**R1000 Rumination for Mar. 24, 2024**

The **T**heme:**A Thousand Years in Thy Sight.** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext:  ***A thousand years*** *in Thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past…* Psa. 90:4

The **T**hots:

This is the **1000th Rumination!** And what can we learn by **R**eturning to **R**umination **No. 1** to **R**eflect on it, **R**eminding ourselves of its original and **R**eal purpose, and to **R**esolve what to do after this?

See <https://docs.google.com/viewer?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.berita-bethel-ung.com%2Fberitabethel%2F2022_17th-anniversary-of-Ruminations.docx>

1. **How Fast a Millennium Flies – A Thousand Ruminations have come and gone****. Psa. 90:4-6**

*For a* ***thousand*** *years in Thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, And as a watch in the night…they are as a sleep: In the morning they are like grass which groweth up. In the evening it is cut down, and withereth.*

1. **The Commencement of Rumination No. 1.**
2. Its **P**urpose – to help those **P**resent at the Lord’s Supper to **P**articipate **P**ublicly or **P**rivately.
3. A **R**eminder of the **P**urpose of the Lord’s Supper – *That the Lord Jesus…*
* *took bread: And when He had given* *thanks, He ﻿brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is My body,*

*which is ﻿broken for you:* ***this do*** *﻿****in ﻿remembrance ﻿of Me****.*

* *After the same manner also He took the cup, ﻿when He had supped, saying,*

*This cup is the new testament in My blood:* ***this do ye****, as oft as ye drink it,* ***in remembrance of Me.***

* Our **C**oming together is to **R**emember our Lord Leading us to **R**evere Him until He **R**eturns –

*For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ﻿****ye do shew the Lord’s death ﻿till He come.***

1. Our **R**eflections when **P**articipating at the Lord’s Supper is to **C**entre our **T**houghts on **C**hrist –
* To **R**emind those **P**resent to **R**emember and **R**evere Him – ***this do*** ***in remembrance of Me.***

 not just to **S**ing **S**ongs of Worship without **R**emembering His **S**ufferings and **S**overeignty. I Pet. 1:11

. ***S****earching ﻿what, or what manner of time ﻿the* ***S****pirit of Christ which was in them did* ***S****ignify, ﻿*

 *when it testified beforehand ﻿﻿the* ***S****ufferings of Christ, and ﻿﻿the glory that should follow*

1. Our **R**eadiness to **P**artner with the Spirit to **C**ontribute to the **C**ontemplation of **C**hrist at the Supper,

as *the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to* ***P****rofit withal.* I Cor. 12:7

* Remember: *God is a Spirit…they that worship Him must worship Him in ﻿spirit and in ﻿truth.* Jn. 4:24
* Thus, we need to be Led by the Spirit in the **R**everence of our Lord.
1. The **S**ide **P**rofits: The Rumination Outlines can also be used for **S**tudies and **S**ermons as the **S**pirit leads,

not based on human **S**uggestions but on the **S**criptures using our **S**piritual in**S**ight and our Biblical **S**ense!

1. **The Continuation of the Ruminations from 1 to 1000** (27th Feb., 2005 to 24th Mar. 2024)
2. It is a **T**estimony to God’s **F**aithfulness in Sharing His **T**houghts Week after Week these **19 years**!
3. Generally keeping **T**rue to **T**heir **T**ask and **T**heme See #1 above.
4. in **P**reparing the **P**articipants to be **P**ure for the Lord’s Supper,

*(But ﻿let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup,* I Cor. 11:28)

1. in **P**raising and uplifting the Lord’s Name (*this* do *in remembrance of Me*) –

*they shall not appear before the Lord empty.* Cf. Deut. 16:16c

* Do not appear before **H**im **E**mpty-**H**earted, **E**mpty-**H**eaded or **E**mpty-**H**anded. Cf. I Cor. 10:21, 22
* Thus, all **T**houghts here, as far as are **P**ossible, are based on **S**cripture **T**exts and not on Human **T**hinking!
1. **How Vast the Volume when Myriads of Myriads join their Voices to Laud His Praise.**

*Then I looked, and I heard* *around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering* ***myriads of myriads*** *and* ***thousands of thousands****,* **Rev. 5:11**, ESV

1. The **P**lace – *behold, ﻿﻿a throne was set ﻿in heaven, and one sat on the throne.* 4:2
2. The **P**erson/**P**ersons:
3. **S**eated on the Throne – *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come….*

 *that sat on the throne, Who liveth for ever and ever*

1. **S**tanding *in the midst of the throne - …stood ﻿﻿a Lamb as it had been ﻿slain*
2. The **P**articipants – those **S**urrounding the Throne – *around the throne and the living creatures and the*

*elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands*

*[ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands*, KJV]

1. Their **P**raise: Rev. 5:9-14

**For this 1000th Rumination, let us join our Thots in anticipation of the *myriads of myriads, the ten thousands times ten thousands* of Celestial Creatures to Sing a new Song to Him this Lord’s Day.**

*And they sung ﻿a new ﻿song, saying, ﻿Thou art worthy…for ﻿Thou wast slain, and ﻿hast redeemed us to God ﻿by Thy blood out of ﻿every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And ﻿hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth Saying with a loud voice, ﻿Worthy is ﻿the Lamb that was slain to receive ﻿﻿power, and riches, and ﻿wisdom, and ﻿﻿strength, and ﻿﻿honour, and ﻿﻿﻿glory, and ﻿﻿blessing. And ﻿every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, ﻿﻿Blessing, and ﻿honour, and ﻿glory, and ﻿power, be unto ﻿Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. And ﻿the four beasts said, ﻿﻿Amen. And ﻿the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped ﻿him that liveth for ever and ever.* **And let us also say, Amen!**

*O sing a new song to the Lord, Sing all the earth and bless His name;*

 *From day to day His praise record, The Lord’s redeeming grace proclaim.* Psalter

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**REFLECTONS FOR THE WEEK**

**AND RESPONSES FOR THE PAST YEARS OF RUMINATIONS**

**Points To Ponder: F**irst and **F**oremost, I would like to thank my Webmaster

and his son (all the way from the United Sates) …

* for purchasing me my present website at [www.berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)
* for contributing to its maintenance so that it can be free from all ads,
* for their service in storing my Ruminations, Sermons and Studies on it, as well as…
* for posting the Ruminations out every week without fail **for the last 19 years.**
* **Thank you. Only the Lord can reward you.**
* **Now what will I do after this 1000th Rumination?**
* First, let me post some of your own proposals to me for you to read.
* Then I shall decide at the end concerning the format of the **1001st Rumination.**
* I thank the following saints who have written in to suggest what I should do after the 1000th Rumination.

Once again to one and all,

***THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR ALL THESE 19 YEARS OF SUPPORT.***

***THE LORD BLESS YOU ALL RICHLY AND ABUNDANTLY***.

**Proposals for what I should do after the 1000th Rumination:**

**From Benny Wu (Canada): 14 Nov. 2023**

Dear brother Kim Cheng…

I want to thank you for your faithfulness in sending me via Webmaster your weekly RUMINATION. It is a blessing to us and I refer to them when I needed easy reference.

Kellie and I are changing our internet provider and so for me to continue to receive your valuable Spirit inspired thoughts, please change my email address to…I apologise for troubling you but thank you very much for your continued ministry.

Lovingly in Christ our Lord.

Benny

**From Joseph Lim (Penang) Sun. 4 Feb.**

Thank you, Mr Ung for the Berita Bethel and update about How God continue to be faithful in your life and ministry.
Thanks also for the Ruminations which will reach the 1000 edition very soon in March 2024.

Appreciate your labour of love unto the Lord for all these years faithfully.
I would take this opportunity to share a suggestion for you to consider and ponder in prayer to start another series which is more concise and succinct "Rumination" similar like Choice Gleanings.
This will help the reader to have a focus verse, focus theme and succinct thoughts through the week and you can add verses for the reader to explore themselves.
We can call it **"The Whispered Word"**

*After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a****gentle whisper.*** - 1 Kings 19:12; 2 Timothy 2:15

In His Service, Joseph

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**From Teo Pek Bing (Penang): Mon, 5 Feb,**

Dear big brother,

Thank you for your Berita Bethel. I pray that I may have the strength and clarity and perseverance to do what you do at your age! I'm already feeling the weakness when I am not even close to your years. The Lord indeed has sustained you.

With reference to your Ruminations, I think 1000 ruminations is plenty for anyone to refer to. Sometimes, I can't even remember last week's message!! I would suggest slowing down to one per 2 weeks which I think is your option 3…I also like your option 4 which you could update especially on the Reflections part that you could tie to current events, e.g. Oct 7. Just a couple of thoughts.

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**From Andre How Ow & Christina (Australia) Fri. 9 Feb.**

We read your Berita, and understand how much pain and difficulties you have to put up with those bodily weaknesses that are impacting your life for so long. Will continue to remember you, and pray the Lord continues to see you through the stresses and strains of the advancing years.

We hope you may seek the Lord to give wisdom and guidance as to when the time is right for you to call it a day, and rest to enjoy, without the demands made upon you to satisfy the assemblies' continuing requests for teaching/preaching. Our bodies can only take so much as we aged; the Lord gives us a body which has its limits, and it takes courage and strength for one to say, 'No' to the demands we're still at liberty to control.

With God's richest blessings & love

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From **David Kam (Penang): Fri.** **Mar 15.**

Dear Mr. Ung,

I praise the Lord for the talent and desire He has granted to you to study His word so very carefully and to share them so clearly with all the saints in the various assemblies in Malaysia and also other parts of the world if I am not mistaken. I believe many have benefited from your labour of love and have in one way or another increase their understanding and knowledge of God's word. It will really benefit future generations of believers if you can compile them into a book/s so that it/they can be used for Bible studies whether individually or in cell groups. This is just my humble opinion.

**From Laihar (Australia):** **Fri**, **Mar 15**.

Thanks. It's encouraging to write things that help us ponder and be active in loving and fearing our Lord and heavenly Father. For me, you can compile all in a book and continue writing less than one page monthly your Sunday thoughts about our dear Lord and master without so many verses, but concentrating on one verse or verses and expounding on them as the Lord leads. Once again thanks and God bless

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**From Daniel and Alycia Khaw (England):** **18th March**.

Hi Kong Kong and Ah Mah**,**

Trust you all are doing well. We were reading Kong Kong’s 999th rumination yesterday morning for our devotion. Blessed by your ministry! We are looking forward to the 1,000th rumination. What a milestone.

We like the idea of compiling the ruminations by theme or book as and when you are able to. There are so much wealth of wisdom and treasures there. Also, hopefully this will ease your burden to write on a weekly basis. Just a thought!

**Edward and Lulu Ong (New Zealand) . 20th March**

It was Lulu who commented to me and I think you should put it in a book first and then you should continue with a post-millennial series and change the format a bit to a one-page write-up cause there is so much to learn from the Bible and the Lord has anointed within you a reservoir of unending prose and content. So why stop whether it's 1,000 or 2,000 or 3,000 - these are man's limitations but with the Lord, there's always a constant overflow.

**From Mark and Karen Khaw (Australia)**, **20th March**

Dear Uncle KC,

Karen and I have been following your wonderful weekly ruminations. Your disciplined faith and demonstrable love for God has been a regular encouragement to us here in Perth. Our heartiest congratulations as you approach your 1000th rumination! We very much look forward to this momentous event.

Please find our responses to your questions below.

* *Should I stop, and compile some (perhaps 100) selected ones into a book?* – Please don't stop writing the ruminations altogether, but this is a good time to compile all 1000 completed ones into a book. It would be an invaluable resource.
* Should I stop, and cease in this ministry completely? – We certainly hope not, and pray God gives you strength to carry on!
* *Should I modify them into a one-page rumination and reflection?* – The current length and format is great, so not unless you have good reasons to.
* *Should I reduce the sequence from a weekly rumination, into a fortnightly one?* –

This could certainly work well, helping to reduce the demands on your time.

* *Should I recycle some of the ruminations and continue as usual – I have 1000 to choose from!* – Up to you!
* *Any other advice you would like to give to me*? – Studying God's word through your perspective has been life changing to say the least! Thank you for all your hard work, Uncle KC.

My **R**esponse to all the above **R**eplies for which I am deeply grateful for your **T**ime and **T**hought: -

After much prayer and thought from my own **D**aily **D**evotions and consideration of the **V**arious **V**iews given above, the Lord has finally guided me…

* to **D**ecide on **D**iscontinuing the present format of a long-**D**etailed **R**umination;
* to omit the **R**egular **R**eflections for the Week and to continue with **P**oints To **P**onder;
* to **R**eturn to the **F**ormat of the original **F**irst **R**umination, as **F**ollows (attached below).

[It will be **S**hort and **S**weet but still **S**criptural and **S**piritual maintaining its depth of thought and crispness.

And as a **S**ide benefit, these rumination outlines can also be used as basic outline studies to help the Bible **S**tudent to prepare any **S**ermonettes that he/she is called upon to do so and to deliver or **S**hare from time to time.]

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**What Rumination No. 1 was:**

**1. Rumination for February 27, 2005**

The **T**heme: ***Remember ME***

The **T**ext: *this do in remembrance of Me.* **I Cor. 11:24, 25**

The **T**hots:

**A. The Lord commanded I Cor. 11:24, 25**

1. *Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in* ***remembrance of Me****.*

*2. This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in* ***remembrance of Me****.*

**B. Joseph, a picture of the Lord, requested the chief butler:**

 ***Think on me*** *when it shall be well with thee.* Gen. 40:14

**C. Sadly that was not to be.**

 *Yet did not the chief butler* ***remember*** *Joseph, but* ***forgot*** *him*. Gen. 40:23

**App.** Is it possible that while I am at this Remembrance Feast instituted by the Lord Himself to remember Him, that I forget Him and think of other things else?

King of my life I crown Thee now – Thine shall the glory be;

Lest I forget Thine thorn-crowned brow, Lead me to Calvary.

Lest I forget Gethsemane, Lest I forget Thine agony.

Lest I forget Thy love for me, Lead me to Calvary.

– Jennie Evelyn Hussey

Look out for **Rumination 1001** next Lord’s Day in the Will of the Lord.