

Seven Ways to Pray for Your Leaders—Part 2 (David Mathis)

Tale of Two Wisdoms

James 3:13-18 draws a clear contrast between two kinds of wisdom: earthly wisdom and “the wisdom that comes down from above” (James 3:15). There is a kind of wisdom, exercised by humans, of human origin, and there is another kind—the true wisdom, exercised by humans, but of divine origin. One is heavenly, spiritual, and godly. The other, “earthly, unspiritual, demonic” (James 3:15).

Fortunately, our Father is an exceedingly generous giver, and He loves to respond with favour when we humbly petition Him for wisdom (James 1:5). It is good to pray often for wisdom for yourself—and it is one of the most important things you can pray for your leaders.

Consider James 3:17 as a guide for praying for what our leaders would be.

The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.

(See last week’s bulletin for points 1-2)

3. Gentle

Wisdom from above is gentle. In a world that says you must assert yourself and grab the bull by the horns to make a difference, divine wisdom runs in a different direction. Knowing that our Lord is sovereign and engaged, and building His church, enables the Lord’s servant to “not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness” (2 Timothy 2:24-25).

Pray that your leaders would have enough confidence in God to trust His will and ways, and play their part in His plan with patience and gentleness.

4. Open to Reason

Good leaders are good listeners. Wisdom from above teaches a leader that he emphatically does not know it all, and desperately needs the help and insight of colleagues and congregants, and even his critics, to gain fresh perspective and continue to learn as he’s leading.

Pray that our leaders would be quick to hear, open to reason, and easily persuaded by good sense, argument, and rationale. Leaders in the church are teachers (Hebrews 13:7; 1 Timothy 3:2; 2 Timothy 2:24; Titus 1:9), they must do more than listen. They must speak. But it is essential that they be nothing less than good listeners. As James 1:19 says, “Let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger. Yes, “every person” - and every leader all the more.

5. Full of Mercy and Good Fruit

True wisdom is inevitably practical. It comes out in action. “By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom” (James 3:13). And in the church in particular, such good fruit includes mercy.

Leaders who are simply just, and not merciful, have no place in the church. The church is the most mercied collective on the planet. Her leaders must know God’s mercy for them, and show God’s mercy to others. It’s true for every Christian, and all the more important for leaders: “Judgement is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment” (James 2:13).



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Welcome, we’re glad you’re here!

We are a church family committed to following Jesus Christ as Lord. We do this by getting to know him through his living Word, the Bible, which is why the sermon is the key part of our Sunday services. Find out more about us at www.slechurch.org.au.

This Week: Gospel of Mark— “Tribulation”

We live in a time of tribulation leading up to the final day of judgement at Christ’s return. Followers of Jesus must keep watch, stay awake and not fall away. We are urged to stay firm in the faith, especially when life is hard and when life gets hard in these days of tribulation.

Next Sunday: Mark 14:1-72



Today’s Service

Welcome and Singing The Old Rugged Cross
My Hope is Built On Nothing Less
Still My Soul be Still

Holy Communion

Offering

Community News

Bible Reading Mark 13:1-37

Sermon By Pastor Ben Ho

Song of Response The Lord is My Salvation

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Say hello

Join us for morning tea at 10:30am.
We'd love to have a chat and get to know you better.

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Financial Update

Last Week	\$5,260.16
Weekly Required	\$5,774.00
Shortfall 2019	\$1,300.00

Giving by Electronic Funds Transfer

A/C Name: SLE Church
Bank: National Australia Bank
BSB: 084-424
A/C No: 396558544

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Prayer Points

PRAISE GOD FOR THE GRACE AND WISDOM THAT WE FIND IN JESUS!

Praise God that His Son displays all the wisdom and grace of His Father. Praise God that His salvation plans were not stumbled by the hypocrisy and corruption of His leaders.

PRAY THAT GOD WOULD CONTINUE TO REVEAL THE PLACES

in our hearts where we have not bowed to Jesus as King. Pray for discernment and honest self-reflection where sin still reigns. Ask for God's mercy and kindness to soften your heart and respond in faithful repentance.

PRAY FOR STUDENTS REVISING FOR EXAMS.

Pray that as they enter this exam period that they would find pockets of rest to give thanks for their studies, and spend time in study of God's Word. Pray that they would not neglect meeting together for prayer and encouragement. Pray that they would study well, and trust God not just for their results but also for their ultimate identity and security.

PRAY FOR THOSE AMONG US WHO HAVE HAD MAJOR SURGERY.

Pray for Sarah Fong as she continues to recover from her hip surgery. Pray especially for her parents, Ray and Rachel, as they care for her in this time. Pray also for Aunt Mary Wong who has had a knee replacement. Pray that she not only rest well, but that this surgery will go a long way to helping alleviate her chronic pain.

Community News

CHILD MINDERS NEEDED FOR WOMEN'S GROUP!

The ladies have benefited much, thanks to the childminders who help care for our pre-school kids to lessen the amount of distraction in the room as we engage with each other on God's Word.

If you are available from 9:30-11:30am on Friday mornings (at church) and have a blue card, or would like to apply for a blue card to help out in this area, whether on a regular, or ad hoc basis, please contact Eilen Wong on Juliet.es@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE!

Church Camp 2019—4 to 7 October.

More details to come soon!

Serving

	Today	Next Sunday
Chair	Ps Steven	Bryan
Prayer	Dan	Ps Steven
Preach	Ps Ben	Ps Ben
Bible Read	Alice <i>Ps Steven</i>	Ps Steven <i>Marilyn</i>
M.Tea	Linda, Winnie	Yenny, Gen
Wash Up	SaLT	SaLT
Welcome	Philip Mee Lan Esther <i>Andrew</i> <i>Marcus</i> <i>Marilyn</i> <i>Joy</i>	Philip Mee Lan Esther <i>Andrew</i> <i>Marcus</i> <i>Marilyn</i> <i>Joy</i>
Stewards	Richard Norman Sunny <i>Cam</i> <i>Yong Seng</i> <i>Edwina</i>	Richard Norman Sunny <i>Cam</i> <i>Yong Seng</i> <i>Edwina</i>
Piano	Joanna	Joanna
Guitar	Shao Peng/ Mark	Jabez
Bass	Ethan	Aaron
Drums	John	Nigel
Vocal	Alisha	Hui Ming
PA	William <i>Jowin</i>	Reuten <i>Chris</i>

14. The Gospel of Mark–Tribulation [Mark 13]

1. Introduction: Wacky Doomsday

2. Destruction of the Temple (1-4)

A. The coming judgement (1-2)

B. When? What SIGN? (3-4)

3. The 'signs' (5-27)

A. Spiritual Deception (5-8, 21-23)

B. Persecution (9-13)

C. The Abomination of Desolation (14-23)

D. The coming son of man (24-27)

4. The 'timing' (28-32)

A. Soon (28-31)

B. Unknown (32)

5. Responding to Tribulation (33-37)

A. Don't: seek for timing or signs

B. Do: keep watch, stay awake and not fall away!

Lessons from the original disciples

Lessons for us today