

Youth Worship

BETHANY INDEPENDENT-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

God's kind of church, where God is touching lives, and people care for people.



WARMEST GREETINGS!

We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Though we may not be able to meet physically, we thank God that we can still worship together in the same spirit through the Live Broadcast.

May the Word of God encourage our hearts at Worship today!



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COME AND WORSHIP

Our God is deserving of great praise. The Psalmist in Psalm 96 calls upon all to sing to the LORD a new song. Singing praise is a vital and natural expression of our worship to God.

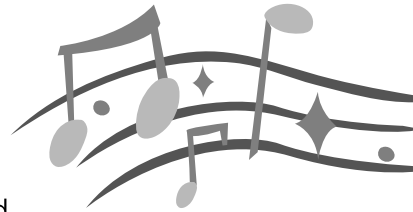
“Oh, sing to the LORD a new song!

Sing to the LORD, all the earth.

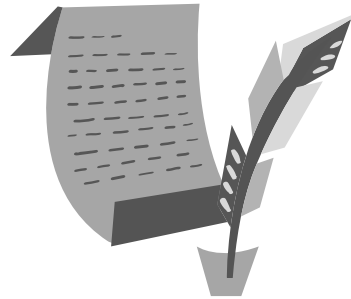
Sing to the LORD, bless His name;

Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.”

PSALM 96:1-2



1. Singing a new song
 - a. A thankful heart is inspired
 - b. It is moved to compose a new song for God
 - c. Praise to God becomes special, beautiful and heartfelt!
2. A strong call to sing to the LORD
 - a. This is to all the earth
 - b. This is to all who appreciate the worship of God
 - c. This complements the blessing of God's name
3. How may we proclaim God's salvation?
 - a. Through songs of praise
 - b. Through speaking about the LORD
 - c. This is consistently practised each and every day



While we are unable to sing together as a Church for the time being due to the Covid-19 restrictions, we must not be deterred from singing to the Lord personally! When our hearts are touched by who God is and His manifold blessings, we are drawn to sing to Him and proclaim His goodness in our lives. May we be challenged to bless God's name every day!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE - 15 May 2021 **(LIVE BROADCAST)**

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Message:

Pastor Charles Tan

"A Major Misstep"

Genesis 16

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan



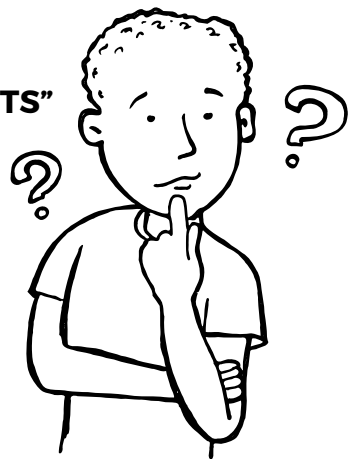
REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

Let us review what we have learned at Youth Worship last week !

YWS MESSAGE - 8 May 2021

"QUESTIONS ARE NOT NECESSARILY DOUBTS"

GENESIS 15



INTRODUCTION

1. Questions are Normal
 - a. It could be curiosity
 - b. It could be a desire for knowledge
 - c. It could be a problem of uncertainty
2. Questions may be asked
 - a. God is not offended
 - b. Answers would be given

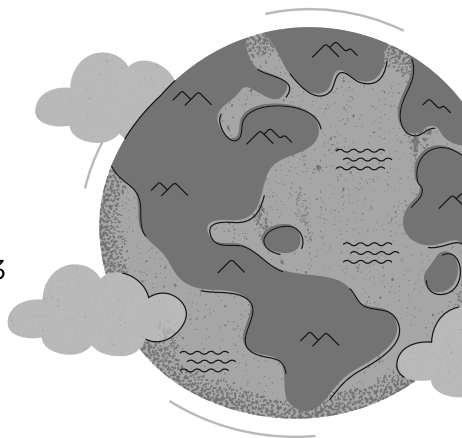
NO QUESTIONS INITIALLY

1. God called Abram
a. Abram complied
b. No questions were raised
2. God gave Abram wonderful promises
 - a. The promise of making him a great nation
 - b. The promise of blessing
 - c. Again, no questions were raised
3. Some reasons for not raising questions
 - a. A simple approach to faith in God
 - b. It takes time to digest all that God had said
 - c. He chose to wait for God to fulfil what He promised

Genesis 12:1-3

Genesis 12:2a

Genesis 12:2b



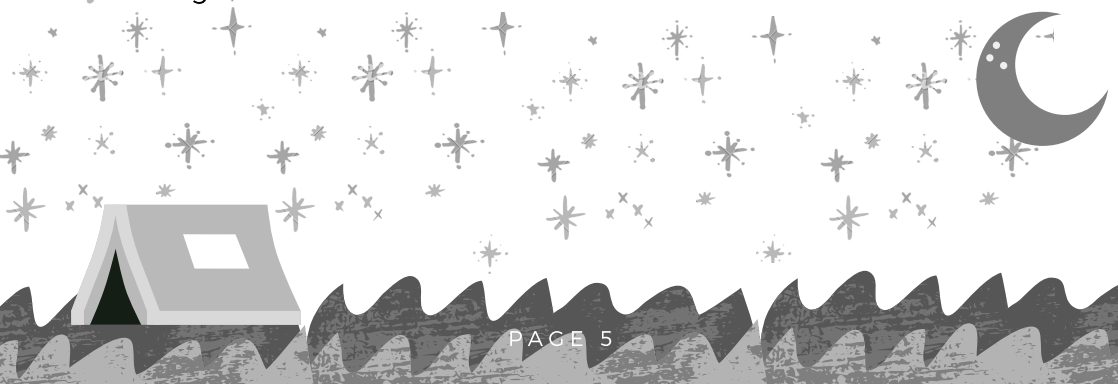
Genesis 15:2b

Genesis 15:2b

- a. "LORD GOD" Genesis 15:2a
 - i. Humble
 - ii. Seeking knowledge
- b. "What will You give me, seeing I go childless?" Genesis 15:2b
 - i. Reality
 - ii. Uncertainty about the future
- c. "And the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus" Genesis 15:2c
 - i. Current arrangement
 - ii. Practical planning in case Abram dies prematurely
- d. "Look, You have given me no offspring;
indeed one born in my house is my heir" Genesis 15:3

Genesis 15:3

- a. An inspiring answer
 - i. God brought Abram outside his tent
 - ii. He shows him the night sky
 - iii. As many stars as Abram could count,
so would he have as many descendantsGenesis 15:5
- b. An appropriate response
 - i. Abram believed God
 - ii. He believed in His word of promiseGenesis 15:6
- c. A wonderful blessing given by God
 - i. God confirms by stating who He is
 - ii. He gives a word of assuranceGenesis 15:7a
Genesis 15:7b



THE SECOND EXPECTED QUESTION

1. The Second Question

- a. It came after Faith had been expressed
- b. It came after God had blessed!

2. This question is not Doubt

“LORD GOD, how shall I know that I will inherit it?” Genesis 15:8

- a. He expresses ignorance
- b. He does not know how he would inherit
- c. God had not informed him yet



A LONGER ANSWER

1. A puzzling answer given

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| a. A three-year-old heifer | Genesis 15:9a |
| b. A three-year-old female goat | Genesis 15:9b |
| c. A three-year-old ram | Genesis 15:9c |
| d. A turtledove | Genesis 15:9d |
| e. A young pigeon | Genesis 15:9e |

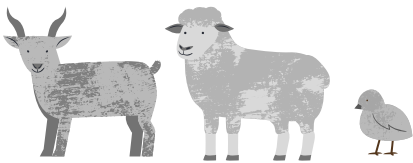
2. Abram complied

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| a. He brought all of them | Genesis 15:10a |
| b. He cut them in two | Genesis 15:10b |
| c. He placed them opposite each other | Genesis 15:10c |
| d. He did not cut the birds | Genesis 15:10d |

3. Vultures came but were duly chased away Genesis 15:11

4. A special vision given

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| a. A deep sleep came to Abram | Genesis 15:12a |
| b. A deep sense of horror/ darkness | Genesis 15:12b |



5. God spoke to Abram foretelling the future

- a. Your descendants will be strangers
in a land that is not theirs
- b. And will serve them
- c. And they will afflict them four hundred years
- d. The nation whom they serve I will judge
- e. Afterward they shall come out with
great possessions

Genesis 15:13a

Genesis 15:13b

Genesis 15:13c

Genesis 15:14a

Genesis 15:14b

6. A personal word to Abram

- a. He will die in peace
- b. He will die at a good old age

Genesis 15:15

7. A confirming sign

- a. A smoking oven
- b. A burning torch
- c. They passed between the pieces

Genesis 15:17



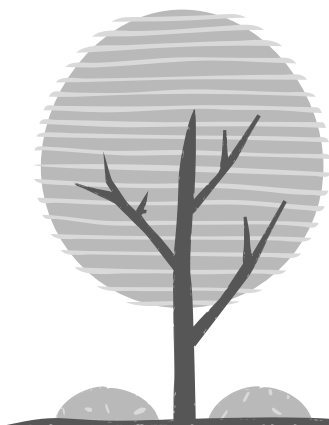
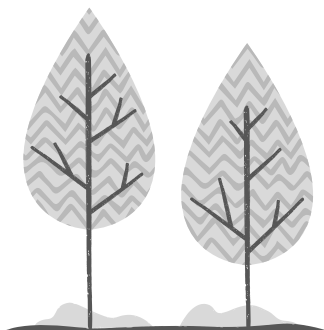
CONCLUSION

1. Never be afraid of questions

2. There are answers to be found

3. Faith can be strengthened further

- a. When answers are found
- b. When faith is better informed
- c. When faith grows further and stronger



REFLECTION

Written by Lorraine Lai



Asking questions

I must confess that at times I am afraid to ask questions of God or of the Bible because I have associated a questioning spirit to an irreverent one. Last week, I was glad to have caught a glimpse of the heart of Abram as he raised questions to God. He was not irreverent.

It is not wrong to ask questions. But it matters how we ask them, and how we receive God's answers.

The heart of the questioner

Abram knew his place. He addressed God as "LORD GOD", and this stemmed from a heart of humility. With honesty, Abram brought his fear and uncertainty before God. Abram asked God questions because he desired to believe. Behind the promise that God had given to Abram was the Promisor-God Himself. Abram looked to God, the Promisor, to strengthen his faith.

I often have many fears and uncertainties about the future. At times, God's promises seem insufficient in soothing my overwhelming fear. Like Abram, I need to do more than rehearse God's promise to myself again. I need to look at God who has given His promises to me.

God is greater than our fears

"The word of the LORD came to Abram" (Genesis 15:1a, 4). It is through the Word that the Lord answers and quells our fears.

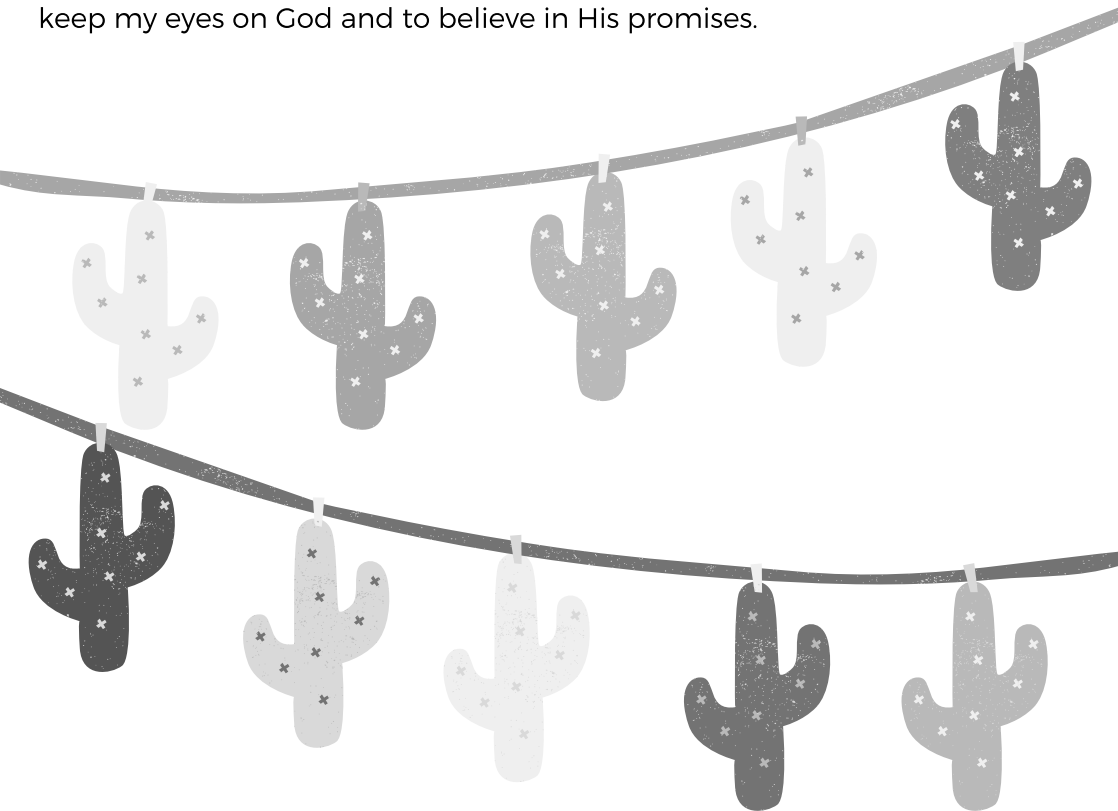


The Lord reassured Abram, “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.”(Genesis 15:1b) God gave Abram a great promise that an heir would come from his own body. This was followed by a reiteration of His promise that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars!

Faith to believe

God’s responses quietened Abram’s heart. God’s promises brought strength to Abram’s faith. Abram was able to see God again with enlightened eyes. “And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.”(Genesis 15:6)

Truly, our God is so patient when we come to Him with our questions. He gently responds to our questions with precious promises that strengthen our wavering faith! I am challenged to have a response just like Abram’s- to keep my eyes on God and to believe in His promises.



POETRY CORNER

THE LORD SMELLED A SOOTHING AROMA

The Burnt Offering of Noah was given in thanksgiving;
Every animal presented was considered “clean.”
Noah knew that God had been angry with mankind;
Man had corrupted himself and was spiritually blind.

The Offering represented a number of things;
Relief, gratitude and most of all thanksgiving.
Noah and his family had found God’s grace;
The first thing to do was to seek the Lord’s face!

God looked at more than the altar Noah made;
He saw the Burnt Offering on the Altar laid.
As the smoke drifted upward to Heaven on high;
To Noah and his family, the LORD drew nigh.

The smell of the Burnt Offering was soothing;
God would give to Mankind a special blessing.
He gave to Noah a precious Covenant;
His blessings would be permanent!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Genesis 8:20-22



ANNOUNCEMENTS

1

Temporary Live Broadcast of Worship Services only

Due to a spike in Covid 19-cases, the Government has issued further Restrictions for social gatherings on 14 May 2021. We are in full support of the Government's imposition of Restrictions for social gathering.

Bethany will have **Live Broadcast of Worship Services only** (no physical congregation) starting this weekend and for the next 4 weeks. Let us continue to exercise our faith. Let us be moved to pray for the world at large and the nation.



2

YWS Newsletter (15 May 2021)

We have been learning lessons on Faith at Youth Worship. How have these lessons affected the way you approach school and life? Check out this week's Newsletter to read about Audrey Chia's personal application of what she has learnt.

Scan to read:



YWS NEXT WEEK



22 MAY 2021

Message: "Walk before Me and be blameless"

Text: Genesis 5:19-24; 17:1-4

Previously, God had intimated to Abram directly that an heir would come from his own body. Instead of applying faith to wait on the Lord to fulfil this promise, Sarai urged Abram to marry her maid, Hagar, in order to produce an heir.

Abram was not blameless when he acceded to Sarai's plan without consulting the Lord. Neither was Abram blameless in the way he treated Hagar. How would God respond to Abram's misstep? What would He say to Abram?

We will find out next week when we continue our study of Abram's journey of faith!



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