

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!

As sinful and finite Mankind, drawing near to the Almighty LORD in worship must inspire a tremendous sense of awe and appreciation. May we give to the LORD the due deference He rightly deserves!

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COME AND WORSHIP

HE HAS MADE HIS WONDERFUL WORKS TO BE REMEMBERED

As we approach our Golden Jubilee celebration, it is worthwhile for us to remember the wonderful works of God.



3 His work *is* honourable and glorious,
And His righteousness endures forever.

4 He has made His wonderful works to be remembered;
The LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion.



PSALM 111:3-4

1. The works of God are characterised by: Psalm 111:3
 - a. Honour
 - b. Glory

2. The works of God reflect His attributes Psalm 111:4
 - a. His righteousness
 - b. His graciousness
 - c. His compassion

3. Reasons why God would perform these works
 - a. To reveal Himself and His attributes towards mankind
 - b. To have His glorious works remembered

MAKING AN EFFORT TO REMEMBER

The tendency of the human heart is to forget. Because the children of Israel failed to remember the LORD and His works, their hearts were led astray. Great was their downfall!

As recipients of the LORD's innumerable blessings, we must not repeat the grave mistake of forgetting. The awesome works of God are to be recalled and remembered with great determination. It is only by the LORD's Power that Bethany has been kept and provided for all these 50 years. Even in times of the pandemic, the LORD's Work was not hindered and the Word of God continued to move hearts and impact lives. It is only by God's grace and compassion that we suffer no lacks, and our ministries can thrive and flourish. Undoubtedly, we are indeed blessed beyond measure!

May our hearts be deeply encouraged and uplifted to ponder the glorious works of God!



ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

5 AUGUST 2023

Prelude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Song Leading

1. You Made Us Your Own

Lorraine Lai

2. I Offer My Life

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 7:11-25

Chloe Tang and Bethany Toong

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Mitchell Tan

Message:

“By this you shall know that I *am* the LORD”

Pastor Charles Tan

Text: Exodus 7:17

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Offering

Postlude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

MY NOTES

5 AUGUST 2023

**“BY THIS YOU SHALL KNOW THAT
I AM THE LORD”**

EXODUS 7:17


YOU MADE US YOUR OWN

By Sovereign Grace

We were ruined in our sin,
We were guilty, and undone,
When Your love reached down with sovereign hands
And beckoned us to come.

You sought out the wanderers,
Made the prodigals come home,
With a lavish feast You welcomed us,
For You made us Your own.

You have loved us like You love Your Son.
We are heirs with Christ, bought by His blood.
Oh, how great the love that we've been shown.
We're Your children now, You made us Your own.



We are strangers to the world,
But no strangers to Your throne.
We draw near You now with confidence
For all our fears are gone.

And when one day when Christ returns,
We'll meet saints we've never known,
And forever we will be amazed
That You made us Your own.

You have loved us like You love Your Son.
We are heirs with Christ, bought by His blood.
Oh, how great the love that we've been shown.
We're Your children now, You made us Your own.

(end)

I OFFER MY LIFE

By Don Moen

All that I am, all that I have,
I lay them down before You, O Lord;
All my regrets, all my acclaim,
The joy and the pain, I'm making them Yours.

Chorus:

And Lord, I offer my life to You,
Ev'rything I've been through, use it for Your glory;
Lord, I offer my days to You,
Lifting my praise to You, as a pleasing sacrifice,
Lord, I offer You my life.

Things in the past, things yet unseen,
Wishes and dreams that are yet to come true;
All of my hopes, all of my plans,
My heart and my hands are lifted to You.

Chorus

What can we give that You have not given;
And what do we have that is not already Yours?
All we possess are these lives we're living,
And that's what we give to You, Lord.

Chorus

(end)



REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 29 JULY 2023

“THE EGYPTIANS SHALL KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD” EXODUS 7:5

INTRODUCTION

1. Moses had to learn vital lessons about serving the LORD
2. The LORD would patiently teach him step by step how he could succeed in ministry

THE FIRST LESSON FOR MOSES

1 So the LORD said to Moses: “See, I have made you *as* God to Pharaoh, and Aaron your brother shall be your prophet.

2 You shall speak all that I command you. And Aaron your brother shall tell Pharaoh to send the children of Israel out of his land.

Exodus 7:1-2

1. Positioning Moses and Aaron
 - a. Moses would be “as God to Pharaoh”
 - b. Aaron would be his prophet
2. Relationship established
 - a. God would speak to Moses
 - b. Moses would relay the word to Aaron
 - c. Aaron would speak to the Pharaoh
3. Why was this done?
 - a. To answer Moses’ plea that he is unable to speak well
 - b. A learning process for Moses till he gains sufficient skill
 - c. The grace and patience of the Lord is remarkable

THE SECOND LESSON WAS THE REVELATION OF GOD'S PLAN

3 And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and multiply My signs and My wonders in the land of Egypt.

4 But Pharaoh will not heed you, so that I may lay My hand on Egypt and bring My armies *and* My people, the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments.

5 And the Egyptians shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I stretch out My hand on Egypt and bring out the children of Israel from among them.”

Exodus 7:3-5

1. What God would do

a. Concerning Pharaoh

- i. He will harden his heart
- ii. This is purposive
- iii. Pharaoh had already demonstrated that he had a hardened heart

b. Concerning His work in Egypt

- i. He will multiply signs and wonders in Egypt
- ii. He will lay His hand on Egypt
- iii. He will bring out His armies and His people out of Egypt
- iv. He will display great judgment against Egypt

2. The Intended Results

- a. The Egyptians will know
- b. That He is the LORD
- c. They will see His hand stretched out against Egypt when He delivers His people from the land

THE SECOND ENCOUNTER WITH THE PHARAOH

8 Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

9 "When Pharaoh speaks to you, saying, 'Show a miracle for yourselves,' then you shall say to Aaron, 'Take your rod and cast *it* before Pharaoh, *and* let it become a serpent.'"

10 So Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh, and they did so, just as the LORD commanded. And Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh and before his servants, and it became a serpent.

11 But Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers; so the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments.

12 For every man threw down his rod, and they became serpents. But Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.

13 And Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, as the LORD had said.

Exodus 7:8-13

1. Anticipating Pharaoh's move
That he would ask for a miracle
2. Answer to Pharaoh
 - a. Moses instructed Aaron to cast down his rod
 - b. It became a serpent
3. Pharaoh's response
 - a. He called his wise men, sorcerers and magicians
 - b. With their enchantments they also produced serpents
4. Aaron's rod-serpent
 - a. It swallowed up the serpents of the Egyptian sorcerers
 - b. This was an amazing feat
 - c. It demonstrated the superior power of the LORD

5. Pharaoh's response

- a. His heart grew hard
- b. He did not heed Moses/ Aaron
- c. But this time round, he did not add to the burdens of the children of Israel

CONCLUSION

1, Moses had not given up hope entirely

- a. He fought against his own doubts and fears
- b. He sought to apply his faith in the LORD

2. The LORD

- a. His power was exercised
- b. He was fulfilling what He had promised

REFLECTIONS

By Daniel Chew

Last week, we read from Exodus 7:1-13 where the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron on what to say and do when they meet Pharaoh. The LORD told them to cast down their rod before Pharaoh, and it would become a serpent, showing God's power. Both Moses and Aaron exercised faith and did as the LORD commanded. This was in contrast to what we read two weeks ago when Moses had doubts about whether he could convince Pharaoh to let the Israelites go.

Moses and Aaron exercised their faith, believing that everything was in God's plan and that He was in control. We too, can learn from their example and exercise our faith, especially in times of difficulty.

At the start of the year, I took up Higher Chinese, which required increased consistent and deliberate effort to keep up with the syllabus. Previously, I only relied on myself, and slowly, the stress of performing well in this subject began taking a toll on me. Sometimes, despite trying my best on an assignment, I still would not do well and even fail, questioning why God would make my life so difficult.

Despite the strain of Higher Chinese, I was humbled by this experience, learning that through disappointments and stress, God always tries to teach me something, and there is always an underlying lesson to learn. Besides doing my part to prepare well, I learnt the importance of trusting that everything is in God's control and I am comforted that He has planned every step of my life.

Now, even though I still struggle at Higher Chinese, I try to include God more in my studies, and understand the other possible lessons God is trying to teach me. Though there may be disappointments, I strive to continue remembering that every setback placed by God is here to help me grow and enrich my faith.

THE DEATH OF RACHEL

It was Rachel who captured Jacob's heart;
For seven years, Jacob laboured very hard.
But Jacob was deceived and Rachel was not given;
He had been deceived by his father-in-law, Laban.

Over the years, Rachel bore only one offspring;
Joseph was Jacob's special son, their darling.
A few years later Rachel conceived again;
But her pregnancy was fraught with great pain.

Rachel gave birth to a son but it took a heavy toll;
The birth was hard and soon she lay dead and cold.
In her dying breath, she called him "son of sorrow."
For poor Rachel there would be no tomorrow.

Jacob called him, "Benjamin," son of his right hand;
He hoped that he would grow to fit into God's plan.
Rachel was buried on the way to Ephrath;
Jacob would always remember the past!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Genesis 35:16-20

NEXT YWS



12 AUGUST 2023

Message: "Entreat the LORD that He may take away the frogs"

Text: Exodus 8:8

The first plague of the River Nile turning into blood did not perturb Pharaoh at all. Instead, his heart hardened. The LORD manifested His power with a second plague. The land of Egypt was covered with an abundance of frogs! With Pharaoh's urgent entreaty to remove the frogs, one would think that he might relent and heed the words of Moses. Would he acknowledge the LORD? How would Moses respond?

Find out more at Youth Worship next week!



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