

# 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 so good to come to the house of God to offer worship worthy of His name! May we cherish every opportunity to learn from the Lord and His Word!



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# COME AND WORSHIP

## “THE RIGHTEOUS SHALL FLOURISH”

We have been reading from Psalm 92 about the wholesome thoughts that the Psalmist filled his mind with on the Sabbath day. Meditating on the Lord and His works must have refreshed the soul on the day of rest. The concluding stanza of the Psalm focuses on God's promise of blessing on the righteous.

**“The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,  
He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.**

**Those who are planted in the house of the LORD  
Shall flourish in the courts of our God.**

**They shall still bear fruit in old age;**

**They shall be fresh and flourishing,**

**To declare that the LORD is upright;**

**He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.”**

PSALM 92:12-15

1. Those who Practise righteousness

- a. They shall flourish like the tall and upright palm tree
- b. They shall grow like the mighty and majestic cedar tree
- c. This is a stark contrast to the wicked that spring up like grass  
(Psalm 92:7)

## 2. Planted in the house of the Lord

- a. The righteous are carefully planted in the house of the Lord
- b. Both the courts of God and the house of the Lord represent God's dwelling place
- c. God personally tends to the righteous, ensuring they are well-planted

## 3. Promise of God's blessings on the life of the righteous

- a. They shall be fruitful
- b. They shall be fresh
- c. They shall be flourishing

## 4. Personal proclamation of faith

- a. The Psalmist found the Righteous God to be his Rock
- b. He trusted in the Lord to deliver him from his wicked enemies  
(Psalm 92:11)
- c. He believed God would bless his life as he walked in His righteous ways

Many desire to live a significant life, chasing after stellar grades and achievements in hope for a bright future. Let us ensure that our hopes are not misplaced. It is God who is able to bountifully bless our lives to be fruitful, fresh and flourishing! Let us seek the Lord as our Rock and Strength. Let us endeavour to understand His righteous ways and fulfil them in practice!

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

**25 SEPTEMBER 2021**

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading:

1. Genesis 24: 1
2. Genesis 24: 2-4
3. Genesis 24: 5
4. Genesis 24: 6-8
5. Genesis 24:9

Janelle Tan, Chloe Tang,  
& Bethany Toong

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Mitch Tan

Message:

“Take a wife for my son Isaac”

Genesis 24:1-9

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan



# MY NOTES

25 SEPTEMBER 2021

**"TAKE A WIFE FOR MY SON ISAAC"**

G E N E S I S   2 4 : 1 - 9

# REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

## **YWS MESSAGE - 18 SEPTEMBER 2021**

### **“THE DEATH OF SARAH”**

#### **GENESIS 23:1-20**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

##### 1. Understanding Life and Death

“To everything there is a season,  
A time for every purpose under heaven:

A time to be born,  
And a time to die;  
A time to plant,  
And a time to pluck what is planted”

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

##### 2. Understanding Customs related to Death

###### a. The Death of Sarah

- i. She was 127 years old
- ii. She died at Hebron

Genesis 23:1

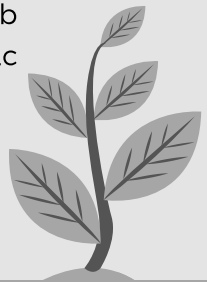
Genesis 23:2a

###### b. Mourning for Sarah

- i. Abraham came to mourn for her
- ii And to weep for her

Genesis 23:2b

Genesis 23:2c



## BURIAL CUSTOMS

### 1. Abraham's search for Burial Ground

- a. Addressing the sons of Heth Genesis 23:3
- b. Heth
  - i. He was the 2nd son of Canaan Genesis 10:15
  - ii. He was the ancestor of the Hittites  
(The sons of Heth)
- c. Abraham's humble speech
  - i. Presenting himself  
"I am a foreigner and a visitor among you" Genesis 23:4a
  - ii. Property for burial  
"Give me property for a burial place among you,  
that I may bury my dead out of my sight" Genesis 23:4b

### 2. Appropriate response of the sons of Heth

- a. Politeness of speech  
"Hear us, my lord" Genesis 23:6a
- b. A prince  
"You are a mighty prince among us" Genesis 23:6b
- c. Choicest place  
"Bury your dead in the choicest of our burial places.  
None of us will withhold from you his burial place,  
that you may bury your dead" Genesis 23:6c



### 3. Grateful response of Abraham

#### a. Bowing

"Then Abraham stood up and bowed himself  
to the people of the land, the sons of Heth"

Genesis 23:7

#### b. Ephron the son of Zohar

"If it is your wish that I bury my dead out of my sight,  
hear me, and meet with Ephron the son of Zohar  
for me"

Genesis 23:8

#### c. The Cave of Machpelah

"That he may give me the cave of Machpelah which he has,  
which is at the end of his field.  
Let him give it to me at the full price, as property for  
a burial place among you"

Genesis 23:9

### 4. The Response of Ephron

#### a. He was called a Hittite (general term)

Genesis 23:10

#### b. He dwelt among the sons of Heth (Thus, technically, he was not a Hittite)

#### c. He spoke in the presence of the sons of Heth

"No, my lord, hear me:  
I give you the field and the cave that is in it;  
I give it to you in the presence of the sons of my people.  
I give it to you. Bury your dead!"

Genesis 23:11





## 5. Abraham's response to Ephron

### a. Humility

"He bowed himself down"

Genesis 23:12

### b. A word to Ephron (publicly)

"If you will give it, please hear me.

I will give you the money for the field;

take it from me and I will bury my dead there"

Genesis 23:13

## 6. Sealing the deal

### a. Ephron's response

"My lord, listen to me; the land is worth four hundred shekels of silver. What is that between you and me?

So bury your dead"

Genesis 23:15

### b. Payment for the land

"And Abraham listened to Ephron;

and Abraham weighed out the silver for Ephron

which he had named in the hearing of

the sons of Heth"

Genesis 23:16

### c. The land purchases

#### i. Machpelah

#### ii. The field and the cave

#### iii. And all the trees that were in the field

Genesis 23:17



## LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE BURIAL OF SARAH

1. Sarah was buried in the cave of the field of Machpelah Genesis 23:19

- a. In Hebron
- b. In the land of Canaan
- c. This was officially purchased

Genesis 23:20

2. Lessons that stand out

a. Dignity and honour shown by Abraham

b. Honour comes with a price

It cost him quite a bit to give a good burial to Sarah

c. What did Abraham honour?

i. A life together

ii. Loyalty

She followed Abraham from Ur of Chaldea

iii. Suffering

She suffered with him

iv. Motherhood

She was mother to Isaac



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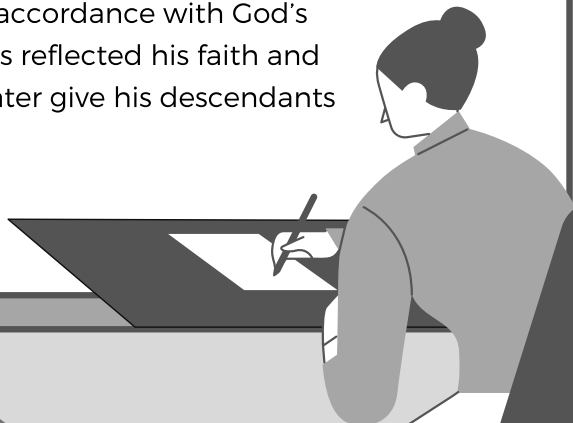
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In last week's lesson, we encountered the death of Sarah. Even though Abraham must have suffered great grief and sorrow, he was still able to lean on and display his faith in the way he honoured Sarah after her passing.

Previously, the Lord promised to give Abraham the land of Canaan, where Sarah died. However, the land was still legally deeded to others. Abraham's family did not yet have a burial ground there and he sought to purchase and establish one.

### **Abraham's faith and character**

In negotiating for a burial land, we see Abraham's faith and humility when approaching the sons of Heth. He acknowledged that he was a foreigner and asked for a burial place. He did not demand, nor force his status as a wealthy and mighty man upon the sons of Heth. Abraham also showed firm resolve in wanting to have the burial ground in the land of Canaan, in accordance with God's covenant with him. This reflected his faith and trust that God would later give his descendants the land.



When offering his price for the land, Abraham was principled in his purchase - he offered and paid the full price even when Ephron the landowner said he could have it for free. He did not go back on his word, and was willing to pay the price to honour the dead.

### **Honouring the dead**

Despite the conflict he faced with Sarah in the past, such as the disputes with Hagar, Sarah was still his wife who travelled with him for many years, and who bore and raised his son. He was determined to honour her in death, even though it might have cost him money and effort.

### **The challenge to be people of dignity and honour**

The death of our loved ones may be a painful experience, but we can honour them with responses of faith and care for the family. We can also seek to have a faith and character like Abraham, to treat others with respect and humility, regardless of our status or what we are going through in life.

In my own life, I can trace God's hand in the many blessings He has given. I am challenged to never take these for granted and to continue building up my faith, such that I will become a person of dignity and honour like Abraham!

## WALK BEFORE ME AND BE BLAMELESS

Abram found faith in God and began a Walk;  
Faith to him had to be more than mere Talk.  
He left everything he knew in order to follow;  
He did not want a Faith that was hollow.

He Walked with God as best as he could;  
But he still failed to Walk as he should.  
His sinful choices led to near disaster;  
He was grateful that God was his Cover.

"Walk before Me and be blameless!"  
Abram must Walk in more consciousness.  
God was not saying that he would never sin;  
But Abram must not give in to unwise whim.

God would be there to give encouragement;  
There was no need to feel discouragement.  
To Walk before God would be such a blessing;  
To be Blameless would be a wonderful thing!

Charles Tan  
Inspiration: Genesis 17:1



# YWS NEXT WEEK



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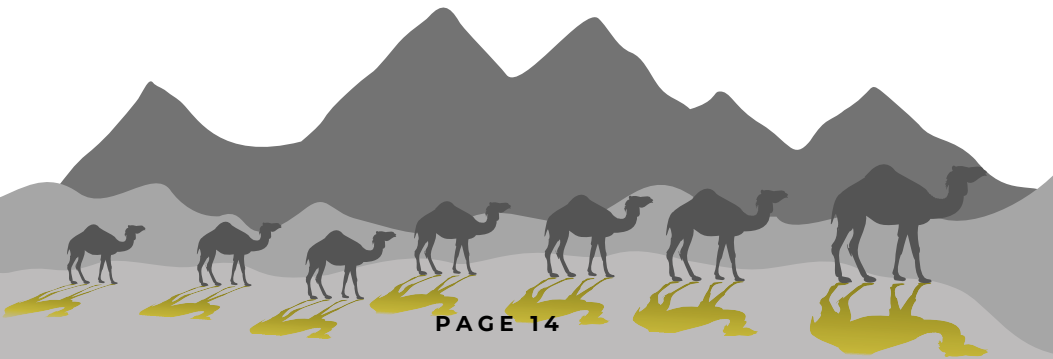
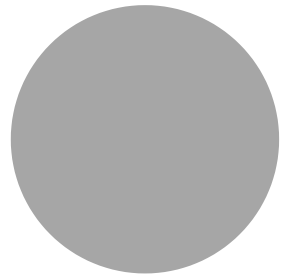
Message: "Please give me success"

Text: Genesis 24:10-27

Without further ado, the servant of Abraham made his way to Mesopotamia in search for Abraham's family, from whom he hoped to find a good wife for Isaac. Even after successfully arriving at the city of Nahor after a long and arduous journey, how would the servant find Abraham's family among so many people? How would he discern which woman makes a good wife for Isaac?

With faith, the servant made a heartfelt prayer to the God of his master Abraham to ask for success and for God to show kindness to Abraham. Come for next week's Youth Worship to study God's Remarkable Answer to this prayer! May we look forward to learning more about how God attends to our prayers!

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