

Youth Worship

BETHANY INDEPENDENT-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

God's kind of church, where God is touching lives, and people care for people.

WELCOME TO YOUTH WORSHIP ON-LINE!

We would like to specially greet you with joy albeit virtually! We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us this Saturday afternoon.

May we offer our whole heart to worship the Lord and incline our ears to hear His Word!




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COME AND WORSHIP

Even though we do not live under a monarchy, we can still appreciate God as our King. As the King of kings, sovereign over all the earth, He possesses power and authority to judge all peoples. The foundation of His throne is righteousness and truth. How should we respond in the Presence of our Great and Righteous King?



***“Let the heavens rejoice,
and let the earth be glad;
Let the sea roar, and all its fullness;
Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it.
Then all the trees of the woods
will rejoice before the LORD.***

***For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth.
He shall judge the world with righteousness,
And the peoples with His truth.”***



PSALM 96:11-13

The Psalmist concludes worship to the LORD on a note of exuberant joy that pervaded all of creation.

1. Both heaven and earth rejoice and are glad
2. The sea and all its fullness are excited to receive their King
3. The field and all that is in it are joyful
4. All the trees of the woods will rejoice before the LORD

COME AND WORSHIP



We can also join in the same chorus of joy as the Psalmist and all creation. We must learn to rejoice in God as our King too. For all of us who believe in the Lord, His Coming is undoubtedly an occasion for rejoicing!

It is our blessing to belong to God and to have Him reign over us. It delights and comforts our souls to know that the righteousness and truth which we love will be established on earth because God is King. Let there be a great sense of rejoicing as we worship God our King this afternoon!



ORDER OF WORSHIP



YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE - 19 JUN 2021

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Message:

Pastor Charles Tan

“Abraham still stood before the LORD”

Genesis 18:16-33

Closing Prayer



REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

Let us review what we have learnt at Youth Worship last week!

YWS MESSAGE - 12 JUNE 2021

"IS ANYTHING TOO HARD FOR THE LORD?" GENESIS 18:1-15

INTRODUCTION

1. Recall the Times when God reached out to Abram/Abraham

a) **A word from God**

"Now the LORD had said to Abram"

Genesis 12:1

b) **Appearance/Manifestation**

"Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said"

Genesis 12:7

c) **A vision**

"After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision"

Genesis 15:1

d) **Appearance/Manifestation**

"The LORD appeared to Abram and said to him"

Genesis 17:1

2. A Variety of ways and means


a) Undisclosed means of communication

i) A consciousness

ii) A thought

b) But the constant was the Word of the Lord

c) This may be seen as a "message" from God

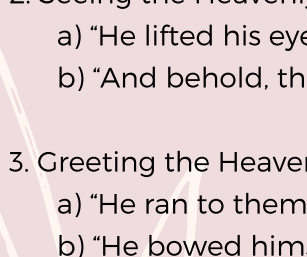
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3. Despite all that God has done
 - a) The problem of unbelief persists
 - b) Abraham struggled with this difficulty
 - c) Sarah struggled with this problem too
 4. God desires to help us overcome the problem of unbelief
He wants us to have a clearer and stronger faith!

A PHYSICAL APPEARANCE NOTED

1. The LORD appeared to Abram at Mamre Genesis 18:1a
 - a) This was a record of a physical appearance
 - b) The other times may not have been physical/ literal appearances
 - c) Nevertheless, those words from the LORD were real and true
2. Abram was sitting at his tent door in the heat of the day Genesis 18:1b
 - a) "The heat of the day"
It can be very hot!
 - b) Sitting at his tent door
Wisely so

A SPECIAL VISIT FROM HEAVENLY VISITORS



1. Three men were approaching his tent
 2. Seeing the Heavenly Visitors
 - a) "He lifted his eyes and looked" Genesis 18:2a
 - b) "And behold, three men were standing by him" Genesis 18:2b
 3. Greeting the Heavenly Visitors
 - a) "He ran to them" Genesis 18:2c
 - b) "He bowed himself to them" Genesis 18:2d
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ABRAHAM'S SPIRIT OF HOSPITALITY

1. Appropriate Greeting of the LORD

"My Lord"

Genesis 18:3a

2. Humility expressed

a) "If I have now found favour in Your sight"

Genesis 18:3b

b) "Do not pass on by Your servant"

Genesis 18:3c

c) These words were genuinely said

3. Offer of Service

a) Refreshing Rest

i) "Please let a little water be brought
and wash your feet"

Genesis 18:4a

ii) "And rest yourselves under the tree"

Genesis 18:4b

b) Some food

"And I will bring a morsel of bread,
that you may refresh your hearts"

Genesis 18:5a

c) "After that you may pass by,

inasmuch as you have come to your servant" Genesis 18:5b

4. Response from the LORD

"Do as you have said"

Genesis 18:5c

a) Acceptance

b) Appreciation

ABRAHAM AS A WONDERFUL HOST

1. Alerting Sarah

- a) "Quickly, make ready three measures of fine meal" Genesis 18:6a
- b) "Knead it and make cakes" Genesis 18:6b

2. Abraham's personal attention

- a) "He ran to the herd" Genesis 18:7a
- b) "Took a tender and good calf" Genesis 18:7b
- c) "Gave it to a young man,
and he hastened to prepare it" Genesis 18:7c

3. Personal Service

- a) "So he took butter and milk" Genesis 18:8a
- b) "And the calf which he had prepared
and set it before them" Genesis 18:8b
- c) "And he stood by them under the tree
as they ate" Genesis 18:8c

CONVERSATION WITH THE HEAVENLY GUESTS

1. Polite and genuine Inquiry about the family

"Where is Sarah your wife?" Genesis 18:9a

2. Abraham's reply

"Here, in the tent" Genesis 18:9b

3. A blessing promised

- a) Another visit
"I will certainly return to you
according to the time of life" Genesis 18:10a

- b) A son promised
"Sarah, your wife shall have a son" Genesis 18:10b

4. Sarah

- a) "Sarah was listening in the tent door
which was behind him"

Genesis 18:10c

b) Comment

"Now Abraham and Sarah were old,
well-advanced in age;

and Sarah had passed the age of childbearing"

Genesis 18:11

c) Sarah laughed

"Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying,

'After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure,

My lord being old also?'"

Genesis 18:12

THE LORD'S OMNISCIENCE

1. A question

"Why did Sarah laugh, saying,

'Shall I surely bear a child, since I am old?'"

Genesis 18:13

2. Another question

"Is anything too hard for the LORD?"

Genesis 18:14a

3. The next visit

"At the appointed time I will return to you,

according to the time of life,

and Sarah shall have a son."

Genesis 18:14b

4. Sarah's protest

a) Denial

"But Sarah denied it, saying, 'I did not laugh'"

Genesis 18:15a

b) Fear

"For she was afraid"

Genesis 18:15b

5. The LORD's insistence

- a) He was, of course, right
- b) He was the Omniscient LORD
 - i) He heard her
 - ii) He knew what she said (though not recorded)

CONCLUSION

1. God's Communion with His children

- a) He will communicate in different ways
- b) He will send a word now and then to us

2. Our Part

- a) To cultivate knowledge
- b) To develop sensitivity
- c) To make appropriate response to the Lord

3. God's Desire

- a) To help us overcome our Unbelief
- b) He wants us to know that there is nothing too hard for the LORD

REFLECTION

Written by Bethany Toong

At last week's Youth Worship Service, we continued learning about the problem of unbelief. The Lord had promised that Sarah would bear a son, but both Abraham and Sarah were well beyond their years and Sarah was past child-bearing age. How could they possibly believe that this would come to pass?

The problem of unbelief

In Genesis 18, we see that Sarah still struggled to believe in the Lord's word. When the Lord affirmed His blessing to Abraham, that Sarah would bear him a son, Sarah laughed within her heart because she doubted the possibility of her bearing a child. Sarah knew that with her human limitations, it would be impossible to bear a child. However, God does not have the human limitations we face- nothing is impossible for Him!

The problem behind unbelief

We often have the tendency to make the same mistake as Sarah. When faced with a situation that seems impossible, or too difficult to bear, we tend to focus on our own limitations and weaknesses. When all we see is our own inabilities, we fail to recognise God's abilities that far surpass our own. We cannot use human logic to try to fathom God's ways. His ways are higher than ours, His wisdom far surpasses ours.

The problem of unbelief is one that can persist if we do not tackle it. Sarah's unbelief still remained despite the Lord repeatedly affirming His blessing to her. Though the Lord does His part by communicating with us and reaching out to us with His Word, we also have a part to play to deal with the problem of unbelief.



Dealing with unbelief

It is difficult to put your trust in someone you do not know well. Similarly, it is difficult to believe God's Word if we do not know Him personally. Our part is to cultivate our knowledge of the Lord and His Word. Through private Scripture reading, and by seeking the Lord, we will be able to know the Lord. When we know this omniscient God on a personal level, we will be better able to believe and trust in His Word.

We can also seek to cultivate a greater consciousness of the Lord. Just like how God reached out to Abraham over the course of years and years, appearing to Him in various means, and giving him a word each time, the Lord also seeks to develop a relationship with us. Looking back at previous chapters of Genesis, we see how the Lord was patiently guiding and teaching Abraham new lessons of faith. The Lord wants to help us address our problem of unbelief. He will do His part by giving us His Word, we must respond and receive His Word appropriately! Let us seek to have Abraham's humility and allow the Lord to teach and instruct us.



POETRY CORNER

As the LORD had spoken to him

There were some who stood out in their day;
Noah was one of those who sought to obey.
What the Lord said to him, he took to heart;
He did not let God's commandment to depart.

Abram decided to walk in the Lord's way;
He determined that he would not go astray.
As the LORD had spoken a word to his ear;
He determined that he would carefully hear.

The LORD had given him a great challenge;
Would he leave his all and travel to Canaan?
This was a very long journey to undertake;
He was prepared to follow, for Faith's sake.

He had begun to understand what God desired;
He must learn to walk by faith and not be tired.
It would be a task that would demand his all;
He was determined to answer the Lord's Call.

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Genesis 12:1-6



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Youth Worship (On-Line)

We hope that you have been deeply encouraged by the lessons taught at Youth Worship. The Video Message will continue to be available on our Bethany Website from 2.45pm on Saturday.

May the Lord's Pure Word enlighten our eyes as we persevere in studying the theme of Faith!

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Father's Day (20 June 2021)

We thank God for our fathers! As we approach Father's Day tomorrow, let's seek to express our appreciation for their labour and love.

May their hearts be encouraged and blessed!



YWS NEXT WEEK



26 JUN 2021

Message: "I will go down now and see" Genesis 18:21

Text: Genesis 19:1-11

Abraham humbly pleaded with the LORD six times to spare Sodom and Gomorrah because of the righteous. Patiently, the LORD heard and acceded to all his requests. For the sake of ten righteous men, God would relent from destroying the city.

Now, the two Angels had arrived in Sodom. Lot warmly received them as his guests. News of the visitors travelled to the ears of the perverse people of the city. With great impudence and wickedness, they surrounded Lot's house and demanded for the release of the angelic visitors.

Confronted by such danger, would Lot protect his guests or yield to the mob's insistence?

How would God, the Judge of the earth, intervene in this situation?
Tune in next week to find out more!



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