

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!

Thank you for choosing to worship the Lord with us today, albeit virtually.

May our souls be instructed and invigorated from the study of the Lord's Word!



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COME AND WORSHIP

***“Blessed is the man whose strength is in You,
Whose heart is set on pilgrimage.”***

(Psalm 84:5)



1. Going on pilgrimages

- a. Worshippers made great effort to travel to Jerusalem to offer worship to the Lord three times a year (Exodus 23:14-16)
- b. The faithful would obey and fulfil the Lord's commandment year after year

2. Heart set on pilgrimage

- a. It was not just a religious act of fulfilling the Lord's requirement
- b. It came from a heart which was devoted and true
- c. One was determined to appear before the Lord and offer worship

3. Much strength was required for the pilgrimage

- a. Physical
- b. Mental
- c. Spiritual

4. Source of strength

- a. God's blessings were not limited to the Levites serving in the Lord's house
- b. They are available to all who seek strength from the Lord!

COME AND WORSHIP

The blessings of God are manifold! God bestows a blessing of strength to the faithful who seek to obey His commandments.

Strength is needed in so many aspects of our lives. Be it challenges in school, at home or facing our fears and weaknesses, tremendous strength is essential to cope! Strength is required as we devote time and effort to worship the Lord meaningfully at home.

Our encouragement lies in seeking the Lord and His strength. In His mercy and grace, God imparts renewable strength, sufficient for each new day's tasks. He strengthens our hearts and minds as we endeavour to obey and walk in His ways. May we humbly seek God and His strength as we worship Him today!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE - 10 JULY 2021

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Scripture Text: Genesis 19:30-38

Message:
"Moab and Ammon"

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer



REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 3 July 2021

"ESCAPE FOR YOUR LIFE"

GENESIS 19:12-29

INTRODUCTION

1. The Judgment of God is a difficult truth to understand and accept
2. Some people turn away from believing in God because of His Judgment
3. God's Judgment may be comprehended if we study the Scriptures carefully

A QUICK REVIEW

1. A great outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah Genesis 18:20a
2. Their sin was very grave Genesis 18:20b
3. Abraham had pleaded with God to spare the cities if there were 10 righteous men there Genesis 18:32
4. What is our understanding of God?
 - a. Gracious
 - b. Merciful
 - c. Just

THE TWO ANGELS IN THE CITY OF SODOM

1. They were threatened with gang rape Genesis 19:5
2. When Lot tried to intervene
he was threatened as well Genesis 19:9
3. The Angels had to strike them with blindness Genesis 19:11

LOOKING FOR THE 10 RIGHTEOUS MEN

1. Question
“Have you anyone else here?” Genesis 19:12a
2. Suggestions
a. Son-in-law
b. Your sons
c. Your daughters
d. Whomever you have in the city Genesis 19:12b
3. What was the answer?
10 righteous men could not be found!

LOT’S WORD TO HIS SONS-IN-LAW

1. Lot went out to his sons-in-law Genesis 19:14a
2. His urgent words
a. “Get up, get out of this place” Genesis 19:14b
b. “For the LORD will destroy this city” Genesis 19:14c
3. The response of the sons-in-law
a. They rejected Lot’s word
b. “He seemed to be joking” Genesis 19:14d



THE ADMONITION OF THE ANGELS

1. The morning had dawned
2. The angels urged Lot to hurry
3. The Judgment of God would take place

“Arise, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the punishment of the city”

Genesis 19:15

4. Lot's response
 - a. He lingered
 - b. But he had urged his sons-in-law to leave

Genesis 19:16a

Genesis 19:14

FIRM ACTION TAKEN

1. Two angels and 2 pairs of hands

2. They took hold of the hands of:

Genesis 19:16b

- a. Lot
- b. His wife
- c. Daughter #1
- d. Daughter #2

3. The LORD was merciful

Genesis 19:16c

4. The angels brought him out and set him outside of the city

Genesis 19:16d





5. Vital words

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| a. "Escape for your life" | Genesis 19:17b |
| b. "Do not look behind you" | Genesis 19:17c |
| c. "Nor stay anywhere in the plain" | Genesis 19:17d |
| d. "Escape to the mountains,
lest you be destroyed" | Genesis 19:17e |

A PLEA FROM LOT

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| 1. He does not want to go to the mountains | Genesis 19:18-19 |
| 2. He pleads | |
| a. Favour | |
| b. Increased mercy | Genesis 19:19 |
| 3. A near-by small city called Zoar | |
| a. He wants to escape there | |
| b. Zoar means "A little one" | Genesis 19:20 |



FURTHER MERCY SHOWN

The angel's response

1. "See, I have favoured you concerning this thing" Genesis 19:21a
2. "I will not overthrow this city for which you have spoken" Genesis 19:21b
3. "Hurry escape there.
For I cannot do anything until you arrive there" Genesis 19:22

THE DESTRUCTION OF SODOM AND GOMORRAH

1. Fire and brimstone rained on Sodom and Gomorrah
from heaven Genesis 19:24
2. Destruction
 - a. The cities were overthrown Genesis 19:25a
 - b. All the inhabitants of the cities Genesis 19:25b
 - c. What grew on the ground Genesis 19:25c
3. Lot's Wife
 - a. She looked back
 - b. She became a pillar of salt Genesis 19:26



ABRAHAM



1. He went to the place where he had spoken to the LORD Genesis 19:27
2. He looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah Genesis 19:28a
3. He saw smoke... like the smoke of a furnace Genesis 19:28b
4. God remembered Abraham
 - a. Abraham had asked for 10 righteous people
 - b. He had Lot and his family in mind
 - c. God had spared Lot Genesis 19:29

CONCLUSION

1. God's Mercy was shown very clearly
 - a. To Lot
 - b. His request to go to Zoar
2. God's Judgment
 - a. He had sent His angels to check things out
 - b. They carried out God's justice and His judgment on Sodom and Gomorrah



REFLECTION

Written by Asia Tan

The Judgment of God

For many of us, having not lived in the time when the Lord Jesus walked on earth and performed miracles, it is difficult for us to picture the Lord's Second Coming and His eventual Judgment on the earth. However, simply avoiding the Judgment of God or thinking it will never come is not the solution. It is a seemingly distant, but very true and harsh reality, that one day, the Lord will and must perform judgment on the earth. We, as mortal sinners, have absolutely no right to question or blame Him for doing so.

The Mercy of God

While the consequences of the Lord's Judgment may be disastrous and destructive, it is not something for us to fear. For as much as there is wrath, there is also mercy. We can have hope in the fact that the Lord our God is not just filled with mercy, but is the epitome of grace and love. From Genesis 19, we read of the Lord's mercy extended to Lot through His patient waiting for Lot to gather his family throughout the night, His setting of Lot outside the city of Sodom and Gomorrah which He was going to destroy, as well as His remembering of Abraham's plea to keep the 10 righteous men. Thankfully, this same wonderful mercy can be extended to us today if we turn to Him.



Our Appropriate Response

Even though we are unable to fully comprehend the Lord's judgment and live completely blameless and sinless lives as mortals, it does not mean that we do not seek to do our best to live righteously before the Lord. As children of God, it is our challenge to bear a humble heart as we repent from our mistakes. Instead of taking advantage of the Lord's kindness and mercy in forgiving our sins, let us be challenged to make the daily choice to choose morality and righteousness, and walk righteously with the Lord in all that we do.

POETRY CORNER

AND LOT LIFTED UP HIS EYES

A quarrel had disrupted Abram's family;
Uncle and Nephew were now at enmity.
The decision to split up was not ideal;
But the tension seemed to be so real!

Lot was given the privilege of first choice;
He lifted up his eyes and he truly rejoiced.
The plain of Jordan was like God's garden;
Perhaps this would be a taste of heaven.

Lot knew about the sins of the city of Sodom;
But it seemed appealing, promising "freedom."
He did not hesitate to choose what his eyes could see;
He saw the possibility to become immensely wealthy!

He dwelt in the cities of the plain of Jordan;
Compromising seemed "so important."
Lot grew deep roots in Sodom, the sinful city;
This was a decision that he would rue eventually.

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Genesis 13:10-13

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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YOUTH WORSHIP (ON-LINE)

Let us continue to pray and wait patiently for the day when we can resume worship in Church. In the meantime, we thank God for the On-Line video that allows us to continue feeding on God's Word and to have our souls nourished and refreshed!

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

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YW NEWSLETTER

A careful study of the Scriptures allows us to understand that the judgment of God is indeed true and righteous. Justice must be upheld and the punishment of sin must be meted out! It is also through understanding God's judgment that we can find a deeper appreciation for His mercy towards us. This was what resonated with Natalie Toh.

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YWS NEXT WEEK



17 July 2021

Message: "Abraham journeyed"

Text: Genesis 20

Many chapters in the Bible have been dedicated to describe the movements of the patriarch Abraham. With the discovery of God and His Promise given, he migrated to the Promised Land. The journey was not as straightforward as plotting his route on Google Maps, Abraham had to personally discover the land that God had promised. Along the way, there were many things that he had to figure out especially when problems arose.

Yet, all these were within the purpose and plan of God. God revealed Himself to Abraham at various times and in various ways that he may learn life-changing lessons through these experiences.

Are these lessons relevant to us? Most definitely! May we seek to understand the significance of Abraham's journeys and the lessons that they entail!



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