

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!

We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Let us exercise consciousness of our Lord as we offer worship to Him this afternoon.



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COME AND WORSHIP

“MY HORN YOU HAVE EXALTED”



The Sovereign LORD on high (Psalm 92:8) is a Profound God who is Personal to all who have a faith-relationship with Him. The author of Psalm 92 enjoyed such a relationship with God and dedicated time on the Sabbath day to reflect on the Lord's Personal involvement in his life.

**“But my horn You have exalted like a wild ox;
I have been anointed with fresh oil.
My eye also has seen my desire on my enemies;
My ears hear my desire on the wicked
Who rise up against me.”**

PSALM 92:10-11

GOD'S WORK IN THE PSALMIST

1. Strengthened

- a. The horn is an emblem of strength
- b. An exalted horn is a symbol of power
- c. God granted strength and power like that of a wild ox

2. Refreshed

- a. Anointing is often associated with being chosen for an appointment
- b. Being anointed with fresh oil can also describe the way God refreshes the spirit
- c. The Psalmist had personally experienced his spirit refreshed by the Lord

GOD'S HELP AGAINST WICKED ENEMIES

God does not only work in us to strengthen and refresh, He also helps us against our wicked enemies.

1. Wicked enemies

- a. The enemies of the Psalmist are the wicked
- b. They had risen up against him

2. God personally dealt with these enemies

- a. The wicked are also the enemies of God (Psalm 92:9)
- b. The Psalmist trusted that God would deal with them
- c. Indeed, he witnessed his desire on the wicked fulfilled by the Lord

The pressures of school and life may at times deplete our strength and energy, but our Omnipotent God is able to grant us triumphant strength and refresh our spirit. With the Lord's Help, we can live victoriously even when things around us threaten to overwhelm. It is more than amazing for God to be personally involved in our lives, working both in us and for us! Let this marvelous truth compel us to draw close to God and develop a faith-relationship with Him!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

18 SEPTEMBER 2021

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading:

1. Genesis 23: 1-9
2. Genesis 23: 10-16
3. Genesis 23: 17-20

Chloe Tang,
Bethany Toong
& Janelle Tan

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Mark Tan

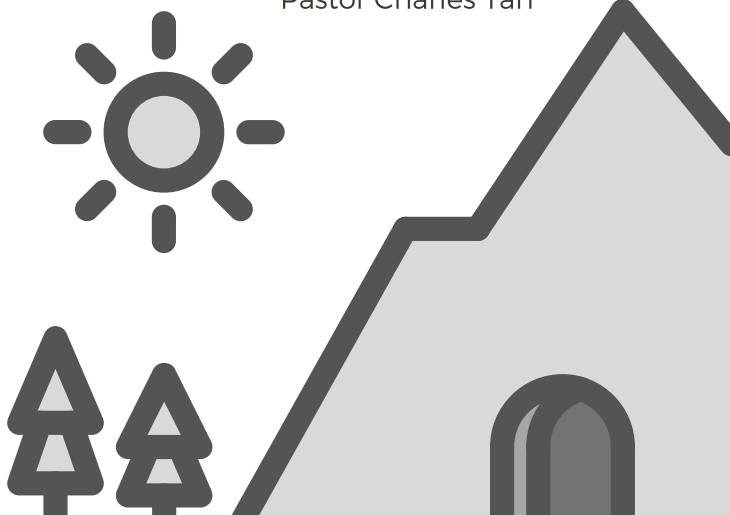
Message:

“The Death of Sarah”
Genesis 23:1-20

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan



MY NOTES

18 SEPTEMBER 2021

"THE DEATH OF SARAH"

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REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 4 SEPTEMBER 2021

"GOD TESTED ABRAHAM"

GENESIS 22:1-14

INTRODUCTION

1. General Tests of Life

a. Adversity

Famine in the land of Canaan

Genesis 12

b. Family strife

Strife between Lot and Abram

Genesis 13

c. Facing Danger

The choice to rescue Lot

Genesis 14

2. Tests of Faith

a. Promise of Blessing

The promise of blessing
given when Abram was 75 years old

Genesis 12:1-3

b. Promise of a son

The promise of a son

Genesis 15-18

c. A long wait

i. 11 years of waiting

The Test of Waiting on God
Hagar and Ishmael

Genesis 16:16

ii. 25 years of waiting

Abraham was 100 years old
when Isaac was born

Genesis 21:5

THE GREATEST TEST YET



1. God's word to Abraham

- a. "Take now your son, your only son Isaac"
- b. "Whom you love"
- c. "Go to the land of Moriah"
- d. "And offer him there as a burnt offering
on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you" Genesis 22:2

2. The Amazing Response of Abraham

a. Immediate response

"So Abraham rose early in the morning
and saddled his donkey" Genesis 22:3a

b. Preparation

i. Servants

"Took two of his young men with him" Genesis 22:3b

ii. Isaac

"And Isaac his son"

iii. Wood for the sacrifice

"And he split the wood for the burnt offering" Genesis 22:3c

iv. Venue: Moriah

"And went to the place of which
God had told him" Genesis 22:3d

3. A long Journey

a. Three-day journey

"On the third day Abraham lifted his eyes
and saw the place afar off" Genesis 22:4

b. The Journey itself

It was a Test of Abraham's Resolve

4. A Word of Faith to the servants

a. Servants were to stay

“Stay here with the donkey”

Genesis 22:5a

b. We will come back to you

“The lad and I will go yonder and worship,
and we will come back to you”

Genesis 22:5b

5. The last part of the Journey to Moriah

a. Abraham and Isaac

b. The Burnt Offering Sacrifice

i. Isaac carries the wood

“So Abraham took the wood of the
burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son”

Genesis 22:6a

ii. The fire

“And he took the fire in his hand”

Genesis 22:6b

iii. A knife

“And a knife”

Genesis 22:6c

iv. Together

“And the two of them went together”

Genesis 22:6d

6. A Painful Conversation

a. Isaac

“Look, the fire and the wood,
but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?”

Genesis 22:7

b. Abraham

“My son, God will provide for Himself
the lamb for a burnt offering”

Genesis 22:8a

c. Together

“So the two of them went together”

Genesis 22:8b

AT MOUNT MORIAH

1. Reaching Mount Moriah

"Then they came to the place of which
God had told him"

Genesis 22:9a

2. Building the altar

"And Abraham built an altar there
and placed the wood in order"

Genesis 22:9b

3. Binding Isaac

"And he bound Isaac his son
and laid him on the altar, upon the wood"

Genesis 22:9c

4. The sacrificial knife

"And Abraham stretched out his hand
and took the knife to slay his son"

Genesis 22:10

THE ANGEL OF THE LORD

1. Calling out to Abraham

"But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven
and said, "Abraham, Abraham!"

Genesis 22:11a

2. Responding to the Angel of the LORD

"Here I am"

Genesis 22:11b

3. A word to Abraham

"Do not lay your hand on the lad,
or do anything to him;"

Genesis 22:12a

4. Commendation of Abraham

"For now I know that you fear God, since you have not
withheld your son, your only son, from Me."

Genesis 22:12b

THE LORD-WILL-PROVIDE

1. A ram

"Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns" Genesis 22:13a

2. A burnt offering

"So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son" Genesis 22:13b

3. The name of the place

"And Abraham called the name of the place, 'The LORD-Will-Provide'" Genesis 22:14a

4. A Proverbial Truth

"In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided" Genesis 22:14b

CONCLUSION

1. The Principle of Testing

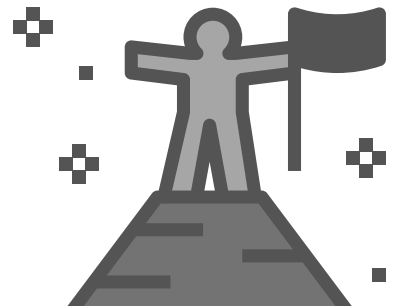
- a. This is a Truth
- b. There will be the Testing of our Faith

2. The Point of Testing

- a. Will our Faith hold?
- b. Will we pass the Test?

3. The Power of Faith

- a. To believe in God and His provision
- b. To fear the Lord in personal practice



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The lesson of Abraham sacrificing Isaac is not a new one. However, each time this lesson is taught, I'm always amazed at how there's always something new to learn and discover!

Abraham's Progression of Faith

God's command for Abraham to sacrifice Isaac was not so much a test to produce faith as it was a test to reveal faith. We have studied Abraham's journey of faith — from Abraham's initial steps of faith till this significant milestone where God tested Abraham. God had built Abraham up slowly, bit by bit, year by year. The journey to such a milestone was not smooth sailing, it involved many missteps and gentle correction from the Lord. This test revealed Abraham's state of faith. It was tried and proven. It became a proverbial faith.

Proverbial faith

How was Abraham's proverbial faith seen?

i. An Immediate Response

Abraham must have struggled when God first told him to sacrifice his son whom he loved. However, his prompt response in obedience showed how his faith in the Lord

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took precedence. “Abraham rose early” (Genesis 22:3). At that point in time, Abraham did not know how God would provide. Yet, he did not stop trusting. By faith, He went to the place of which God had told him.

ii. God will provide

It took Abraham 3 days to arrive at the place of sacrifice. In those 3 days, what would have been on Abraham’s mind? Was he confused or even angry that the Lord had given him this command?

We see how Abraham held fast to his faith. First, he told his servants that “We will come back.” He believed that he and Isaac would return. Second, Abraham had faith in God’s ability to raise Isaac from the dead. At that point in time, there were no records of someone being raised from the dead. Such was Abraham’s faith! Though he had no precedent for this faith, he was confident in the Person of God and His power.

iii. In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided

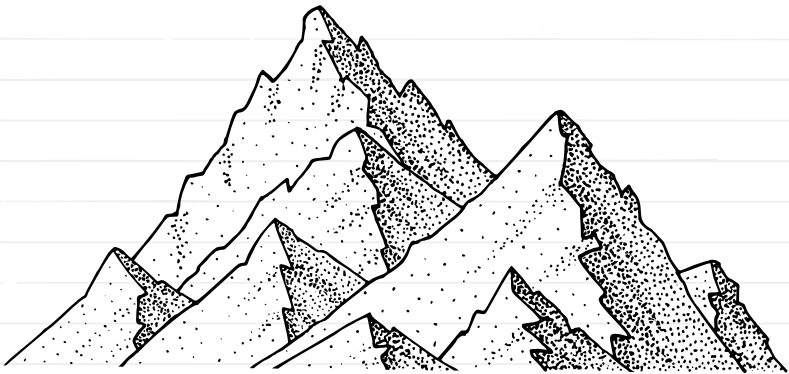
Abraham recognised that the Lord did provide. Why the Mount of God? Symbolically, Abraham was moving upward to God in faith! As Abraham moved to the Mount where the Lord was, God met him there and provided.

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A personal prayer

As I saw Abraham's progression of faith, I had to evaluate the state of my own faith. Has my faith stood the weathering of school and all its challenges? Beyond school, would the challenges in life reveal the strength of a personal faith?

As I have just started a new semester in school, it is a personal prayer to cultivate a stronger and deeper faith in a God who has promised to provide and has kept this promise!



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THE ANGEL OF THE LORD

Hagar must have regretted her attitude of despising;
Sarai reacted harshly in her own way, by retaliating.
Abram was unable to resolve the problem that arose;
The whole family atmosphere was sad and morose.

Hagar did the only thing that came to her mind;
She fled the home of Abram, with tears that blind.
What was she thinking, she was out in the wilderness?
In mercy, the Angel of the LORD came, with lovingkindness.

The Angel of the LORD spoke to her most gently;
There was no rebuke, nor did He speak unkindly.
Hagar must return home, but she need not fear;
“The God-who-sees,” He will always be very near.

Hagar dried her tears and humbly made her way home;
Life may be tough, but she must never choose to roam.
“The God-who-sees” had given her a word of promise;
This word was for her to feed on and to deeply cherish!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Genesis 16:7-14

ANNOUNCEMENTS

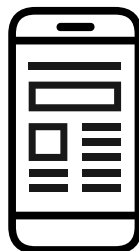
CONGRATULATIONS! IT'S A BOY!



Heartiest congratulations to Teacher Yuanli & Teacher Qing Yang for the safe arrival of their son, Dariel Goh! Baby Dariel was born on 2 September 2021. We thank God that the family is well.

YW NEWSLETTER (18 SEP 2021)

In this season of tests and exams for most students, Thaddeus Heng shares how Abraham's faith has inspired him to approach the End-of-Year exams differently. He is determined to continue involving the Lord at every stage of his preparation, during the exams and even after the exams.



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



YWS NEXT WEEK



25 SEP 2021

Message: "Take a Wife for my son Isaac"

Text: Genesis 24:1-9

What are good principles to adopt when choosing a suitable life partner?

Abraham had clear non-negotiable requirements when choosing a wife for his beloved son Isaac. Out of love and concern for Isaac's future, Abraham entrusted the heavy responsibility of finding a wife for Isaac to the most trusted servant in his house. Abraham's instructions to his servant were evidently shaped by his deep-rooted faith in God. To involve God in this important matter was wise and imperative for Abraham.

Join us at Youth Worship next week and we will study the faith-led considerations that Abraham had when choosing a good wife for Isaac.

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