

**11TH OCTOBER
2020
1 SAMUEL 4:1-22
STEVE HALES**

Welcome

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How do you deal with unanswered prayer? It can be hard to know what to think, if the thing we're praying for seems very much like something we'd expect that God would want. Do we need to pray harder or longer? Or to use the right words, a special prayer perhaps?

Today we turn to 1 Samuel 4. Here Israel find themselves in a situation where God doesn't give them the victory in battle that they think he should give them. Their response is to get the ark of the covenant, representing God's promises and presence among them, and to take it into the next battle. Surely, they think, God will give us the victory. But of course, that's not what happens. God has other plans – in this case to keep his word and punish them for their disobedience.

There are many reasons why God may not answer our prayers in the way we think he should, but above all, this story reminds us that we need to remember he is God, not us. He can't be 'put in a box' and manipulated to do what we think he should do. Yes he invites us to take our desires to him in prayer & he loves to give us good things, just like Hannah in chapter 1, but there's no guarantee that he'll do what we think he should do, and we must always retain a posture of humility that shows itself in trusting obedience.

Grace and peace,
Steve

English Service
Livestreamed at 10am:
Access via our website
www.carlingford-baptist.org

Next week:
Dan will be speaking from
1 Samuel 5.

The 2020 Ethical Fashion Guide

Later this month, Peter Keegan from Baptist World Aid (BWA) will be sharing with us about some of what BWA have been up to over the past few months. Each year a team releases research grading clothing companies based on how ethical their supply chains are. This year however, like many things, the ordinary approach to this project has needed to adapt. In the global fashion supply chain, the pandemic has exaggerated longstanding concerns around wages, worker health & safety, & labour rights. While these issues are not new, they have been magnified by this global emergency. And that means the daily risks faced by the garment workers who make our clothes, have massively increased. With this increased vulnerability, & clothing companies here facing their own challenges as sales slow down, BWA have refined their approach, & invited companies to prioritise 6 key areas. These commitments seek to protect the lives and livelihoods of those most at risk in companies' supply chains. For more information visit...

baptistworldaid.org.au/covid-fashion-commitments



Church News

PRAYER TIPS:

Pray with expectation—
but expect to be changed through praying.

WHEN WE CALL ON GOD—

He listens to us & welcomes our prayers.

SUNDAYS IN HOMES

Since there are still significant barriers to our meeting for services, we are instead inviting everyone from the English services to join in on Sunday Morning Fellowship.



This is where small groups of us meet together in our homes to watch the online service together, to pray, to discuss and to have morning tea. Contact the office if you are able and would like to be a part of this.

ELDER NOMINATIONS

At the time of the November Church Meeting we are planning to also have a Special Meeting to make a change to our Constitution so we can increase the number of Elders from 4 to 5. This will make it easier to include Elders from the different communities that make up our church. If that change is approved, we hope to also be able to appoint that 5th Elder - so that end we are inviting nominations now until 25th October.

Please prayerfully consider if there is someone you believe has the qualities we need for our Elders. Any nominations can be passed on to our Church Secretary, Ian Read.

CONNECTING DURING THIS TIME

Please make the most of the opportunities to stay connected -

- Online services at 10am
- JOIN SUNDAYS IN HOMES
- follow our Carlingford Baptist Church Facebook Page for regular updates:
- Join us on Zoom for a chat over morning tea after the service on Sunday
- Meet with your Connect Group in person or over Zoom -Use FaceTime/WhatsApp or pick up the phone & call each other....



IT IS SO IMPORTANT TO STAY CONNECTED AT THIS TIME!

Don't forget after the Livestream to go back to our webpage to find the curated playlists for reflection and worship. There is also resources for children and families to worship together.



HOPESTREET COLLECTIONS will happen during OCTOBER



Once again we have the opportunity to help and bless those in need.

Donations can be taken to the Church Office, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays. If you are unable to make it during these times please contact the office to make an alternate arrangement. Dianne is also happy to pick up from your home. Items needed are: Up & Go, Noodle Cups, Tuna (small tins), Biscuits (small packets), Vouchers (Just for plain Woolworths or Coles cards not more than \$30 each)—

Thank You! Di Daniel 8677 5447 or 0450 167 895

OUR PRAYER FOCUS FOR OCTOBER



Don't miss our....

MONTHLY CHURCH PRAYER MEETING



Next Sunday -18th October 3-4pm by ZOOM

A note from Loraine Purkiss...

Thank you to our Church family, for the prayers, cards phone calls to me in the last seven weeks for my back surgery. It was certainly appreciated, & strengthened me through this time. I am progressing well. God bless Loraine.

Church Family Prayer

Pray for Emma Ridley & Kids Church!

CBC Offerings: Here are few options to give your offerings:
Manual Offering -Please contact any church staff or the office office@carlingford-baptist.org or 9872 3022 Direct
Deposit: Account held with **Baptist Financial Services** Account Name: **Carlingford Baptist Church** BSB No: 704-922, No: 100016526 or
Giveaway Link: Go to bit.ly/CBCgiveaway or Scan this QR code that will bring you straight to Giveaway -



Thank you to those who look after our Church Grounds.
 Next on the roster is 22/10 Clive Copelin
 Bruce Grennard

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Contact Everest Consulting Pty Ltd Tel: 0403 272 866 for SAP support, sponsors of our weekly CBC bulletin

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