

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!

It is always a joy to be in the house of God and among His people to worship our great and awesome God! May the Lord enlighten your eyes and enliven your soul through His Word!



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COME AND WORSHIP

I WILL MEDITATE

How may we offer heartfelt praise to the Lord? David declared his personal determination to extol the Lord (Psalm 145:1-2), and he gave an instructive word that we may learn from.

4 One generation shall praise Your works to another,
And shall declare Your mighty acts.

5 I will meditate on the glorious splendour of Your majesty,
And on Your wondrous works.

6 Men shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts,
And I will declare Your greatness.

7 They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness,
And shall sing of Your righteousness.

PSALM 145:4-7

“I will meditate.” David began with filling his mind with thoughts of God. His two foci are:

1. The works of God
 - a. They are mighty
 - b. They are wondrous
 - c. They are awesome
 - d. Some examples of God’s work
 - i. Salvation of men
 - ii. Sanctification of men
 - iii. Sustenance of men



2. The Person of God

- a. The works of the Lord reflect the glorious Person of God
- b. He is mighty
- c. He is great
- d. He is good
- e. He is righteous

These thoughts would invoke a great sense of awe and wonder!

I WILL DECLARE

Whenever we discover something wonderful, we cannot help but to speak about it. Most naturally, as David discovered God's extraordinary acts and attributes, he could not but declare His greatness and goodness!

The practice of meditation helped David to make sense of his life experiences.

Memories of God's work in the nation of Israel, and especially in his personal life

would have been etched in his mind. Ruminating over these brought David into deeper levels of thought to discover the very Person of God.



While we may gather as a congregation to praise the Lord together, worship is ultimately an individual and personal response to God. May we take time to meditate on God's works in our life and in the process discover the Person of God! May we be moved to speak about the Lord and praise His name from the depth of our hearts!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

16 JULY 2022

Prelude

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Song Leading

1. Behold Our God

2. You Make Us Your Own

Ong Yanning & Janelle Tan

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 36:1-8; 15-19; 31-39; 27:38-40

Tessa Kang, Asia Tan, Chloe Tang
& Ong Yanning

Pastoral Prayer

Intern-Pastor Jonathan Jacob

Message:

"The genealogy of Esau"

Text: Genesis 36:1

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Postlude

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

MY NOTES

16 JULY 2022

“THE GENEALOGY OF ESAU”

GENESIS 36:1

Behold Our God

By Sovereign Grace

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice,
All creation rises to rejoice.

Chorus:

Behold our God, seated on His throne
Come, let us adore Him
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come, let us adore Him

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Chorus

Who has felt the nails upon His hands?
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man.
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Saviour, risen now to reign.

Chorus

(end)

You Made Us Your Own

By Sovereign Grace

We were ruined in our sin;
We were guilty and undone,
When Your love reached down
With sovereign hands
And beckoned us to come.

You sought out the wanderers;
Made the prodigals come home,
With a lavish feast You welcomed us
For You made us Your own.

Chorus

You have loved us like You love Your Son.
We are heirs with Christ, bought by His blood.
Oh how great the love that we've been shown
We're Your children now, You made us Your own.

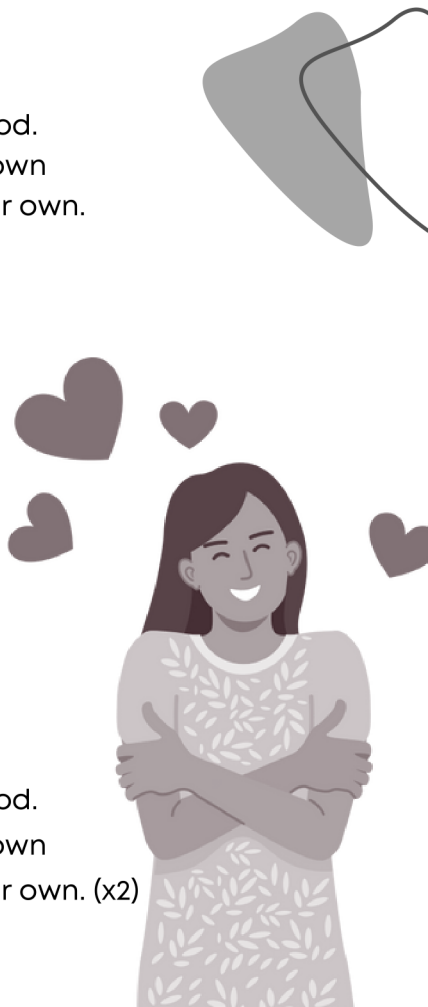
We are strangers to this world,
But no strangers to Your throne.
We draw near to You with confidence
For all our fears are gone.

And one day when Christ returns,
We'll meet saints we've never known.
And forever we will be amazed
That You made us Your own.

Chorus

You have loved us like You love Your Son.
We are heirs with Christ, bought by His blood.
Oh how great the love that we've been shown
We're Your children now, You made us Your own. (x2)

(end)



REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 9 JULY 2022

“THE SONS OF JACOB”

GENESIS 35:22

INTRODUCTION

1. A brief history of Jacob

- a. His grandfather: Abraham
- b. His parents: Isaac and Rebekah
- c. He was the younger twin brother (Esau and Jacob)

2. Jacob in Padan Aram

- a. Married 4 times over
- b. His wives:
 - i. Leah
 - ii. Rachel
 - iii. Bilhah (Rachel's maidservant)
 - iv. Zilpah (Leah's maidservant)

c. He had 13 children

- i. Reuben (firstborn)
- ii. Simeon
- iii. Levi
- iv. Judah
- v. Issachar

vi. Zebulun

Genesis 35:23 (sons of Leah)

vii. Joseph

viii. Benjamin

Genesis 35:24 (sons of Rachel)

ix. Dan

x. Naphtali

Genesis 35:25 (sons of Bilhah)

xi. Gad

xii. Asher

Genesis 35:26 (sons of Zilpah)

xiii. Dinah

Genesis 34:1 (daughter of Leah)

THREE DEATHS NOTED

1. The death of Deborah, the nurse of Rebekah Genesis 35:8
2. The death of Rachel, the favourite wife of Jacob
She died giving birth to Benjamin Genesis 35:16-20
3. The death of Isaac Genesis 35:27-29

THE EVIL DEED OF REUBEN

1. He lay with Bilhah, Rachel's maidservant
 - a. She was Jacob's concubine Genesis 35:22
 - b. She was the mother of:
 - i. Dan
 - ii. Naphtali Genesis 35:25
2. Israel (Jacob)
 - a. He heard about this Genesis 35:22
 - b. He did nothing



REMEMBERING GOD'S PROMISE TO ISRAEL

9 Then God appeared to Jacob again, when he came from Padan Aram, and blessed him.

10 And God said to him, "Your name *is* Jacob; your name shall not be called Jacob anymore, but Israel shall be your name." So He called his name Israel.

11 Also God said to him: "I *am* God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall proceed from you, and kings shall come from your body.

12 The land which I gave Abraham and Isaac I give to you; and to your descendants after you I give this land."

Genesis 35:9-12

1. Significant name change

Jacob to Israel

Genesis 35:10



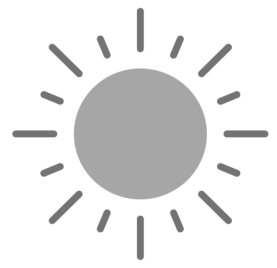
2. God's promise to Jacob concerning his descendants

- a. A nation will proceed from him
- b. A company of nations will proceed (one day)
- c. Kings shall come from his body

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BELIEVE IN THESE PROMISES OF GOD?

1. The children of Jacob

- a. They were idolatrous
- b. Simeon and Levi were cunning and wicked
- c. Reuben was also wicked!



2. It would take the following:
 - a. Knowledge of the Lord as “God Almighty”
 - b. A growing Faith in God
 - c. A strong relationship with God

THE AREAS OF WEAKNESSES AND SINS THAT HINDER

1. Poor parenting
 - a. Jacob was not a great father
 - b. Leah and Rachel were too caught up with fighting each other
 - c. The maid-servants did not appear to be very significant as mothers
2. Poor growth on the part of the children
 - a. They are responsible for their own personal growth
 - b. They did not grow very well
 - c. Hence, the problems that arose!

CONCLUSION


1. Be challenged to cultivate:
 - a. A strong faith in God
 - b. A significant walk with the Lord
2. Take responsibility:
 - a. For personal growth
 - b. To find a Faith that is genuine
 - c. To grow a vibrant Faith



REFLECTION

Written by

Michelle Choo



Last week, we learnt that Jacob's sons were labelled as "sons of Jacob", associating them with Jacob's (now Israel) sinful past. They lacked spiritual guidance from Jacob who was only biologically their father and did not have a deep relationship with them. As such, the sons of Jacob did not cultivate faith in their Heavenly Father, and were shaped by the ways of the world.

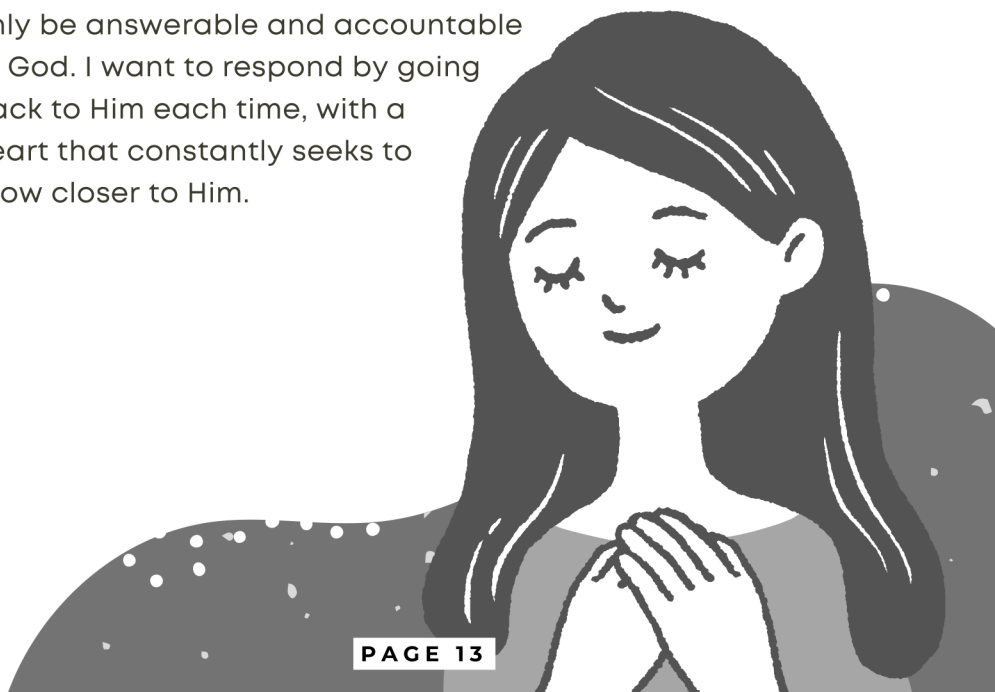
Faith – a Personal Responsibility

Some of us are privileged to have parents who guide us with the Lord's word and teach us what it means to have faith or what faith is about. However, it may not be the case for every single person. Jacob's sons did not have the privilege to have their parents guide them on spiritual matters. It's ultimately our responsibility to take charge of our own faith. For Jacob's sons, they did not take responsibility to seek and cultivate a personal faith and relationship with God. They ended up having a sinful and wicked heart, instead of one that was after God's. Such can be seen when Simeon and Levi massacred the men in the city of Shechem and when Reuben slept with Bilhah, his father's concubine.

At the end of the day, we cannot blame anyone for the state of our faith. It is something we ourselves are responsible for. Whether or not our parents provide us with spiritual guidance, the onus is on us to take charge of our spiritual walk with the Lord.

A Faith I Call Mine

This lesson reminded me of how I need to take ownership of growing my own faith and not be completely reliant on others to help me grow in my faith. I must personally seek to cultivate a deeper relationship with God. It's easy to think we're growing spiritually when we're preoccupied with our growing involvement in church as activities resume. But beneath these external activities, do we desire to have faith and a relationship with God? It's not always a smooth-sailing journey, I admittedly still find myself struggling with consistency. Yet, I find comfort in the fact that I can always have that spiritual reset. This is MY walk of faith and at the end of the day, I would only be answerable and accountable to God. I want to respond by going back to Him each time, with a heart that constantly seeks to grow closer to Him.



POETRY CORNER



DIED IN A GOOD OLD AGE

Abraham lived up to one hundred and seventy years;
He faced many challenges and there were some tears.
There were vital lessons learned along the way;
His growing faith in the Lord was his mainstay.

There were errors and sins committed in his life;
The Lord's grace and mercy enabled him to survive.
From each mistake made, he grew a little wiser;
He knew that faith in God was what he must treasure.

The most vital feature in his life was God's Covenant;
This was a blessing that would affect all his descendants.
What a privilege to find a significant faith in the LORD;
There are few things that are as important as trust in God.

A good life is not measured in terms of one's wealth;
Nor should the focus be on the maintenance of health.
We learn from Abraham how we must walk with God;
Then would we see the bountiful blessings of the LORD.

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Genesis 25:7-11

ANNOUNCEMENT

Bethany's 40 + 9 Anniversary

We will be celebrating Bethany's 40+9 Anniversary on 21st August 2022. May we take time to remember the blessings of God bestowed upon our Church!

The details are as follows:

Worship Service | 10.30am

Lunch | 12.30pm

Venue: Shangri-La Hotel

Scan to sign up for Anniversary Lunch:

Note: All participants must be vaccinated





23 JULY 2022

Message: "The son of his old age"

Text: Genesis 37:3

Thus far, we have seen God working across the generations in the lives of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Continuing in our study of Genesis, we will now move on to look at the life of Joseph, Jacob's favourite son.

Joseph was hated by his brothers because Jacob loved him more than his other children. The animosity of the brothers towards Joseph was glaring as sin continued to plague the family. Amidst all of these, God continued to be involved and planned for the future. He revealed His plans to Joseph through dreams, but unfortunately, no one in the family understood the plans intimated by God because sin had greatly obscured their vision.



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