

# Youth Worship



BETHANY INDEPENDENT-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## WELCOME TO YOUTH WORSHIP!

We are glad to have you worship with us today. Let us be conscious of our God and come before Him in humility and reverence. May you be deeply encouraged by His Word!



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## “HAVE MERCY ALSO UPON ME”

We have previously read about David’s exemplary desire to know God as well as his remarkable confidence in the Lord’s Help and Deliverance. Even then, David did not assume what God would do for him, so he prayed to God.

**“Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice!  
Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.”**

PSALM 27:7

What can we observe and learn from this short prayer?

1. Humility in approaching God
  - a. David understood that God was not obligated to hear his prayer
  - b. Hence, he pleaded for His mercy
2. Need for the Lord’s mercy
  - a. To hear our prayers
  - b. To answer our prayers



David had shown appropriate reverence in his prayer to God. The time spent dwelling in the Lord's house and inquiring about Him would have added to his knowledge and understanding of the Lord, and shaped his reverence for Him. Therefore, David was most conscious of coming before the LORD as he entered into prayer, displaying a deep sense of humility before Him. Though David was a king who held much power, he recognised that everything in his life depended on the Lord's mercy.

### **RELATING TO GOD IN PRAYER**

It is not enough to come for Worship in the Lord's house and to spend time reading the Scriptures. One key aspect of our faith is to relate to God in prayer. What we have learnt about the Lord must be applied in the way we approach Him. Let us always humble ourselves before our great LORD and plead for His mercy to be upon us.



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

**5 FEBRUARY 2022**

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading:

1. Genesis 28:6-9

2. 1 Corinthians 2:6-8

3. 1 Corinthians 2:9-13

4. 1 Corinthians 2:14-16

Tessa Kang, Chloe Tang &  
Bethany Toong

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Moses Kwek

Message:

“And Esau saw” Genesis 28:6

Text: Genesis 28:6-9; 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan



# MY NOTES

5 FEBRUARY 2022

**“AND ESAU SAW”**

GENESIS 28:6-9; 1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-16

# REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD



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

## **YWS MESSAGE - 29 JANUARY 2022**

### **“MAY GOD ALMIGHTY BLESS YOU”**

#### **GENESIS 28:1-9**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

1. Rebekah's concern
  - a. That Jacob may end up marrying a Hittite woman
  - b. This would be a devastating blow to her Genesis 27:46
2. Isaac's agreement
  - a. Isaac saw how Esau married 2 Hittite women
  - b. This had brought grief to his heart Genesis 26:34

#### **ISAAC'S DECISION**

1. He gave a solemn charge to Jacob
  - a. He must not marry a Canaanite woman Genesis 28:1
  - b. He is to go to Padan Aram
    - i. To the house of Bethuel  
Rebekah's father Genesis 28:2a
    - ii. He may take a wife from Laban's home  
Laban was Rebekah's brother Genesis 28:2b

## 2. A Prayer for Jacob

**3** “May God Almighty bless you,  
And make you fruitful and multiply you,  
That you may be an assembly of peoples;

**4** And give you the blessing of Abraham,  
To you and your descendants with you,  
That you may inherit the land  
In which you are a stranger,  
Which God gave to Abraham.”

Genesis 28:3-4

a. A deeply meaningful prayer

b. It was a prayer for God's blessing

i. That Jacob would become fruitful

ii. That he would multiply

iii. That he would become an assembly of peoples

Genesis 28:3

c. That God would give the blessing of Abraham

i. God's blessing to Abraham would be his as well

ii. That his descendants would be blessed

iii. That he may inherit the land

iv. In which he is a stranger (Canaan of the future)

v. This Land had been promised to Abraham

Genesis 28:4

## 3. Sending Jacob away

a. Jacob was then sent away

Genesis 28:5a

b. He would make the long journey to Padan Aram

c. He would seek to locate:

i. The home of Bethuel the Syrian

ii. And Laban his son

## ESAU'S OBSERVATION

1. Esau saw how Isaac blessed Jacob
  - a. There was no anger in Isaac against Jacob
  - b. There was genuineness in his prayer for Jacob
  - c. This was a wonderful prayer of blessingGenesis 28:3-4
2. Esau also heard what Isaac said
  - a. He is not to take a wife from among the Canaanites
  - b. He understood that the Canaanite women did not please his parentsGenesis 28:6  
Genesis 28:8

## ESAU'S DECISION

So Esau went to Ishmael and took Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife in addition to the wives he had.

Genesis 28:9

1. He went to Ishmael's family
2. Ishmael was technically, his uncle
3. He married Mahalath, the daughter of Ishmael
4. This was in addition to the 2 wives that he had
  - a. Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite
  - b. Basemath the daughter of Elon the HittiteGenesis 26:34a  
Genesis 26:34b



## REFLECTION ON THE FAMILY OF ISAAC AND REBEKAH

### 1. Commencement of Marriage

- a. God's hand was there to lead and to bless      Genesis 24
- b. There was love when they were married      Genesis 24:67

### 2. Continued blessing of God

- a. Amidst Famine      Genesis 26
- b. Great wealth given      Genesis 26:13
- c. God's manifestation of Himself to Isaac      Genesis 26:24-25

## CONCLUSION

### 1. A Dysfunctional Family

- a. Father and mother  
A strained relationship
- b. Brother and brother  
Growing apart

### 2. The Deterioration

- a. Of Faith
- b. Of Family

### 3. The Disaster that threatens

- a. Esau's anger
- b. Jacob's departure

### 4. The Deliverance that only God can give

- a. What if God does not deliver?
- b. What needs to be done?

# REFLECTIONS



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## **Sending Jacob to Find a Wife**

In last week's message, Isaac decided to bless and charge Jacob, instructing him to leave for Padan Aram to take a wife from one of the daughters of Laban. We saw that Isaac did not treat Jacob badly even though he had deceived him. He could have chosen to be angry because Jacob deprived his favoured child, Esau, of the firstborn blessing, but he still had Jacob's interests at heart. He wanted Jacob to marry someone of the same faith.

## **Isaac's "Mood" Prayer and "Coerced" Prayer**

Then, Isaac made a prayer for Jacob. This prayer is notably different from his previous prayers for Jacob and Esau (Genesis 27). As we have learned, the prayer for Jacob, who was disguised as Esau, was one offered based on Isaac's mood. He wanted to be satisfied with good food before he gave the blessing. The prayer for Esau was done out of coercion. Isaac did not know what to pray for, but because Esau begged him for another blessing, he made that prayer.

Both prayers were not great, especially because Esau and Jacob were not spiritually ready to be blessed.

While we have the privilege of praying to God and relating to Him, we need to remember that not all the prayers we make are good ones. God will listen to our prayers but may not honour them and answer in the way we want Him to.

### **Isaac's Prayer for Jacob**

There are several features to the prayer that Isaac made for Jacob before sending him away. Firstly, this prayer was not solely based on the occasion that Jacob was leaving to find a wife. Isaac did not mention Jacob's marriage at all. Secondly, this prayer bores many similarities to previous blessings—God's blessings for Abraham (Genesis 15, 17) and for Isaac (Genesis 26). We

learned that this is a “fallback” prayer. In the event that we are not sure what prayers to make, we can fall back on examples. Be it from the Scriptures, the Pastors, or teachers, there are many examples for us to learn how to pray.

Another characteristic of the prayer is that it was faith-centred. Previous blessings were sentimental and coerced prayers, lacking the faith element. Isaac showed that he still remembered what God (and likely Abraham) revealed to him previously—that God had made a covenant with Abraham to bless him and his descendants.

## Family Problems

Apart from prayer, last week's lesson also reviewed problems in the family. Isaac and Rebekah started off well, with much prayer, but slowly and surely, their relationship and the family became dysfunctional. The ties within their family were disregarded and deteriorated along with faith. Eventually, after even more missteps and sin, disaster resulted, where Esau had murderous thoughts towards Jacob.

Many of us might not be very close to our siblings or parents, and think that being distant is okay or normal. We should heed these warnings that Genesis 27 and 28 bring to us and do our part in praying for our familial relationships, and our sin problems, and seek to work on them. This Chinese New Year, we honour and remember family. Let us get to know our family members better and treasure the time we have with them.



## WHAT DID YOU HAVE IN VIEW?

Abimelech posed a personal question to Abraham, remonstrating;  
“What did you have in view, that you have done this thing?”  
The king and his people were in great fear of the LORD;  
They had received a word of warning from Abraham’s God!

Abimelech was angry that Abraham had not been honest;  
The question posed was one that was spoken in earnest.  
He rebuked Abraham for things he should not have done;  
He and his people could have ended with great harm!

Abraham confessed that he feared the people at Gerar;  
The people who lived there had filled his heart with terror;  
He was afraid that he might end up losing his life;  
Thus, a scheme was devised by both husband and wife.

He said that God had caused him to wander all these years;  
But somehow, he had not been able to conquer his fears.  
He knew that what he did was wrong in God’s sight too;  
He had yet to learn how he could be consistent and true!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Genesis 20:8-13



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.

## FINDING ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ABOUT FAITH AND LIFE



Having questions about God and about life is good and natural. It is important that we find answers to these questions so that we may know the truth and find certainty in our belief.

We are going to have a column in our next YW “A Living Faith” Magazine to address your questions! Pastor Charles Tan will personally respond to them to help us find Biblical answers to our queries.

Scan QR code to submit your questions:



2.

## YW NEWSLETTER (5 FEB 2022)

In this week’s Newsletter, we reflect on the lessons that we are learning from the myriad of problems in Isaac’s family. This includes a short sharing by Nathan Ong who is seeking to identify his mistakes and sin, and to find God’s wisdom to address them.

Scan QR code to read this week’s Newsletter:



3.

## INVITATION TO JOIN THE CUSTODIAL MINISTRY

We would like to invite you to join us in the Custodial Ministry! Every week, many of our young people make time and effort to upkeep the Lord's house. They would wipe the pews, sweep the floors, scrub the toilets and do much more so that we can enjoy a clean church to worship in. Above all, they do this as a response to God for all that He has done for us!

If you would like to be a part of this special ministry, please reach out to Pastor Eugene (9047 8466) or Pastor Moses (9634 5334) or indicate your interest by scanning this QR code and filling up the online form:

Thank you!





**12 FEB 2022**

Message: "How awesome is this place!" Genesis 28:17

Text: Genesis 28:10-22

The difficult circumstances that arose from the mistakes and sins of each member in Isaac's family had led Jacob to depart. Jacob had always dwelled in tents and it would be frightening for him to survive on his own in the wilderness. Would he make it to Padan Aram safely? What would his life be like without the support of his family, and especially his mother?

Graciously, God reached out to Jacob during this time. It was life-changing to personally experience the Presence of the God of his father Isaac and grandfather Abraham. Join us at Youth Worship next week where we will take a look at what Jacob learned in his encounter with God.

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