

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!

It is wonderful that we can come before the Lord to worship Him once again. May this time of learning from the Lord's Word bring encouragement to your heart!



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COME AND WORSHIP

When there is genuine faith and love for God, there will also be a natural desire to serve Him. A good knowledge of God affects the manner in which we serve.

God was the mighty LORD God of hosts, and the merciful God of Jacob to the sons of Korah (Psalm 84:8). They served this God with a commendable spirit of humility!

***“For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.”***

PSALM 84:10

1. The courts of the Temple
 - a. The sons of Korah were assistants to the priests
 - b. They were not allowed to enter into the Holy Place
 - c. They were restricted to ministering in the courts of the Temple
 - d. Serving in the courts of the Temple was a tremendous privilege to them
 - e. A day in God’s courts was better than a thousand days spent elsewhere



2. Dwelling in the tents of wickedness

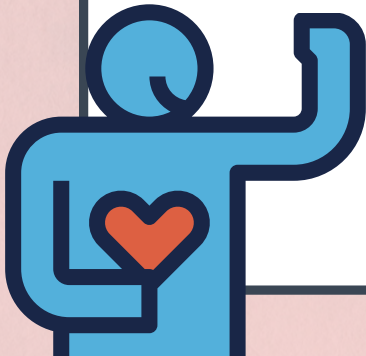
- a. The tents of wickedness were contrary to the holy House of God
- b. The dwellings of the wicked could be filled with ill-gotten riches
- c. This might appeal to many, but not to the sons of Korah

3. Being a doorkeeper

- a. A doorkeeper was a humble vocation
- b. The sons of Korah would rather be a doorkeeper than dwell among the wicked
- c. The blessings of being in God's House and serving Him were far superior

Do we have eyes of faith to see the value of being in God's house, and in serving Him? These are treasured privileges that cannot be compared to anything that the world offers.

Let us cultivate a sense of love for the Lord and His house, and seek to grow in knowledge of our God. May a growing love, faith and knowledge of God cause us to cherish every opportunity to serve Him. Whether it is singing in the choir, cleaning the church, or writing for the YW Newsletter and YW Magazine, let us serve with gladness and a spirit of humility!



ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

31 JUL 2021

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Message:
"As He had said"
Genesis 21

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 24 JULY 2021

"HE IS A PROPHET" GENESIS 20



INTRODUCTION

1. Mistakes and Sins

- a) Mistakes are errors
 - i) Error of judgment
 - ii) Error that arises from carelessness
- b) Sins are more than errors
 - i) They may arise from the deep fears of the heart
 - ii) They may reflect a less than perfect trust in God
 - iii) They are sometimes "repeat sins"

2. The deceit and lie of Abram and Sarai

- a) In Egypt Genesis 12
- b) They were shamed and rebuked Genesis 12
by the Pharaoh

THE JOURNEYS OF ABRAHAM

1. These Journeys had to be taken

- a) Journeys of Faith
- b) Journeys of Exploration of the Promised Land
- c) Journeys of Discovery
- d) This knowledge would be passed down to the descendants

These Journeys provided opportunities for Abraham to grow his faith further!

2. These Journeys were not without danger
 - a) There were hostile tribes living in Canaan
 - b) Some may prove to be difficult to handle

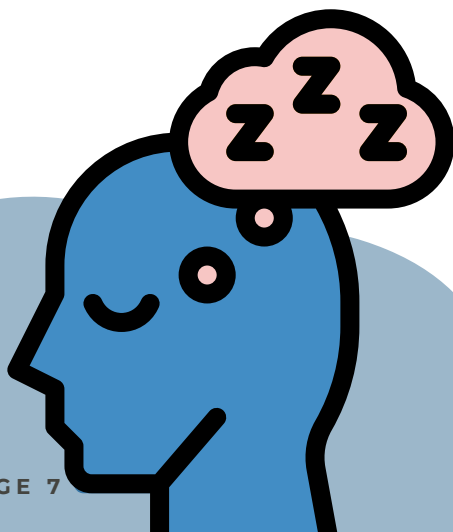


THE KINGDOM OF GERAR

1. Journey to the South (Negev) Genesis 20:1
 - a) The Negev (Hebrew) was used also to describe direction
 - b) This region was like a desert
2. Abraham had to dwell in different places he travelled
 - a) Between Kadesh and Shur
 - i) Kadesh was an old city
 - ii) Shur was a part of the Arabian desert
 - b) In Gerar
 - i) This land was ruled by Abimelech
 - ii) This land later was more famously known as Philistia
3. Abraham and Sarah
 - a) Once again, they chose the story of “brother-sister” (as in Egypt)
 - b) This was not a mistake
 - c) This was a repeat-sin
4. Abimelech captured Sarah
 - a) She would be added to his harem
 - b) This was not an uncommon practice of powerful kings

GOD'S COVENANT TO ABRAHAM

1. He will give the land of Canaan to Abraham and his descendants
2. The land of Canaan was described Genesis 15:18-20
3. God will also be Abraham's Shield Genesis 15:1
4. God stepped in to confront Abimelech (dream) Genesis 20:3
 - a) Ominous words
"Indeed, you are a dead man" Genesis 20:3a
 - b) Reason given
Taken "another man's wife" Genesis 20:3b
5. Abimelech's plea
 - a) Abimelech had not come near Sarah Genesis 20:4a
 - b) A righteous nation
"Lord, will You slay a righteous nation?" Genesis 20:4b
 - c) "Integrity of my heart and innocence" Genesis 20:5
 - i) Abraham and Sarah were to blame
 - ii) They had declared they were siblings



6. God's graciousness and mercy

a) God's omniscience

"Yes, I know..."

Genesis 20:6a

b) Withholding power

"I also withheld you from sinning"

Genesis 20:6b

c) Restoration

"Restore the man's wife"

Genesis 20:7a

d) Status of Abraham

"He is a prophet"

Genesis 20:7b

e) Prayer of Abraham

"He will pray for you and you shall live"

Genesis 20:7c

f) Warning

i) "If you do not restore"

ii) "You shall surely die"

iii) "You and all that are yours"

Genesis 20:7d

ABIMELECH'S WORD TO HIS PEOPLE

1. He related his dream to his servants

2. All were afraid

Genesis 20:8

ABIMELECH CONFRONTS ABRAHAM

1. He rebuked Abraham

a) "What have you done to us?"

b) "How have I offended you?"

c) "That you have brought on me
and on my kingdom a great sin?"

d) "You have done deeds to me
that ought not to be done"

e) "What did you have in view,
that you have done this thing?"

Genesis 20:9

Genesis 20:10



2. Abraham's explanation

a) Fearful thoughts

"Because I thought"

b) Mere human reasoning

"The fear of God is not in this place"

c) Fear of being killed

"They will kill me on account of my wife"

Genesis 20:11

d) Technicality Explained

i) Daughter of my father

ii) But not daughter of my mother

iii) She became my wife

Genesis 20:12

iv) A plan between Abraham and Sarah

Sarah was to say "He is my brother"

Genesis 20:13

e) This was a pretty lame explanation!

ABIMELECH RESTORES SARAH TO ABRAHAM

1. Restoration was made

a) Immediately

b) With suitable gifts

i) Sheep

ii) Oxen

iii) Male and female servants

Genesis 20:14

2. Generous offer to Abraham

a) Land

"See, my land is before you"

b) Dwelling

"Dwell where it pleases you"

Genesis 20:15



3. A word to Sarah

a) Your brother

"I have given your brother
a thousand pieces of silver"

Genesis 20:16a

b) Vindication

"This vindicates you before all who are with you
and before everybody"

Genesis 20:16b

c) Thus Sarah was rebuked!

Genesis 20:16c

ABRAHAM'S PRAYER TO GOD

1. Abraham prayed to God

Genesis 20:17a

2. God healed

a) Abimelech

b) His wife

c) His female servants

d) Then they bore children

Genesis 20:17b

e) God had closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech

because of Sarah, Abraham's wife

Genesis 20:18

CONCLUSION

1. Beware of deep-seated sin problems

a) Deceit

b) Lies

2. Appreciate afresh

a) God's Protection

b) God's Power



REFLECTION

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THE GRACE OF GOD

Over the past few weeks at Youth Worship, we have seen how Abraham's Journey with the Lord has had its ups and downs. Abraham has been an example of faith- as seen when he trusted God as his shield when he rescued Lot from the Northern Coalition army and when he interceded for Sodom and Gomorrah. However, Abraham was not always this man of faith. Last week, we learnt of Abraham's deep-seated sin. Abraham had once again lied about Sarah being his sister.

A decision driven by human fear

This was the second time that Abraham had attempted in his own wisdom to steer clear of the danger which he feared. The human fear of losing his life had not led him to put his faith in the Lord. Instead, Abraham had chosen to take matters into his own hands. How was it that Abraham had made the same mistake again? Did Abraham not believe in God, and God accounted it to him for righteousness (Genesis 15:6)? Did he forget how God promised to be his shield? Certainly he would have remembered how he and Sarah were shamed and rebuked by the Pharaoh in Egypt when he lied (Genesis 12)! Abraham's fear of man led him to trust in his own wits instead of God.

God's grace

Despite Abraham's repeated failure to trust God, God was gracious and merciful. He did not abandon Abraham and Sarah though they had made the same mistake. Instead, God intervened through Abimelech's dream. He withheld Abimelech from touching Sarah and revealed the truth about Abraham and Sarah's relationship. God once again rebuked Abraham and Sarah through Abimelech and spared Abraham from death.

Our deflections from faith occur most often through our failure to allow God to undertake the matters of life. Just like Abraham, we have our fears and concerns. They may be challenges in school, difficulties at home or personal fears. Fears and concerns are natural. However, they become a problem when these fears loom larger and are more real than the Person of the Lord. When these fears overwhelm us, they can drive us to take things into our own hands.

It must hurt God to see His children choose human wisdom over trusting Him even though God has proven His character over and over again. Yet, our God is a God of all mercy and grace! Just as He did not abandon Abraham and Sarah, He does not give up on us but instead lovingly guides us back to the right path. As we continue our walk with the Lord, fears may come. Therein lies the challenge to consciously choose to trust the Lord instead of handling matters with our own human wisdom.



POETRY CORNER

THE PRIEST OF GOD MOST HIGH

Flushed with victory, Abram was triumphant;
He met Melchizedek, God's special servant!
He was a King, his name meant "Righteousness;"
He was also a priest of the LORD most glorious!

Melchizedek brought simple bread and wine;
These were simple fare for them to dine.
There would be no Feast to celebrate victory;
What must be remembered is God's mercy!

It was God Most High who delivered the enemy;
It was not Abram's warrior servants' bravery.
This was a sobering reminder and it was well-taken;
Abram acknowledged the Possessor of earth and heaven.

Abram was humbled before the LORD;
Thus, he presented a tithe to God!
Melchizedek was right in his teaching;
Abram's heart was filled with thanksgiving!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Genesis 14:18-24

ANNOUNCEMENT

Youth Worship (On-Line)

Though we are unable to resume on-site Worship yet, thank God that we can worship Him in spirit and in truth. Our worship does not have to be affected adversely. Let us treasure every opportunity to have our souls nourished by His Word!

The Youth Worship On-Line message will be available on our Website from 2.45pm on Saturday.



ANNOUNCEMENT



7 AUG 2021

Message: "Cast out this bondwoman and her son"

Text: Genesis 21:8-21

Abraham and Sarah were blessed with a son of their own, Isaac. Baby Isaac grew and a joyous feast was held to celebrate his weaning. Unfortunately, disharmony arose at the feast when Sarah saw Ishmael scoffing at Isaac!

Sarah's unresolved sin problems of anger and cruelty had resurfaced. Out of resentment toward Hagar and a mother's instinct to protect Isaac, she demanded both Hagar and Ishmael to be cast out. Abraham was caught in a dilemma! Evidently, sins and mistakes of the past had caught up with the family in the present. Let us be challenged to learn further and seek to overcome these sins and weaknesses in our lives.



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