

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!

This is our first Youth Worship in Bethany's 40 + 9 year. Thank God that we can have a worship specially catered for us, as young people.

Let us worship with gladness and appreciation, and incline our ears to the Word of God that has been specially prepared for us!



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COME AND WORSHIP

"But You,
LORD,
are on high
forevermore"



Recently at Youth Worship, we learnt that Faith can help us to "see." When Hagar was cast out with her son Ishmael, she wandered in the wilderness in despair. Her faith had diminished and she was blinded by her worries and fears. God was always there with her but she could not see. Only when God mercifully opened her eyes to "see" His Presence and Promises, then was she able to rise up above her affliction.

We have another example of "seeing" in Psalm 92. On the Sabbath Day, the Psalmist meditated on God's Sovereignty, which opened his eyes to a clear perspective of the wicked.

**"But You, LORD, are on high forevermore.
For behold, Your enemies, O LORD,
For behold, Your enemies shall perish;
All the workers of iniquity shall be scattered."**

PSALM 92:8-9

1. The Sovereignty of God

- a. God is high and lifted up
- b. He resides in the heavenly places
- c. He is sovereign from the beginning of time
- d. He remains sovereign forevermore

2. Behold

- a. “Behold” is another word for “see”
- b. Twice, the Psalmist exclaimed his fresh perspective of the workers of iniquity
- c. He now sees them in light of God’s Sovereignty

3. Seeing the enemies of God afresh

- a. The wicked and the workers of iniquities are enemies of God
- b. God will personally deal with them with His supreme power
- c. They may rise up and flourish for a time (Psalm 92:7)
- d. But they shall perish and be scattered

The evil atrocities committed by the wicked today may cause us to fear and shudder, but faith in God’s Sovereignty and Supreme Power gives us a better grip on the situation. Behold, God is sovereign! Behold, God is in control! Behold, God will triumph! With faith and understanding, we can have the right perspective of the wicked and the problems they yield.

Let us delight in meditating on the Lord and His Word, believing that it can enlighten us to perceive every aspect of life with greater wisdom and discernment. May God open our eyes as we receive His Word today!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

4 SEPTEMBER 2021

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Pastor Mark Tan

Scripture Reading:

1. Genesis 22: 1-3
2. Genesis 22: 4-8
3. Genesis 22: 9-12
4. Genesis 22:13-14

Tessa Kang, Asia Tan,
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Message:

“God tested Abraham”
Genesis 22:1-14

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan



MY NOTES

04 SEPTEMBER 2021

"GOD TESTED ABRAHAM"

G E N E S I S 2 2 : 1 - 1 4

REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 28 AUGUST 2021

“GOD IS WITH YOU IN ALL THAT YOU DO”

GENESIS 21:22-34

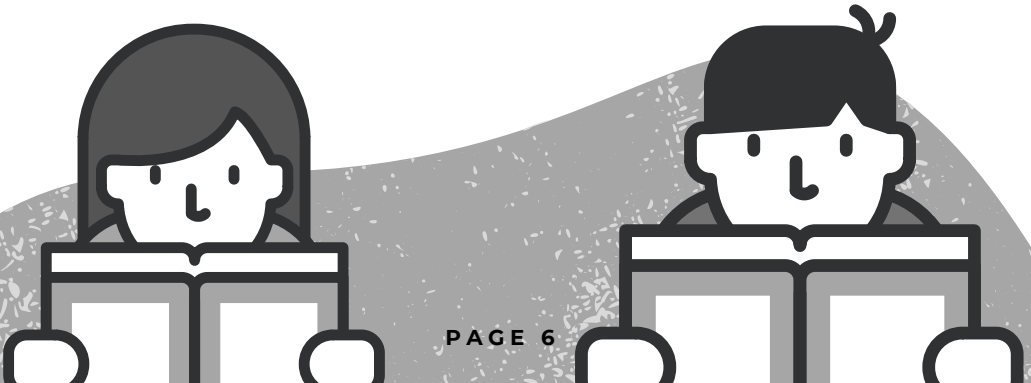
INTRODUCTION

1. The Practice of Reviewing

- a. A common and good practice in school
It is called “Revision”
- b. A good practice when we read the Scriptures

2. What should we review

- a. Abraham in Gerar Genesis 20
- b. Relationship between Abimelech and Abraham Genesis 20
 - i. Bad start of the relationship
 - ii. Abraham’s deception and lie
 - iii. Abimelech’s capture of Sarah
- c. Relationship
 - i. Relationship repaired with a gift from Abimelech Genesis 20:14
 - ii. Permission given to Abraham to dwell in Gerar Genesis 20:15
 - iii. Abraham prayed for Abimelech Genesis 20:17a
 - iv. God heard his prayer Genesis 20:17b



A MEANINGFUL CONVERSATION

1. Abimelech and his commander Phichol

- a. They approached Abraham
- b. They made a significant remark
“God is with you in all that you do”

Genesis 21:22

2. They wanted to make a treaty with Abraham

Three elements were highlighted:

- a. It would involve an oath before God
“Now therefore, swear to me by God”

Genesis 21:23a

- b. No false dealings
“That you will not deal falsely with me,
with my offspring, or with my posterity”

Genesis 21:23b

- c. Kindness to be practised
“But that according to the kindness that
I have done to you, you will do to me
And to the land in which you have dwelt”

Genesis 21:23c

3. Response of Abraham

- a. In full agreement
- b. Commitment made
“I will swear”
- c. This was an oral commitment on both sides

Genesis 21:24



A NECESSARY CONFRONTATION

1. Abraham approached Abimelech with a solemn charge
 - a. Seizing of a well by Abimelech's servants Genesis 21:25a
 - b. This well was Abraham's
 - c. Seizure would be breaking the treaty
2. Abimelech's word to Abraham
 - a. He pleaded ignorance
 - b. His reply to Abraham
 - i. "I do not know who has done this thing" Genesis 21:26a
 - ii. "You did not tell me" Genesis 21:26b
 - iii. "Nor had I heard of it until today" Genesis 21:26c

AN IMPORTANT FORMAL COVENANT ESTABLISHED

1. A covenant made between Abraham and Abimelech was formalised
2. An elaborate ceremony was planned by Abraham
 - a. Gift of sheep and oxen
 - i. Sheep and oxen given by Abraham Genesis 21:27
 - ii. The Covenant was established
 - b. Setting aside seven ewe lambs Genesis 21:28
 - c. The question of Abimelech
"What is the meaning of these seven ewe lambs which you have set by themselves" Genesis 21:29
 - d. Explanation of Abraham
 - i. The seven ewe lambs are "witnesses" (symbolic)
 - ii. Abraham had indeed dug the well Genesis 21:30

3. Beersheba

- a. The Covenant was made in Beersheba
- b. Meaning: "The Well of the Oath"

Genesis 21:31

4. Abimelech and Phicol returned to the land of the Philistines

Genesis 21:32

CALLING ON THE LORD

1. In worship

2. In prayer

"Called on the name of the LORD, the Everlasting God" Genesis 21:33

3. He stayed in Beersheba for many days

Genesis 21:34

CONCLUSION

1. Practising of our faith and being blessed by God

- a. God's blessings will be very real
- b. They could also be noticeable

Psalms 1

2. Praying and calling on the Lord

- a. Knowing His name
- b. Calling on God

3. Perseverance

- a. Learning as we go
- b. Growing as we learn

REFLECTIONS

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The encounters between Abraham and Abimelech

In Abraham's first encounter with Abimelech, Abraham feared Abimelech, which led him to rely on his own human understanding and lie yet again (Genesis 20).

Last week at Youth Worship, we looked at their second encounter, which came about as Abimelech saw Abraham prospering greatly, and it became evident that 'God was with Abraham' in all that he did. In that encounter, Abraham showed maturity of faith in how he dealt with Abimelech, who saw Abraham as a threat.

Abraham learning and growing as he goes

Abraham had faltered much in his faith. He had lied twice throughout his journey from his homeland; once to the Pharaoh of Egypt (Genesis 12) and another to Abimelech (Genesis 20).

Despite all that, the Lord was with Abraham in all that he did, and this was evident in how even Abimelech saw that the Lord was working inside of Abraham, blessing him in all that he did.

Though the Lord did not approve of Abraham's deceit, He had been there for Abraham, graciously protecting him through his journey, guiding him to grow in His faith and understanding. After sealing the parity covenant with Abimelech, Abraham showed a deep sense of regard toward the Lord, calling upon Him as 'the Everlasting God' (Genesis 21: 33) and offering the Lord worship and praise. Abraham's remembrance of the Lord showed his growth in knowledge and faith.

Personal appreciation of the Everlasting God

Just like Abraham, I see the Lord's hand in my life. Though there are times that I have stumbled in my faith and relied on my own human strength, our Everlasting God has always been there and will continue to be here with me, through the ups and downs of life. This is something that I truly am thankful for!

Wonderfully and graciously, the Lord continues to shower us with His love and give us the strength that we need to go through life. Like Abraham, the Lord will give us the guidance that we need to learn from our mistakes and grow stronger in our faith. May we seek to relate to the Lord in all things, whether good or bad, knowing that we have a great God that is constantly there to provide us with much comfort, protection and strength.

With a fresh appreciation of God, we can learn to praise the Lord and His name, and allow this light of truth to shine through us to reach others around us! Let us seek to bear witness of His Word.

DESPISED IN HER EYES

Hagar was but a lowly Egyptian maid;
Her status as a slave was almost inlaid.
She was given to Abram to bear a son;
Her pregnancy caused much to be undone.

It began in a small way, right in her heart;
She despised Sarai, right from the start.
This became more obvious along the way;
This sense of despising grew day by day.

Soon, it became an intolerable thing to Sarai;
Abram heard her complaining, with a sigh.
The household was no longer pleasant;
Sarai began to resent her very presence.

Despising a person may seem a small thing;
But it can cause a lot of unhappy misgiving.
Sin always tends to begin in a very small way;
Left unchecked, it will grow worse by the day!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Genesis 16:1-6



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Teacher's Day

Happy Teacher's Day to our dear Pastors and Teachers! Thank God for their faithfulness and love in teaching us from the Word of God, and in guiding us through the journey of life. Let us learn to show appreciation for them!

YW Newsletter (4 September 2021)

When God opens our eyes to see Him and His wondrous works, it brings hope and joy to the heart! In this week's Newsletter, Stanley Woo shares his appreciation for the spiritual sight that comes from God.

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this week's Newsletter:



YWS NEXT WEEK



11 SEP 2021

Message: "The Death of Sarah"

Text: Genesis 23:1-20

God blessed Sarah with a long and full life, and at a remarkable age of 127, Sarah was called to her heavenly home. It was a custom in the days of Abraham to bury the dead. As a foreigner in the land of Canaan, Abraham had to carefully follow the practices governing the land in order to acquire a suitable burial place for Sarah.

Last week, we saw a matured Abraham who displayed wisdom and dignity in his exchange with Abimelech. His growth in the knowledge of God and the lessons of faith learnt over the decades had shaped him to be a respectable man. Next week, we will catch further glimpses of the man whom Abraham had grown to become through the study of His interaction with the people of Heth and Ephron the son of Zohar over the purchase of a land to inter Sarah.

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