Youth Worship

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

WELCOME TO YOUTH WORSHIP!

What a privilege it is to come before our God! Let us worship the Lord with joy and gladness, and ready our hearts to receive His Life-Giving Word.



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COME AND WORSHIP

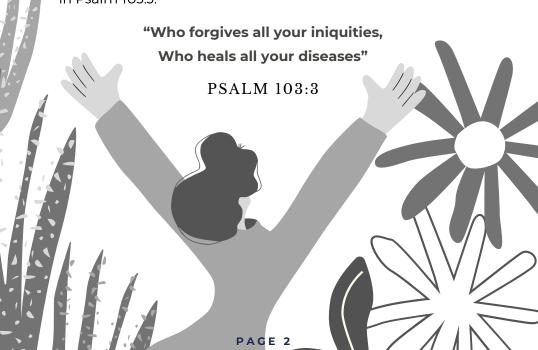


"FORGET NOT HIS BENEFITS"



What benefits have you received from the Lord that have inspired heartfelt praise and thanksgiving? As David thought about the benefits of God in his life, he recognised that these benefits were not unique to him, but given to all who knew the Lord. Therefore, when David wrote Psalm 103, he shifted from the use of the first person pronouns "me" and "my" (Psalm 103:1-2) to the use of the second person pronoun "your" (Psalm 103:3-5).

Let us take time to savour every benefit declared and find a personal appreciation of them too. The first two are found in Psalm 103:3.



- 1. Who forgives all your iniquities
 - a. Iniquity is the evil beneath our sin and transgression
 - b. The Lord sees the iniquities that reside in the depths of our hearts
 - c. David was cognizant of his iniquity against the Lord (Psalm 32:5a)
 - d. He confessed them to the Lord and sought forgiveness (Psalm 32:5b)
 - e. Blessed is he who has received Divine Forgiveness (Psalm 32:1-2)
- 2. Who heals all your diseases
 - a. When we fall ill, we often take the recovery of health for granted
 - b. It is wise for us to fulfil our part to seek treatment and take care
 - c. Ultimately, God holds the power to determine the body's response
 - d. It is God who heals all our diseases

The benefits of God cover both the physical as well as the spiritual. We thank God for restoring our health when we were stricken by illnesses, be it minor or severe. We also thank God for His infinite mercy in pardoning our sins and restoring our relationship with Him. To have a broken relationship with God is to have a life void of the Lord's Presence and blessings. Our lives would be filled with great darkness, and our souls constantly afflicted by sin.

The Lord's mercy is as vast as the heavens (Psalm 36:5), and no sin is too great for Him to forgive. Let us humbly confess our sins to the Lord and seek His forgiveness. We can then be found among the blessed whose sins are forgiven, and whose hearts can rejoice and enjoy a restored relationship with God!

ORDER OF WORSHIP



1. Genesis 24: 28-33

2. Genesis 24: 34-49

3. Genesis 24: 50-58

Pastoral Prayer

Message:

"The thing comes from the LORD"

Genesis 24:28-58

Closing Prayer

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MY NOTES

9 OCTOBER 2021

"THE THING COMES FROM THE LORD"

G E N E S I S 2 4 : 2 8 - 5 8

REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 2 OCTOBER 2021 "PLEASE GIVE ME SUCCESS" GENESIS 24:10-27

INTRODUCTION

- 1. The Task assigned by Abraham to his faithful steward
 - a. To find a suitable wife for Isaac
 - b. In the city of Nahor
- 2. It would be a very challenging task:
 - a. To attempt
 - b. To achieve

PREPARATION FOR THE TRIP TO MESOPOTAMIA

- 1. Distance
 - a. This would be a long and arduous journey
 - b. This would take at least 2 weeks
- 2. A camel caravan to the city of Nahor in Mesopotamia
 - a. 10 camels

- Genesis 24:10
- b. Riders would be needed
- c. Provision for at least 2 weeks of traveling
- d. Gifts to be packed
- e. Money for whatever expenses that need to be incurred
- 3. Servant of Abraham
 - a. He must have been familiar with this route
 - b. It would take a lot of experience to make this journey



- 4. A successful journey
 - a. He arrived at the city well in the evening
 - b. This was the time when the women came to draw water
 - c. The camels were made to kneel (to rest)

PRAYER MADE TO THE LORD I

- 1. A Formal Introduction at the beginning of Prayer
 - "O LORD God of my master Abraham"

Genesis 24:12a

- a. Nothing was taken for granted
- b. Politeness in prayer
- 2. A Plea for success
 - "Please give me success this day"

Genesis 24:12b

- a. It is not wrong to pray for success
- b. It is a wise thing to do
- 3. A Plea for kindness
 - "And show kindness to my master Abraham" Genesis 24:12c
 - a. Asking for a blessing
 - b. Kindness was asked for in particular

PRAYER MADE TO THE LORD II

- 1. The kind of wife that the Steward of Abraham was looking for
- 2. The specifics noted:
 - a. A young woman

"The young woman to whom I say"

Genesis 24:14a

- i. Not an old lady
- ii. A young woman
- iii. Meaning:

She would be able to give birth to children

b. Kind to strangers

"Please let down your pitcher that I may drink" Genesis 24:14b

c. Kind and caring to animals

"Drink, and I will also give your camels a drink"

Genesis 24:14c

i. A very thirsty camel can drink 100 litres of water at a time

- ii. There were 10 camels with the steward of Abraham
- 3. What was the steward looking for:
 - a. Character
 - b. Behaviour

These were deemed far more important than physical beauty!

PRAYER MADE TO THE LORD III

- 1. Confirmation Sought
 - a. Appointment of the Lord

"Let her be the one You have appointed

for Your servant Isaac"

Genesis 24:14d

- i. God's will
- ii. Understanding of what God wants to have in a person
- b. Certainty

"By this I will know

that You have shown kindness to my master"

Genesis 24:14e

- i. Knowledge affirmed
- ii. Kindness shown
- 2. Conclusion of Prayer
 It concluded quite dramatically!

GOD'S ANSWER TO PRAYER

- 1. A Remarkable Set of Circumstances
 - a. The family of Rebekah She was from Abraham's family

Genesis 24:15a

b. She carried a pitcher

She carried a pitcher on her shoulder

Genesis 24:15b

- c. She was young
 - i. She was a young woman
 - ii. Very beautiful

iii. A virgin

Genesis 24:16

- 2. A Remarkable Answer to Prayer
 - a. The Steward's request for a drink "Please let me drink a little water from your pitcher"

Genesis 24:17

- b. Rebekah's Response
 - i. "Drink, my lord"

Genesis 24:18a

ii. "I will draw water for your camels also, until they have finished drinking"

Genesis 24:19

iii. She quickly emptied her pitcher into the trough, ran back to the well to draw water, and drew water for all his camels"

Genesis 24:20

IN AWE AND WONDER

1. The steward was in awe and wondera. "Wondering at her, remained silent"b. "So as to know whether the LORD had made his journey prosperous or not"	Genesis 24:21a Genesis 24:21b
2. Gifts for Rebekah	
a. A nose ring	
"A golden nose ring weighing half a shekel"	Genesis 24:22a
b. Bracelets	
"Two bracelets for her wrists	
weighing ten shekels of gold"	Genesis 24:22b
3. Finding out more details for confirmation a. Family of Rebekah	
"Whose daughter are you?"	Genesis 24:23a
b. Lodging	
"Is there room in your father's house	
for us to lodge?"	Genesis 24:23b
4. Disclosure of Family	
a. Abraham's family"I am the daughter of Bethuel, Milcah's son,	
whom she bore to Nahor"	Genesis 24:24
b. Lodging	CC11C313 24.24
"We have both straw and feed enough,	
and room to lodge"	Genesis 24:25
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5. Grateful Worship

a. Greatly humbled

"Then the man bowed down"

Genesis 24:26a

- i. In humility
- ii. In awe
- b. Worship

"And worshiped the LORD"

Genesis 24:26b

- i. In thanksgiving
- ii. In gratitude
- c. His prayer
 - i. Blessing God"Blessed be the LORD God of my master Abraham"

Genesis 24:27a

ii. Mercy and truth"God has not forsaken His mercy and His truth toward my master"

Genesis 24:27b

iii. The Lord's leading
"As for me, being on the way,
the LORD led me to the house
of my master's brethren"

Genesis 24:27c



CONCLUSION

(Moving Texts on Prayer)

1. Calling on God

"Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things which you do not know"

Jeremiah 33:3

2. God's Promise to answer prayer

"It shall come to pass
That before they call, I will answer;
And while they are still speaking, I will hear"

Isaiah 65:24



REFLECTIONS

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The prayer of Abraham's servant

Last week at Youth Worship, we learnt how Abraham had sent his servant to find a wife for his son, Isaac. The servant travelled a long and arduous journey to find the right woman as a bride for Isaac. The servant sought the Lord for help to guide him and to lead him to the right woman. He prayed sincerely and genuinely for the Lord to grant him success, showing deep regard for the Lord and acknowledging the Lord as the great God and the One who had continually blessed his master Abraham. The servant was specific in his request when he sought the Lord to help him find a woman based on the qualities he knew were good and important.

A remarkable Answer

In His lovingkindness, the Lord answered the servant's prayer by providing him with a woman who fulfilled the requirements that the servant had sought for; one who was willing to give him a drink near the well and would also offer his camels a drink. Not only that, the Lord exceeded the servant's request because the woman,

Rebekah, was beautiful physically and in her heart, and was a relative of Abraham.

Driven to worship

The servant was astounded with wonder and awe. His heart was greatly moved that he could not but give thanks to this great God in humble worship. He recognised God's mercy and truth towards Abraham and to him, for it was God who led him to find Rebekah.

To call upon the Lord

Prayer is one of the most important things in our Christian lives. It allows us to relate to the Lord and to seek His help as we go through each day.

Learning from the servant's example, let us seek to pray in humility, and to take time to trace the Lord's hand and give thanks to Him when He answers our prayers. May we pray with much certainty and conviction that the Lord will be there and He will answer our prayers in His time. I am deeply challenged to not view prayer as only an avenue to ask the Lord for help, but also an opportunity to glorify and thank Him for everything He has done in my life. May we find comfort and confidence that the Lord will hear and answer when we pray! (Isaiah 65:24)

POETRY CORNER

YOUR NAME SHALL BE ABRAHAM

A name is given by parents officially; It is always selected most carefully! "Abram" was chosen by his parents; Though the reason may not be apparent.

Abram means "High father," and that sounds grand; But it was limited, for it only reflected Man's plan. Abraham was chosen by God Himself for good reason; It would reflect great blessings from Highest Heaven.

It is very special to be given a name by the LORD. It speaks of a very special relationship with God. The faith of Abraham grew as he understood better; The relationship with God became a great treasure.

Abraham means "A father of many nations!"
God had plans to bless many a generation!
It is truly inspiring to see what God would do;
If only we had faith and a heart that's true!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Genesis 17:4-5

YWS NEXT WEEK



16 OCT 2021

Message: "And they blessed Rebekah"

Text: Genesis 24:59-67

Abraham's servant was filled with thanksgiving for the way that the Lord had prospered his mission thus far. He could not wait to return to his master to tell him all that had transpired.

Now it was time for Rebekah to bid farewell to her family and make the journey to Canaan to meet Isaac. How would their first meeting go? How would the marriage begin? If Rebekah was truly appointed by the Lord to be Isaac's wife, surely the blessings of God would follow.

Join us at Youth Worship next week as we conclude our study of Genesis 24. Let us seek to understand the wisdom in involving God in relationships that lead to marriage.

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