

KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 28th August 2022 (KEC Hybrid Service)

The livestream can be accessed at

https://www.facebook.com/bemkec/live_videos/ or <https://youtube.com/bemkec/live>

Welcome to church! Here at BEM KEC, these are our core convictions:

- To be centred on the gospel
 - To be driven by God's Word
 - To be focused on growing disciples
 - To be a community of truth and love
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1. CALL TO WORSHIP – John 5:24-29

2. Worship in SONG (with Daniel Langat):

SONG 1: Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

SONG 2: We belong to the day

SONG 3: Ancient of Days

SONG 4: Turn your eyes upon Jesus

3. Prayers

4. SONG OF PREPARATION: Show us Christ

5. Bible reading: Ecclesiastes 12:9-14

⁹ Not only was the Teacher wise, but he also imparted knowledge to the people. He pondered and searched out and set in order many proverbs. ¹⁰ The Teacher searched to find just the right words, and what he wrote was upright and true.

¹¹ The words of the wise are like goads, their collected sayings like firmly embedded nails— given by one shepherd.^[a] ¹² Be warned, my son, of anything in addition to them.

Of making many books there is no end, and much study wearies the body.

¹³ Now all has been heard;

here is the conclusion of the matter:

Fear God and keep his commandments,

for this is the duty of all mankind.

¹⁴ For God will bring every deed into judgment,

including every hidden thing,

whether it is good or evil.

a. Ecclesiastes 12:11 Or *Shepherd*

SERMON OUTLINE: The End of the Matter – Fear God (Eccl. 12:9-14)

How words often work

“Now all has been heard...” (v.13)

What has the Teacher’s words done to you?

What are you going to do with the words of Ecclesiastes?

1. Recognise these words for what they really are

The Narrator

Endorsement

The words of the Shepherd! (v.11)

Just imagine...

But God...

So when we read Ecclesiastes... (cf. Psalm 19:7-9)

2. Rely on these words as what you really need

Notice what the Teacher gets up to (v.9-11)

We need words which

- ▶ Name reality as it truly is
- ▶ Make us truly wise (cf. Prov. 8:6-7)

So...

- ❖ See them as what we really need!
- ❖ Rely on these words as your ultimate source of authority! (v.12)

3. Receive these words as they're meant to be taken

Goads (v.11)

Has the Teacher wounded you?

God's cattle prod

When was the last time you allowed the Bible to poke you hard?

The "right words" = words of delight/pleasure

Form

Content

Let these words be “like firmly embedded nails” (v.11)

4. Resolve to live out the purpose of these words

Why does God, in the end, give us the book of Ecclesiastes?

The Teacher’s conclusion (12:8)

→ The implication (12:13)

Different kinds of fear

Ungodly fear

Godly fear (cf. Exod 20:20)

“Besides, this mind restrains itself from sinning, not out of dread of punishment alone, but, because it loves and reveres God as Father, it worships and adores him as Lord. Even if there were no hell, it would still shudder at offending him alone.”
– John Calvin

Jesus has the last word (John 5:22-24)

Life is too short not to invest in eternity
So what will you do with the words of Ecclesiastes?

Response Song: We belong to the day

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Connect cards**
- **Giving**
- BEM KEC (English) is looking for a **full-time cleaner cum gardener**. He or she must be a member of BEM KEC, aged between 18 - 60 years and fit to do manual tasks. Interested applicants are required to submit their resumes to our Church Administrator Julie Kong not later than 4th September, 2022.
- As our Ecclesiastes series draw to a close, **we'll love to hear from you!** What has this wisdom book been teaching you? How has it challenged you, provoked you (in a good way!) and changed you? You can **share your reflections** (anonymously if you prefer) at <https://bemkec.my/eccreflections>. We will curate and share some of them at a future Sunday service.
- Our next **Equip Bible classes** will be starting on **Saturday, September 17th (10.30am-12.30pm)**! Join us for **Old Testament 1**, where we will cover the first 5 books of the Bible, and discover how they are held together. This class will take place over 10 weeks. Fee: RM160 (concessions available). It will take place on Zoom. Register today at <https://bit.ly/22T3OT1BEM>
- **Pastoral activity:** Ps Brian will be teaching at and overseeing the KVBC NextGen Conference, happening online this week from 31 Aug – 3 September. He will be on leave from September 5-7, and in Miri for the *Konferensi Pastor dan Pemimpin BEM* from September 8-10.
- **Preaching next week** (September 4th): Rev. Tim Nicholls, on *“God’s Blueprint for Family”*. Take note that it is a Communion Service.
- Starting next week, our **bulletin/order of service** will be changing back to our pre-pandemic format. This means the Bible passage will no longer be printed on the sheet. Please do bring your Bibles as we want everyone to have their Bibles open as God’s Word is preached!
- Our **Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting** will be on break this week, as it is Hari Kebangsaan.

Home Fellowship Groups	English Youth Ministry
Most groups have started meeting! (Usually Thursday/Friday evenings). If you would like to register your interest in joining a Home Fellowship Group, please do so at https://bemkec.my/home-fellowship-groups/	Our youth group meets every Saturday evening at church (Conference Room 1), 8-9.30pm. If you’re interested to come, do let us know at https://bemkec.my/english-youth-ministry/

Sunday School

Sunday school lessons will be held in the classrooms located in the Apartment Block as follows:

1.1 Group 1 (Children ages 3-4): Conference Room 1, 1st Floor.

1.2 Group 2 (Children ages 5-6): Room K1, Ground Floor.

1.3 Group 3 (Children ages 7-9 i.e. Primary 1 to 3): Room 2B, Ground Floor.

1.4 Group 4 (Children ages 10-12 i.e. Primary 4 to 6): Conference Room 2, 1st Floor.

If your child is below 3 years old, please do not send them to Sunday School but utilise the creche instead.

Sunday School S.O.Ps

If you would like to see the current Sunday School S.O.Ps in full, please refer to our Sunday School notice board.

BENEDICTION

²⁸ And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?^[b] And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

- Matthew 10:28-31 (ESV)

COFFEE QUESTIONS

- What will you do with the words of Ecclesiastes, now that you've heard them?
- How might taking on the attitude of "fearing God" in all that you do begin to change your perspective or your actions?
- Take time to read through Ecclesiastes again, or to listen to the sermons or look over your notes if you've taken any. Ask God to help you reflect and act on what you've heard. Feel free to share your reflections (anonymously if you prefer) at <https://bemkec.my/eccreflections!>