

Youth Worship



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WELCOME TO YOUTH WORSHIP!


Let our hearts be filled with joy and thanksgiving as we come before our God this afternoon. May worship bring an uplift to your soul!



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COME AND WORSHIP



"Bless the LORD,
O my soul"

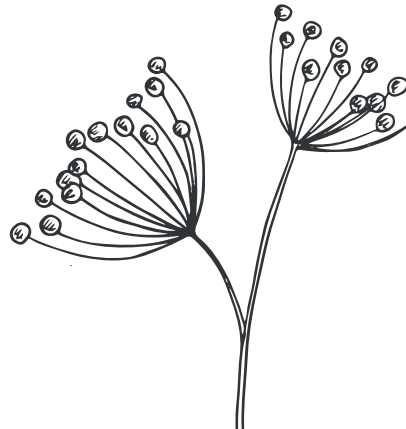
From the heart of King David flowed a wonderful theme – the mercies of God! David had personally experienced God's marvellous mercies throughout his life, and he expounded it as he penned the words of Psalm 103. The opening words focus on blessing the Lord.

**"Bless the LORD, O my soul;
And all that is within me, bless His holy name!
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
And forget not all His benefits."**

PSALM 103:1-2

1. Bless the LORD

- a. To bless the Lord is to praise His name
- b. It is offered with joy and thanksgiving



2. O my soul

- a. The soul is the inner part of our being
- b. David called on his soul and yielded it to bless the Lord
- c. It would not do to offer superficial praise to God

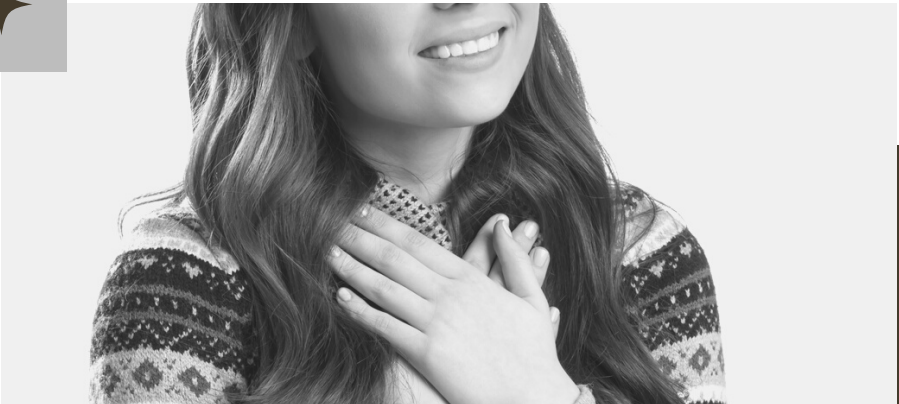
3. Forget not all His benefits

- a. The benefits from God are aplenty
- b. It is easy to take for granted and forget what God has done for us
- c. The challenge is to remember the blessings that God has bestowed on us



All too often, we take our considerably comfortable lives for granted, failing to recognise and thank God for His hand of blessing. Let us cultivate an appreciative heart and take time to remember the Lord's blessings in our lives. Are you able to make a list of them?

With consciousness of God's bountiful blessings, how should we respond? King David did not only bless the Lord with his lips, but he sought to involve the depth of his soul. Let us praise the Lord not with mere words only, but with depth, genuineness and wholeheartedness! Let us render every faculty of our being to bless the great name of the Lord!



ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE 2 OCTOBER 2021

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading:

1. Genesis 24: 10-14
2. Genesis 24: 15-20
3. Genesis 24: 21-28

Bethany Toong,
Janelle Tan & Chloe Tang,

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Benjamin Chong

Message:

“Please give me success”
Genesis 24:10-27

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan



MY NOTES

2 OCTOBER 2021

"PLEASE GIVE ME SUCCESS"

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REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 25 SEPTEMBER 2021

“TAKE A WIFE FOR MY SON ISAAC”

GENESIS 24:1-9

INTRODUCTION

1. Looking for a life partner
 - a. Normal desire
 - b. How do we go about choosing a life partner?
2. Culture
 - a. Arranged Marriage
 - b. Personal Choice

ABRAHAM'S CONCERN

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|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Old age | Genesis 24:1a |
| 2. Blessed by the Lord | Genesis 24:1b |
| 3. A wife for his son Isaac | Genesis 24:3 |

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

1. Should Parents be involved?
2. How much should they be involved?

AN APPRECIATION OF AN OLD CULTURE FOR CHOOSING A BRIDE

1. The mother plays a role

But Sarah had passed on

Genesis 23

2. The father plays a role too

Abraham was determined to do his part for Isaac

3. Entrusting an old Family Steward

a. "The oldest servant of his house"

Genesis 24:2a

b. "He ruled over all that he had"

Genesis 24:2b

c. An oath to be taken

i. Oath

"To swear by the LORD,

the God of heaven and the God of the earth"

Genesis 24:3a

ii. What cannot be done

"No wife... from the daughters of the Canaanites"

Genesis 24:3b

iii. To return to the old country

"To my family, and take a wife for my son Isaac"

Genesis 24:4



MEANING AND SIGNIFICANCE

1. Why were Canaanite daughters forbidden?

- a. Religion
 - i. Faith in God
 - ii. Following the ways of God
- b. Culture
 - i. Canaanite culture not good or godly
 - ii. The wife will end up influencing the husband adversely
 - iii. The loss of faith can be very real
- c. What this is not
 - i. It is not a racial issue
 - ii. It is not a class issue
 - iii. It is not personal prejudice

2. Why taken from Abraham's family?

- a. Same faith
- b. Same culture
- c. Potentially safer





THE CONCERN OF THE TRUSTED STEWARD



1. Questions

- a. What if the woman will not be willing to follow? Genesis 24:5a
- b. Can Isaac be brought back to the old country then? Genesis 24:5b

2. Answers

- a. Isaac is not to leave Canaan Genesis 24:6
- b. Reasons:
 - i. Falling back on God's calling Genesis 24:7a
 - ii. God had given Canaan to Abraham and his descendants Genesis 24:7b

3. A word of Encouragement

- a. Angelic guidance
 - "Cod will send His angel before you" Genesis 24:7c
- b. There will be a wife
 - "And you shall take a wife for my son from there" Genesis 24:7d
- c. If the woman is unwilling
 - Then the servant would be released from his oath Genesis 24:8a
- d. Whatever the outcome,
Isaac is not to leave Canaan Genesis 24:8b



4. The Trusted Steward

- a. He would undertake this task
- b. He took an oath to do what Abraham had tasked him to do Genesis 24:9



CHALLENGING THOUGHTS TO PONDER OVER

1. How seriously do we take Relationships and Marriage?
2. What Principles should we consider adopting?
3. How does God help us?



REFLECTIONS



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The topic of finding a life partner is not often discussed and some people even shy away from it! Last week, a Christian perspective on relationships was shared by Pastor at Youth Worship.

A worldly outlook of choosing a life partner

One chooses a partner for many reasons. Some who are driven by loneliness may choose a partner without much thought! Others make long checklists of their perfect partner and search high and low for the “perfect one”. Some take to online dating sites, meeting others who are likewise searching for a companion. With all these ways and means of choosing a life partner, which is the right way?



A Christian perspective

Last week, we learnt about how Abraham involved the Lord in choosing a partner for Issac (Genesis 24:7).

a. Abraham's actions were based on God's Promise

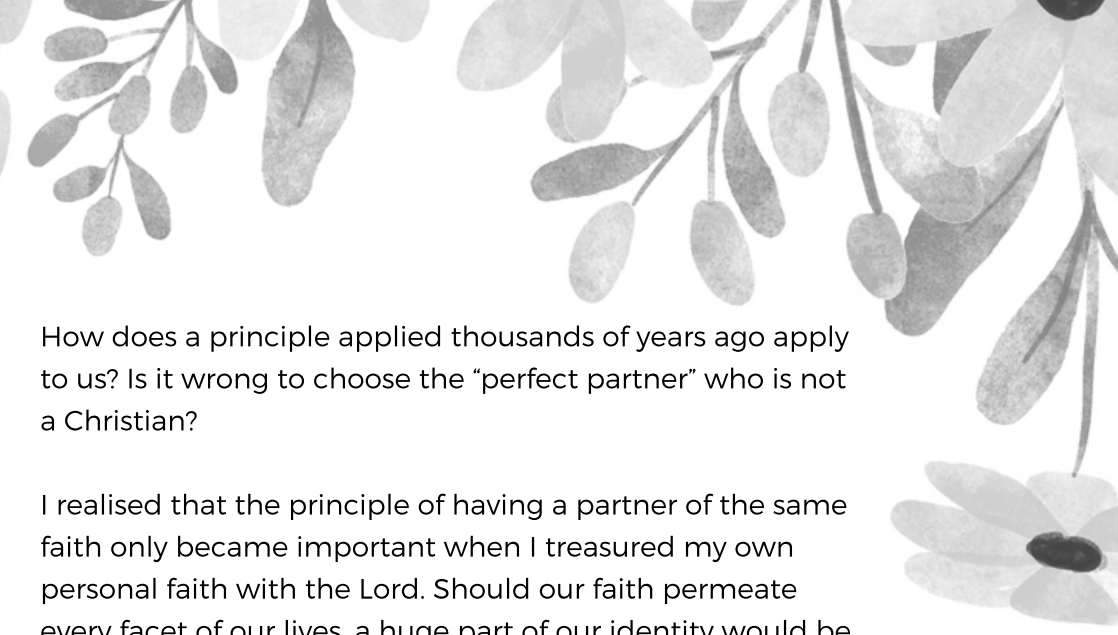
God had promised Abraham that he would make Abraham a great nation. Abraham, on the basis of that promise, knew that Isaac had to continue the lineage and therefore sought to find a wife for him.

b. Abraham instructed his servant with the assurance that God would provide divine guidance

Abraham gave his servant very specific instructions. Isaac's wife would be of the same religion and of the same culture (Genesis 24:4). No wife could come from the daughters of the Canaanites (Genesis 24:3). Abraham was assured that additional guidance would come from the Lord's angel.

A principled choice

It's hard to wrap our head around what it really means to involve God in our relationships since the Bible does not explicitly tell us who and when to date. However, there are principles that we can use in guiding our decisions concerning this matter. One principle covered at Youth Worship was choosing a partner of the same faith.



How does a principle applied thousands of years ago apply to us? Is it wrong to choose the “perfect partner” who is not a Christian?

I realised that the principle of having a partner of the same faith only became important when I treasured my own personal faith with the Lord. Should our faith permeate every facet of our lives, a huge part of our identity would be rooted in the Lord and His Word. It becomes difficult to see how a life-long intimate relationship with a non-believer would work out since a huge part of our identity cannot be shared with this person.

Trusting in the waiting

As I grow older, the topic of relationships is brought up amongst friends and family a lot more. As creatures who desire companionship, one can get worried or even impatient in singleness! However, I’m learning very much to involve God even in singlehood. For me, this involves trusting the Lord’s guidance and will just as Abraham did when it came to choosing a wife for Isaac.

Trusting in the waiting means placing my life’s calendar at His feet, allowing Him to handle the scheduling of my relationships. It means that I trust Him even if it means not dating the “perfect person” who is not a Christian. We couldn't lay our futures in better hands! All we have to do is trust.

AND ABRAM FELL ON HIS FACE

When did Abram “fall on his face” exactly?
Knowing when, helps us understand more clearly.
He did not “fall on his face” at the end of God’s Talk;
He “fell on his face,” when God addressed his Walk.

If he “fell on his face” after God had given him a Covenant;
That “falling on his face” would of course be pertinent.
But he “fell on his face” when God spoke to him about his Walk;
He knew that he had done poorly; his faith must not be mere Talk.

“Falling on his face” marked a development of his faith-relationship;
There was even greater humility as he entered into spiritual fellowship.
It is right that there be a total and conscious humbling of the heart;
Only then, would the Lord, deeper and greater truth, impart!

We need to learn how we ought to “fall on our face” too;
Genuine humility augurs well for a faith that is true.
As we learn from the life of the great patriarch Abram;
Let us “fall on our face,” as we trace God’s gracious hand.

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Genesis 17:1-8



ANNOUNCEMENT

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YW Newsletter

In the past few months, we have been studying the life of Abraham from the book of Genesis. A careful study of every incident in Abraham's life reveals his character and the state of his faith at that point in time. When we compare between chapters, it becomes evident that Abraham had significantly grown in his faith.

In this week's YW Newsletter, Tobias Khoo shares his observation on the positive difference that faith had made in Abraham's life.

Scan QR code to read this week's YW Newsletter:



YWS NEXT WEEK



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Message: "This thing comes from the LORD"

Text: Genesis 24:28-58

Abraham's servant was truly in awe of God, who not only led him to locate Abraham's family, but to also find Rebekah, a virtuous young woman whom he reckoned to be a good wife for Isaac.

However, would Rebekah agree to make the long and arduous journey to the land of Canaan? Would her family also recognise God's leading and let her go?

Let us look forward to next week's Youth Worship where we will continue the third part of the lesson from Genesis 24.

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