

# 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!

What a privilege and joy that we can come before the presence of our Lord and offer worship as His people! May we render praise with hearts of gratitude and gladness!



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# COME AND WORSHIP

## PRAISE FROM THE UPRIGHT IS BEAUTIFUL

It is a privilege that we can offer praise to our Almighty God. Have you wondered whether your praise accorded to the Lord is beautiful? What kind of praise is God looking for?

**1 Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous!  
For praise from the upright is beautiful.**

**2 Praise the LORD with the harp;  
Make melody to Him with an instrument of ten strings.**

**3 Sing to Him a new song;  
Play skillfully with a shout of joy.**

PSALM 33:1-3

### 1. Rejoicing in God

- a. This is a call to rejoice in the Lord!
- b. The righteous would experience true joy through faith in God

### 2. Response of Praise

- a. Joy in the Lord would lead to a natural response of praise
- b. Praise is beautiful because it comes from the right place:
  - i. The heart is genuine and grateful to the Lord
  - ii. The heart is in awe of the Person of God
  - iii. The heart is moved by the truths and deeds of God

### 3. Expressions of Praise

- a. Praise to the Lord can be expressed in countless ways!
- b. Some expressions mentioned:
  - i. With the harp
  - ii. With an instrument of ten strings
  - iii. With the singing of songs



### 4. An upward challenge

- a. God is worthy of great honor and glorious praise
- b. The challenge is to improve how we may render befitting praise
  - i. Compose new and fresh songs
  - ii. Constantly hone our skills in playing of musical instruments
  - iii. Commitment to practise joy always

## REJOICING IN THE LORD

Our faith in the Lord is meant to bring immense joy! Unfortunately, our joy is often drawn from things ephemeral and fleeting. The encouragement is to locate and build our joy in the Person of God. When we discover and experience the powerful reality of God and His Word, there is every reason to rejoice from the depths of our heart!



## **RESPONDING IN GENUINE PRAISE**

Praise to the Lord is more than an outward expression of singing of songs. One cannot offer praise with an absence of joy. The heart must be impacted and inspired by God that praise would be a natural and meaningful response to tell the Lord that He is truly great!

Praise can be a wonderful characteristic for every believer. Let us seek to cultivate this trait till it becomes a distinctive part of us!





# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

14 MAY 2022

### Prelude

Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

### Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

### Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

### Song Leading

1. Psalm 96

2. He Cares

Vanessa Quek &

Lorraine Lai

Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

### Scripture Reading:

Genesis 32:13-32

Ong Yanning, Tessa Kang,

Asia Tan & Chloe Tang

### Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Eugene Seow

### Message:

"Your name shall no longer be  
called Jacob, but Israel"

Text: Genesis 32:28

Pastor Charles Tan

### Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

### Postlude

Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

# MY NOTES

14 MAY 2022

**“YOUR NAME SHALL NO LONGER BE  
CALLED JACOB, BUT ISRAEL”**

GENESIS 32:28

# WORSHIP SONGS

## Psalm 96

Lyrics by Tommy Walker; Arr. by David Shipp and Dan Galbraith

Sing unto the Lord a new song.  
Sing unto the Lord all the earth.  
Sing to the Lord, bless His name,  
Tell of His salvation day by day.

Majesty and honour are His.  
Strength and beauty,  
Glory and righteousness.  
Great is the Lord and deserving of praise,  
He is to be feared above all gods.

*Chorus:*

Worship the Lord in holy array.  
Tremble before Him all the earth.  
Our God reigns.

Let all the creation be glad.  
The earth and the sea sing for joy.  
Before the Lord, the Judge of the earth,  
Who judges us in righteousness and truth.

*Chorus*

Worship the Lord in holy array.  
Tremble before Him all the earth.  
Our God reigns.  
Our God reigns.  
(end)

# He Cares

Lyrics and Music by Jimmy Owen

Our God is far greater than words can make known,  
Exalted and holy, He reigns on His throne.  
In infinite splendor He rules over all;  
Yet He feeds the poor sparrows, and He knows when they fall.

## *Chorus:*

His power is great and will ever endure,  
His wisdom is peaceable, gentle, and pure.  
But greater than all these glories I see,  
Is the glorious promise that He cares for me.

He rides the wild heavens, He strides thro' the seas;  
The high mountains tremble to hear His decrees.  
His voice with great thunderings sounds from above;  
But to His own children He whispers His love.

## *Chorus*

*(end)*



# REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

## **YWS MESSAGE - 7 MAY 2022**

### **"I AM NOT WORTHY OF THE LEAST OF YOUR MERCIES"**

#### **GENESIS 32:10**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

1. What makes people pray?
  - a. New found faith
  - b. A special spiritual experience for Jacob
2. Comparing 2 prayers of Jacob
  - a. His prayer at Bethel Genesis 28:18-22
  - b. His prayer when he heard that Esau was coming with 400 men Genesis 32:6

#### **ADDRESSING THE LORD**

Then Jacob said, "O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, the LORD who said to me, 'Return to your country and to your family, and I will deal well with you':

Genesis 32:9

1. O God of my father Abraham  
And God of my father Isaac
  - a. Seeking to establish the basis of relating to God
  - b. Connection:
    - i. Abraham
    - ii. Isaac

c. God had been:

- i. Real to Abraham and Isaac
- ii. He had been their God

d. Hope and desire

That God would be as real to him as He had been with Abraham and Isaac

2. The LORD who said to me

'Return to your country and to your family, and I will deal well with you'

a. A personal relationship

b. God had spoken to him

- i. He had directed Jacob to return to Canaan, his country
- ii. To his family
- iii. God's promise to deal well with him

c. This was his faith and hope

- i. In God
- ii. In His word of promise to him!


## **GENUINE GRATEFUL CONSCIOUSNESS**

I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which You have shown Your servant; for I crossed over this Jordan with my staff, and now I have become two companies.


Genesis 32:10

1. I am not worthy

- a. Genuine Humility
- b. A sense of unworthiness

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2. What God had given to Jacob
    - a. All His mercies
    - b. All the truth shown
  3. Self-worth
    - a. Unworthy
    - b. Only a servant
  4. Remembering
    - a. I cross over Jordan with my staff
    - b. That was all Jacob started with
  5. The Present
    - a. And now
    - b. I am two companies


## **A DESPERATE PRAYER FOR DELIVERANCE**



**11** Deliver me, I pray, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, lest he come and attack me and the mother with the children.

**12** For You said, 'I will surely treat you well, and make your descendants as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.' "

Genesis 32:11-12

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1. Fear of Esau expressed
    - a. I fear him
    - b. Lest he come and attack me
    - c. And the mother with the children

## 2. Basis of the Plea for Deliverance

### a. You said

- i. Pleading what God had said
- ii. Pleading the promise of God given

### b. God's promise

#### i. Well-being of Jacob

I will surely treat you well

#### ii. Descendants of Jacob

And make your descendants as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.' "

### c. A heart-felt prayer

Both Fear and Faith

## CONCLUSION

### 1. How do we pray?

- a. How often do we pray?
- b. Under what circumstances do we pray?

### 2. Are the elements in Jacob's prayer ours?

- a. A personal Faith in God
- b. Pleading God's promises
- c. Exercising Faith while fighting Fear



# REFLECTION

Written by

*Chloe Tang*

## **A lack of understanding of prayer**

In last week's message, we looked at how Jacob finally involved God in his life through prayer when there was a lack thereof previously. As I listened to the message, I also found myself reflecting on how I pray and relate to God. Initially, Jacob barely understood prayer in his life. This can be seen in Genesis 27, where we read that he asked Isaac to give a blessing and did not know what he wanted God to grant. When we read this passage months ago, we learnt that we can pray for wisdom that we may know what to seek God for.

## **One-way prayers**

In Genesis 28, God revealed Himself to Jacob and he made a vow to the Lord. However, this was a one-way prayer in that Jacob wanted God to provide and protect. Sometimes we may find ourselves in a similar situation - when we are desperate and pray for God to deliver us, without properly establishing a relationship with Him. God is merciful and may answer our requests, but this is not what prayer should be like.

## **Prayer was not Jacob's first response**

As Jacob looked for a wife and met Rachel (Genesis 29), we are reminded of Abraham's servant who was in a similar situation searching for a wife for Isaac (Genesis 24). However, Abraham's servant had prayer as the central part of his approach, while Jacob did not involve God at all. Years later, when Jacob ran into problems with Laban, he did not turn to God - he turned to his wives instead (Genesis 31). These are worldly approaches - to turn to our own feelings or peers. We have a great God who can guide us in ways much better than these! We should aspire to turn to God as our first response. This is not easy in the world we live in and in our busy lives. We should press on and keep on growing in our relationships with God so that turning to Him may become natural and instinctive.

## **How our relationship with God impacts prayer**

Finally, when Jacob was distressed and fearful about meeting with Esau, he found himself in a situation where he really needed to pray (Genesis 32). His prayer progressed from being formal, to being more personal and close. At the start of the prayer, he referred to God in the third person and not as his God. He was not close to Him. Then, he recalled what God had said to him previously, which is a step in the right direction! We need to be conscious of what God has said and what God has done - responding and acknowledging these will help to improve our relationship with God and our prayer life.



## **Making personal prayers**

After Jacob had begun to establish and develop his relationship with God, he became more open and understood his place. He admitted his unworthiness as he realised how God's mercies have played a part in his life and how God had been trying to teach him truths. He made his prayer personal when he revealed his fears about Esau to God. Jacob did not sugarcoat his challenges the way we might do so to our friends and family, but he stated them truthfully. Over the years, I have also come to understand that I can pour out my deepest thoughts and troubles to God - He is there for us, He wants us to reach out to Him and form a relationship with Him. He understands our needs and dilemmas that no one else on earth can.

## **Continuation of prayer**

Then, Jacob's prayer stopped. He did not properly complete his prayer there and then, but would later come back to follow up on it. This is a reminder that prayer is continuous - we need to come back and talk to God again. Prayer is something we can learn to integrate into our lives to help us navigate the challenges of life, be it studies, friendships, work, or other issues we may face. May we be challenged to develop a relationship with God and make prayer more personal!

## A MIGHTY PRINCE

Sarah, the wife of Abraham, had died at a good age;  
But Abraham did not have a burial plot at this stage.

The couple had been married for many long years;  
Having a burial place was more important than just tears.

Abraham sought to purchase land to bury Sarah, his wife;  
It was an honourable thing to do, despite their family strife.

Abraham was regarded by many, as "A mighty prince;"  
His humility before the people, would make one wince!

Abraham would not take advantage of people's kindness;  
The LORD had blessed him and he was most prosperous.

He would purchase land at the full market price;  
He would not stoop to employing any crooked device.

People knew him and respected him as a man of God;

He would not disgrace the holy name of the LORD.  
He bought land so that he may bury Sarah with honour;  
He proved himself to be "a mighty prince," like no other.

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Genesis 23

# ANNOUNCEMENT

## YW Newsletter

14 MAY 2022

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The attributes of God wonderfully abound.  
What is one attribute of God that you treasure?

Sylvia shares her appreciation of God's faithfulness demonstrated in the life of Jacob and in her personal life. Our God is indeed immutably faithful. May we never cease discovering the faithfulness of God and cultivate a deeper faith and trust in the Lord!

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# NEXT YWS



**21 MAY 2022**

Message: "And they wept"

Text: Genesis 33:4

Despite the Lord sending His angels to encamp around Jacob and an intense wrestle with the Angel of the Lord, fear persisted and plagued Jacob. With Esau and his 400 armed men drawing near, Jacob was determined to protect his beloved wife Rachel and son Joseph from Esau's wrath at all cost. Inundated by his fears, Jacob was prepared to even risk the lives of his "maidservants" and children!

Jacob's fears were unfounded. In God's mercy and deliverance, what transpired was a moving and beautiful reconciliation between the two estranged siblings!

This problem of fear can threaten to confound and cripple a person. Let us be challenged to hold fast to God and break the bondage of fear with faith!





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