

# Youth Worship

BETHANY INDEPENDENT-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



## A WARM WELCOME TO YOUTH WORSHIP ON-LINE!

It is a joy to come into the Presence of God to worship Him. May we find a sense of renewal as we humble ourselves to receive His Word!



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# COME AND WORSHIP

How do we view the house of God? The sons of Korah had a strong sense of affection and longing for the house of the Living God. There's much we can learn from their perspective of God's house.

***“Even the sparrow has found a home,  
And the swallow a nest for herself,  
Where she may lay her young—  
Even Your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
My King and my God.***

***Blessed are those who dwell in Your house;  
They will still be praising You. ”***

PSALM 84:3-4



1. God is spoken of in all His glory and majesty
  - a. The Lord of hosts
    - i. This title speaks of God's Power
    - ii. He is the Commander of a whole host of mighty angels
  - b. The heavenly King
  - c. And yet a personal God
2. The house of God
  - a. Physical reference
    - i. This can refer to the physical building
    - ii. The Temple in the days of the kings was magnificent
  - b. Spiritual reference
    - i. It is a place where God dwells
    - ii. It is where we find the Presence of God
    - iii. The holy altar represents a special place of worship

# COME AND WORSHIP

3. The humble birds found a home in God's house
  - a. Both the sparrow and swallow are small and commonly found birds
  - b. Sparrows are sometimes associated with the poor
  - c. Swallows are known to be restless because of their migratory habits
  - d. They represent the poor and restless who can find safety and serenity in the house of God
  
4. Blessed are those who dwell in God's house
  - a. The humble birds found rest and safety
  - b. The sons of Korah found joy in closeness to God and His house
  - c. Out from their hearts flow joyful praise to God

We may be humble and feel insignificant especially before such a great and majestic God. Yet, with warm and loving arms, God welcomes us all to dwell in His Presence. His Presence alone brings comfort and calmness to our disquieted souls. May we always be drawn to the house of God and to love dwelling in His Presence!

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE - 3 JUL 2021

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

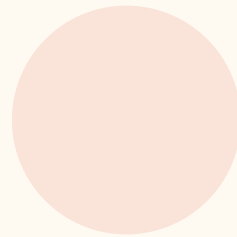
Message:

Pastor Charles Tan

"Escape for your life"

Genesis 19:12-29

Closing Prayer



# REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

## **YWS MESSAGE - 26 JUNE 2021**

### **“I WILL GO DOWN NOW AND SEE” GENESIS 18:21**

**Scripture Text: Genesis 19:1-11**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

1. Some chapters in the Bible can be difficult to read and understand  
Genesis 19 is one of those chapters
2. But we must not be afraid of reading about the  
bad things that people can do
3. The Scriptures teach us about real life and there are  
some hard truths we must grapple with
4. Thank God for grace and wisdom to be able  
to read and understand the Bible

#### **SODOM AND GOMORRAH**

1. The geographical terrain described
  - a) The plain of Jordan, well-watered everywhere Genesis 13:10a
  - b) It was like “the garden of the LORD” Genesis 13:10b
  - c) “Like the land of Egypt as you go toward Zoar” Genesis 13:10c
2. Lot's Choice
  - a) He chose all the plain of Jordan Genesis 13:11a
  - b) He dwelt in the cities of the plain Genesis 13:12a
  - c) He pitched his tent as far as Sodom Genesis 13:12b



### 3. The Reputation of Sodom

- a) The men of Sodom described
- b) They were exceedingly wicked and sinful against the LORD

Genesis 13:13

## **A BRIEF REVIEW OF THE HISTORY OF SODOM AND GOMORRAH**

- 1. They were captured by the Northern Coalition of kings

Genesis 14:1-3

- 2. They rebelled against their overlord

Genesis 14:4

- 3. They were recaptured by the Northern Coalition

Genesis 14:5-12

- 4. They were rescued by Abram and some of his allies

Genesis 14:13-20

- 5. The king of Sodom asked to have his subjects back

Genesis 14:21-24

## **THE PLANNED VISIT TO SODOM AND GOMORRAH**

- 1. Three heavenly visitors met up with Abraham

Genesis 18:1-15

- 2. The Lord revealed to Abraham His planned visit

Genesis 18:16-21

- a) "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great"

Genesis 18:20a

- b) "And because their sin is very grave"

Genesis 18:20b

## **THE TWO ANGELS FROM HEAVEN**

- 1. They had walked all the way to Sodom  
It was evening time

Genesis 19:1a

2. Lot was sitting at the gate of Sodom

Genesis 19:1b

a) The city gate

i) It was the commercial centre

ii) It was also the place of jurisdiction (local court)

b) "To sit at the gate" was an idiom

i) Lot had become a leading citizen there

ii) He had some kind of an official position

3. Lot's Hospitality to the Two Angels

a) He bowed himself to them

Genesis 19:1c

b) He invited them to stay in his house overnight

Genesis 19:2a

c) This was declined initially

"No, but we will spend the night  
in the open square"

Genesis 19:2b

d) He insisted and the Two Angels accepted  
his invitation

Genesis 19:3

## **THE WICKED INTENTIONS OF THE MEN IN SODOM AND GOMORRAH**

1. A stark description of the men who visited Lot's house

a) Both old and young

Genesis 19:4a

b) All the people from every quarter

Genesis 19:4b

c) They surrounded Lot's house

Genesis 19:4c

2. They called out to Lot brazenly

a) "Where are the men who came to you tonight?"

Genesis 19:5a

b) "Bring them out to us that we may know them  
carnally"

Genesis 19:5b



### 3. Lot's Protest and Plea

- a) He opened the door and met the crowd Genesis 19:6
- b) "Please, my brethren, do not do so wickedly" Genesis 19:7
- c) He offered his two daughters
  - i) "Who have not known a man" (virgins) Genesis 19:8a
  - ii) "You may do to them as you wish" Genesis 19:8b

### 4. The Rejection of the Men of Sodom

- a) They rejected this offer
  - "Stand back" Genesis 19:9a
- b) They mocked Lot
  - i) "This one came in to stay here" Genesis 19:9b
  - ii) "And he keeps acting as a judge" Genesis 19:9c
- c) They warned Lot
  - i) "Now we will deal worse with you than with them" Genesis 19:9d
  - ii) They pressed hard against Lot and came near to break down the door Genesis 19:9e

### 5. The rescue of Lot

- a) The Two Angels pulled Lot into the house with them and shut the door Genesis 19:10
- b) They struck the men who were at the doorway with blindness Genesis 19:11a
- c) Both small and great
  - So that they became weary trying to find the door Genesis 19:11b



## CONCLUSION

1. God will hear and answer prayers  
“The outcry against it that has come to Me”      Genesis 18:21
2. He will also listen to intercessions  
Abraham pleaded with the Lord to spare Sodom and Gomorrah  
For the sake of ten righteous men      Genesis 18:32
3. Two Angels visited Sodom
  - a) They were threatened with rape
  - b) Lot was in danger too      Genesis 19:1-11
4. The Judgments of the LORD
  - a) They are true
  - b) And righteous altogether      Psalm 19:9b

# REFLECTION



**Written by Chloe Tang**

## **Review of what we know about Sodom**

Several lessons ago, we learned about what happened to Lot. When Abraham offered him his pick of the land, he chose the plain of Jordan, which might have seemed good, as the land was fertile. However, it was known that the people were exceedingly wicked and sinful against the Lord, as written in Genesis 13. In last week's lesson, we saw some of the people's wicked actions.


## **The men of Sodom**

Continuing from Genesis 18, where the Angels of the Lord travelled to Sodom, they encountered Lot, who invited them to stay for the night. When the night came, the men of Sodom threatened rape and violence against the Angels (not knowing their true identity).

## **Their persistence in sinning**

The men of Sodom had various chances to halt their sinful actions. The first instance was when Lot pleaded with them, hoping to use his status as a leading citizen of the community to stop them. In doing so, he gave an appalling offer of his virgin daughters in place of the Angels. Despite this, the men of Sodom still continued.

The second instance was when the Angels defended Lot, striking the evil men with blindness. One might think that their blindness should cause them to feel a sense of helplessness, urging the men to stop, but they continued trying to enter Lot's house.





### **How does this apply to us?**

On the surface level, it might be easy to dismiss this lesson as not being applicable to us, since we are unlikely to face similar situations. However, we can still draw some lessons about God and sin. One of them is that while we are innately sinful, God provides us many chances to turn away from sin. Be it a verse, a stirring message, or advice from teachers, there are many ways that God speaks to us and encourages us to cease our sinful ways. We previously saw how God gave Abraham chances, and how Abraham returned to Him. We can be like Abraham, heeding the Lord's guidance and striving to walk with Him, or we can end up like the men in Sodom - stubbornly holding on to sinful ways.

Even as we go through our daily lives, we can remember that we have a gracious and merciful God who has granted us many opportunities to turn to Him. Let us take those opportunities and commence or continue our walk with Him!



# POETRY CORNER

## WE ARE BRETHREN

Abram was gracious and kind to Lot, his nephew;  
Lot travelled with his uncle, to begin life anew.  
They travelled together, for they were family;  
In the initial years, there was good harmony.

As time passed, Abram and Lot became wealthy;  
Their herdsmen quarreled; there was disharmony.  
Abram did not want to see such family friction;  
He reminded his nephew, Lot, "We are brethren."

This truth worked for Abram, for he feared God;  
He sought to practise this truth, trusting the LORD.  
He knew that Lot was unhappy, for he desired wealth;  
Abram was more concerned about spiritual health.

He offered a solution to Lot; and to him it was pleasing;  
Lot may choose what he wished, it was for the asking.  
He chose the plains of Jordan, for it looked luscious;  
Abram chose "brotherhood," for this was righteous!

Charles Tan  
Inspiration: Genesis 13:1-13

# ANNOUNCEMENT

## Youth Worship (On-Line)

We will continue to worship On-Line until more of us are fully vaccinated. Let us continue to exercise faith and trust in the Lord as we wait for the resumption of on-site worship. May we humbly seek the Lord and His Word to be revealed to us as we set aside time for Worship every Saturday!

The Youth Worship Video Message will be available on our Bethany Website from 2:45pm on Saturday.





# YWS NEXT WEEK



**10 JULY 2021**

Message: "Moab and Ammon"

Text: Genesis 19:30-38

The Scriptures teach us the reality and consequences of sin. The wickedness of Sodom and Gomorrah warns us that sin can pervade, perpetuate and devastate our lives if unaddressed! The Lord had to mete out His righteous judgment to eradicate this widespread evil.

By God's mercy, Lot and his two daughters were spared from the destruction. Instead of seeking his uncle Abraham, or consulting God, Lot went out of Zoar and settled in a cave. Unfortunately, the deadly influence of sin gripped Lot's daughters. Their concern for lineage caused them to hatch an incestuous plan, which led to dire consequences.

These accounts in the Scriptures are written as examples for our admonition. May we be challenged to take heed and learn the right lessons!



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