

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 to gather in the Lord's House to worship the Lord together! May we find encouragement and renewal from Worship!



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COME AND WORSHIP

"The LORD is **MERCIFUL AND** **GRACIOUS"**

Previously, we read that the Lord is righteous and would execute justice (Psalm 103:7). The Psalmist David presented more attributes of God that complement His righteousness. The Lord's righteous judgment is not without His mercy and grace!

**"The LORD is merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.
He will not always strive with us,
Nor will He keep His anger forever.
He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
Nor punished us according to our iniquities."**

PSALM 103:8-10

1. The attributes of God

- a. Merciful
- b. Gracious
- c. Longsuffering (Very patient)



2. God's righteous anger

- a. God has made known His good and righteous ways to His people (Psalm 103:7)
- b. He has the right to be angry when His people choose to disobey
- c. His wrath is against all ungodliness and unrighteousness (Romans 1:18)
- d. This would be an expression of His righteousness

3. Slow to anger

- a. God is not reactive
- b. He gives us the chance to repent from our sins
- c. This is God's longsuffering and lovingkindness toward us

4. God's abounding mercy

- a. We are responsible for our actions
- b. We deserve to be punished for our iniquities
- c. But God has not dealt with us according to our sin
- d. Nor has He punished us
- e. His mercy is abounding!

A RIGHT PERSPECTIVE OF GOD'S ANGER

We do not like it when someone is angry with us, and we can even think that it is wrong to be angry. In this light, many end up having misgivings about God's anger.

The anger of God must be properly understood. God is not angered for no rhyme or reason. God is holy and righteous and His anger is justified against the wicked. At the same time, the Lord is one who will give chance after chance for a sinful man to repent. Out of His lovingkindness, He will be slow to anger!

A RESPONSE TO GOD'S MERCY AND GRACE

All of us are wretched and deserving of punishment. Every day, we sin in our thought, in word and in deed. The very fact that we are still alive today is a demonstration of God's mercy and grace. Let us humbly recognise that we all need the mercy and grace of God, and respond with gratitude, seizing every chance that He has given to repent from our sins, and find forgiveness in Him! A heart that resonates with this truth will desire to bless His name indeed!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

6 NOVEMBER 2021

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading:

1. Genesis 25:29
2. Genesis 25:30-33a
3. Genesis 25:33b-34
4. Hebrews 12:12-13
5. Hebrews 12:14-17

Asia Tan, Tessa Kang,
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Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Mark Tan

Message:

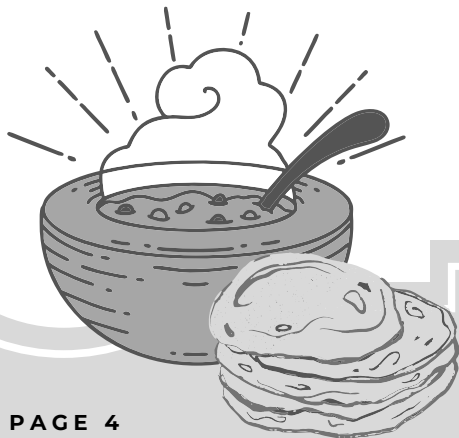
“Esau despised his birthright”

Genesis 25:29-34; Hebrews 12:12-17

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan



MY NOTES

6 NOVEMBER 2021

“ESAU DESPISED HIS BIRTHRIGHT”

GENESIS 25:29-34; HEBREWS 12:12-17

REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD



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

YWS MESSAGE - 30 OCTOBER 2021

“ISAAC PLEADED WITH THE LORD... AND THE LORD GRANTED HIS PLEA”

GENESIS 25:19-28

INTRODUCTION

1. The next generation: Isaac's Generation
2. What had he learned from his father, Abraham?
3. What did the Lord comment about Abraham?

"And the LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing, since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice, that the LORD may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him." And the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave, I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me; and if not, I will know."

Genesis 18:17-21

- a. That he may command his children and his household after him
- b. That they keep the way of the LORD
- c. To do righteousness and justice
- d. That the LORD may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him

A PROBLEM FACED

1. Rebekah was barren Genesis 25:21b
2. Isaac prayed
 - a. Isaac pleaded with the LORD for his wife Genesis 25:21a
 - b. Pleading
 - i. Humility
 - ii. Hope
 - iii. Faith

A PROBLEM RESOLVED

1. God heard the prayer of Isaac
 - a. Obviously
 - b. Isaac had learned well
2. The LORD granted his plea Genesis 25:21c
 - a. Graciously
 - b. Mercifully
3. Rebekah conceived Genesis 25:21d
 - a. In answer to prayer
 - b. God was involved



★ ANOTHER PROBLEM SURFACED

1. A difficult pregnancy

“But the children struggled together within her” Genesis 25:22a ★

- a. Some pregnancies are comparatively easier
- b. Some pregnancies are more difficult

“If all is well, why am I like this?” Genesis 25:22b

2. Rebekah sought the LORD in prayer

“So she went to inquire of the LORD” Genesis 25:22c

- ★ a. Good prayer practice
- b. Seeking God over every matter

THE RESPONSE OF THE LORD ★

1. The LORD gave her a reply

“Two nations are in your womb,
Two peoples shall be separated from your body;
One people shall be stronger than the other,
And the older shall serve the younger.” Genesis 25:23 ★

2. A complex answer

- a. A pair of twins
 - i. Two nations
 - ii. Two peoples
- b. A glimpse of the future
 - i. One will be stronger than the other
 - ii. The older shall serve the younger

THE FULFILMENT OF THIS WORD FROM GOD

1. The days were fulfilled for her to give birth Genesis 25:24a

2. Indeed, there were twins Genesis 25:24b

THE BIRTH OF THE TWINS

1. The first came out red

a. He was like a hairy garment all over

b. So they called him, Esau Genesis 25:25

2. Afterward his brother came out

a. And his hand took hold of Esau's heel

b. So his name was called Jacob Genesis 25:26a

THE AGE OF ISAAC

1. He was sixty years old when she bore them Genesis 25:26b

2. It was 20 years of marriage
before the Twins were born

Genesis 25:20

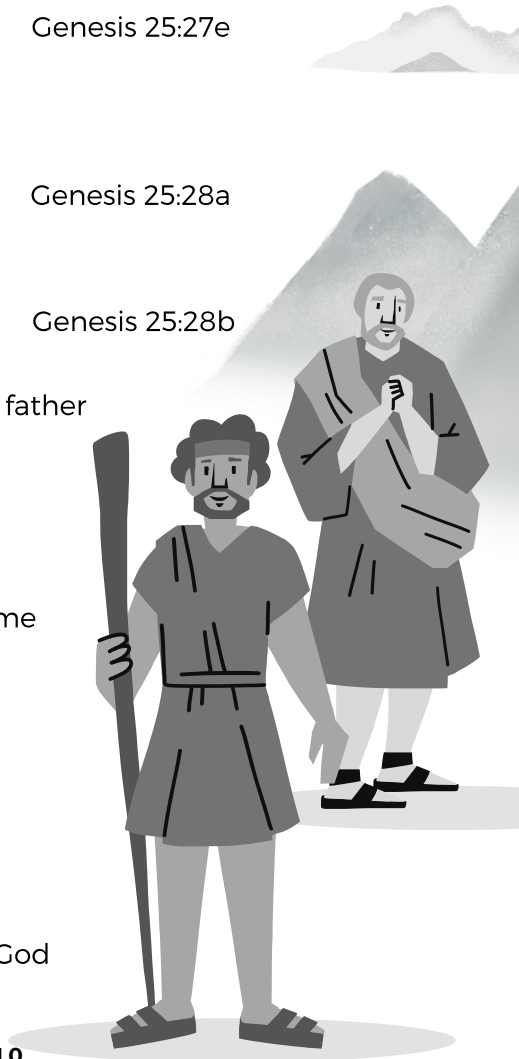


THE GROWTH OF THE TWINS

1. The boys grew Genesis 25:27a
2. Esau
 - a. He was a skilled hunter Genesis 25:27b
 - b. A man of the field Genesis 25:27c
3. Jacob
 - a. He was a mild man Genesis 25:27d
 - b. Dwelling in tents Genesis 25:27e
4. Isaac
 - a. He loved Esau
 - b. Because he ate of his game Genesis 25:28a
5. Rebekah
 - a. But Rebekah loved Jacob Genesis 25:28b
 - b. As a mother would love her son especially one not as loved by the father

CONCLUSION

1. Prayer had been a very real part of the marriage before the Children came
 - a. The servant's prayer
 - b. Isaac's prayer
 - c. Rebekah's prayer
2. Prayer had become less prominent
 - a. God becomes less involved
 - b. The children grew up
But without much knowledge of God in their life



REFLECTIONS

Written by:

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INTRODUCTION

In the lesson from Genesis 25:19–28, we moved on from Abraham's life and took a look at Isaac and his family. We could see some of Abraham's influence on Isaac who also involved prayer in his life.

PLEADING

At the beginning, we see some similarities between Abraham and Isaac. Isaac and Rebekah suffered from the problem of barrenness for 20 years. During this time, Isaac prayed about this problem on behalf of Rebekah, pleading with the Lord.

We learnt that pleading is one type of prayer we can make. We can pray for the Lord to provide solutions to a specific problem, such as barrenness. It is different from a casual prayer, we need to turn to the Lord and sincerely plead for help. A genuine plea will see us pray about our concern continuously. Isaac and Rebekah received an answer from the Lord, who enabled Rebekah to conceive. The Lord will answer prayers, if we persevere in praying!

INQUIRING

After Rebekah had conceived, we see another example of how the family involved prayer and the Lord in their lives. When Rebekah was in distress because of a difficult pregnancy, she inquired of the Lord for answers to her discomfort, since she did not know why the pregnancy was difficult.

Again, the prayer was answered. The Lord replied with something so profound, and told Rebekah that she was bearing a pair of twins. He implied that they would have an unusual relationship, as the younger would be greater than the older. When Esau and Jacob were born, they appeared very different. Jacob, the younger twin, even displayed some odd behaviour of holding his brother's foot.

An inquiry is another type of prayer we can make when we are seeking guidance or answers. For instance, as a university student thinking about what course to study and what career path to follow, I can pray to the Lord and ask Him to show me answers in His time.



LACK OF PRAYER

God's profound answer to Rebekah could have been a sign to Isaac and Rebekah to raise their children with care and to involve God. Unfortunately, they did not! Their lives did not appear to have any obvious or glaring problems and they had taken that for granted. God was not involved in how they raised their children, which could explain why Isaac ended up favouring Esau over Jacob. This created cracks in the family, and aggravated any conflict between the brothers.

This is what can happen when we take it for granted that our lives are going well and neglect prayer. The Lord is no longer involved and we can end up making our own foolish choices, which lead to bad outcomes. We should seek to pray more in our walk with the Lord, and about all the choices we make in our lives!



Pray

YOU SHALL CALL HIS NAME ISAAC

The Lord gave to Abraham a great promise;
He will have a son that he would cherish.
But Abraham was already ninety-years old;
Sarah was past child-bearing, as she is told.

Abraham laughed for this was hard to believe;
This promise was difficult for Sarah to receive.
God decided that Isaac would be the child's name;
Both had laughed, their lack of faith was a shame.

We also struggle to believe in God today;
It seems so hard to keep unbelief at bay.
We need to grow our faith till it is strong;
Blessings abound to whom faith belongs!

Time would prove that the Lord's word is true;
Faith in God is something we would never rue!
The problem of unbelief is hard to overcome;
It is up to us to keep faith till the deed is done.

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Genesis 17:17-19; 18:9-15



ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH WORSHIP SPECIAL

"WALK BEFORE ME"

GENESIS 17:1

We are only one month away from the Youth Worship Special!
Make haste to register now!

This program will be an extension of what we have been learning at Youth Worship. We will focus on 3 things:



WORD

Reading
the Scriptures
meaningfully



WORSHIP

Improving
Worship moments



WALK

Understanding
our Spiritual Walk

DETAILS

Dates: 6 – 9 Dec 2021 (Monday – Thursday)
Dates are tentative and subjected to change
based on latest government restrictions

Venue: Bethany IPC Main Sanctuary

Time: 9:00am to 11:00am daily

There will be refreshments for take-away.
Youth Worship Special is open to all
who are 12 years old and above.



SCAN TO REGISTER
for Youth Worship Special

YWS NEXT WEEK



13 NOV 2021

Message: "Abraham obeyed"

Text: Genesis 26:1-6; Hebrews 11:8-16

Abraham had died, but his legacy of faith remains. Because Abraham obeyed the Lord's word, God also honoured His promises to Abraham.

Isaac shared a strong bond with his father Abraham, and would have personally seen the expressions of his father's faith and obedience to God. The everlasting covenant that God established with Abraham was also established with Isaac. The Lord would be God to Isaac and bless him abundantly as according to His Promise, but Isaac must learn to emulate the example of his father in faith, obedience and character.

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