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| Theme | Jubilee – Year of Deliverance and Freedom |
| Topic | Singapore – Not by Chance but by His Sovereign Hand |
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Message Summary

Spiritual Objective: Recognizing God's Hand over Singapore

At 3:18am on 23 March, Mr. Lee Kuan Yew, our founding father, passed away peacefully. We take time now to recognize his legacy. The blessedness Singapore enjoys due to Mr. Lee Kuan Yew's life is an echo of the Lord's sovereign hand over us as a nation, and as His chosen people.

The Sovereign God Who establishes Rulers

In Daniel 2:20-21, it states that the Lord "removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding." Mr. Lee Kuan Yew's leadership over Singapore was not by chance, nor was the very founding and flourishing of Singapore by chance. Acts 17:26 shows us this, in how the Lord "created all nations... He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall."

The Sovereign God who Raised a Nation Builder

There are 7 critical things that Mr. Lee Kuan Yew did for Singapore:

1. Securing the sovereignty of Singapore as an **independent nation**.

Singapore's sovereignty was a struggle. Mr. Lee Kuan Yew carried Singapore through the merger with Malaysia in 1963, and the subsequent expulsion in 1965. He never backed down and ultimately established the independent, meritocratic nation we call home, Singapore.

2. Providing for the **basic needs** of the people.

From employment, housing, education and skills to national defence, Mr. Lee Kuan Yew planned and provided it all. We should give thanks especially for the Lord's providence in Mr. Lee's foresight to ally so closely with Israel in particular, for theirs was and is a nation much like ours.

3. **Longer term needs** for well-being and survival.

Mr. Lee Kuan Yew dreamt big for our home; of a city in a garden and of large scale projects for water independence. The Marina Bay area is testament to his visionary approach and success, of dreams that technology at long last caught up with.

4. **Economic prosperity** amidst regional and global market competition.

Singapore became world class from sea ports to airports to overall industrial standards, thanks



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to Mr. Lee Kuan Yew's drive for nothing short of excellence.

5. A **harmonious place** for everyone to thrive.

On the basis of meritocracy, regardless of race, language or religion, Mr. Lee Kuan Yew created a nation founded on harmony. As Proverbs 14:34 says, righteousness blesses our nation.

6. Promoted **strong marriage and family**.

By his very example, Mr. Lee Kuan Yew was devoted to his wife and loved his family. We are thankful for his example, which undoubtedly contributes to the upholding of 377A, where unlike many other places, Singapore has retained this law.

7. Vision for Singaporeans to have a Sense of Purpose, a **Cause in life**.

Mr. Lee Kuan Yew gave Singaporeans a nation, a home, to call our own. It was his labour, his love, and ultimately his life, in which we have Singapore to live and grow today.

This list cannot do justice to all that Mr. Lee Kuan Yew had done for Singapore, and we are indeed touched by our founding father's life. As we look to our Heavenly Father then, let us realize that Mr. Lee's life was like a microcosm of what the Lord has done for us

The Sovereign God who has given us Life

From the list of 7 critical things Mr. Lee Kuan Yew did for Singapore, we can reflect and see spiritual Truths that our Heavenly Father has done for us, on an eternal scale.

1. Jesus called us out to be a **special nation**.

1 Peter 2:9 speaks of how we are a "chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people..."

2. Jesus is our Jehovah Jireh – **Provider**.

Hebrews 4:16 speaks of the throne of grace, and the mercy and grace that we may find there in our times of need. Eternal Providence is what we have in Jehovah Jireh.

3. Jesus is our **Bread and Water of Life**.

The sustenance of this world will never be able to satisfy as the Bread and Water of Life that Jesus offers. As in John 6:35, Jesus himself says that those who come to Him "shall never hunger" and those who believe in Him "shall never thirst".

4. Jesus came to give us **life to the full**.

John 10:10 tells us Jesus came that "we may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." Jesus does not short-change us nor is He thrifty in His care for our lives. He brings grace, peace and all things that pertain to life and godliness (2 Peter 1:2-4).

5. Jesus is our **Peace**.

Philippians 4:6-7 speaks of how we are to "be anxious for nothing" but to submit everything in prayer and thanksgiving to the Lord. The "peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will



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guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus". Let us know and praise God for the Peace He gives to us.

6. Jesus loved **the Church** and gave **His life** for her.

Jesus' death on the cross is testament to His great love for the Church. Let us heed Ephesians 5:26-27 which calls us to sanctify and cleanse ourselves daily by the Word to present ourselves spotless before our Lord.

7. Jesus gave us a **Purpose to live for**.

Acts 17:24-28 speaks of how God made the world and He is Lord of all, who "gives to all life, breath, and all things". Let us marvel at how we are so dear to a Creator God, and seek Him, for "in Him we live and move and have our being".

In conclusion, the legacy of Mr. Lee Kuan Yew is a tremendous one. Let us be thankful and honour his memory by continuing to bless and grow Singapore, but let us also be aware that the late Mr. Lee's legacy is temporal and will one day fade. What the Lord God has given to us though is eternal, and will forever and ever be. Isaiah 6:8 speaks of how God is looking for men and women to posture ourselves before the Lord saying, "Here I am, Lord. Use me for your Will." As the Lord has given us life, let us then honour Him with our lives.

Questions

Share how Mr. Lee Kuan Yew's contribution has made an impact on you. What are you thankful for with regards to his life?

(Fill In Answer Here)

In what ways have any of Mr. Lee's contributions echoed that of the Lord's providence and blessings for yourself and Singapore?

(Fill In Answer Here)

What is one way or one action you want to take to bless others, for all that has been done for you?

(Fill In Answer Here)