

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!

The LORD is truly good to us in innumerable ways. As people who are redeemed, may we give thanks to the LORD for His goodness and for His wonderful works!

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HE WILL EVER BE MINDFUL OF HIS COVENANT

5 He has given food to those who fear Him;
He will ever be mindful of His covenant.

6 He has declared to His people the power of His works,
In giving them the heritage of the nations.

PSALM 111:5-6



1. Some examples of God's covenants

- a. Covenant given to Noah
- b. Covenant given to Abraham
- c. Covenant given to the people of Israel

Genesis 8

Genesis 15

Exodus 24

2. Provision of God

- a. God promises to provide for His people
- b. His provisions are evidenced in each of His covenants
- c. His provisions are a part of His great works too!

Psalms 111:5

3. Power of God

- a. God's power is demonstrated through His works
- b. This was clearly evidenced in His promise to give the land of Canaan to His people



TRUSTING IN A COVENANT-KEEPING GOD

Tracing the fulfilment of God's covenant made with Abraham enables us to appreciate how the LORD is mindful of His Word. His commitment to provide for Abraham's descendants had stood the test of time. Under the leadership of Joseph, the children of Israel were blessed with posterity and prosperity. Despite tough circumstances of captivity, God would raise up a leader, Moses, to lead them into the Promised Land!

The understanding of a Covenant-Keeping God is not merely theory. This truth can become a definite reality. In the New Covenant, God has provided for us rich and profound spiritual blessings that flow from Heaven above. We can be certain that whatever God has promised, He will surely keep. Let us endeavour to deepen our trust in the LORD and His Word! May His wonderful promises be our prized possession!



ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

12 AUGUST 2023

Prelude

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Song Leading

1. By This They Will Know

Joel Tan

2. Whatever You Ask

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 8:1-15

Laura Chan, Chloe Tang and
Bethany Toong

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Moses Kwek

Message:

“Entreat the LORD that He may take
away the frogs”

Text: Exodus 8:8

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Offering

Postlude

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

MY NOTES

12 AUGUST 2023

**“ENTREAT THE LORD THAT HE MAY TAKE
AWAY THE FROGS”**

EXODUS 8:8

BY THIS THEY WILL KNOW

By Mark Allen and Nan Allen

Arranged by Dennis Allen


If we only love the lovely
And those we call our own,
Or if we give expecting something in return.

If our mercy has a limit,
If our reach has an end,
If our favour must always be earned.

What makes us different
In the world's eyes?
Where is the proof
That we belong to Christ?

By this they will know who Jesus is.
By this they will know that we are His.

If we give of ourselves
As He gave Himself for us.
By this they will know Him,
They'll know Jesus by our love.





Love is never selfish,
It never wants its way,
And it never can remember debts unpaid.
It is full of compassion and humility.
This is the love that we claim.

That makes us different
In the world's eyes.
There is the proof
That we belong to Christ.

By this they will know who Jesus is.
By this they will know that we are His.
If we give of ourselves
As He gave Himself for us.
By this they will know Him,
They'll know Jesus by our love.

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They'll know Jesus by our love.
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Whatever You Ask

By Steve Camp


Lord, I see the things You ask of me
Faithfulness, holiness and purity.

I love Your truth,
I long to show it to the world for You.

So Lord I need Your help to understand
The other person that I sometimes am
I never want to live a day that I can't say to You

Lord, whatever You ask, I want to obey You
To let my life beat with a servant's heart.

Lord, whatever You ask,
I know that You can give me wisdom
And courage to equal the task
Lord, whatever You ask.



I face so much that steals away
The will to make the time to serve or pray
And there are days I don't take up
Your cross and follow You

But I have learned that I can talk to You
You know everything I'm going through
If I'll just ask I'll find that You're right there
Providing me with the strength I need

Lord, whatever You ask, I want to obey You
To let my life beat with a servant's heart.

Lord, whatever You ask,
I know that You can give me wisdom
And courage to equal the task
Lord, whatever You ask.

I know that You can give me wisdom
And courage to equal the task,
Lord, whatever You ask.
Whatever You ask.
Whatever You ask.

(end)

REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 5 AUGUST 2023

“BY THIS YOU SHALL KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD” EXODUS 7:17

INTRODUCTION

1. The First Miracle performed
Aaron's rod became a serpent
2. But this did not move the heart of the Pharaoh
3. His heart grew hard

THE FIRST JUDGMENT AGAINST EGYPT

14 So the LORD said to Moses: “Pharaoh’s heart is hard; he refuses to let the people go.

15 Go to Pharaoh in the morning, when he goes out to the water, and you shall stand by the river’s bank to meet him; and the rod which was turned to a serpent you shall take in your hand.

16 And you shall say to him, ‘The LORD God of the Hebrews has sent me to you, saying, “Let My people go, that they may serve Me in the wilderness”; but indeed, until now you would not hear!’

17 Thus says the LORD: “By this you shall know that I am the LORD. Behold, I will strike the waters which are in the river with the rod that is in my hand, and they shall be turned to blood.

18 And the fish that are in the river shall die, the river shall stink, and the Egyptians will loathe[to drink the water of the river.” ’ ”

Exodus 7:14-18

1. The LORD spoke to Moses directly
 - a. To discuss the hardness of Pharaoh's heart
 - b. To go to Pharaoh when he goes to the River Nile to perform his religious rite
2. Moses would forewarn Pharaoh
 - a. That the mighty River Nile would be filled with blood
 - b. The fishes in the River would die
 - c. The Egyptians would not be able to utilize the water from the Nile
3. Then perhaps the Egyptians would know that He is LORD
 - a. To acknowledge that He is God
 - b. That He is the God of the children of Israel
 - c. That He is the LORD
 - d. That He has tremendous power

THE COMMAND GIVEN TO AARON

19 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Take your rod and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their streams, over their rivers, over their ponds, and over all their pools of water, that they may become blood. And there shall be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in buckets of wood and pitchers of stone.' "

20 And Moses and Aaron did so, just as the LORD commanded. So he lifted up the rod and struck the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants. And all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood.

21 The fish that were in the river died, the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink the water of the river. So there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.

Exodus 7:19-21

1. Order of Ministry
 - a. God speaks to Moses
 - b. Moses speaks to Aaron
2. Aaron was to lift his rod and to strike the River Nile
3. The Judgment of the LORD
 - a. Aaron would strike the River Nile
 - b. In the sight of the Pharaoh
 - c. In the sight of his servants
 - d. The River was struck and it turned to blood
 - e. The River Nile was regarded as sacred
 - f. The blood was like the deity of the River Nile was wounded severely
 - g. The results were tragic!
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

THE RESPONSE OF THE PHARAOH

22 Then the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments; and Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, as the LORD had said.

23 And Pharaoh turned and went into his house. Neither was his heart moved by this.

24 So all the Egyptians dug all around the river for water to drink, because they could not drink the water of the river.

25 And seven days passed after the Lord had struck the river.

Exodus 7:22-25

1. The magicians of Pharaoh
 - a. They duplicated the deed of Aaron
 - b. They used magical enchantments
2. The heart of Pharaoh
 - a. It grew hard
 - b. He refused to heed Moses
 - c. His heart was not moved
 - d. He returned to his palace (house)
3. The Egyptians had to dig fresh wells
 - a. Water from the River Nile could not be used
 - b. The Egyptians now had a taste of hardship
4. The length of the Plague
 - a. One week
 - b. The effects would remain for the entire week
 - c. The impact was planned by the LORD

CONCLUSION

1. The Power of the LORD

This was obvious
2. The Punishment of Egypt
 - a. For their cruelty to the children of Israel
 - b. For the wickedness in hardened heart of the Pharaoh
3. The Personal lessons learned
 - a. By Moses
 - b. By Aaron

REFLECTIONS

By Chloe Tang

The first plague

After reading a few chapters of Exodus, we reached the study of the first plague. This first plague saw God turn water into blood. Water is life-giving, and important for the people of Egypt's survival. The conversion of water into blood not only meant that the water now stank, it meant that the people could not use it for farming, washing, drinking, and so many other purposes.

God's power

When God instructed Moses to speak to Pharaoh before the plague, He told him that "by this you shall know that I am the LORD". God spoke of the power that He would display, which had to be so great that no other could replicate! In those days, the people of Egypt believed in their own gods, that they could provide them with abundance and life. It was also believed that Pharaoh was an intermediary between the Egyptians and the Egyptian gods. But this plague revealed that these Egyptian "gods" were nothing compared to the LORD.

God's works

Pastor turned us to Psalm 111 last Saturday, to guide us on how to view and respond to this. Psalm 111 proclaims how God's works are honourable and glorious, and His righteousness endures forever. God's works, like the plagues, are powerful and they can strike fear in us. But when we study His works more, we see how God's works are not only powerful, but also purposive. God brought about these plagues to teach not only the Egyptians, but also the children of Israel, about His power. God may also allow us to go through unfavourable circumstances, in order to teach us lessons.

God's hand in our lives

In our modern day, we may not believe in other foreign gods. But there are still many things that may cause us to neglect or doubt God's power. These could be worldly ideas that have been instilled into us. For example, the idea of being a self-made man, who believes that one's achievements are solely through his hard work and effort. In our lives, God has provided many things, such as helping us to press on through different exams and assessments in school. A danger of oversubscribing to worldly ideas could be that we do not recognise these things which come from God's hand, but rather think that we attained these things by our sheer effort.

For me, I learnt to recognise that God is the One who brought me through most of my university life thus far, and the different challenges and setbacks I faced. I used to believe that it was hard work that would help me to do well in school and internships. But I learnt that there were so many variables beyond my control such as groupmates and teachers in school, colleagues and bosses at work. Even when there were unpleasant people I had to work with, God, who is in control, was able to answer my prayers, teach me lessons, and bring me through those circumstances.

Our response

Psalms 111 gives us an example of how we can respond to this. We can study God's works in the Bible and gain more understanding of who God is. We can also remember His many wonderful works in our lives as well. If we continue to be stubborn in our ways and stagnant in our understanding, we may end up not growing, and even worse, becoming hardened to His Word. Let us always be conscious of God's power and hand in our lives, and respond well, in order to have a more vibrant and dynamic faith!

THE DEATH OF ISAAC

Patriarch Isaac had twin sons born to him;
Esau and Jacob were not identical twins.
The sons had become estranged along the way;
But had reconciled and that dispelled dismay.

To Jacob were born twelve sons;
But not all of them were stalwart ones.
Simeon and Levi were cruel and wicked;
Reuben had defiled his father's bed.

Isaac lived quite isolated from his sons;
His death signalled that his days were done.
Esau and Jacob came together to bury him;
There was no enmity for they were siblings.

Isaac lived for more years than he imagined;
But the evening years saw his health declining.
Isaac lived to see his sons becoming fruitful;
His life was not lived in vain, nor was it uneventful.

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Genesis 35:22-29

YW NEWSLETTER (12 AUGUST 2023)

The works of God are full of honour, glory and righteousness. With the celebration of Bethany's Golden Jubilee, we are challenged to remember His wonderful works and render to the LORD the highest praise He deserves. In this week's issue, Esther Tang shares her personal appreciation of the LORD's hand of provision seen in Bethany.

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NEXT YWS



19 AUGUST 2023

Message: "This is the finger of God"

Text: Exodus 8:19

Despite the first two plagues, Pharaoh hardened his heart and reneged on his promise to Moses to let the people of Israel go, that they may sacrifice to the LORD. The finger of God was in full display once again as the next 2 plagues descended upon the Egyptians! Yet, Pharaoh's heart remained hardened and deceitful. Meanwhile, Moses, the servant of God was growing undoubtedly confident and discerning as he dealt with Pharaoh.

Find out more at Youth Worship next week!



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