



14 August 2022

THE WORSHIP GOD REJECTS

What picture comes to mind when you hear the word 'worship'? Maybe we think of passionate singing in a service with hands lifted high, or dutifully serving in a ministry every week, or routinely giving large sums of money to the church. Of course, these are commendable actions. However even if done earnestly, these acts of worship can be rejected by God if they are missing a key ingredient.

In Genesis 4 we read about two brothers, Cain and Abel. They brought their respective offerings to God at a time of worship (Gen. 4:3-5). Cain was a farmer, while Abel was a shepherd. So, it made sense that they brought offerings from their respective industries. I'm sure both would have been equally taught by their parents Adam and Eve about God, and how to worship him. Why did God reject the worship of Cain, but accept Abel's instead? The missing ingredient that God required is revealed in Hebrew 11:4: "By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts."



So by faith, Abel came to God with a penitent heart, acknowledging his sinfulness in the bringing of a blood sacrifice and his need for God's grace and forgiveness.



Faith is the key ingredient that Abel possessed when he brought his offering. Faith allowed Abel to take God and his Word seriously, and to obey in the type of offering that God required. God patterned the way of sacrifice for sin, by the killing of an animal for Adam and Eve, when they fell into sin in Genesis 3. So by faith, Abel came to God with a penitent heart, acknowledging his sinfulness in the bringing of a blood sacrifice and his need for God's grace and forgiveness. Cain, on the other hand, did not share the same faith and brought offerings to God on his own terms. Without faith, it was not possible for Cain to please God.

Acceptable worship today is not through the blood of bulls and goats (Thank God!), because Christ has already offered himself as the sin sacrifice once and for all. Instead, God says we are to "present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." [Romans 12:1] What this means is that we should be approaching our whole lives as a matter of worship to God, with the same attitude of faith that Abel had. God values worship from hearts of faith that obey and depend on Him, and rejects those who display outward actions of piety but whose hearts are far from Him.

So continue to bring your singing, service, and offerings to God, but bring them with attitudes of faith to accompany the action.

Daniel Yip
Youth Ministry Assistant Leader



CHURCH HAPPENINGS

• CHILDREN'S SERVICE @11AM

- (i) Primary Levels (7-12 years) at Level 3
 - (ii) Preschool Levels (3-6 years)* at Attic
- No registration is required

*If your child is born in 2019, but not yet 36mths of age, a caregiver must accompany the child for the duration of the service.

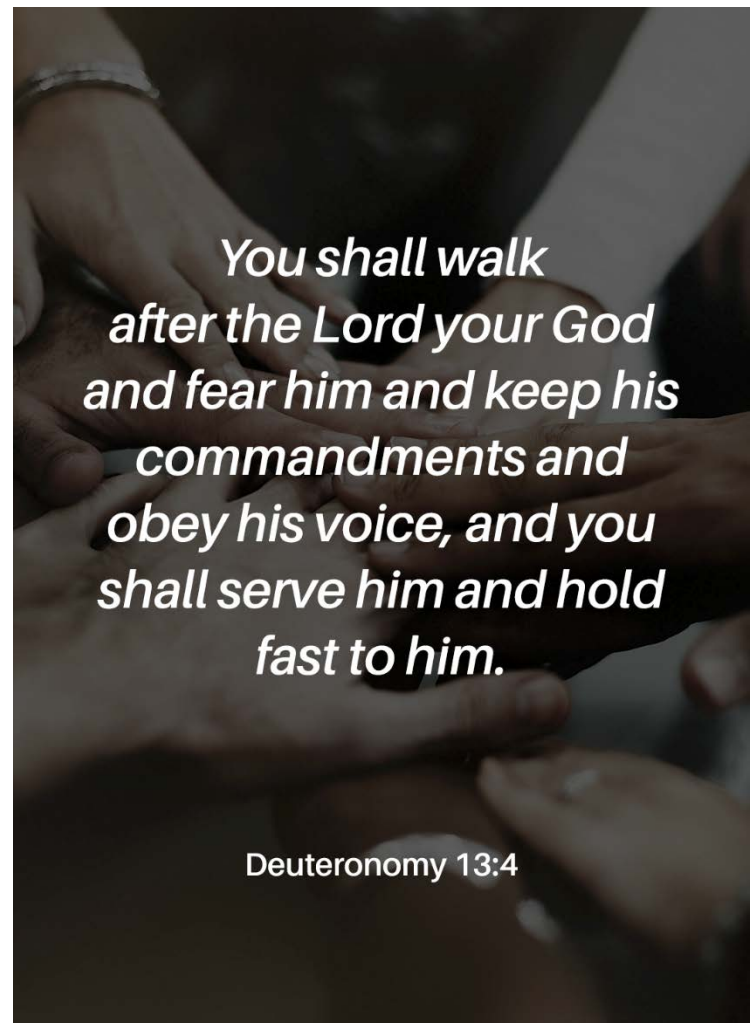
• 4 SEP CHILDREN'S SERVICES!

From 4 Sept 2022, there will be two children's services at 9am and 11am for:

- (i) Primary Levels (7 - 12 years) at Level 3; and
- (ii) Playgroup (~ 18 months till 2+) at Hall 3 @ Attic
- (iii) Preschool (3-6yrs) will remain @ 11am **due to a lack of volunteers**

• VOLUNTEER FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY!

Children are precious to Jesus and they must be precious to the Church. Our Children's ministry is in urgent need of committed and devoted volunteers. Apply today or find out more by contacting Hannah at children@gospellight.sg.



*You shall walk
after the Lord your God
and fear him and keep his
commandments and
obey his voice, and you
shall serve him and hold
fast to him.*

Deuteronomy 13:4





CHURCH HAPPENINGS

• CHIT CHAT! (NEWCOMERS EVENT)

Are you new to Gospel Light? Did you discover us through a friend, our online services or social media? We'd love for you to get to know us better! Chit Chat is an informal social session onsite where you get to mingle with our Pastor, Elders and leaders. Ever wondered what kind of church we are and where are our roots? What does our mission and vision statement mean? Save the date and we look forward to a great time of chit chat!

Date: **Sun, 18 Sep 2022**

Time: **12:30pm to 2:00pm**

Venue: **Gospel Auditorium, L2**

To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/3Sa2viF>

*registration closes **Sun, 11 Sep**

If you want to find out more, please write to sue.choo@gospellight.sg.

• KIDS BIBLE CAMP 2022 – SAVE THE DATE!

P1-P5 children & parents take note! KBC will be back in 2022.

Date: Thursday - Friday (24 - 25 November 2022)

Venue: Church

More details to follow soon, stay tuned!

• CHURCH CAMP 2023 – SAVE THE DATE!

Church camps can be huge catalysts for change. Studies show that convictions for change happen best in environments away from day-to-day life. A 4-day camp can possibly reignite your spiritual flourishing more than just months of church attendance.

Date: Wed - Sat (7-10 June 2023)

Venue: Four Points Sheraton, Desaru

Registration begins in January 2023. More details to follow.

• SHINEKIDZ EXECUTIVE RECRUITMENT

If you or anyone you know would be interested to serve with us for the above position, please contact Benita Teo at benita.teo@gospellight.sg. Details of the job position are available via our website at [Careers](#).

• YOUNG MUMS PRAY AND SHARE

Are you a young mum of a newborn or primary school children? Mothering is a high calling and not an easy one. We understand and hope to support you in your parenting journey. Join us twice a month on Zoom to connect, be encouraged and equipped to be the mum that God wants you to be!

Date: **Thu, 18 Aug** | Time: **9pm - 10pm**

Click Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/39TmGNQ>

Meeting ID: **865 7673 8143**

Password: **mums**





• **SEEKERS CLASS – COME EXPLORE CHRISTIANITY!**

Where can I find lasting happiness? What is the meaning and purpose of life? Does God truly exist? There is a God-shaped hole in everyone's heart and only the Bible has the answers to fill it. If you are exploring Christianity, sign up today.

Date: **28 Aug – 2 Oct** (6 Sundays)

Time: 1:15pm - 3:15pm

Venue: TBA

Click <https://bit.ly/3ovpmal> to register.

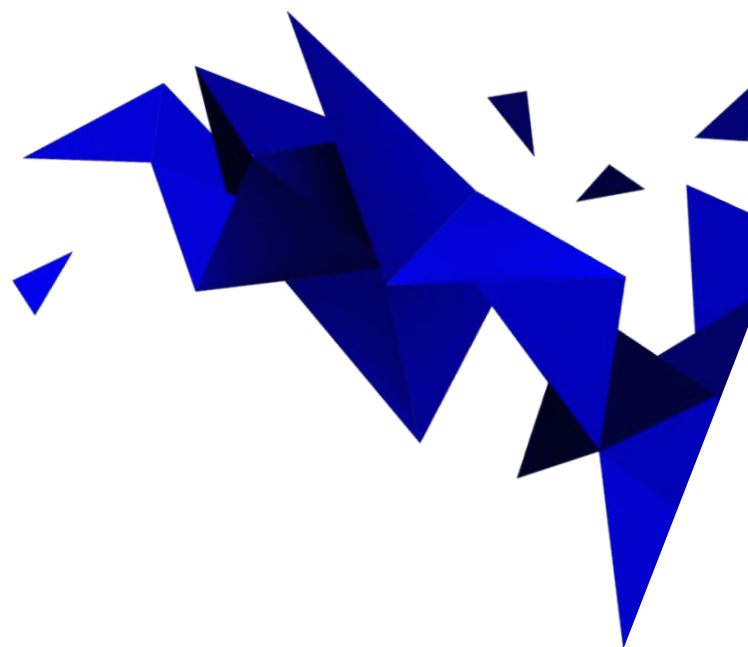
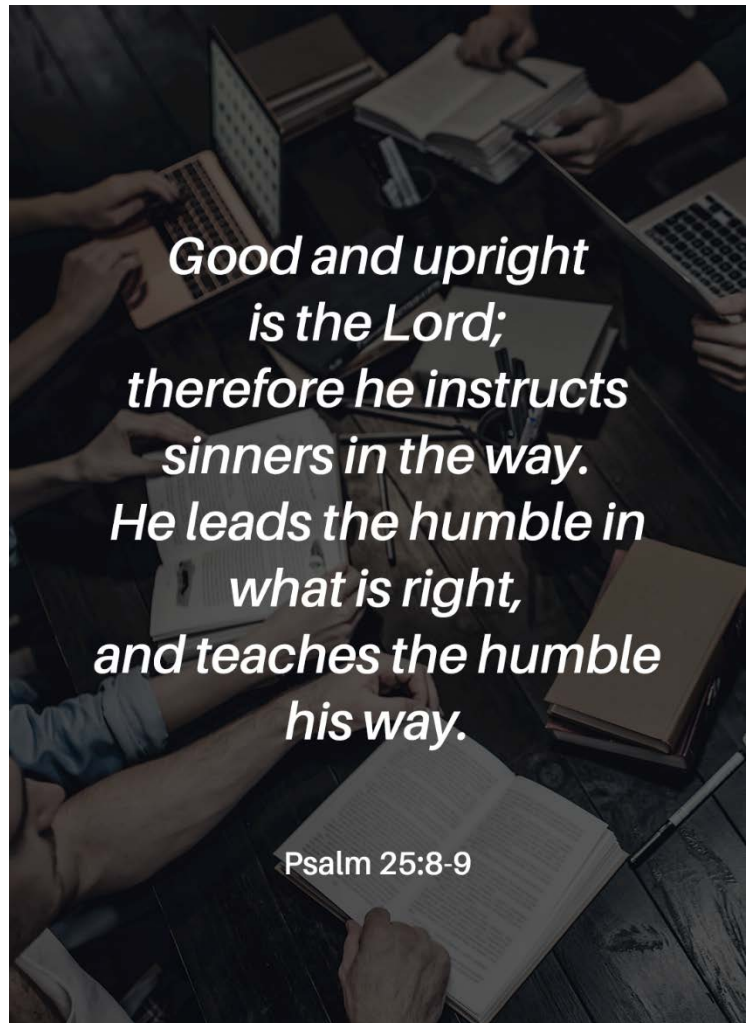
Registration deadline: Sun, 21 Aug

• **EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – BOOK OF ROMANS**

We will resume with onsite fellowship on Tues, 16 Aug.

Venue: Onsite fellowship, level 1 foyer

Time: 6:30pm



• WORSHIP SERVICE

- No need for online registration to attend worship services.
- Free seating, no zoning required.
- Congregational singing is permitted with masks on.
- On-site prayer meeting on Sundays at 8.15am in Shine Auditorium.
- Food will be served after the 9am worship service (simple breakfast) and after the 11am worship service (lunch).

(A) Worship Services for **Vaccinated Worshippers ONLY**

Congregational Service	Day and Time	Capacity for On-site	Livestream Link
English @ Shine Auditorium (L4)	Sunday at 9am and 11am	800 pax	http://bit.ly/38BU0rA (only available at 9am)

- Vaccinated individuals refer to those who have:
 - o Been fully vaccinated, i.e. has received the appropriate regimen of World Health Organisation Emergency Use Listing (WHO EUL) vaccines including their respective duration post-vaccination for the vaccine to be fully effective, and had their vaccination records ingested in MOH's national IT systems; or
 - o Recovered from COVID-19 within the last 180 days
- From 14 February 2022 onwards, persons aged 18 years and above who have completed the primary vaccination series of COVID-19 vaccines and are eligible for booster vaccination will be considered as fully vaccinated for 270 days after the last dose in their primary vaccination series. The same will apply to persons aged 12-17 years old from 14 March 2022. Persons who have recovered from COVID-19 and have completed their primary series vaccination do not require an additional booster dose at this point in time.
- Only vaccination records that are available via HealthHub app or TraceTogether app/token are accepted.
- We seek your understanding that worshippers who do not fulfil the above vaccination criteria will be turned away on-site.

(B) Worship Services for **Vaccinated and Unvaccinated Worshippers**

Congregational Service	Day and Time	Capacity for On-site	Livestream Link
Chinese @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 9am and 11am	240 pax	http://bit.ly/2Ng0TXT (only available at 9am)
Filipino @ Gospel Auditorium L2	Sunday at 2pm	240 pax	http://bit.ly/30FjYFU
Youth @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Saturday at 4:30m	240 pax	https://bit.ly/2AaF8C3
Varsity @ Light 1 & 2 (L3)	Sunday at 2:30pm *no service on 5 th week	140 pax	Subscribe to Varsity announcement channel https://t.me/+WDu3myEwjpcxZWU1
Bahasa @ Hall 1 (L2)	Alternate Sunday at 10:30am	20 pax	<u>Nil</u>
Telugu @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 5pm and 8pm	240 pax	http://bit.ly/30G4fXl

(B) Children Service

For details on Children's Service, please refer to page 2 of this bulletin.



WEEKLY MEETINGS

- **Wednesday Prayer Meetings – 8pm**

Venue: Hall 3, Attic

- **Sunday Prayer Meetings – 8:15am**

Venue: Cry Room at Shine Auditorium (L4)

- **Our weekly Meet the Pastor has ended. But do check back [here](#) for future Q&A sessions with Pastor Jason Lim. For further questions about, the Church, God and the bible, please drop us an email at shine@gospellight.sg**

- **Varsity Ministry Sermon Series – Exodus: Freed to Follow**

• If you are interested to receive our weekly prayer list, please email shine@gospellight.sg



GIVING ONLINE

You may give your offerings in the following ways:

1) PayNow

Under the UEN/Bill Reference No. section you can:

- State "NA" - Offering will go towards General Fund
- State Missions - To designate the offering

(a) Via "Scan and Pay"

- Open up your bank app and select "Scan and Pay"
- Scan the QR code below:



(b) PayNow UEN

You can also opt to key in the UEN:

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2) Internet Banking

- Add payee as Gospel Light Christian Church
- Account Number: **033-021695-5**
- Name of Beneficiary Bank: DBS Bank
- Under the Remarks section, you can leave it blank for the offering to go towards the General Fund or indicate Missions if you want to designate the offering.

3) Cheque

- Crossed cheque made payable to "Gospel Light Christian Church"
- On the reverse of the cheque, write **Gospel Light Christian Church** and the respective bank account numbers:
 - General Fund - **033-021695-5**
 - Missions Fund - **001-042653-2**
- Cheques can be deposited at any POSB or DBS bank into the church's accounts.

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