

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!

We are thankful for every opportunity to draw near to God in worship. May the Lord open our eyes to see the wondrous things that are contained in the Scriptures!




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COME AND WORSHIP

"The Glory of God"



The glory of God is difficult to put into words. As we struggle to comprehend it, we also struggle to appreciate it. The glory of the Lord can be seen in Creation. The Psalmist David used his poetic skills to illustrate God's glory as he meditated on this topic.



- ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God;
And the firmament shows His handiwork.**
- ² Day unto day utters speech,
And night unto night reveals knowledge.**
- ³ There is no speech nor language
Where their voice is not heard.**
- ⁴ Their line has gone out through all the earth,
And their words to the end of the world.**

PSALM 19:1-4A

1. God's creation
- a. The heavens (the sky)
 - b. The firmament (the atmosphere)
 - c. Day and Night



2. They declare His glory

a. God created the heavens and the earth
in the beginning

Genesis 1:1

b. Prior to that

i. The earth was without form

Genesis 1:2a

ii. It was void (empty without inhabitants)

Genesis 1:2b

iii. There was darkness

Genesis 1:2c

c. Appreciation of God's glory

i. The transformation through Creation was truly glorious

ii. God's creation continues to stand since the beginning
of time

iii. We are part of God's creation!

3. A universal language

a. Creation speaks a universal language

b. It can be understood by everyone throughout the world

WHAT ARE WE HEARING AND SEEING?

The voice of Creation did not stop when God created them and declared them good. The heavens continue to declare His glory. The firmament continues to show His handiwork. Every day and every night, God speaks and reveals knowledge.

Are we able to hear and see the glory of God? What knowledge is He revealing to you today? These are challenging but worthwhile questions to consider. God and His glory is all around, and for all to discover and appreciate! Let us take time to listen to what the Creator is saying to us each day through His wondrous works. May He open our spiritual sight to see His glory, to comprehend it with all our senses and to be greatly uplifted by it!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

19 MARCH 2022

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading:

1. Genesis 30:9-13
2. Genesis 30:14-16
3. Genesis 30:17-21
4. Genesis 30:22-24

Asia Tan, Bethany Toong,
Tessa Kang and Chloe Tang

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Benjamin Quah

Message:

“God remembered Rachel”

Text: Genesis 30:22

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

MY NOTES

19 MARCH 2022

“GOD REMEMBERED RACHEL”

GENESIS 30:22

REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 12 MARCH 2022

“GIVE ME CHILDREN, OR ELSE I DIE”

GENESIS 30:1

INTRODUCTION

1. A very complex situation
 - a. Jacob loved Rachel
 - i. He worked hard for 7 years to obtain her hand in marriage
 - ii. He ends up with Leah as wife
 - b. He works another 7 years
 - i. He marries Rachel
 - ii. Natural desire to have children
 - iii. But Rachel is unable to bear children
2. The children of Leah
 - a. She bore 4 sons
 - b. They were:

i. Reuben	Genesis 29:32
ii. Simeon	Genesis 29:33
iii. Levi	Genesis 29:34
iv. Judah	Genesis 29:35
 - c. But did they actually cause Jacob to love her better?

THE TENSION BETWEEN JACOB AND RACHEL

1. Rachel's feelings

- a. She envied her sister, Leah
- b. She was upset with Jacob
- c. She exclaimed:

"Give me children, or else I die" Genesis 30:1

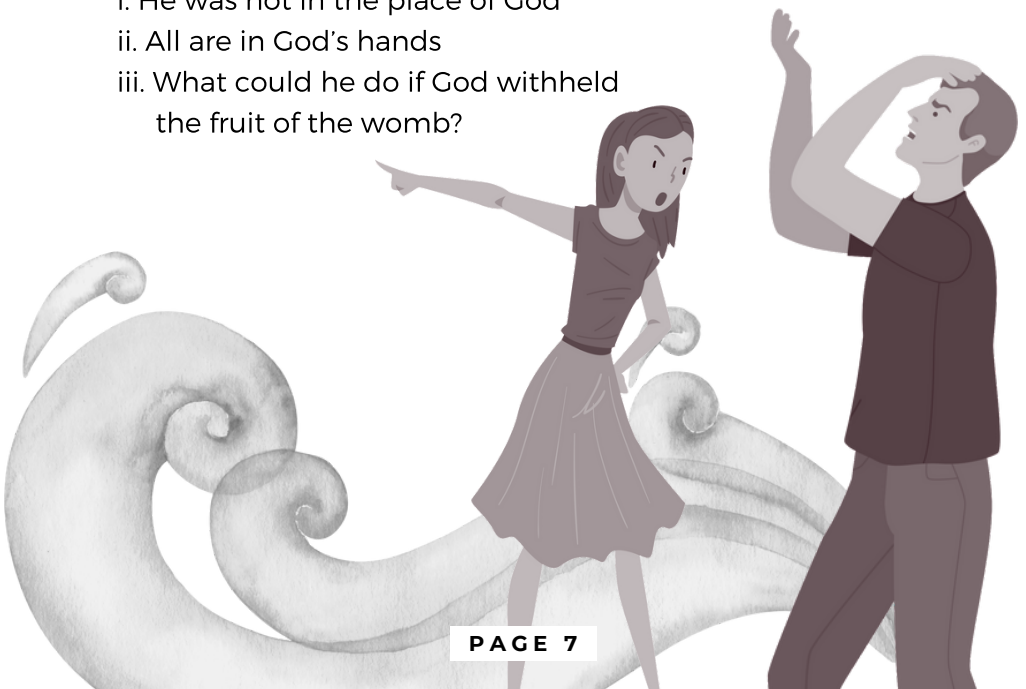
- i. Frayed nerves
- ii. Frustration vented
- iii. Faith not very strong

2. Jacob's angry response

And Jacob's anger was aroused against Rachel, and he said, "*Am* I in the place of God, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?"

Genesis 30:2

- a. Anger aroused
- b. He retorts
 - i. He was not in the place of God
 - ii. All are in God's hands
 - iii. What could he do if God withheld the fruit of the womb?



A HUMAN PLAN I

1. Rachel offers her maid, Bilhah
 - a. She would become a concubine
 - b. She could bear children for her (Rachel)

2. The Plan Rachel came up with

³So she said, “Here is my maid Bilhah; go in to her, and she will bear *a child* on my knees, that I also may have children by her.”

⁴Then she gave him Bilhah her maid as wife, and Jacob went in to her.

⁵And Bilhah conceived and bore Jacob a son.

⁶Then Rachel said, “God has judged my case; and He has also heard my voice and given me a son.” Therefore she called his name Dan.

Genesis 30:3-6

- a. Bilhah was willingly given to Jacob
 - b. She conceived and bore a son
3. Rachel’s conclusion
 - a. God’s name was mentioned as “Judge”
 - b. He had heard her voice and given her a son
 - c. Dan was the baby’s name (Meaning “Judge”)



A HUMAN PLAN II

And Rachel's maid Bilhah conceived again and bore Jacob a second son.

Genesis 30:7

1. Bilhah conceived again
2. She gave to Jacob a second son
3. Rachel's comments

Then Rachel said, "With great wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister, *and* indeed I have prevailed." So she called his name Naphtali.

Genesis 30:8

- a. This was like a wrestling contest between Rachel and Leah
- b. She felt that she had prevailed
 - i. But Leah had 4 sons
 - ii. Bilhah had 2 sons
- c. Name of the baby boy: Naphtali (Wrestling)



WHAT WAS HAPPENING?

1. What came out of Jacob's spiritual experience with God?

Genesis 28

2. What about Rebekah's hope that Jacob would find a wife from her family?

CONCLUSION

1. What was missing?

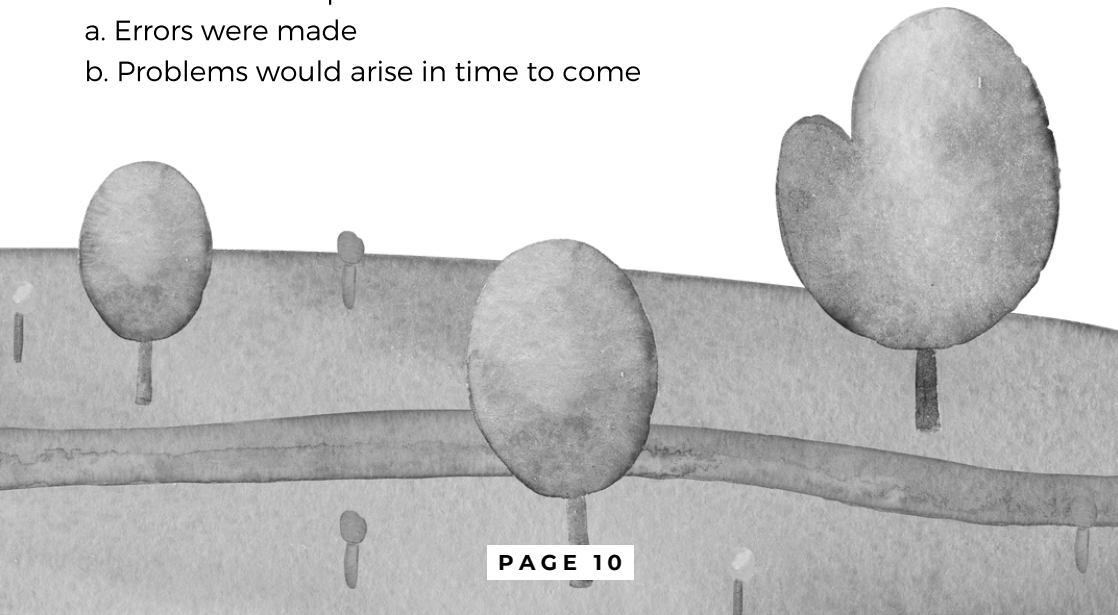
- a. A deeper knowledge of God
- b. Further experiences with the LORD
- c. A greater comprehension of Life was needed
 - i. What was life all about?
 - ii. What does it mean to have a family?
 - iii. What is the place of children?

2. Things that were not attempted by Jacob

- a. Prayer
- b. Growing of faith

3. Accumulation of problems

- a. Errors were made
- b. Problems would arise in time to come



REFLECTIONS

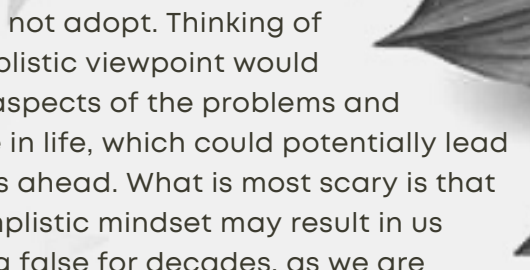
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Narrative of Rachel's simplistic thinking

As we read at the beginning of Genesis 30, Rachel was upset with and envious of her sister's fertility due to her lack of ability to bear children. As a result, she gave her maid, Bilhah, to her husband, Jacob, which eventually led to the birth of two sons, Dan and Naphtali. Just because this was so, Rachel immediately related the birth of Dan and Naphtali to God's blessings. She bore a "This happened... therefore..." mindset which led to her oversimplifying the issue at hand and not making sense of the actual situation. In this narrative, Rachel exhibited simplistic thinking.

Beware of simplistic thinking

You may ask, what exactly is simplistic thinking? It is important to note that simplistic thinking is very much different from simple thinking. While having a simple view of life is not dangerous and by no means wrong, a simplistic view of life is



something we must not adopt. Thinking of matters from a simplistic viewpoint would fail to consider all aspects of the problems and challenges we face in life, which could potentially lead to greater problems ahead. What is most scary is that being stuck in a simplistic mindset may result in us believing something false for decades, as we are fooled by its seemingly rational and sound reasoning, which is in reality, untrue. This could lead us to form new misconceptions and deceive ourselves unwisely.

Our challenge

In order to prevent ourselves from falling victim to simplistic thinking, we learnt that we have to cultivate a mature outlook in life from a young age. This is certainly not an easy task, and can only be done well with God's intervention and involvement. Beyond casually throwing God's name into our words or prayers, let us be challenged to develop a personal and relevant faith in God, that He would grant us the wisdom to use our senses well, and discern right from wrong. May we seek to have a genuine motivation in drawing near to God as

we continue growing our relationship with Him, and learning and improving from our mistakes, such that we may one day become children of God who are spiritually of age!

THEN GOD OPENED HER EYES

The eyes are a special gift from the Lord;
But this gift is taken for granted, such a lot!
The eyes can sometimes fail, the obvious, to see;
Sorrow in the heart can affect one's vision terribly!

Hagar was in deep and dark despair;
Her heart was bogged down with care!
She had been driven from her home;
She and her son were forced to roam.

Hagar felt that she and her son would soon die;
There was no one on whom they could rely.
She had forgotten a previous visit from the Angel of God;
Her deep sorrow caused her to fail to trust in the LORD.

Then God opened her eyes to see a well nearby;
On the LORD, her heart should always rely!
God's promise of blessing was given once again;
Faith in the LORD God would never be in vain!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Genesis 21:19



ANNOUNCEMENTS

YW NEWSLETTER (19 MARCH 2022)

God's love extends to everyone. His love must be personally experienced and appreciated. In this week's Newsletter, Ryan Quek shares about his appreciation of God's love, which stood out when preparations for the A Levels became increasingly difficult. With the Lord's uplifting and inspiring love, Ryan finds strength and confidence to face the challenges ahead of him!

Scan to read this week's Newsletter:



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.

Here are some questions that we have received:

How do we understand the deaths of our loved ones who did not know the Lord?

How do we know that the Bible is true?

What other questions do you have?
Scan QR code to submit your questions:



NEXT YWS



26 MAR 2022

Message: "The LORD has blessed me for your sake"

Text: Genesis 30:27

Many years had passed since Jacob left Canaan in search of a wife from the daughters of Laban. Jacob was now a husband to 4 wives, and a father to 11 sons and a daughter! Surely, he had to plan to provide for his huge and growing family. Desiring to return to his home in Canaan, Jacob sought permission from Laban that he might take his wives and children with him. This request was reasonable for he had been dutiful and skilful in caring for Laban's flocks all these years! Would Laban grant this request?

Find out more at Youth Worship next week!

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