

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!

Every opportunity to offer worship to the Lord is to be deeply treasured. May our hearts pulsate with grateful praise and thanksgiving as we come before His throne of grace!



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COME AND WORSHIP

"The LORD is near to all who call upon Him"

One may think that the Awesome God who resides in the glorious heavens above is distant. Yet, the truth beckons us to differ. To King David, the Presence of God was keenly felt amidst problems and persecutions from his enemies. The nearness of God is not merely a concept, but a moving reality that can be experienced by all!

17 The LORD *is* righteous in all His ways,
Gracious in all His works.

18 The LORD *is* near to all who call upon Him,
To all who call upon Him in truth.

19 He will fulfil the desire of those who fear Him;
He also will hear their cry and save them.

PSALM 145:17-19

1. Appreciating the Attributes of God
 - a. The Lord is righteous
 - b. The Lord is gracious
 - c. His ways and works reflect His righteousness and grace
2. What is our part to fulfil?
 - a. To pray to God in truth
 - b. To cultivate a proper fear of the Lord

3. How does God follow through?

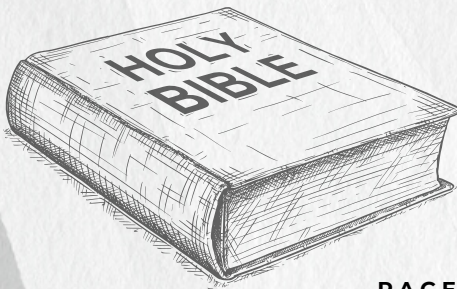
- a. He will draw near to us
- b. He will fulfil our desires
- c. He will hear our cries
- d. He will deliver us

THE LORD DRAWS NEAR TO US

Why should the Lord bother to draw near to us? Yet, He patiently does. The Lord is neither removed nor aloof, but He is gracious and full of compassion (Psalm 145:8)! How assuring to know that the Lord is at hand and He truly cares for our needs!

DETERMINATION TO CALL UPON GOD IN TRUTH

Let us seek to draw ever nearer to God in prayer. Let His Word form the foundation of our prayers that ascend. When His Word is our mainstay, we can be rest assured that our prayers uttered are not in vain! May we be encouraged to cultivate a good and wholesome fear of God, trusting that He will save us from our distress with His mighty hand!



ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

13 AUGUST 2022

Prelude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Song Leading

1. What a Faithful God

Lorraine Lai & Janelle Tan

2. Hear the Call of the Kingdom

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 38:12-30

Bethany Toong, Chloe Tang &
Asia Tan

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Benjamin Quah

Message:

"She has been more righteous than I"

Pastor Charles Tan

Text: Genesis 38:26

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Postlude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

MY NOTES

13 AUGUST 2022

**“SHE HAS BEEN
MORE RIGHTEOUS THAN I”**

GENESIS 38:26

What a Faithful God

By Heavenly Worship

Lord, I come before Your throne of grace;
I find rest in Your presence, and fullness of joy.
In worship and wonder I behold Your face,
Singing what a faithful God have I.

What a faithful God have I,
What a faithful God.
What a faithful God have I,
Faithful in every way.

Lord of mercy, You have heard my cry;
Through the storm You're the beacon,
My song in the night.
In the shelter of Your wings,
Hear my heart's reply,
Singing what a faithful God have I.

What a faithful God have I,
What a faithful God.
What a faithful God have I,
Faithful in every way.



Lord all sovereign, granting peace from heav'n,
Let me comfort those who suffer
With the comfort You have giv'n.
I will tell of Your great love for as long as I live,
Singing what a faithful God have I.

What a faithful God have I,
What a faithful God.
What a faithful God have I,
Faithful in every way.

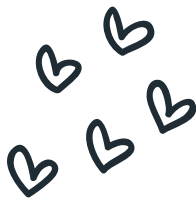
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Hear the Call of the Kingdom

By Stuart Townend, Keith Getty & Kristyn Getty

Hear the call of the Kingdom,
Lift your eyes to the King.
Let His song rise within you
As a fragrant offering
Of how God, rich in mercy,
Came in Christ to redeem
All who trust in His unfailing grace.



Hear the call of the Kingdom
To be children of light
With the mercy of heaven,
The humility of Christ;
Walking justly before Him,
Loving all that is right,
That the life of Christ may shine through us.



King of Heaven,
We will answer the call.
We will follow,
Bringing hope to the world;
Filled with passion,
Filled with power to proclaim
Salvation in Jesus' name.

Hear the call of the Kingdom
To reach out to the lost
With the Father's compassion
In the wonder of the cross,
Bringing peace and forgiveness,
And a hope yet to come;
Let the nations put their trust in Him.

King of Heaven,
We will answer the call.
We will follow,
Bringing hope to the world;
Filled with passion,
Filled with power to proclaim
Salvation in Jesus' name.

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REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 6 AUGUST 2022

“WICKED IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD”

GENESIS 38:7

INTRODUCTION

1. The family of Jacob
 - a. It was dysfunctional
 - b. It was in danger
2. Jacob
 - a. He was in deep grief over the loss of Joseph
 - b. He did not seem to relate much to his other children

THE STORY OF JUDAH

1. His involvement in Joseph's plight
2. He suggested selling Joseph to the Midianite traders Genesis 37:26-28
3. He did not want to see Joseph killed by the brothers
4. But how good was it to sell Joseph away?

GOING AWAY FROM THE FAMILY

1. He departed from his brothers Genesis 38:1a
 - a. His reasons were not made known
 - b. But this was a departure from the usual practice
2. Normal Practice of ancient families
 - a. The family stays together
 - i. The siblings work together
 - ii. They support each other
 - iii. To depart was unusual
 - b. It would be very hard to make it on your own
 - i. No support
 - ii. Grave challenges abound

GOING TO ADULLAM

1. This was an ancient city
2. It even had a ruler of the city-state
3. It was one of the cities of Canaan
4. Judah had an Adullamite friend in Hirah Genesis 38:1b
 - a. Perhaps a business partner
 - b. He became a friend with whom Judah stayed

MARRYING AN ADULLAMITE GIRL

1. The girl's name was Shua
2. Judah married her
3. They had 3 sons
 - a. Er Genesis 38:3
 - b. Onan Genesis 38:4
 - c. Shelah Genesis 38:5

THE SONS OF JUDAH

1. Er, the Firstborn
 - a. He was wicked in the sight of the LORD Genesis 38:7a
 - b. He was so wicked; the LORD slew him Genesis 38:7b
2. His wicked deeds
 - a. These were not made known
 - b. But they were wicked enough for God to take action against him severely

THE LEVIRATE MARRIAGE

1. The word "Levirate" comes from the Latin
2. It means "Brother-in-law"
3. How the Levirate system works:
 - a. The brother-in-law marries the brother's widow
 - b. The first-born son will not be considered his son
 - c. This son would be considered the son of the dead brother
 - d. Subsequently, all other children would be considered his own children

THE WICKEDNESS OF ONAN

1. He obeyed Judah, his father
2. He married Tamar
3. But he did not like to have his firstborn named after his departed older brother
4. He did a wicked thing
 - a. He spilled his semen on the ground
 - b. Thus, Tamar would not have any children
5. The LORD slew him for his wickedness

Genesis 38:9

Genesis 38:10

THE FAMILY OF JUDAH

1. Failure of Judah
 - a. As a son to his father, Jacob
 - b. As a brother to his siblings
 - c. As a father to his sons
 - d. He was more concerned about himself than he was about his family
2. Failure of the sons
 - a. Er was so wicked, God slew him
 - b. Onan was as wicked and God slew him too
 - c. They showed similar characteristics:
 - i. There was wickedness
 - ii. There was self-interest

CONCLUSION

1. Problems that can affect us adversely
 - a. The LORD did not feature at all
 - b. There was no faith to speak of
 - c. Wickedness was allowed to have the upper hand
2. Our Challenge
 - a. To check whether God is a part of our life
 - b. To check if we are harbouring wickedness in our heart
 - c. To return to God and to ask for cleansing of our life

REFLECTION

WRITTEN BY

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Last week at Youth Worship

We learnt how Joseph's brothers had sold him, and they eventually chose to deceive their father, leaving the latter to believe that his son was dead. After Joseph's death, Jacob wept greatly over the death of his favourite son and refused to be comforted. The pain led the family to become even more dysfunctional. Soon after, Judah left his family, where he eventually settled down and married a Canaanite. This led the family to greater disarray, as Judah's household was full of wickedness, which made the Lord strike dead two of his sons.

The danger of wickedness

Wickedness is not just a danger that merely exists in Judah's household. In our world today, it has become so ever-present. We see this in the form of political conflicts, wars, un-called for shootings and even the surge in crime rates in our country. Even though such forms of wickedness may seem extreme, sin lies at our door. Sin can come in the form of pride in our hearts or even deceit. Hence, there is a need for all of us to watch out for sin, and to deal with it with great haste before it escalates to a deeper problem of wickedness. From what Pastor has mentioned during last week's Worship, wickedness should never be part of our lives and thus should never be a choice.

Letting faith triumph over sin

Reflecting on these lessons, I am greatly challenged to deepen my faith in the Lord. I too fall prey to sin in my life. There are times when I choose to compare with what others have and complain about what I am lacking in my life. There are also times when I fail to control my emotions and eventually fall into the sin of anger and impatience. Yet, despite all my failings, the Lord has continued to show His great love and mercy, helping me to see His hand and that only He is able to blot out these sins from my life.

As young people, let us seek to learn these lessons well now. Let us strive to not follow Judah's footsteps as he entered a greater path of sin when he left his family and omitted the Lord. I am deeply challenged to constantly involve the Lord in my life, through the good or bad times. As children of God, may we seek to constantly abide by His Word, be conscious of the sins in our lives and seek to include faith in whatever we do. Only the Lord is able to cleanse us from our sins. All we need is to go to Him in prayer, humbly asking Him to forgive us and grant us the strength to overcome the temptations in life. Though wickedness will continue in our world, let us seek to be beacons of light as we shine brightly for the Lord, knowing that He has been and will always be there for us in times of need.

REHOBOTH

Isaac faced many troubling moments in Gerar;
The people there were truly a great terror.
They quarrelled with Isaac and his servants;
These Philistines were powerful opponents.

They stopped up all the wells that had been dug;
To the cries of protest, they did not even shrug.
They opposed the servants of Isaac left and right;
It seemed that starting quarrels was their delight.

Isaac refused to retaliate but moved from place to place;
He chose instead to pray and to rely on the LORD's grace.
His faith in God was not in vain at all;
He continued to listen and obey God's call.

Finally, he came to a place he called, "Rehoboth;"
Isaac continued to be the man Philistines loathed.
God had taught Isaac how to be resilient and faithful;
The LORD's blessings would continue to be bountiful.

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Genesis 26:15-23



ANNOUNCEMENT

BETHANY 40+9 ANNIVERSARY

In a week, we will be celebrating our Church's 40+9 Anniversary. The goodness and faithfulness of God have been marvellously experienced by us all, as a Church and as individuals. Let us set aside time to remember the Lord's blessings! Let us prepare and plan to ascribe strength to the Lord as a Church!



NEXT YWS



20 AUGUST 2022

Message: "The LORD was with Joseph" I

Text: Genesis 39:2

The plight of Joseph was dreadful as he was sold by his brothers as a slave to the Egyptians. What would lay ahead for him as a slave? In Genesis 39, we would read how God made all the difference in Joseph's life. Because of the Lord's Presence, Joseph succeeded in his service to his master, Potiphar and enabled him to prosper. Even Potiphar could appreciate God's Presence with Joseph!

May we be challenged to understand the significance of God's Presence with us!



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