



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC Behold Your God

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

Behold Your God

In his sermon, Elder Kok Guan speaks about the need to behold our God. It is not just about acknowledging Him as God but to see and recognise how great He is. This message reflects our BBTC's mission statement to "share Christ as we mature in Him", encouraging us to intentionally know God as we share the Gospel. Using from the book of Isaiah, Elder Kok Guan draws out the three steps to behold our God: study the Word, surrender our idols, and strengthen our walk.

Three Steps in Isaiah 40: Study, Surrender, Strengthen

1. Study the Word of God

When we study the Word of God, we get a bigger picture of who He is. From Isaiah 40, many characteristics and descriptions of God can be found: we have a God who lifts us up when we are discouraged (vv.3-5); God who rules with power and mercy (vv.10-14). When we behold Him, we see that He is gracious, gentle and great.

The problem arises when we have a small view of God. When we do so, it makes our problems seem so big – even bigger than God! There is a need to study about God so that we can see how big He really is. We study the Word of God by committing to reading the Bible daily, memorising Scripture or doing a book study.

2. Surrender our idols to God

Verses 18-20 reads about idols and their worship. From the verses, it speaks about the physical idols that are used to replace our God. But Elder Kok Guan reminds us that idolatry is not limited to the worship of other gods. Rather, it is anything that blinds us from seeing our God – money, people or even our own wants. To behold our God, we need to surrender these idols and to trust fully in our Lord.

3. Strengthen our walk with God

The last step Elder Kok Guan teaches us is to strengthen our walk with God. From vv.29-31, the Bible teaches us the importance of looking to God and serving Him, because only through Him can we draw strength. To strengthen our walk with God, we need to listen, discern, learn and obey.

Conclusion

In conclusion, to behold our God, we have to study the Word, surrender our idols, and strengthen our walk with God. The Bible says in Isaiah 41, when we behold our God, He will uphold us! 2017 has passed and the new year is upon us, it is important for us to reflect on our walk with God – are we still running this race with our eyes on God? Do we truly behold His greatness in our lives?

QUESTIONS

1. What comes to mind when you think about God?

2. What was one thing you learnt about God in 2017 and what is one idol you need to surrender?

3. How can you strengthen your walk with God in 2018?