripture Reading —

### 2 Samuel 5:17-6:23 New International Version

#### 2 Samuel 5:17-25

**17** When the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over Israel, they went up in full force to search for him, but David heard about it and went down to the stronghold. **18** Now the Philistines had come and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim; **19** so David inquired of the Lord, “Shall I go and attack the Philistines? Will you deliver them into my hands?”

The Lord answered him, “Go, for I will surely deliver the Philistines into your hands.”

**20** So David went to Baal Perazim, and there he defeated them. He said, “As waters break out, the Lord has broken out against my enemies before me.” So that place was called Baal Perazim. **21** The Philistines abandoned their idols there, and David and his men carried them off.

**22** Once more the Philistines came up and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim; **23** so David inquired of the Lord, and he answered, “Do not go

straight up, but circle around behind them and attack them in front of the poplar trees. **24** As soon as you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the poplar trees, move quickly, because that will mean the Lord has gone out in front of you to strike the Philistine army.” **25** So David did as the Lord commanded him, and he struck down the Philistines all the way from Gibeon[b] to Gezer.

## 2 Samuel 6:1-23

**1** David again brought together all the able young men of Israel—thirty thousand. **2** He and all his men went to Baalah[a] in Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the Name, the name of the Lord Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim on the ark. **3** They set the ark of God on a new cart and brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart **4** with the ark of God on it, and Ahio was walking in front of it. **5** David and all Israel were celebrating with all their might before the Lord, with castanets, harps, lyres, timbrels, sistrums and cymbals. **6** When they came to the threshing floor of Nakon, Uzzah reached out and took hold of the ark of God, because the oxen stumbled. **7** The Lord’s anger burned against Uzzah because of his irreverent act; therefore God struck him down, and he died there beside the ark of God. **8** Then David was angry because the Lord’s wrath had broken out against Uzzah, and to this day that place is called Perez Uzzah. **9** David was afraid of the Lord that day and said, “How can the ark of the Lord ever come to me?” **10** He was not willing to take the ark of the Lord to be with him in the City of David. Instead, he took it to the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite. **11** The ark of the Lord remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite for three months, and the Lord blessed him and his entire household. **12** Now King David was told, “The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-Edom and everything he has, because of the ark of God.” So David went to bring up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing. **13** When those who were carrying the ark of the Lord had

taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. **14** Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the Lord with all his might, **15** while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the Lord with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

**16** As the ark of the Lord was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, she despised him in her heart.

**17** They brought the ark of the Lord and set it in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before the Lord. **18** After he had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord Almighty. **19** Then he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to each person in the whole crowd of Israelites, both men and women. And all the people went to their homes.

**20** When David returned home to bless his household, Michal daughter of Saul came out to meet him and said, “How the king of Israel has distinguished himself today, going around half-naked in full view of the slave girls of his servants as any vulgar fellow would!”

**21** David said to Michal, “It was before the Lord, who chose me rather than your father or anyone from his house when he appointed me ruler over the Lord’s people Israel—I will celebrate before the Lord. **22** I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes. But by these slave girls you spoke of, I will be held in honor.”

**23** And Michal daughter of Saul had no children to the day of her death.

## — Sermon Outline —

How to Approach God?

2 Samuel 5:17-6:23

### Introduction

**God is Near; Approach Him through Prayer and the Word (5:17-25)**

**God is Holy; Approach Him with Obedience and Reverence (6:1-8)**

**God is Merciful; Approach Him with Humility and Rejoicing (6:9-23)**

## **Conclusion**

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

Which characteristic of God was most striking to you? How does this affect the way you approach God?

In what ways might we despise others for following Jesus?



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### Latest Announcements

Upcoming events and notices

## — Morning Tea —

Please **join us** for some light refreshments.

Morning tea is from **11 am to 11.30 am**.



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