

# Today's Sermon

Speaker: Senior Pastor David Kerk

Title of Message : **We CHOOSE To GLORIFY Our GOD  
For His GOODNESS To Us!**

Scripture Text : **Psalm 145:5**

I Will **SPEAK** (or Meditate) of the Glorious  
**HONOR** of Your Majesty & of Your  
Wondrous Works



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## Key Thought:

We in Church of Sengkang, no day passed by without We Praising and Thanking our God for All His Blessings and Goodness to us. Indeed Great is the **LORD**, and Greatly To Be Praised. We have seen the Hand of Our **LORD** and We Can Only **SAY** His **GREATNESS** has been inscribed in our heart. So, We are **ASKING** our **LORD** to **GLORIFY** Himself in Church of Sengkang through Us & the Ministry. Amen

The Greatness of His **GOODNESS** has been **SEEN**:

### 1. His **CONCERN** for His **NAME** : A God of Loving Kindness

**Psalm 145:1-2** I will **EXALTYOU**, my **GOD** and Praise Your **NAME** forever & ever. I will **PRAISEYOU** every day; yes, I will **PRAISEYOU** forever.

1:1 In Our Savior's **NAME** - We Practice Christlike **CARING**. People Don't Know How Much We **KNOW** till They **KNOW** We **CARE!**

1:2 In Our Savior's **NAME** - We Just **CARE!** We Are **CARING** Community Church

### 2. His **CONCERN** for His **WORK** : A Working God

**Psalm 145:3-7** I will **SPEAK** (or meditate) of the Glorious **HONOR** of Your Majesty and Your Wondrous **WORK**

2:1 We Will Declare His Mighty Acts - Acts of the Holy Spirit

2:2 We Will **SPEAK** of His Wondrous Works - **HE** Delights In Recognition of His Acts

### 3. His **CONCERN** for His **GRACE** - A God of Compassions & Unfailing **LOVE**

**Psalm 145:8** The **LORD** is Merciful And Compassionate, **SLOW** to Get angry and filled with Unfailing **LOVE**.

3:1 God Sees Mercy, **HE** Moves His Heart to Compassion - Acts of Mercy Are Acts of Praise

3:2 God' Is Slow To **ANGER** - Acts of Offenses Are Acts of Destruction.

### 4. His **CONCERN** for **LORDSHIP** - A God's Rule Over All Creatures

**Psalm 145:9-10** The **LORD** is **GOOD** to Everyone. He Showers Compassion On **ALL** His Creation. **ALL** of Your wors will **THANK** You, **LORD**. and Your faithful Followers will Praise You.

4:1 God's **RULE** over All His Creatures : Goodness Because God's Blessings Extend **ALL** He **RULES**

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# Church of Sengkang

Is called by God to be *welcoming* and *prayerful* commUNITY filled with and led by the *HOLY SPIRIT*

**COSK SUNDAY TIMES**

**STRICTLY FOR INTERNAL CIRCULATION**

**SUNDAY SERVICE TIME:**

**19th September 2010**

**10.30am to 12.30pm**

## TODAY, We KNOW What the GOODNESS of our Lord Means To Us!

### GOD, Why "UluPunggol"???



I know of a small church, quite different from any other, situated in a quiet corner of "uluPunggol". It's call Church of Sengkang (COSK). This is my Heaven on earth and I have been enjoying my life there for almost 3 years - what a joy!

It's been 3 years since I joined Church of Sengkang. I vividly recalled the day I was driven for a look at the venue of our church-to-be. I had spent the best part of my past 35 years working in modern down-town offices with built-up roads, a far cry from the dense vegetation which stood before me as I journeyed to the church, through small winding dirt paths, which incidentally was reminiscent of some small-town Malaysian kampong. I was quite

taken aback that such an "ulu" place still existed in modern Singapore and I asked, "God, why did you send me to uluPunggol?aarrrgh!"

Upon arrival at Marina Country Club, a vastly neglected tinted-roofed boatel whose owners seem ready to pack up and call it a day, with only a few sleepy shops within its premises. I asked, "God, surely this isn't an ideal place to fulfil the vision you gave to your servant Pastor David". With a deserted island to the North, forested grasslands toward the East and West, little scent of life was apparent other than the sparse population at the nearby landed properties. The only area with glowed of any life was towards the South (with fewer HDB flats than I could count on my fingers), was about a mile away. "Lord", I murmured, "it will take ages for urban development to reach here, and there are only few souls we can save here in this half-deserted kampong". As I got down to work, God gradually revealed answers to some of my questions as the days passed by.

1. HE will show me things far beyond what I humanly thought possible.
2. HE will bring all the visions he gave to pass if we remain faithful and obedient to his call
3. HE will always be in full control

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Soon after, many obstacles surfaced before we were settled into our 1st Anniversary. Within a short span of 3 years, more obstacles crossed our path but somehow, we managed to overcome them. AGAINST ALL ODDS, all the visions that I could remember have also been brought to pass. COSK has even emerged ever-stronger after each crisis to the bewilderment of many who never thought we would make it pass the 1st Anniversary, BUT WE DID, ..... and prospered.

One day as I was scouting for a more accessible place for our church. I parked near an empty field. A chain was strung across both sides of the entrance with a notice stating that it was earmarked for development. It then dawned on me that God has brought us here because HE wanted to give us a few years of lead-time to work the ground and establish a more solid presence before he bring souls for us to work on. The latest Government plan now shows that "uluPunggol" would be developed into a bustling town, rivals the beauty of Marine Parade, with a population to equal Toa Payoh. Just as we had stamped the small footprint of our presence in HIS name some 3 years ago, we have now moved deep into the heartland of the HDB estates, and our footprint has grown bigger and further by the day.

I remember a story that when a flower was asked from God, HE sent a cactus. When a beautiful insect was asked for, God sent a caterpillar. WHY GOD? Why, why, why? It's just like my early murmurs. Well, the cactus bloomed many 'beautiful flowers' and the caterpillar metorphosised into a 'beautiful butterfly'. God works in 'strange' ways and HIS strange ways are imaginarily much higher than ours.

I have learnt to trust him more, murmur less and have now surrender all my ambitions, hopes and plans unto his loving hand. These 3 years have indeed been both joyful and filled with heartache in my walk with HIM, but HE has always given me the strength and courage to carry on. Praise the Lord for his wonderful grace, and indeed we have every reason to celebrate our coming 3rd Anniversary to his Glory.

Oh, I now love "ULU PUNGGOL" for it is my Heaven on earth. Is it yours? As we proudly celebrate our 3rd Anniversary, I pray that COSK will continue to labor to bring Glory to His Holy Name. Amen!

From Grace to Glory  
Bro Larry Eio

### OUR COLLECTIONS

**Acts 20:35**

"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive".

Aug 2010 Collection:	\$12,537.50
Sept 2010 collection up to 12 Sept 2010:	\$ 8,833.70
3rd Anniversary:	\$ 600.00
Mission Fund (99+1):	\$ 1,000.00
Church Building Fund:	\$33,330.00

*If you are making out a cheque, kindly mark  
"Church of Sengkang Ltd".*

4:2 God's **RULE** over All His Saints : His Faithful Followers Will **PRAISE HIM**.

#### 5. His **CONCERN** for Our Provision - A God Who Provides

**Psalm 145:15-16** *The eyes of ALL look to You In HOPE; YOU GIVE them their Food as they need it. When YOU OPEN Your HAND, YOU Satisfy the HUNGER and THIRST of every Living thing*

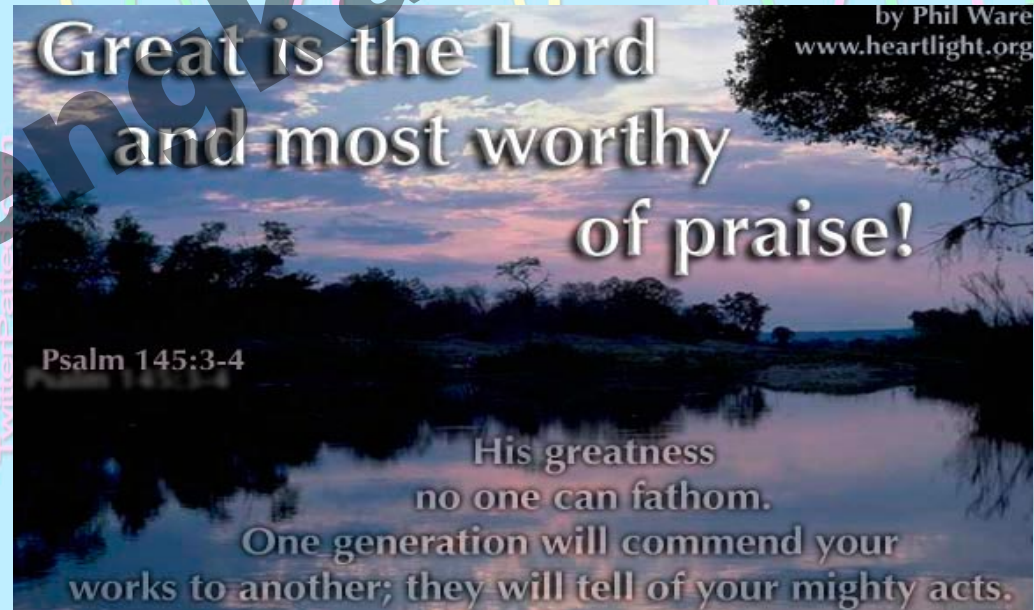
5:1 His Loving **CONCERN** : Answers Our Prayers - He Is **NEAR** To **HEAR**

5:2 His Loving **CONCERN** : Provides Our Physical Needs - **HE** is **HERE** To **BLESS**

#### Reflection on Today's Message:

Beloved, our eyes have seen the **GLORY** of our Lord; our hearts have been filled with the **JOY** of our Lord and the ministry of Church of Sengkang has been validated by His Mighty Presence & Wondrous Works Done through His Provisions. This hymn has been inscribed in our heart because we have a **GOD** who is **CONCERN** for our well-being. Indeed, yesterday today and forever Jesus is the **SAME**, all May Change **BUT** my **JESUS** will **NEVER**, Glory to His **NAME** .

**AMEN**



The percentage is a generalization of what we retain.  
Understanding and Remembering are better when we make notes.

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