

## **KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021 (KEC SERVICE Online)**

Please take note that this Sunday's service begins at **8.30am**, not 9am.

We will not be showing any new Kids' Church Videos for the moment. Please do join one of our Sunday School groups instead! Contact Abang Trang for more info.

You can access the livestream at [https://www.facebook.com/bemkec/live\\_videos/](https://www.facebook.com/bemkec/live_videos/)

Or on Youtube here: <https://youtube.com/bemkec/live>

*8.30am – Livestream starts*

*Livestream link should be available by 8.25am latest.*

### **1. CALL TO WORSHIP – Galatians 3:7-14**

### **2. WORSHIP in SONG (with Silas Michael)**

SONG 1: Great is the Lord

SONG 2: Christ is mine forevermore

### **3. Time of Reflection and Confession**

God of grace,

You have given us Jesus,

the light of the world.

We love belonging to you and being yours.

But we confess we still know what it means:

to choose darkness

to cling to things that hide the brightness of your love,

to turn in on ourselves

and embrace our own ways instead of yours.

We offer to you now these words to express

our desire for forgiveness

our longing to leave the darkness behind

our heartfelt prayer to be new

and our hunger to walk in your ways

Please help us to see again, your glory,

shining in the face of Jesus your Son.

In his name we pray,

Amen

<sup>16</sup>Therefore, the promise [of justification] comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham.

– Romans 4:16a

#### 4. Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy universal church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### 5. Core Convictions Review: #1 Centred on the gospel

##### 6. Prayers

- World
- Nation
- Church

#### 7. Bible reading: Genesis 11:27-12:20

<sup>27</sup> This is the account of Terah's family line.

Terah became the father of Abram, Nahor and Haran. And Haran became the father of Lot. <sup>28</sup> While his father Terah was still alive, Haran died in Ur of the Chaldeans, in the land of his birth. <sup>29</sup> Abram and Nahor both married. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife was Milkah; she was the daughter of Haran, the father of both Milkah and Iskah. <sup>30</sup> Now Sarai was childless because she was not able to conceive.

<sup>31</sup> Terah took his son Abram, his grandson Lot son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, the wife of his son Abram, and together they set out from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to Canaan. But when they came to Harran, they settled there.

<sup>32</sup> Terah lived 205 years, and he died in Harran.

**12** The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

<sup>2</sup>“I will make you into a great nation,  
and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,  
and you will be a blessing.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you,  
and whoever curses you I will curse;  
and all peoples on earth  
will be blessed through you.”<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. <sup>5</sup>He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

<sup>6</sup>Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring<sup>[c]</sup> I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

<sup>8</sup>From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

<sup>10</sup>Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to live there for a while because the famine was severe. <sup>11</sup>As he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, “I know what a beautiful woman you are. <sup>12</sup>When the Egyptians see you, they will say, ‘This is his wife.’ Then they will kill me but will let you live. <sup>13</sup>Say you are my sister, so that I will be treated well for your sake and my life will be spared because of you.”

<sup>14</sup>When Abram came to Egypt, the Egyptians saw that Sarai was a very beautiful woman. <sup>15</sup>And when Pharaoh’s officials saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh, and she was taken into his palace. <sup>16</sup>He treated Abram well for her sake, and Abram acquired sheep and cattle, male and female donkeys, male and female servants, and camels.

<sup>17</sup>But the LORD inflicted serious diseases on Pharaoh and his household because of Abram’s wife Sarai. <sup>18</sup>So Pharaoh summoned Abram. “What have you done to me?” he said. “Why didn’t you tell me she was your wife? <sup>19</sup>Why did you say, ‘She is my sister,’ so that I took her to be my wife? Now then, here is your wife. Take her and go!” <sup>20</sup>Then Pharaoh gave orders about Abram to his men, and they sent him on his way, with his wife and everything he had.

## SERMON OUTLINE: God promises new beginnings (Gen 12)

A cycle of failure

Why is the world like this? And how can we escape this cycle of perpetual failure?

Setting the stage

In the beginning...

God speaks

God creates

God blesses

Blessing (eg. Gen 1:22, 27-28; 2:1-3) – to experience the fullness of life in line with God's call, in accordance with his good design. To live at rest in fellowship with God.

Genesis 3-11

A cycle of failure

A life of curse

Genesis 11:27-32: no mere genealogy

God is missing (cf. Josh. 24:2)

The markers of blessing are removed

A dead end! UNLESS...

### **1. The promise of a new beginning**

Genesis 12:1 – God speaks (again)!

5 times curse // 5 times blessing

“I will...”

Who is this God?

Where our new beginning starts

What is the word He speaks? (v.2-3)

“The gospel in advance” (Gal. 3:8, 14)

Who can receive this promise of a new beginning?

## **2. The response to a new beginning**

“Go!” (v.1)

What God calls Abraham to leave

How God works in redemption

Repentance

Faith (v.4ff)

Ongoing trust and repentance

Terah's journey compared with Abraham's (11:31-32 cf. 12:4-5)

Canaanites....yet worship

But what if we stumble?

### **3. The certainty of a new beginning**

Faith often followed by famine

Going down to Egypt – a good idea? (cf. Ps. 33:18-20)

Abraham's faltering faith

Will this cycle of failure overwhelm God's promises?

How God always works (cf. Exodus, the gospel)

God always comes through

The future is never bleak in Jesus

Will you call on the name of the LORD?

**Response: By Faith**

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## ANOUNCEMENTS

- Connect cards
- Giving

### Missions pledge cards – online

You may fill up your missions pledge cards online at <https://bemkec.my/missions-pledge-2021>

- **Appointment of new BEM KEC Administrator**, starting 1<sup>st</sup> July.
- **KVBC Main Conference**, July 12-14 2021, 8.15pm every evening. Speaker: Stuart Coulton. *“Heaven, Hope & Holiness”*. FREE!! For more info and to register, go to <https://bit.ly/KVBC2021>
- **Advance Notice**: AGM (Sun, August 1<sup>st</sup>)
- **Ministry Reports**: All ministry reports for July 2020 – June 2021 are to be submitted by 10<sup>th</sup> July.
- **HFG Leaders training**: Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> July, 10am-12pm, on Zoom, with Benjamin Baru.
- **E100 Update**: How are you doing with your E100 reading? Here is a short article to encourage you to keep persevering! - <https://faithspillingover.com/2020/04/16/bible-reading-tips/>
- Prayer Meeting this Wednesday – on Zoom till further notice

## BENEDICTION

<sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,<sup>[a]</sup> neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,<sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Romans 8:38-39