

Youth Worship

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WELCOME TO YOUTH WORSHIP!

What a sight it is to gather together, standing shoulder to shoulder to worship the Lord! We are glad that you have chosen to join us this afternoon. May our souls be greatly uplifted through worship and fellowship!

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COME AND WORSHIP

THE INSIDIOUS NATURE OF SIN

The enlightened David understood the Power and Preciousness of God's Word, and he knew that he ought to keep the Word of God (Psalm 19:7-11)!

However, as he considered the impact that God's Word has in a person's life, he realised to his disappointment that his life did not match up. Humbly, he recognised he had been greatly hindered by his own sinfulness.

12 Who can understand his errors?

Cleanse me from secret faults.

**13 Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins;
Let them not have dominion over me.**

Then I shall be blameless,

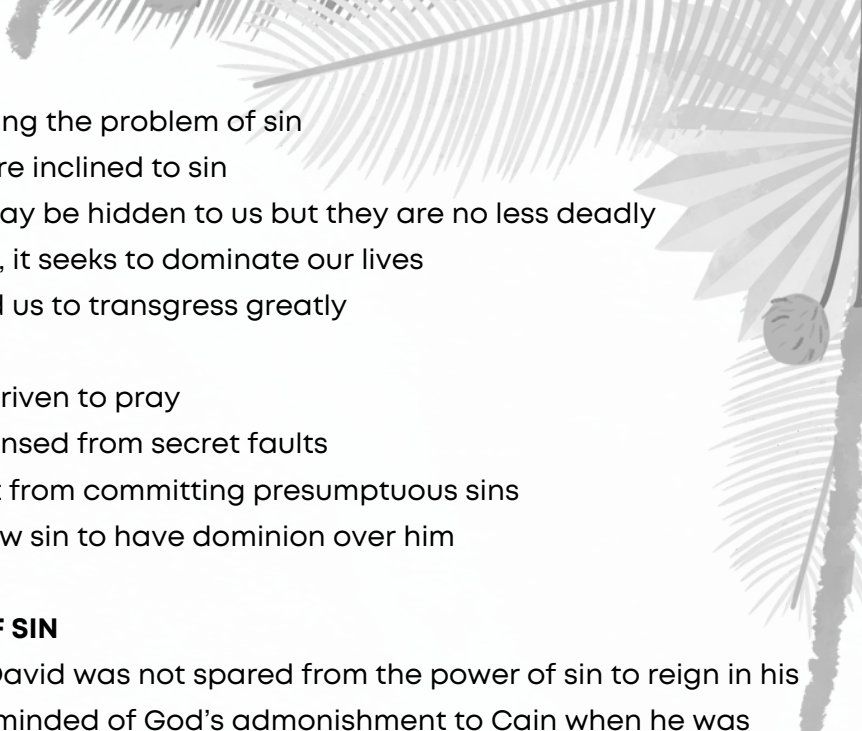
And I shall be innocent of great transgression.

PSALM 19:12-13

1. Different expressions of sin

- a. Errors
- b. Secret faults
- c. Presumptuous sins
- d. Transgression



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2. Understanding the problem of sin
 - a. Humans are inclined to sin
 - b. Our sins may be hidden to us but they are no less deadly
 - c. Insidiously, it seeks to dominate our lives
 - d. It can lead us to transgress greatly
 3. David was driven to pray
 - a. To be cleansed from secret faults
 - b. To be kept from committing presumptuous sins
 - c. To not allow sin to have dominion over him

THE POWER OF SIN

Like all of us, David was not spared from the power of sin to reign in his life. We are reminded of God's admonishment to Cain when he was filled with rage – "And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it." (Genesis 4:7b) Give it the slightest chance and sin would pounce on us to tear us apart.

SEEKING GOD'S HELP TO OVERCOME SIN

David understood that it was his enslavement to sin that led him to commit sin even when he willed not to. How was he to break free from the clutches of sin and rule over it? He couldn't on his own. David knew that only God alone can help him to overcome sin. So, wisely and humbly, he prayed to the Lord.

Let us not undermine the power of sin in our lives and take active steps to address them. Just as David prayed to the Lord, Let us also humbly ask God to cleanse us thoroughly of our sins, to keep us from committing sin, and to be freed from the chains of sin. As we relate to God in sorrowful repentance, we may also look forward to being blameless and innocent!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

30 APRIL 2022

Prelude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Song Leading

1. The Word of God
2. You Alone Can Rescue

Janelle Tan & Goh Yuanli

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 32:1-8

Ong Yanning & Tessa Kang

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Mitchell Tan

Message:

"This is God's camp"

Text: Genesis 32:2

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Postlude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

MY NOTES

30 APRIL 2022

“THIS IS GOD’S CAMP”

GENESIS 32:2

WORSHIP SONGS

The Word of God

Lyrics by John Parker; Music by Joseph M. Martin

The Word of God spoke out and there was light.
The Word of God formed the stars to warm the night.
The Word of God is the source of all we see.
The Word of God speaks through eternity.

The Word of God can calm the raging sea.
The Word of God can set the captive free.
The Word of God can heal a wounded soul.
The Word of God speaks grace,
and lives are then made whole.

Chorus:

The Word of God – majestic and powerful!
The Word of God – alive and ever true.
The Word of God – speaking now and forever and ever.
Speak, O Lord, and we will hear the Word of God!

The Word of God turns silence into song.
The Word of God brings glory to the dawn.
The Word of God is ev'rything we need.
A light upon my path, and a lamp unto my feet.

Chorus

You Alone Can Rescue

By Matt Redman

Who, O Lord, could save themselves,
Their own soul could heal?
Our shame was deeper than the sea,
Your grace is deeper still.

Who, O Lord, could save themselves,
Their own soul could heal?
Our shame was deeper than the sea,
Your grace is deeper still.

And You alone can rescue, You alone can save.
You alone can lift us from the grave.
You came down to find us, led us out of death,
To You alone belongs the highest praise.

You, O Lord, have made a way,
The great divide You heal.
For when our hearts were far away,
Your love went further still,
Yes, Your love goes further still.

And You alone can rescue, You alone can save.
You alone can lift us from the grave.
You came down to find us, led us out of death,
To You alone belongs the highest praise. (x3)

REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 23 APRIL 2022

“LET US MAKE A COVENANT, YOU AND I”

GENESIS 31:43-55

INTRODUCTION

1. There was a confrontation between Laban and Jacob
2. Jacob had taken his huge family, his great wealth and secretly fled from Laban
3. Laban went after him and sought to find his stolen household idols
4. However, he could not find them
5. Rachel was secretly sitting on them
6. Laban could not find any fault with Jacob
 - a. All that Jacob had earned was rightly his
 - b. He had earned every bit of it through hard work
 - c. He had not taken anything from Laban that was not his
 - d. He was going to leave with his daughters to Canaan
7. Laban could make claims on all that Jacob had
8. This was his right as chieftain
9. He decided to make a covenant with Jacob

MAKING A COVENANT

1. Making of covenant between Laban and Jacob
 - a. A covenant is an agreement
 - b. A treaty between two equals
2. Witnesses of the covenant Gen. 31:44-50
3. Covenant details Gen. 31:50
 - a. No hurting of daughters or adding more wives
 - b. No crossing of demarcation line

AN IMPORTANT POINT IN JACOB'S LIFE

1. He had worked for Laban for 20 years
2. He was coming to the end of this episode in his life
3. He was deceived by Laban many times
4. But the Lord God had always been with him

LEARNING THAT GOD WILL ALWAYS KEEP HIS PROMISES

1. The Lord's promises to Jacob (Looking back)
 - a. Specific promises Gen. 28:13-15
 - i. The land which the Lord would give to him and his descendants
 - ii. His descendants would be like the dust of the earth
 - iii. All the families of the earth would be blessed
 - iv. He will be with him and keep him
 - v. He will bring him back to the land
 - vi. He will not leave him
 - b. Jacob's response -
 - Setting up a pillar and made a vow Gen. 28:18-22
 - i. If God were to be with him
 - ii. If God were to keep him in his way
 - iii. If God were to provide for him
 - iv. If he were to come back to his father's house in peace
 - v. The Lord would be his God

2. The Lord had fulfilled His promises

- a. The Lord's presence had been with him Gen. 31:5, 42
- b. The Lord's power protected him Gen. 31:7
 - i. Laban changed his wages 10 times
 - ii. The Lord did not allow Laban to hurt Jacob
 - iii. The Lord specially protected him through a warning to Laban
 - a) The Lord warned Laban not to harm Jacob
 - b) The Lord rebuked Laban
- c. The Lord's provision for him
 - i. He had a huge family
 - ii. He was blessed with great wealth

3. The Lord's call for Jacob to return to Canaan

- a. To return and He would be with him Gen. 31:3
- b. To get out of the land and return to
the land of his family Gen. 31:13

PERSONAL APPLICATION OF FAITH

- 1. Jacob swore by the Fear of his father Isaac Gen. 31:53
 - a. There was that reverence for the Lord
 - b. He called God the Fear of Isaac
 - c. The God of Isaac had become his God
 - d. There was that reverence to God
 - e. He involved the Lord in the making of this covenant
- 2. He made an offering to the Lord Gen. 31:54
 - a. He expressed that reverence in worship of the Lord
 - b. He offered a sacrifice on the mountain
 - c. He worshipped and gave thanks to the Lord

3. He ate bread with his brethren Gen. 31:54
- a. There was a meal after the sacrifice
 - b. He was gracious to Laban
 - c. He called his brethren to eat bread with him

CHALLENGES

1. Having faith in the Lord and His promises
 - a. God's promises are true
 - i. Promise of His presence
 - ii. Promise of His power in keeping us
 - iii. Promise of His provision
 - b. We too can count on God's promises being fulfilled in our life
 - c. Our part is to exercise faith in the Lord and His promises
2. Learning to have that fear and reverence for God
 - a. To fear the Lord for who He is
 - b. It is to give the Lord great respect and reverence
 - c. Jacob sought to worship the Lord with this reverence
3. Learning to be gracious to each other
 - a. Despite what Laban had done in the past, Jacob still had a meal with Laban
 - b. At least, things were ending on an amicable note
 - c. Jacob sought to end things on a good note
 - d. He was gracious to Laban
 - e. It is good for us to learn to be gracious to each other

REFLECTION

Written by

Tessa Kang

What we have learned so far

Last week, Pastor Mitch taught us from Genesis 31:43-55, which continued from the confrontation between Laban and Jacob. In light of Jacob's anguish as he had been unfairly treated by his employer, Laban responded with complete disregard of Jacob's effort and skill in caring for his flock. He had also argued that whatever Jacob owned belonged to him. With all his claims, Laban offered to make a covenant with Jacob, being well-aware that God was with Jacob.

Jacob graciously accepted Laban's offer of a covenant. The heap and pillar bore witness that both Laban and Jacob would not cross over to do each other harm. After the covenant was made, Jacob responded in worship and fellowship, making a sacrifice to the Lord in reverence. With the Lord's promise of protection and blessing, Laban and Jacob eventually parted ways amicably, as Laban adhered to the warning of the Lord.

The Lord's promise of His presence and protection

The Lord's presence had been with Jacob, with His power protecting Jacob wherever he went; as he fled from Esau, and now through the warning that He gave to Laban that he must not inflict harm on Jacob. The Lord kept to all that He had promised (Genesis 28:15). He never left Jacob and continued to be there for him through the various challenges in his life.

After 20 years, Jacob was finally returning to the promised land, an indication that the Lord had kept to His promise of blessing and deliverance.

Jacob's growth

Through these years, Jacob had grown in his faith and character. He strove to do well for the past 20 years by caring for Laban's sheep with much diligence. He learned to acknowledge God's presence and protection. While Jacob may not have related to God very much the whole time, the Lord continued to be gracious and merciful, blessing Jacob abundantly and leading him through the problems in his life.

Responding well to these great truths

Jacob did not take for granted the Lord's hand in his life, hence he responded in reverence and worship to the Lord. Like Jacob, I see the Lord's blessings in my life, through the people whom He has sent to constantly point me back to His Word in this journey of life. In the times when I felt alone, weak and helpless, the Lord's Word gave me a sense of comfort, and through His people, I was able to find the strength to carry on with my responsibilities in life.

Following Jacob's example, I too am greatly challenged to cultivate a sense of fear and reverence for the Lord. The Lord has been there for me every step of the way, carrying me through the difficulties in life despite the many times that I faltered, and this is something that I treasure so much. It is through His promises that I can be made strong when I am weak, and I can go through the challenges in life with much faith and confidence. As we come together for worship this week, let us seek to worship the Lord with much reverence, and praise Him for all that He has done in our lives.

POETRY CORNER

YOU HAVE NOT WITHHELD YOUR SON



The LORD spoke to Abraham approvingly;
Abraham did not withhold his son, truly!
Not every man would be able to do this;
Abraham did not just believe God exists!

Abraham had seen how God had provided;
He had next to nothing when he first started.
But God had blessed him so very richly;
He would obey and trust Him implicitly!

God saw Abraham's heart and mind;
He was certainly not spiritually blind.
He had given to the LORD full obedience;
This was Abraham's profound experience.

By not withholding Isaac, great faith was professed;
Abraham and his descendants would surely be blessed!
All nations of the earth would also be blessed wonderfully;
Through faith in the Lord Jesus, we would become heirs truly!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Genesis 22:15-19



ANNOUNCEMENT



YW Newsletter

(30 APRIL 2022)

When we expect life to be a bed of roses, we would find ourselves sorely disappointed. Christopher Tang is learning that challenges and problems are part and parcel of life.

Looking at the 20 years of hardship that Jacob had to endure under the tyranny of Laban, he now sees that the afflictions of life are purposeful in helping one grow in faith, perseverance, character and hope. Read about Christopher Tang's sharing in this week's Newsletter.

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NEXT YWS



7 MAY 2022

Message: "I am not worthy of the least of Your mercies"

Text: Genesis 32:10

When Jacob first found God to be real at Bethel, he responded with a prayer to the Lord (Genesis 28:20-21). In the 20 years that followed, there was no record of Jacob praying to God until the desperate moment came when he feared Esau's assault. With a faith that had grown, Jacob now pleaded with the Lord for deliverance with a deep sense of humility and unworthiness.

At Youth Worship next week, we will study this prayer that Jacob offered to God and understand how we may include prayer in our lives, and pray meaningfully to the Lord.



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