

# PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

## LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE



**Sermon Date: 26/07/2020**

**Text(s): Isaiah 33:1–16**

**Sermon Title: God's Standards and Promises For Our Living**

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(The sermon recording and slides are available in the PMC website and MyPMC App)

### **READ (5 mins)**

#### **Isaiah 33:1–16 (TNIV)**

**1** Woe to you, destroyer, you who have not been destroyed! Woe to you, betrayer, you who have not been betrayed! When you stop destroying, you will be destroyed; when you stop betraying, you will be betrayed.

**2** LORD, be gracious to us; we long for you. Be our strength every morning, our salvation in time of distress.

**3** At the uproar of your army, the peoples flee; when you rise up, the nations scatter.

**4** Their plunder is harvested as by young locusts; like a swarm of locusts people pounce on it.

**5** The LORD is exalted, for he dwells on high; he will fill Zion with his justice and righteousness.

**6** He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the LORD is the key to this treasure.

**7** Look, their brave men cry aloud in the streets; the envoys of peace weep bitterly.

**8** The highways are deserted, no travelers are on the roads. The treaty is broken, its witnesses are despised, no one is respected.

**9** The land dries up and wastes away, Lebanon is ashamed and withers; Sharon is like the Arabah, and Bashan and Carmel drop their leaves.

**10** "Now will I arise," says the LORD. "Now will I be exalted; now will I be lifted up.

**11** You conceive chaff, you give birth to straw; your breath is a fire that consumes you.

**12** The peoples will be burned as if to lime; like cut thornbushes they will be set ablaze."

**13** You who are far away, hear what I have done; you who are near, acknowledge my power!

**14** The sinners in Zion are terrified; trembling grips the godless: "Who of us can dwell with the consuming fire? Who of us can dwell with everlasting burning?"

**15** Those who walk righteously and speak what is right, who reject gain from extortion and keep their hands from accepting bribes, who stop their ears against plots of murder and shut their eyes against contemplating evil—

**16** they are the ones who will dwell on the heights, whose refuge will be the mountain fortress. Their bread will be supplied, and water will not fail them.



### **REFLECT (30 mins)**

(Reflect on key themes and questions in the text)

- 1. The key questions Isaiah asked are in v14, “Who of us can dwell with the consuming fire? Who of us can dwell with everlasting burning?” Hebrews 12:29 says, “For our God is a consuming fire.” Can you try imagining yourself always being covered by fire? What would it be like to be on fire totally?**
- 2. Isaiah’s words in v15 suggests that it is possible for a person to be covered with God’s fire and not be burned. What are the conditions to be able to stand in God’s fire and not be burned? What do these conditions point to ultimately?**
- 3. The Bible is clear on the position that sinners will never be able to save themselves. Only Christ Jesus is able to save and redeem sinners. Now, as believers we have been redeemed. The preacher then pointed out that there is a close relationship between salvation and holy living, that to be saved is to live a holy live. Do you agree or disagree with this? And why?**

### **RELATE (30 mins)**

(Relate and apply God’s word to our daily lives)

- 1. Let’s focus now on the big picture of holy living. What is the goal of holy living? The first goal the preacher mentioned is to become more like Jesus. Apostle Paul explains in Romans 8:29 that we are to be conformed to the image of Christ. How do you picture the image of Christ? At a personal level, is there one specific area you would like to be more like Christ?**
- 2. The second goal of holy living is to prepare ourselves to be the Bride of Christ. As the Bride or Wife of Christ, how do you think we should conduct ourselves in the way we speak and the way we hold ourselves on a daily basis? Furthermore, what should occupy our hearts? In other words, what should we allow or not allow to have a permanent place in our hearts?**

**REST (15 mins)**

(Take time to share and pray for one another)

(Pray for our church, our nation, and our world. See MyPMC > PRAY for weekly guide)



- Pray for one another to receive the Holy Spirit's enablement to live holy and righteous lives. Let there be a sense of conviction in our hearts to walk closely with the Lord as we continue our journey here on earth.
- Pray for one another to encounter Christ daily through His Word and His Spirit in order that we might become more and more like Christ.
- Pray for the churches in Singapore to have a stronger witness in Singapore and beyond in the days to come.