

MIRACLE SERVICE REPORT

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Forgiveness is costly. It is easy to forgive someone if he hurts you a little, but difficult if he hurts you tremendously. One of the issues that plague the church is unforgiveness. It is not easy to let a person go because of the offense he has done to you. Whenever you see the person who has done you a great wrong, you feel a sense of anger and frustration rising within you. Forgiveness must begin with you and God.

In tonight's message **Blessed Are The Forgiveness**, Pastor Pacer shared that we will not have eternal life unless we are forgiven by God. Why do we need to be forgiven by Him? Most of us do not want to hear the fact that all men are sinners. We tend to think that we are not all that bad. It seems unfair that we would continue to do wrong things because we are born sinners. The Bible highlights two fundamental issues: darkness and depravity of sin and the remedy that only God can give. When we pray to God the first time, our instinct is to ask Him to intervene in a certain matter on our behalf. But rightfully, our first prayer should be to ask God to forgive and cleanse us and acknowledge that He is good, holy perfect and just.

David wrote Psalm 32. Reading this Psalm may generate a wide range of emotions in us. Joy is found in God. When we are in Him, He gives us joy. The world is looking for temporal happiness. They often equate blessings to earthly wealth and possessions, but true blessings start in the soul (Psalm 32:1-5).



David says you are blessed if your sins are covered. In the Old Testament time, when someone did something wrong, they would get an innocent animal and bring it to the priest. The priest would then kill the animal. This symbolizes that the blood of that innocent animal would cover the sins of the sinner. David says that when we do anything wrong, the first person we wronged is God. God's laws are a reflection of His character. To keep the Ten Commandments is to love God and others. Eternity is to be in God's presence where there is peace.

Secondly, a blessed man is someone whom God does not count his sin to convict him. When someone does great harm to us, we find it hard to forgive that person. We feel there is no justice. The Bible says, "The justice of God will demand payment for every wrongdoing done on this earth." In the final judgment, God will right every wrong. If the justice of God falls on us, we would have to pay for the sins we have done and head to hell. But because of God's grace and mercy, the justice of God fell on Jesus. Jesus was judged for our sins. Therefore, justice prevailed. God forgives our sins so we are born again and become a new creation. We are then redeemed, ransomed, forgiven and set free. We are redeemed to become His. David says you are blessed if God does not hold your sins against you. That was the reason why Jesus went to the Cross.

David says when he kept silent, his bones wasted away through his groaning all the day long. How do we groan the whole day? David was not speaking about his physical ailments. Instead, he was moaning to God because he knew that a person is blessed when his sins are forgiven. David was groaning because God's hand was heavy upon him and his strength was dried up like the heat of summer.

Why was God putting a heavy hand on David? David was weak and without strength because he had yet to receive comfort from God. David was convicted of his wrongdoing and was expressing his concern. He was waiting upon God. The primary function of the Holy Spirit is to convict us of sin. When we come to the Lord to ask for His pardon and forgiveness, He convicts us of our sins only to bring us out of it. He forgives us of

our sins and brings healing to us. When the Holy Spirit convicts us of our wrongdoings, it is not meant to destroy us but to lead us to the right path. Weak, powerless and without strength, David was convicted of his sin. In the final verse, David acknowledged his own sin to God. He refused to cover his sin. Instead he confessed his sin, knowing that God will forgive him.

The Bible says that David was a man after God's own heart. We can be a person after God's own heart only when God changes our heart. Our old heart is a rebellious one. Our old heart is selfish, prideful and conceited. Our old heart is lustful, lazy and a sluggard. The only way that our heart can be transformed is when God replaces it. We need to have a spiritual heart surgery by having a transformed heart and living a transformed life.

Tonight, many were touched by the Lord. Here are some of the testimonies.

In 2013, Aloysius Xue Guo Wei had a **tumor in his brain**. In 2014, it grew to 4 cm, right at the brain stem. He came to the Miracle Service to pray and went for the procedure to have the tumor removed. The doctor warned him that after the surgery, he might experience a series of side effects, which include numbness in face, hearing impairment, vision problem and walking difficulty. After three months, all the side effects have been cleared and his hearing is back to normal.

Three years ago, Patricia Goh Tse Shyen suffered from **back pain** for more than a month. She could not bend because of the pain. Before she attended Miracle Service, she read the healing testimonies in the Lighters' Link (our weekly newsletter). She claimed her healing and the Lord healed her of her condition. Last week, she suffered **severe neck pain** and claimed her healing while watching the Miracle Service online. The Lord healed her instantly. Hallelujah!

Seventy-eight-year-old Lam Low Peng and her son Vincent Leong came to the Miracle

Service to pray in proxy for another of her sons who was undergoing **a family crisis**. God answered their prayers and her son has reconciled with his wife.

Shirley Jimenez has been working in Singapore for four years. Last year in March, she bled profusely for six months. Her doctor in Philippines diagnosed her condition as a **very rare cervical cancer with 30% survival rate**. She underwent chemotherapy. After the treatment, her vital signs went down. She was so weak that she had to walk with a walking stick. Her friend invited her to the Miracle Service. After many prayers at the service, she felt her strength renewed and could walk without a walking aid. When she returned to the Philippines for medical follow-up, the results showed that her vital signs were functioning well. She also received free treatment and free CT scan. She was so well that her doctors were delighted with her positive results. Shirley also thanked the Lord that her **work permit was approved** and she could return to Singapore to work.

Four months ago, Foo May Ling discovered **a lump on her right breast**. In October, she went for a medical examination and it was confirmed that the lump was 2 cm in size. She has been coming to the Miracle Service for prayer. In December, when she went for another checkup, the doctor confirmed that the lump was totally gone.

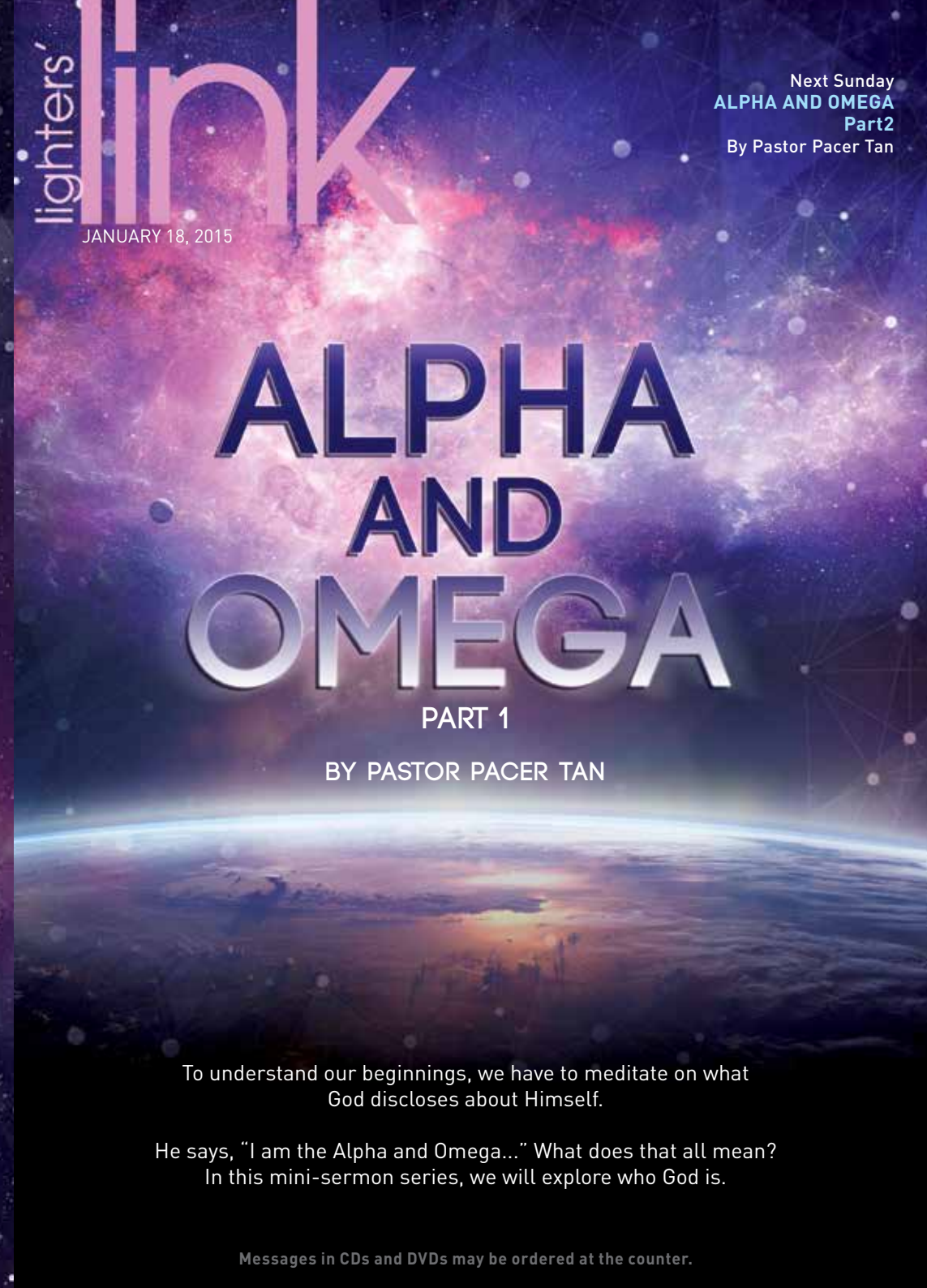
Robert Tan, 71, **suffered from eczema** for 50 years since the age of 21. He had seen many doctors and taken a large amount of steroids. Six weeks ago, he started to attend the Miracle Service to pray for his condition. After six weeks, he was completely healed of his eczema. Praise God!

Last year, Emily Wong Kok Sim had **pain in her left leg**. She continued to serve God as a Gospellighter (ministry personnel who prays for the sick at the Miracle Service) and trust Him for her healing. The pain subsided after one month and was totally gone after four months. Glory to God!



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ALPHA AND OMEGA

PART 1

BY PASTOR PACER TAN

Next Sunday
ALPHA AND OMEGA
Part 2
By Pastor Pacer Tan

To understand our beginnings, we have to meditate on what God discloses about Himself.
He says, "I am the Alpha and Omega..." What does that all mean?
In this mini-sermon series, we will explore who God is.

Messages in CDs and DVDs may be ordered at the counter.

TODAY'S PRE-SERVICE UPPERLIGHT

1. English Services

- Fresh anointing to flow in and enhance all the services
- Attendees to be refreshed and challenged to grow in their faith

2. Powerlight – Hospital Visitation Ministry

- The healing power of Christ to be upon the Powerlighters as they minister to the sick
- More souls to be saved through this ministry



Also Available In Chinese

ANSWERS TO LIFE'S PERPLEXING QUESTIONS

Are you looking for answers to life's perplexing questions like:

- Why is life so unfair?
- Why is life so meaningless and brief?
- Why is there so much evil and suffering in the world?

Look no further, the answers are right there for you. Pastor Rony has written seven mini-books that include the above titles. You can also use the mini-books as evangelistic material to reach out to your pre-believing friends.

The seven mini-books are available to you in English and Chinese at a special price of \$3. Proceed to the Faithlight counter to obtain the mini-books while stocks last.

SCRIPTURAL FOUNDATION COURSE 1

The Scriptural Foundation Course 1 is commencing soon.

It comprises seven lessons of two hours each. It will teach believers how to go deeper in prayer through the baptism of the Holy Spirit and talk about hindrances to answered prayers. The teachings also include how to hear from God and how to exercise authority in Christ to resist the devil. First John 4:4 says, "Greater is He Who is in you than he who is in the world." We, as believers, must realize this truth and apply it.

God desires to do a deeper work in your life. Don't delay your spiritual growth further. Sign up for this course straight after the service. Forms are available at the counter!

Centre	Commencement Date	Time	Length of Course
LE Tampines	March 8 (Sunday)	9.00 am to 11.00 am	7 Sundays
LE Woodlands	March 8 (Sunday)	11.15 am to 1.15 pm	7 Sundays
LE Woodlands & LE Tampines	March 14 (Saturday)	2.30 pm to 4.30 pm	7 Saturdays

MARRIAGE PREPARATION SEMINAR

The first Marriage Preparation Seminar in 2015 is scheduled for Friday, February 27. This one-day seminar will be conducted by our pastors at Lighthouse Tampines from 9.30 am to 5.30 pm.

We encourage couples to attend this seminar well in advance before deciding a date for wedding ceremony. Attendance at the seminar is a prerequisite for your wedding to be solemnized by any of our pastors.

The Marriage Preparation Seminar covers the following topics:

- Marriage – A Biblical Perspective
- Building Realistic Expectations
- Raising Children And Building A Christian Home
- Roles And Responsibilities
- The Goal Of Marriage
- Listening Effectively
- Communicating Effectively
- Resolving Conflicts
- Cultivating Healthy In-Laws Relationship
- Finding Financial Freedom
- Developing Intimacy In Marriage

The fee is \$40 for non-registered member and \$20 for registered member.

To register for this seminar, please email to lightev@singnet.com.sg or call the church office at 67881323.



WIRED TO WORSHIP

BY GREG LAURIE

The fundamental difference between humanity and animals is that animals don't worship, but people do. God has essentially wired us this way. As Ecclesiastes 3:11 says, He has placed "eternity in our hearts." We sense there is something more, and it causes us to worship.

Of course, not everyone worships God. But when you get down to it, everyone worships. Everyone has built an altar in their lives to someone or something.

Often, our problems and questions are resolved in worship. Asaph, who was grappling with the age-old question of why the wicked prosper, wrote, "When I thought how to understand this, it was too painful for me — until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I understood their end. Surely You set them in slippery places; You cast them down to destruction" (Psalm 73:16-17 NKJV).

Asaph didn't understand why things were the way they were until he came into God's presence to study His Word with His people. Then his questions came into proper perspective.

Worship affects every aspect of our lives. When we neglect it, problems will develop, as we see in Romans 1:20-25. These verses offer a look at the downward steps that occur when we fail to worship God.

It all begins with a failure to worship and glorify God. Verse 21 says, "Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God..." (NLT). For example, you might decide that you don't need to go to church this week. Next week comes, and you're

too busy. Soon, two months have gone by. Prayer is no longer a part of your life. Bible study is not a part of your life. Church is not a part of your life.

A downward spiral has begun. It may not happen overnight, but it starts with a failure to worship and glorify God.

The next step down is a failure to give thanks. If you don't glorify God as God, then it is inevitable that you won't give thanks to Him. Verse 21 says, "Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. The result was that their minds became dark and confused" (verse 21 NLT).

Some Christians neglect to give thanks at mealtimes, thinking of it as unnecessary. I think that it is a wonderful thing when an individual or family stops before a meal and prays. You are acknowledging that God has provided that meal for you. Even when you are in a public place, it is a good thing to do. If people see you, then let them see you. After all, you are giving thanks to God.

Next, failing to glorify God and to give thanks will result in turning to other gods or idols. Verse 23 says, "And instead of worshiping the glorious, ever-living God, they worshiped idols made to look like mere people, or birds and animals and snakes" (NLT).

When God is removed, someone or something will take His place. Many people turn to belief systems designed to alleviate a guilt-ridden conscience. They think that whatever is true to them, if it is their truth, then that is good. This is the way many people live.

Failing to glorify God and be thankful will not only cause idolatry to enter in, but degraded and wicked living will soon follow. We find this step down in verse 24: "So God abandoned them to do whatever shameful things their hearts desired. As a result, they did vile and degrading things with each other's bodies" (NLT).

If you don't have God in your life and you are not following His Word, then you don't have a moral compass. You don't know what is right and wrong anymore, so you just go with whatever feels good to you and become more and more depraved.

As I said, everyone worships something or someone. At what altar are you bowing today? Will that god be able to save you? Will that god be able to help you when crisis hits? The answer is no — if your god is anyone apart from Jesus Christ.

You were created to have fellowship with the true and living God. You were created to glorify Him. He will bring you the pleasure, fulfillment and purpose that you have been seeking from other things. But it starts with worshiping Him.

