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Remembering My Teacher's Teacher - Dr John Sung -

On 19 Aug, my wife and I attended the commemoration of the 88th Anniversary of Dr. John Sung's Southeast Asia's journey. It was an edifying meeting that included an overview of Dr Sung's preaching journeys in Southeast Asia. We sang the good old John Sung choruses, witnessed a meaningful rendition of his life and work by a group of 4 orators, choir items and a presentation by a researcher from Nanjing on the life of Dr John Sung and she mentioned Rev Quek Kiok Chiang and Rev Timothy Tow and Dr Tow Siang Hwa as notable disciples of John Sung among others. The highlight of the night was the message by Rev Timothy Wang, grandson of Dr John Sung who challenged us on "Being Crucified with Christ" and his personal testimony and calling to the ministry.





There were almost 400 people who gathered, some of whom have loved ones convicted by the powerful preaching of Dr John Sung in the revival of 1935. I noted that Rev Phillip Heng and his brother Henry were present as their father, the late Eld Heng Mui Kiah was converted under John Sung 's ministry. Eld Joshua Lim too was present as his father Lim Puay Hian was also a John Sung's disciple and there were others.

We were all in joyful and exuberant remembrance of Dr John Sung, the famed revivalist who was born in Putien, China on 27 Sep 1901 and who impacted the founding fathers of the BP movement, among others for which we are thankful. My



Dr Sung's Evangelistic Campaign Open Air Meeting, Amoy, November, 1934.

wife and I visited his memorial church and remembrance tomb in Putien some years ago.

From 1928 to 1934, Dr John Sung travelled to most of China, and from 1935-39, he came to the Philippines, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Burma, Indonesia, in his several preaching revival tours and meetings in the awakening of souls.

At the zenith of John Sung's ministry, his preaching drew thousands three times a day, many brought under the conviction of sin and repentance and each session lasting about three hours. He would often preach with a miniature coffin in his hands and drawings depicting sins in our lives. He led numerous revival meetings that were ably interpreted by Leona Wu who later became the first Principal of Chin Lien Seminary which is still training many Chinese preachers for the wide harvest fields.

It was said that more than 100,000 Chinese were converted to evangelical Christianity through John Sung's ministry by the time of his death on 18 Aug 1944 and his influence is remembered by many today. He has revived much of Asia with the fervent declaration of the pure gospel and till today, many Chinese churches and even the Bible

Presbyterians, owe our spiritual debt to this faithful man of God.

Rev Dr Timothy Tow, author of "John Sung, My Teacher" and the founding pastor of the BP movement here, was my Principal and teacher at Far Eastern Bible College (where I also taught for 10 years by the grace of God). He would often speak of Dr John Sung in his classes and messages. Some of his thoughts in the biography's epilogue are as follows:

"As one who received a portion of his spirit in the days of Pentecostal power outpoured on Singapore, 1935-1939, and as a member of the first preaching bands, I would like to point out one aspect of Dr Sung's ministry that brought such mighty success.

Sung was a man with a mission. He was a man doing something not only under mandate from a Higher One, but also with an urgency to finish it.

Well could China's apostle say in the words of our Lord, 'My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.' (John 4:32,34)

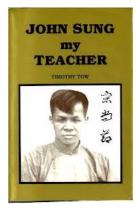
This is my observation as I recall the urgent tones of the evangelist pleading with souls from the Telok Ayer Methodist Church pulpit in a fortnight-long campaign of

42 graduated, power-charged sermons lasting two to two-and-a-half hours each.

This is my observation as I remember his parting words, evidently in the words of Hezekiah (Isaiah 38:5), 'The Lord has given me only 15 years to finish my work, so I can afford no let-up in this revival ministry to turn all China and Southeast Asia to Christ."



A compilation of Dr John Sung's Choruses frequently sung at the Revival Meeting and in his own handwriting.



We desperately need a spiritual awakening and revival today in Singapore and Asia to the saving of souls in the midst of this crisis. may the Lord be merciful to quicken us to seek Christ humbly before the judgement of the Lord in His second advent.

Jack Sin

(Read "John Sung, my Teacher" by Timothy Tow, Christian Life Publishers, 1985.)



An extract from the Weekly Bulletin of Emmanuel Church, Auckland to encourage our hearts:

Sermon Summary Sunday 4/8/24 - Ps. David Yan Jesus Raises the Dead to the Glory of God (Luke 7:11-17)

One of the saddest experiences of life is when parents bury their child. This is the situation here. A widow has lost her son. He was an adolescent and was now able to work and support his widowed mother. But suddenly he is gone.

The young man has died; but Jesus is present. There is hope because Jesus is the giver of life.

Jesus knew the pain the widow was experiencing. He feels our pain and knows our need. He weeps when we weep.

Jesus shows compassion to the widow. He sees the funeral procession and reaches out to the bereaved. Wherever he went Jesus did good. He hasn't changed.

Jesus touches the coffin. Those who carried the coffin stood still. The touch of Jesus halts death-proceedings. Death, our great enemy, must submit to the mighty hand of Jesus.

Jesus speaks the word. He spoke and Jairus' daughter was raised. He spoke and Lazarus was raised. He will speak again, and the dead shall rise--some to everlasting life; some to eternal damnation.

At the word of Jesus, the young man sits up. It is a miracle. The dead lie still but the living rise up. So it will be on the day of resurrection. The dead shall rise at the word of Jesus.

Jesus presents the young man to his mother. What a moment! The widow, who was burying her dead son, now receives her son alive and well.

Jesus will one day present his church alive and without blemish.

There is fear among the observers. Quite naturally there was an awesome fear when the people saw the dead man rise. When Jesus himself rose from death there was an accompanying fear.

This account of Jesus raising the young man was heard throughout the land. The authority and power that Jesus possessed was unheard of. Now everyone is talking about him.

Jesus raises the dead to the glory of God. The onlookers recognized a great prophet was among them and that God had visited his people.

He raises the dead today---the spiritually dead. We have all gone astray and are dead in trespasses and sins. Jesus lifts us out of death. When we trust in Him we become new people. Praise to the Lord.



Outreach at All Saints' Home (Tampines)

Sunday 8 Sep 2024, 3pm



Come and share God's Love and the Message of Hope in Christ to the residents and staff!

"...how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Acts 20:35

Register with Dn Yue Kay (hp: 97450311) by 1 Sep.



The Importance of GENESIS to the Church Today

SOVEREIGN HOPE BP CHURCH 14 Sept 2024 Sat 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Hear the good news that the biblical account of origins is not only historically accurate but makes better sense of the evidence.

> Please Whatsapp Dn Paul Tan at Mobile 97314733 by 9 Sept.

GENESIS is a foundational book that reveals the history of Creation-Fall-Redemption.

Did God use evolution over billions of years in his Creation? How does evolution and old earth ages undermine this

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What is the biblical timeline?

What is the philosophy behind evolution?

Noah's global flood is evidenced by abundant geologic,

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How can biblical creation sharpen your evangelism?

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DR RON NELLER holds a B.A. (Hons) and a Ph.D., both in fluvial geomorphology. He has held lecturing and research positions at the University of New England (Australia), Griffith University, the University of Sunshine Coast (Queensland), the University of Queensland, Turku University (Finland), and The Chinese University of Hong Kong (People's Republic of China). He has also initiated and directed a research institute in environmental sustainability and established two research stations in natural resource management.

While in these positions Ron undertook landscape studies in Australia, China, Finland, Peru, The Pacific Islands, and Libya. He held numerous government advisory positions with the Queensland Government and the Federal Government of Australia in natural heritage management as well as working with international agencies such as the OECD. Ron stepped down from university involvement in 2008 to launch a consultancy business.

Ron was an occasional church goer through parts of his life, but only gave his life to Christ in his early 50s. Although Ron was not a Christian in his earlier years, he was also not a supporter of geological evolution. His research suggested otherwise. Indeed, it was only upon becoming a Christian that his data (derived from decades of research on landscape change) finally started to make sense. He then commenced to speak at local churches about this journey to the acceptance of the Bible's history regarding origins and the Flood of Noah, and faith in Christ.

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Memory Verse

Exod 17:14 And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.

Announcements

- Welcome to our Worship Service! If you are here for the first time, do leave
 us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave. Those who
 share the church vision to acquire a place of worship in due time, may
 designate your offerings to the SHBPC Church Building Fund.
- Pastor brings us God's Word this morning on "When Teamwork & Prayers
 Matter [Exodus 17:1-16]", the study on the "Book of Exodus –
 Supernatural Guidance in the Wilderness of Life.
- Next Sunday, Pastor will preach on "The Wisdom of Collected & United Service [Exodus 18:12-27]".
- 4. **The Church Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held today after the worship service. All members are required to attend.
- 5. Sunday School classes will resume next Sunday.
- Outreach to All Saints Home (Tampines) is on Sunday 8 Sep 2024 at 3pm. Register with Dn Yue Kay by 1Sep (hp: 97450311)
- A special Creation Ministries seminar on "The Importance of Genesis to the Church Today" by Dr Ron Neller will be held in our church on Sat 14 Sep 2024, 5pm. All are welcome. Register with Dn Paul Tan.
- 8. Chinese Fellowship meets on every Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren. We have systematic studies on Old Testament Foundations and the 10 Commandments. Join us for a time of profitable learning. [Zoom ID:883 9662 4157 Passcode: 218178].
- Do send your prayer items to Pastor and join us for Church Prayer Meeting on Wed at 8pm via Zoom. The prayer list is available in church. [Zoom ID:863 7527 5431 Passcode: 625551].
- 10. Pray for:
 - Medical: Anthony [lung cancer: narrowing airways], Samuel Wong [multiple health conditions], Aunty Chwee Lian [hip fracture], Daniel Phang [high blood pressure], Kin Hoong [monitoring of heart and lungs pressure].
- 11. Love gifts, Offering and Tithes to the Lord can be given in the following ways:
 - Cheque payable to Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church and mail to church address. (Kindly write the full name of the church as indicated.)
 - Fund transfer to Church UOB Account 392-308-825-1
 - PayNow to Church UEN: T19SS0116FSOV

Kindly indicate "Church Building Fund" if you would like to designate towards this cause.