

3 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SATAN IN 2024

He's the universe's public enemy number one, the chief opponent of God and his people, and the leader of uncounted demonic forces. Jesus says he's been a murderer from the beginning, and he's engaged in an all-out war against the forces of good in the universe.

The Bible calls him the devil, Satan, the evil one.

We have an enemy—and if we're going to stand firm against him, we need to know whom we're up against. Here are three vital insights every Christian needs to know about Satan this year and always.

1. Satan's nature: Liar and Deceiver

At the core of Satan's strategy lies deception (2 Cor 11:14). Described as the father of lies in the Bible, Satan seeks to distort truth and lead believers away from the path of righteousness (John 8:44).

Recognizing the deceptive nature of the adversary is crucial for Christians (2 Cor 2:10-11). It calls for a discerning spirit grounded in the Word of God. As Christians navigate the complexities of life, they must be vigilant, relying on the truth found in Scripture to counteract the subtle lies that may attempt to sway them from their faith (1 Peter 5:8). Awareness of Satan's deceptive tactics equips believers to stand firm in the face of spiritual challenges (Eph 6:11).

2. Satan's aim: Prevent worship of God

It has been said that the world says to us, Conform to me!, the flesh says to us, Satisfy me!, and the devil says to us, Worship me! Satan, often portrayed as the god of this world, seeks to divert worship away from the One True Living God (2 Cor 4:4). Much like his tempting encounter with Jesus in Matthew 4:8-9, Satan desires people to worship him rather than the Almighty. His tactics involve keeping individuals blinded, confused, and ensnared in their sinful conditions.

Unfortunately, many have succumbed to the lies propagated by Satan, the father of lies, setting their minds on earthly pursuits rather than heavenly priorities (Col 3:2).

3. Satan's defeat: Certain and Imminent!

Even though our adversary may gain a tactical advantage here and there, his fate is sealed.

John the Revelator sees the ultimate end of Satan, the devil, the serpent of old:

"And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night forever and ever" (Rev. 20:10)

The Bible doesn't tell us exactly when this will happen. But we can trust that the war will be won. Satan will be defeated, and God will ultimately run the universe in partnership with his human image-bearers.

In Conclusion: Satan in the Bible is God's chief enemy, and therefore our chief enemy. Through Christ's death and resurrection (Heb 2:14-15), his power is broken and his fate is sealed (Col 2:13-15)— we need to be vigilant so as not to allow him to lead us astray.

Pastor Yu Fei Youth Congregation



• NEW BELIEVERS CLASS

Beginning a new life as a Christian is about growing in your relationship with Jesus Christ. Start your exciting journey of faith by learning and understanding from the Bible what the glorious life Jesus intends for us is all about. Commencement date:

Sundays - Commencement date: Sun, 18 Feb

Course duration: 13 weeks Time: 12:00pm – 2:00pm Venue: Hall 3 (Attic Level)

Thursdays - Commencement date: Thu, 22 Feb Homemakers *for ladies only

Course duration: 13 weeks Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm Classes will be conducted via Zoom.

To register, please visit <u>https://bit.ly/2X7D0nH</u> Registration deadline: Sun, 4 Feb 2024.

• BULLETPROOF MARRIAGE WORKSHOP

Who should attend? Pre-Marriage prep and married couples who want to work on their marriage. We would like to emphasise that it is a 4 session commitment and a subsequent 1:1 journey of several months with an assigned marriage mentor couple.

Registration is limited to 10 couples (first come first serve).

Dates: **Thursdays** starting **7,14,21,28 Mar** via Zoom *Subsequent workshops will be conducted in Jul Time: 8:30pm – 10:15pm Duration: **4 sessions**

To register, please visit this link: <u>https://bit.ly/39bBsPt</u> Registration closes Tue, 20 Feb.

For more enquiries, contact Ken at 9783 0984 or Caroline at 9616 8403.

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• CHURCH CAMP 2024 – GREATEST HITS Church Camp registration is closed.

Out of respect to the hotel, please do **NOT** book your own accommodation and just turn up at camp. You will be turned away.

• REUNION 2024 (团圆 2024)

Invite family, friends, neighbors, colleagues to our 团圆 2024 (Reunion 2024), our first CNY outreach since 2020.

Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2024 Time: 5:00pm to 8:00pm Venue: Gospel auditorium (L2) followed by dinner at foyer (L1)

To register, please visit this link <u>https://bit.ly/41GKBcm</u>. Registration closes Tue, 6 Feb 2024.

If you want to find out more, please write to <u>community@gospellight.sg</u>.

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

Romans 10:14

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• SILVERJOY (SENIORS) MINISTRY

Every chapter of life is a gift from God. And our ministry for seniors celebrates that gift. SilverJoy isn't just a place for seniors to gather, it's a spiritual community of friendship and support.

Invite your pre-believing friends, neighbours or family members.

Date: 1st, 3rd & 5th Wed for the month of Jan 2024 Time: 9:45am - 12:30pm Venue: Connections Corner (L1)

Upcoming events coming your way. Join us! Contact CE Hotline – 9753 7964 for enquiries

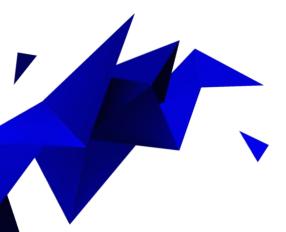
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31/1/2024	CNY Handicraft	Art & Craft

• EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF JOHN

This Tue, 23 Jan we will be taking a break, and class will resume on 30 Jan.

We are dealing with God's thoughts: we are obligated to take the greatest pains to understand them truly and to explain them clearly.

D.A. Carson



- Wednesday Prayer Meetings 8pm Venue: Hall 3, Attic
- Sunday Prayer Meetings 7:45am
 Venue: Cry Room at Shine Auditorium (L4)

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

(A)Worship Services

Congregational Service	Day and Time	Livestream Link
English @ Shine Auditorium (L4)	Sunday at 8:30am, 10:15am and 12:00pm	https://bit.ly/3SH45uZ (only available at 10:15am)
Chinese @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 8:30am and 10:15am	http://bit.ly/2Ng0TXT (only available at 10:15am)
Filipino @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 2pm	http://bit.ly/30FjYFU
Youth @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Saturday at 4:30m No service on 4 th & 5 th week	Subscribe to Youth announcement channel <u>https://t.me/+Yd524QzAjKk2YzII</u>
Varsity @ Light 1 & 2 (L3)	Sunday at 2:30pm	Subscribe to Varsity announcement channel https://t.me/+WDu3myEwjpcxZWU1
Bahasa @ Reception Room (L1)	Alternate Sunday at 10:30am	For more information about our services contact 9628 5061/ 9117 6000
Telugu @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 5pm and 7:30pm	http://bit.ly/30G4fXl

(B) Children Service

Children's services are at 8:30am and 10:15am:

- (i) Playgroup (12 months 35 months): Hall 3 at Attic Level
- (ii) Preschool (36 months 6 years): Eshkol Valley premise at Attic Level
- (iii) Primary (Primary 1 to Primary 6): Light Auditorium at Level 3

BOOKING FOR PRESCHOOL/ PRIMARY SERVICES

Bookings opens on Wed, 8:30am for 1st service and Wed, 10:15am for 2nd Service

- Follow this link to complete your booking: <u>bit.ly/cmbooking</u>
- Bookings will be valid till the respective service start time, thereafter they will be released for walk-ins.
- Children with no bookings are welcome to walk-in but subject to available capacity

A step-by-step guide and FAQ can be found at <u>bit.ly/cmbookingfaq</u>. For assistance email us at <u>children@gospellight.sg</u>.

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 UENYou can also opt to key in the UEN:S88SS0082AGF1

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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