

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!


Let us seek to come before God with a true and genuine desire to know Him!
May Worship draw you closer to God and refresh your soul!

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COME AND WORSHIP



—— “THAT I MAY —— ♥ “DWELL IN THE HOUSE ♥ OF THE LORD”

The Psalmist David trusted that God would be His Light and Salvation, and would not only give him strength to cope, but power to overcome his enemies. How did David develop such confidence in the Lord even when a fatal war was potentially round the corner?

David had a genuine love for the Lord. He did not only seek God when difficulties arose. At all times, his one desire was to dwell in the house of God.

**“One thing I have desired of the LORD,
That will I seek:
That I may dwell in the house of the LORD
All the days of my life,
To behold the beauty of the LORD,
And to inquire in His temple.”**

—— PSALM 27:4 ——

1. Focused desire

- a. David's faith shaped his desire
- b. His desire was to dwell in the house of God
 - i. It could refer to the physical tabernacle
 - ii. It could also refer to God's Presence
- c. What David looked forward to
 - i. Beholding the beauty of the LORD
 - ii. Inquiring and learning about God

2. Faithful in his desire

- a. The use of the present perfect tense "I have desired"
 - i. David began having this desire in the past
 - ii. He continued to have this same desire at the point of writing
- b. The future tense "That I will seek"
 - i. David remained committed to make his desire a reality
 - ii. He would continue to seek to dwell in God's Presence
- c. All the days of his life
 - i. This was not only in times of trouble
 - ii. It was a desire that he pursued throughout his life

David was faithful and genuine in seeking the Lord. He delighted in his relationship with God and in learning about Him. This closeness that David had with the Lord armed him with confidence against the challenges of life.



CULTIVATING A GENUINE DESIRE FOR THE LORD

Let us take encouragement from the example of David.

1. Begin with a genuine desire for God
 - a. To be in His Presence
 - b. To learn great and awesome truths about Him
2. Focus and continue in this holy desire
 - a. Work out competing desires that pull us away from God
 - b. Stay focused and true to the Lord



ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

15 JANUARY 2022

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading:

1. Genesis 27:30-34
2. Genesis 27:35-41
4. Genesis 27:42-46

Tessa Kang, Bethany Toong
& Janelle Tan

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Mitchell Tan

Message:

“Bless me—me also, O my father” (II)

Text: Genesis 27:30-46

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

MY NOTES

15 JANUARY 2022

“BLESS ME—ME ALSO, O MY FATHER” (II)

GENESIS 27:30-46

REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 8 JANUARY 2022

“BLESS ME—ME ALSO, O MY FATHER” (I) GENESIS 27:34 GENESIS 27:30-40

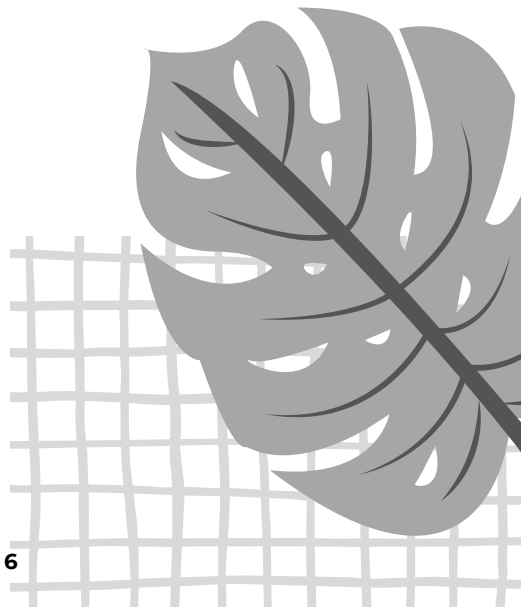
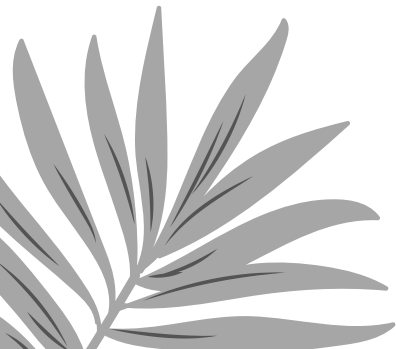
INTRODUCTION

1. Entering into a New Year
 - a. Meaningfully
 - b. Mindfully
2. Remembering Lessons in Life
 - a. School Life
 - b. Personal life
3. Remembering Lessons from the Bible
 - a. Lessons from Personal Reading
 - b. Lessons from YW



THE COST OF MISTAKES AND SINS

1. Some mistakes have minimal effect
2. Some other mistakes are very costly!
3. Sins are even more costly!



A BLESSING PROMISED

1 Now it came to pass, when Isaac was old and his eyes were so dim that he could not see, that he called Esau his older son and said to him, “My son.”

And he answered him, “Here I am.”

2 Then he said, “Behold now, I am old. I do not know the day of my death.

3 Now therefore, please take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me. **4** And make me savory food, such as I love, and bring it to me that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die.”

Genesis 27:1-4

1. Questions we may raise up
 - a. Why wait to give a blessing?
 - b. Why must it be associated with having a good meal before giving it?
2. What are the answers?
 - a. We may have a wrong understanding of “Blessing”
 - b. We may have a wrong application of “Blessing”
3. How can a “Blessing” be given?
 - a. To one who sold his birth-right?
 - b. To one who is “profane?”

A BLESSING GIVEN

27 And he came near and kissed him; and he smelled the smell of his clothing, and blessed him and said:

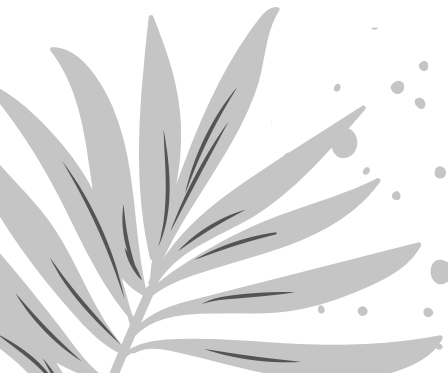
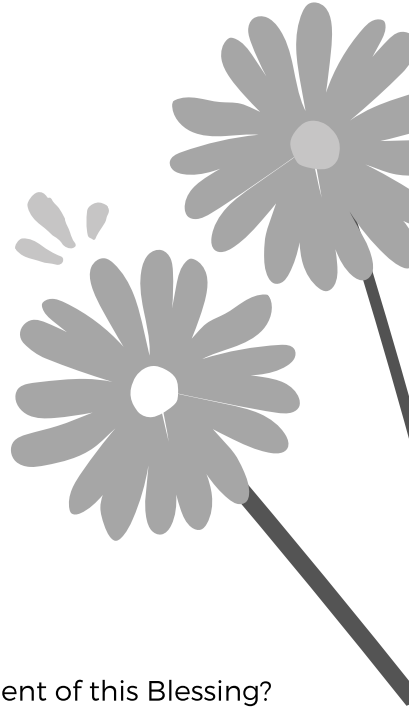
“Surely, the smell of my son
Is like the smell of a field
Which the Lord has blessed.

28 Therefore may God give you
Of the dew of heaven,
Of the fatness of the earth,
And plenty of grain and wine.

29 Let peoples serve you,
And nations bow down to you.
Be master over your brethren,
And let your mother’s sons bow down to you.
Cursed be everyone who curses you,
And blessed be those who bless you!”

Genesis 27:27-29

1. Questions we may raise up
 - a. Would this blessing be fulfilled?
 - b. Could Jacob benefit from the pronouncement of this Blessing?
 - c. Could good come out of such tragic circumstances?
2. Hard answers
 - a. They are to be found in real life
 - b. Was Jacob’s life better because of this Blessing given?



ASKING FOR THE PROMISED BLESSING

1. Esau came to Isaac

Genesis 27:30

2. He presented the savoury food to his father
and asked for his blessing

Genesis 27:31

He also had made savoury food, and brought it to his father, and said to his father, "Let my father arise and eat of his son's game, that your soul may bless me."

Genesis 27:31

ANGUISH AND CONFUSION

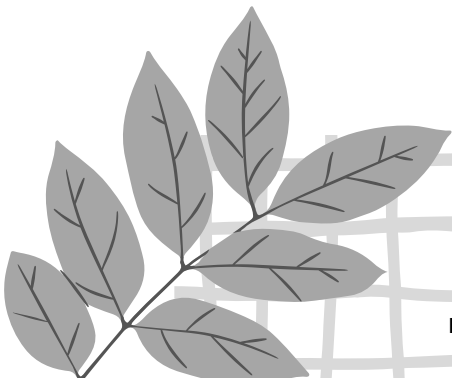
32 And his father Isaac said to him, "Who *are* you?"
So he said, "I *am* your son, your firstborn, Esau."

33 Then Isaac trembled exceedingly, and said, "Who? Where *is* the one who hunted game and brought *it* to me? I ate all *of it* before you came, and I have blessed him—*and* indeed he shall be blessed."

Genesis 27:32-33

1. Isaac trembled exceedingly

2. He realised what had happened
a. Jacob had been given the Promised Blessing
b. Esau had come too late!



ANGER AND BITTERNESS

34 When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, "Bless me—me also, O my father!"

35 But he said, "Your brother came with deceit and has taken away your blessing."

36 And Esau said, "Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has supplanted me these two times. He took away my birthright, and now look, he has taken away my blessing!" And he said, "Have you not reserved a blessing for me?"

37 Then Isaac answered and said to Esau, "Indeed I have made him your master, and all his brethren I have given to him as servants; with grain and wine I have sustained him. What shall I do now for you, my son?"

Genesis 27:34-37

1. A great and bitter cry was uttered

a. Jacob

"Is he not rightly named Jacob?"

Genesis 27:36a

b. Supplanter

"For he has supplanted me these two times.

He took away my birthright,

and now look, he has taken away my blessing!"

Genesis 27:36b

2. Seeking a Blessing desperately

a. "Bless me—me also, O my father!"

Genesis 27:34

b. "Have you not reserved a blessing for me?"

Genesis 27:36c

ALAS AND ALACK

37 Then Isaac answered and said to Esau, "Indeed I have made him your master, and all his brethren I have given to him as servants; with grain and wine I have sustained him. What shall I do now for you, my son?"

38 And Esau said to his father, "Have you only one blessing, my father? Bless me—me also, O my father!" And Esau lifted up his voice and wept.

Genesis 27:37-38

1. What cannot be reversed
 - a. Jacob has been made “master”
 - b. All his brethren are his servants
 - c. Grain and wine have been given (inheritance)
2. It was “Alackaday”
 - a. “Alack the day”
 - b. It is an archaic saying to express deep sorrow
 - c. Current phrase
“Alas and alack!”



CONCLUSION

1. Some mistakes and sins in life
 - a. They have irreversible effect
 - b. Or they are very hard to live down
2. Tears may be shed bitterly in vain!

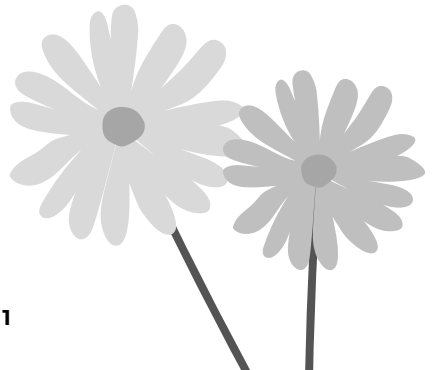
15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

16 lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright.

17 For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.

Hebrews 12:15-17

3. The Challenge
 - a. To seek wisdom
 - b. To find faith and cultivate it



REFLECTIONS

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Why Isaac's blessing for Jacob was not fulfilled

Though Jacob had received Isaac's verbal blessing, this blessing was never fulfilled. This is because both Isaac and Jacob lacked a clear understanding of the concept of blessing and how blessings work. While Isaac gave general words of a "blessing" to Jacob, they did not understand that humans can never be the source of blessing and do not have the power to bestow such blessings on others. Moreover, Jacob would not have been blessed by God given the sins that he had committed in order to obtain the blessing. At that point, he had fallen short of the grace of God and lacked the spiritual maturity for repentance.


The true meaning of a blessing

Similar to Jacob, our sins are often obstacles standing in the way of us and God, hindering us from drawing close and receiving blessings from Him. Moreover, we are often unclear on what blessings are, and we sometimes pray for things we aren't clear about. In a sense, we pray for things when we don't even know what we truly want. This makes our prayers meaningless, and somewhat half-hearted. Blessings are not mere words that can be granted and made true by mortal man, but are special conferrings to faithful individuals by the Lord Himself.



Our challenge

Surely, we all want to seek blessings from the Lord, but we have to understand that our God is not an “ATM”. If we earnestly want to seek blessings from God, we need to learn to spell out our requests and define clearly what the blessing means to us, which will allow us to better appreciate the Lord's Hand and goodness when it is fulfilled. Additionally, we should pray for God's grace to remove the bitterness in our hearts, and to grant us wisdom to have a good and deeper understanding of Him. Let us be challenged to walk rightly with the Lord, develop a deeper relationship with Him, and be thankful for the blessings that He so graciously showers upon us.



THE CITY OF ZOAR

Zoar was one of the cities of the Jordan Plain;
The land was well-watered, there was much rain.
It was one of the cities that formed the Southern Coalition;
But this group of cities was in danger of grave divine judgment.

The name of Zoar, signified its lack of significance;
It was called "The little one;" overshadowed by Sodom.
But it was very close to Sodom and in danger of judgment too;
Lot pleaded with the angels who showed him kindness that was true.

He was told to flee to the Mountains to escape destruction;
Lot had lost everything, when he escaped from sinful Sodom.
He wanted to stay in a nearby city, called Zoar;
From Sodom and Gomorrah, it was not very far.

The angels graciously conceded that he may go to Zoar;
It was obviously not the best of choices, by far!
The foolishness of Man must grieve the heart of God;
How gracious and merciful is our wonderful Lord!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Genesis 13:10-13; 14:8; 19:18-22

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO JOIN THE CUSTODIAL MINISTRY

We would like to invite you to join us in the Custodial Ministry! Every week, many of our young people make time and effort to upkeep the Lord's house. They would wipe the pews, sweep the floors, scrub the toilets and do much more so that we can enjoy a clean church to worship in. Above all, they do this as a response to God for all that He has done for us!

If you would like to be a part of this special ministry, please reach out to Pastor Eugene (9047 8466) or Pastor Moses (9634 5334) or indicate your interest by scanning this QR code and filling up the online form:



Thank you!



NEXT YWS



22 JAN 2022

Message: "Arise, flee to my brother Laban in Haran"

Genesis 27:43

Text: Genesis 27:41-46

The cracks in the family of Isaac had gotten from bad to worse. Esau was overtaken by his hatred for Jacob and harboured thoughts of killing his brother. In order to protect his favourite son, Rebekah commanded Jacob to flee to Haran and continued in her cunning schemes. This lamentable situation in Isaac's family has gone down in history to teach us the devastating consequences of sin.

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