

Youth Worship

BETHANY INDEPENDENT-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



A WARM WELCOME TO YOU!

Welcome to Youth Worship On-Line!
Thank God for providing us with the
means to worship Him though we may
not be in Church physically.

May our hearts be greatly uplifted in a
time of Worship and learning from
His Word!




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COME AND WORSHIP

The focus of Worship is none other than God Himself. What attributes come to mind when you think of our God?



***“Honor and majesty are before Him;
Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.
Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
Give to the LORD glory and strength.
Give to the LORD the glory due His name;
Bring an offering, and come into His courts.”***

PSALM 96:3

As the Psalmist entered into the Presence of God for worship, he had cultivated a consciousness of who God is:

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| 1. He is full of Honor | Psalm 96:6a |
| 2. He is clothed with Majesty | Psalm 96:6b |
| 3. He stands as the God Almighty | Psalm 96:6c |
| 4. He exudes the beauty of Holiness | Psalm 96:6d; 9 |

Let us take a moment to appreciate these attributes of God. We cannot but be in awe of Him, and realise how minuscule and unworthy we are to stand before this great God. Yet, by His grace, we can enter into His Presence to worship Him.

A good response is to ascribe glory and strength to God. This was the call of the Psalmist when he said three times, “Give to the LORD.” All glory and strength belong to the Lord. This truth must strike a chord within our hearts. It must be our belief as we approach the Lord to offer our worship. Let us cultivate a consciousness of God, and practise ascribing glory due to His name!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE - 05 JUN 2021

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Message:

Pastor Charles Tan

“Abraham fell on his face and laughed”

Genesis 17

Closing Prayer



REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 29 MAY 2021

"I WILL ESTABLISH MY COVENANT" GENESIS 17

INTRODUCTION

1. The Promise of Blessings

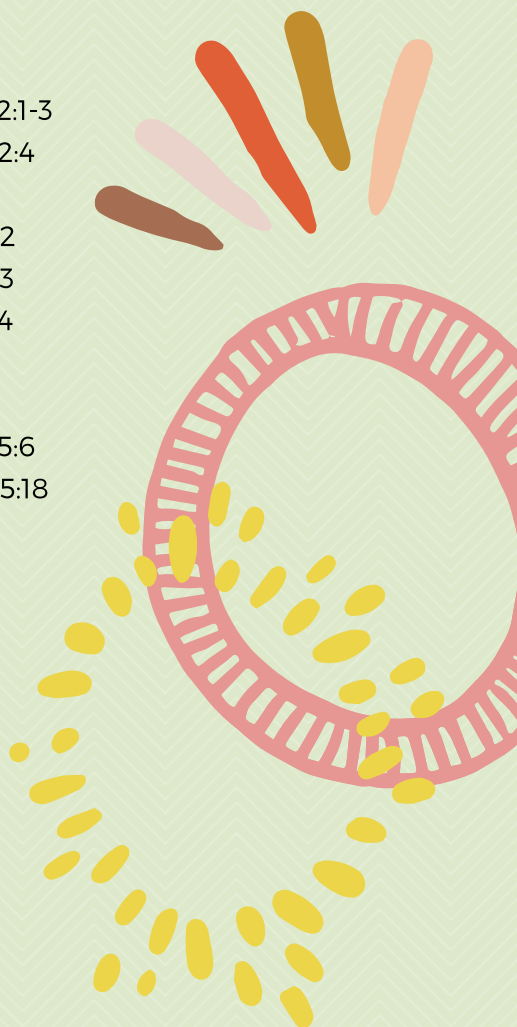
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| a) The Call of God | Genesis 12:1-3 |
| b) A good response | Genesis 12:4 |
| c) A tested faith | |
| i) Sojourn in Egypt | Genesis 12 |
| ii) Quarrel in the family | Genesis 13 |
| iii) An epic victory | Genesis 14 |

2. The Giving of a Covenant

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| a) A faith confirmed | Genesis 15:6 |
| b) A Covenant given | Genesis 15:18 |

3. Two main types of a Covenant

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| a) A parity Covenant | |
| i) Between 2 equal parties | |
| ii) Between Man and Man | |
| b) A Suzerain Covenant | |
| i) Between 2 unequal parties | |
| ii) Between God and man | |



THE ESTABLISHING OF A FORMAL EVERLASTING COVENANT

A. God's Part

1. The Preamble of a Covenant

- a) God and Abram Genesis 17:1
- b) Introducing God: "I am Almighty God" Genesis 17:1

2. God's Offer of a Covenant

- a) Offer
 - i) "I will make My covenant between Me and you" Genesis 17:2a
 - ii) "Behold, My covenant is with you" Genesis 17:4a
- b) Promise of blessing
 - i) Multiplication
"I will multiply you exceedingly" Genesis 17:2b
 - ii) Father of many nations
"And you shall be a father of many nations" Genesis 17:4b

3. Special Features

- a) Name change
 - i) Abram
"No longer shall your name be called Abram" Genesis 17:5a
 - ii) Abraham
"But your name shall be called Abraham;
For I have made you a father of many nations" Genesis 17:5b
- b) Special blessings
 - i) Fruitfulness
"I will make you exceedingly fruitful" Genesis 17:6a
 - ii) Many nations
"And I will make nations of you" Genesis 17:6b
 - iii) Kings
"And kings shall come from you" Genesis 17:6c

4. Establishing of the Covenant

a) Establishing Covenant with Abraham

“And I will establish My covenant between Me and you” Genesis 17:7a

b) Establishing Covenant with descendants

“And your descendants after you in their generations” Genesis 17:7b

c) To be God to you and your descendants

“For an everlasting Covenant to be God to you
And your descendants after you” Genesis 17:7c

d) All the land of Canaan

“Also I give to you and your descendants after you
The land in which you are a stranger,
All the land of Canaan” Genesis 17:8a

e) An everlasting possession

“As an everlasting possession; and I will be their God” Genesis 17:8b

B. Man's Part

1. Keeping of the Covenant

a) Abraham

“You shall keep My covenant” Genesis 17:9a

b) Descendants

“And your descendants after you
Throughout their generations” Genesis 17:9b

2. Sign of the Covenant

a) Keeping of the covenant

"This is My covenant which you shall keep,
Between Me and you and your descendants after you" Genesis 17:10a

b) Circumcision of every male child

"Every male child among you shall be circumcised" Genesis 17:10b

c) A sign

"It shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you" Genesis 17:11

d) 8 days old

"He who is eight days old among you
shall be circumcised" Genesis 17:12

3. Non-circumcision

a) Uncircumcised

"That person shall be cut off from his people" Genesis 17:14a

b) Broken the Covenant

"He has broken My covenant" Genesis 17:14b

RESPONSE TO GOD'S COVENANT

1. You can either

- a) Accept
- b) Reject

2. You cannot:

- a) Change/Amend
- b) Choose the parts you like
- c) Reject the parts you don't like

GOOD AND APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

1. Abraham's Example

- a) He was circumcised
- b) He was 99 years old

Genesis 17:24

2. His son, Ishmael

- a) Ishmael was 13 years old
- b) He was circumcised

Genesis 17:25

3. The men servants

- a) Those born in the house
- b) Those who were bought from foreigners
- c) All were circumcised with Abraham

Genesis 17:27

CONCLUSION

1. Deep appreciation of God and His covenants given

- a) In giving
- b) In establishing

2. Appropriate Response to the Lord

- a) To walk before God humbly
- b) To obey fully

REFLECTION

Written by Chloe Tan

A Suzerainty Covenant

In Genesis 17, God told Abraham that He would make His covenant with him. The idea of a covenant was not new. We read about it with Noah in Genesis 8, and also with Abram in Genesis 15. But this time, we learnt more about how covenants work, and in particular Suzerain covenants, between God and man.

A covenant between God and man is so outstanding because God is so much greater than us - mere human beings. Anything that God can give far exceeds what we can give in return. Furthermore, God keeps His promises - His covenants are everlasting!

The Covenant that God established with Abraham

In this covenant that we learnt about, God offered His promise of blessings to Abram. They included multiplying his descendants, granting them land, blessing them and even making nations and kings of them. God also told Abram that He would be the God of his descendants. To commemorate the giving and establishing of the covenant, God changed Abram's and Sarai's names to Abraham and Sarah respectively.

Abraham's response to the Covenant

For Abraham's part, he chose to keep the covenant. The covenant could not be changed or amended. He and his male descendants had to be circumcised, as a symbol of permanence and purity.



How should we respond?

Even though we are not biological descendants of Abraham, Galatians 3-5 tells us that if we have faith in God, we can be included in this awesome covenant too. This thought is incredibly precious, because God wants to make a covenant with us, even though we may not be outstanding like Abraham or an apostle like Paul. He just wants us to have faith in Him and walk with Him.

Beyond that, this covenant has shown that He is a gracious and an everlasting God who keeps His promises. Even though God knows we will not respond well all the time, He offers us this covenant. I am challenged to keep furthering my walk with the Lord, obeying and worshipping Him in response to this great covenant He offers us.



POETRY CORNER

BEGINNING WELL BUT ENDING POORLY

Noah began so well, choosing to walk with God;
Grace was given and he fully obeyed the Lord.
A hard task was given to build a huge ark;
To this work, Noah worked with all his heart.

The Flood came and brought great destruction;
Noah and his family were given God's protection.
A new Beginning was given to Noah and his family;
The Lord continued to bless them most faithfully.

The years sped by and many things were just history;
There were many lessons learned about God and family.
But Noah one day allowed himself to become drunk;
All that he had achieved was in danger of being sunk!

Ham had not grown so well in his character;
He failed to honour his drunken aged father.
The family of Noah became dysfunctional sadly;
They had begun well but had ended quite badly!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Genesis 9

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1

Youth Worship (On-Line)

We will continue to have our Youth Worship online only (no physical congregation) during the Phase 2 (Heightened Alert) period.



The Video Message will be available on the Bethany Website from 2.45pm onwards.

Thank God for the AV team and those faithfully supporting the On-Line Ministry. Let us watch and persevere in prayer for our nation, leaders and overseas churches as we battle the global pandemic!

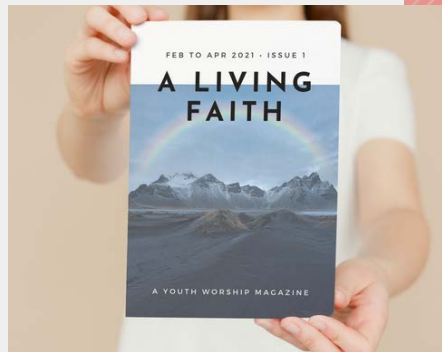
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Youth Worship Magazine - "A Living Faith"

We hope that you have enjoyed the Magazine and your heart has been blessed in the review of God's Word.

Are there features you would like to see more of in the next issue? Let us know your suggestions and we are more than happy to hear from you!

We thank God for the team of young people who put this Magazine together for us. If you would like to join them to create our next issue of the Magazine, or have something that you'd like to share, we welcome you to approach us (Janelle / Yuanli)!



YWS NEXT WEEK



12 JUN 2021

Message: "Is anything too hard for the LORD?"

Text: Genesis 18:1-5

God graciously appeared to Abram once again. There came an unexpected Divine Visit from three men. With each visit, God would specially convey a message that would instruct and inspire. He reiterated His promise of blessing to Abraham, that He would return at the appointed time and Sarah would bear a son.

Sarah laughed in incredulity upon hearing that word. Their old age and the long wait had made child-bearing seemingly impossible! Sadly, the problem of unbelief persisted and prevailed.

We too, struggle with this deep-seated problem of unbelief. Mercifully, God sends His Word to help us overcome this challenge. May we determine to respond with faith in our hearts, that there is nothing too hard for the LORD!



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