

Youth Worship

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

WELCOME TO OUR 1ST YOUTH WORSHIP IN 2022!

Thank God for the resumption of Youth Worship where we can gather as young people to worship the Lord together. May we look forward to continuing our study of the book of Genesis, and seek to find instruction and inspiration from God's Word!



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COME AND WORSHIP

"THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION"

Some may feel excited to enter into a new year, while for some others, they may feel a sense of fear — fear of the anticipated challenges. These challenges may be unavoidable, but we can choose the way we respond.

The life of the Psalmist David was filled with adversities. He was faced with enemies and foes who sought after his life. They were so great in number that they amounted to an “army” (Psalm 27:3). It would be understandable if some sense of fear descended upon David and threatened to destabilise him. Yet, David’s approach to difficult circumstances was to exercise faith and confidence in the Lord!

¹ “The LORD is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the strength of my life;
Of whom shall I be afraid?

² When the wicked came against me
To eat up my flesh,
My enemies and foes,
They stumbled and fell.

³ Though an army may encamp against me,
My heart shall not fear;
Though war may rise against me,
In this I will be confident.”

PSALM 27:1-3



1. Natural responses to adversities

- a. Fear
- b. Apprehension

2. Fight fear with faith

- a. "The LORD is my light and my salvation" Psalm 27:1a
 - i. David's hope was in God's help
 - ii. The Lord would deliver him from numerous enemies
- b. "The LORD is the strength of my life" Psalm 27:1b
 - i. God would give strength to cope with distressing circumstances
 - ii. He would lead and empower David to triumph over his enemies

Faith Disperses Fear And Instills Confidence

The greater challenge that David needed to overcome was not his enemies, but the sense of fear that could dominate his soul. Instead of allowing the natural response of fear to take over, David confronted it with faith in God. He would not be shaken even when a war could rise against him (Psalm 27:3). With the Lord with him, he knew that he would not be overcome by His enemies, and God would cause them to stumble and fall (Psalm 27:2). Therefore, he did not have to fear!

Even a life-threatening situation is not a reason to be fearful because God is our light and salvation, the strength of our lives. He will help us to emerge victorious over the challenges ahead, so let us begin the new year on a strong and triumphant note with our faith and confidence in God!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

8 JANUARY 2022

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading:

1. Genesis 27:30-32
2. Genesis 27:33-34
3. Genesis 27:35-38
4. Genesis 27:39-40

Bethany Toong, Tessa Kang,
Asia Tan & Chloe Tang

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Mark Tan

Message:

“Bless me—me also, O my father” (I)

Text: Genesis 27:30-40

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

MY NOTES

8 JANUARY 2022

“BLESS ME—ME ALSO, O MY FATHER” (I)

GENESIS 27:30-40

REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 18 DECEMBER 2021

“THAT MY SOUL MAY BLESS YOU BEFORE I DIE” (II)

GENESIS 27:14-29

INTRODUCTION

1. A Tragic Story of errors and sins
 - a. The Errors
 - i. Parents
 - ii. Siblings
 - b. The Sins
 - i. Disdain (Esau)
 - ii. Deceit (Jacob)
2. Where there is no repentance
 - a. Sin has terrible ramifications
 - b. The consequences of sin can wreck a family for years on end



THE HUGE PLAN OF DECEIT

1. On the part of Rebekah
 - a. She was the mastermind
 - b. Rashly she said that she would bear the curse
if Isaac found them out Genesis 27:12-13
 - c. Commanding Jacob to do his part
The killing of 2 choice kids of goats Genesis 27:9, 13
2. On the part of Jacob
 - a. He complied knowing the risk involved Genesis 27:14
 - b. Recklessly and unwisely
He sought the first-born blessing
“That my soul may bless you before I die” Genesis 27:4

THE CARRYING OUT OF THE DECEITFUL PLAN

1. The food prepared
 - a. The savoury food
 - b. The bread Genesis 27:17

2. The clothes of Esau
 - a. Choice clothes of Esau Genesis 27:15
 - b. Skins of the goats
 - i. On the hands
 - ii. On the neck of Jacob Genesis 27:16

3. Jacob appearing before Isaac
 - a. He greets Isaac
 “My father” Genesis 27:18a
 - b. Isaac’s response
 “Here I am. Who are you, my son?” Genesis 27:18b

4. The Lie that Jacob told

Jacob said to his father, “I *am* Esau your firstborn;
I have done just as you told me;
please arise, sit and eat of my game,
that your soul may bless me.”

Genesis 27:19

- a. Pretending to be Esau
- b. Seeking Isaac’s blessing

ISAAC'S SUSPICION

But Isaac said to his son,

"How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?"

And he said, "Because the LORD your God brought it to me."

Genesis 27:20

1. The swift return of "Esau" with the food

2. A Second Lie

This time, using God's name

"Because the LORD your God brought it to me."

ISAAC CONTINUES TO BE SUSPICIOUS

21 Isaac said to Jacob, "Please come near, that I may feel you, my son, whether you *are* really my son Esau or not." **22** So Jacob went near to Isaac his father, and he felt him and said, "The voice *is* Jacob's voice, but the hands *are* the hands of Esau." **23** And he did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him.

24 Then he said, "*Are* you really my son Esau?"

He said, "I *am*."

Genesis 27:21-24

1. Isaac is not convinced

He wants to feel Jacob

2. Jacob drew near to his father

3. Isaac asked again

"Are you really my son Esau?"

Genesis 27:24a

4. Jacob lies yet again (The third time)

He said, "I *am*."

Genesis 27:24b

5. Isaac is half-convinced

“The voice is Jacob’s voice,
but the hands are the hands of Esau.”

Genesis 27:22

- a. Jacob could not disguise his voice
- b. Isaac recognized Jacob’s voice

THE FIRST-BORN BLESSING

- 1. Isaac ate the meal that was brought to him
- 2. He asked Jacob to draw near and to give him a kiss
- 3. The blessing pronounced

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

4. May God give you
 - a. The dew of heaven
 - b. The fatness of the earth
 - c. Plenty of grain and wine



5. The Future
 - a. Let the peoples serve you
 - b. Nations bow down to you
 - c. Be master over your brethren
 - d. Let your mother's sons bow down to you
 - e. Cursing and blessing
 - i. Those who curse will be cursed
 - ii. Those who bless will be blessed

CONCLUSION

1. The First-born Blessing had been given
 - a. As desired
 - b. As devised cunningly
2. But it had been obtained:
 - a. By deception
 - b. By lies
3. Of what meaning or worth are these words of blessing?

REFLECTIONS



WRITTEN BY Tessa Kang

What we have learnt so far

At our last Youth Worship, we learnt about how Rebekah and Jacob carried out their plan of deceit to steal Esau's firstborn blessing. Isaac was initially suspicious of his son's identity when he heard Jacob's voice but he had covered himself in Esau's clothes to convincingly deceive his father. Isaac eventually gave in and blessed his son Jacob. This plan of deception eventually led to greater problems in the family, further solidifying the rift between the two brothers.

Growing problems in the family

Problems began as early as when the children were younger (Genesis 25). The family began to be divided as Isaac loved Esau and Rebekah favoured Jacob. The brothers were different in their personalities and they grew up distant, pursuing their own interests.

As Isaac grew older, he decided it was time to give the firstborn blessing to Esau. Faith was not present, and Isaac only focused on two things when approaching death—fresh game and his son Esau. The rest of his family were not involved at that point in time and that would stir a sense of disparity in the family. The error that Isaac had committed in not involving Rebekah

and his younger son Jacob, would lead to greater problems in the family, and the path of sin. Rebekah came up with a plan of deceit to allow her favourite son Jacob obtain Esau's firstborn blessing. Despite his initial fears, Jacob gave in to his mother and followed her plan to deceive his father.


Erroneous understanding about the first-born blessing

Though Isaac had quoted the words of the Lord when he gave the firstborn blessing to Jacob, this blessing was one that was more sentimental rather than spiritual. Strong faith was absent in the family, and there was no longer a deep sense of proper regard towards the Lord. The inspiration to obtain blessings was for self-gain rather than from faith in God, turning a blessing that was meant to be good to be something that led to further tensions, strife and betrayal in the family.

To find the right motivation for God's blessings


Blessings do not come simply because we prayed for it. We will have to play our part, learning to receive instruction to correct the errors in our lives, no matter how small they may be. Faith has to be there and cultivated further as we learn to seek the Lord not only at Youth Worship but in our daily lives. Faith has to be instilled in us, and further strengthened amidst the testings in life such as during examinations or when making difficult decisions. Through receiving instruction from God's word, may we seek to find inspiration to be people after God's own heart! This is something that I am deeply challenged to do! Though there are times that I grow weary in my walk of faith, I hope to continue growing my faith, allowing God's word to inspire the paths that I choose to walk in life.

THE LORD BEING MERCIFUL



The LORD had been most Merciful;
To His own, He will remain faithful.
He had shown grace to Abraham's plea;
He would check out Sodom in Mercy!

But Sodom had proven itself unworthy;
It had pursued horrendous perversity.
The Judgment of God would surely fall;
Lot must listen and heed the Angels' call!



But Lot lingered and could not obey;
Of Judgment there would be no delay!
The Angels took the family out of the city;
The LORD continued to show great Mercy!

The Judgment of God did not lack mercy;
Sodom had chosen to remain in depravity!
God's Mercy must not be taken for granted:
Each act of mercy must be deeply treasured!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Genesis 19:15-17

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Wishing all the Lord's blessings in this New Year! May 2022 be a fulfilling year of learning and growing in our faith!

YW NEWSLETTER

(8 JAN 2021)

Do you have goals that you would like to achieve in 2022? In this week's YW Newsletter, Sarah Chua shares with us her determination to set aside time to read the Lord's Word in the new year because she has learnt the importance of the Word of God in affecting her walk with the Lord and her worship.

Scan QR code to read this week's YW Newsletter



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



15 JAN 2022

Message: "Bless me—me also, O my father" (II)

Text: Genesis 27:30-46

Esau and Jacob had one thing in common—they desperately wanted to be blessed. Specifically, they sought the pronouncement of blessing by their father Isaac. Jacob's yearning for such a blessing even led him to sin and deceive his father.

Was the pronouncement of blessing by Isaac the key to a life that is truly blessed? Unfortunately, all of them had gravely mistaken the way that God blesses. Join us at Youth Worship next week where we will understand the idea of a Blessing and how we can seek the Lord's blessing in our lives.

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