

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!

Praise to the LORD can be pleasant and beautiful when it is offered with deep appreciation of God's great grace. Let us make every effort to sing praises to God for it is indeed good!



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COME AND WORSHIP

HE SHALL JUDGE THE WORLD IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

What is one key feature that we can discover about the LORD?
He is a Just and Righteous Judge of the world.

6 O enemy, destructions are finished forever!
And you have destroyed cities;
Even their memory has perished.

7 But the LORD shall endure forever;
He has prepared His throne for judgement.

8 He shall judge the world in righteousness,
And He shall administer judgement for the peoples in uprightness.

PSALM 9:6-8

1. The victory of the LORD

- a. Enemies may destroy the cities of Israel wantonly
- b. But the LORD will surely triumph
- c. He will judge the enemies one day

Psalm 9:6

Psalm 9:7

2. The immutability of the LORD

Unlike the enemies, God will endure forever

Psalm 9:7

3. The characteristics of the LORD as Judge

- a. Committed: He is committed to uphold justice
- b. Righteous: He judges the world in righteousness
- c. Upright: He executes judgement in uprightness

Psalm 9:8

CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD AS OUR JUDGE

The Scriptures offer important insights on how the LORD administers judgement in divine righteousness. The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19) would instruct us that the LORD, the Judge of all the earth, takes a firm hand against those who walked contrary to God's ways.

While the LORD metes out judgement in absolute wisdom, great grace He bestows to all who would genuinely repent. For those who would believe in the Lord Jesus, they shall not come into judgement but have passed from death into life (John 4:24)!

May we have every confidence to trust in the LORD as our Judge! May we treasure this gift of eternal life in the Lord Jesus!



ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

30 SEPTEMBER 2023

Prelude

Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Song Leading

1. Be Still

Janelle Tan

2. Chosen

Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 11:1-10

Tessa Kang, Bethany Toong and
Chloe Tang

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Moses Kwek

Message:

"One more plague"

Text: Exodus 11:1

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Offering

Postlude

Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

MY NOTES

30 SEPTEMBER 2023

“ONE MORE PLAGUE”

EXODUS 11:1

WORSHIP SONGS

Be Still

By David J. Evans

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here.
Come, bow before Him now,
With reverence and fear.

In Him no sin is found,
We stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.
He burns with holy fire,
With splendour He is crowned.

How awesome is the sight,
Our radiant King of light.
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.


Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister His grace.

No work too hard for Him,
In faith receive from Him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.

(End)

CHOSEN

Lyrics by Dr Jane Tan, Music by Dr Daniel Chia



Do you see the people walk in darkness,
Dwell in the land of the shadow of death?
All the pain and suffering all around us,
Hurting, crushing, you can't catch your breath.

Do you see the world lying in shambles?
Problems abounding, no answer in sight.
From the depths of despair hope arises,
The call is made to come into the light.

Chorus:

For you are a chosen generation,
Chosen by God to depart from the night.
A royal priesthood, a holy nation
Chosen by God to come into the light.

Do you see God's mercy given to us?
His own special people saved by His might.
You've obtained mercy, proclaim all His praises,
You are God's people, so walk in the light.

So even though it's such an uphill struggle,
Remember Christ Jesus has won the fight.
Upon us, in the midst of life's great battle,
A great light has shone, let's walk in the light.

Chorus (X2)

(End)



REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 23 SEPTEMBER 2023

“GET AWAY FROM ME!”

EXODUS 10:21-29

INTRODUCTION

1. Review the Plagues
 - a. Blood
 - b. Frogs
 - c. Lice
 - d. Flies
 - e. Disease on livestock
 - f. Boils
 - g. Hail
 - h. Locusts
2. What were the Lessons to be learned?
 - a. For the Pharaoh and Egypt
 - b. For Moses
 - c. For the children of Israel
 - d. For us today?

THE PENULTIMATE PLAGUE

21 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, darkness *which* may even be felt.”

22 So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days.

23 They did not see one another; nor did anyone rise from his place for three days. But all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

Exodus 10:21-23

1. Thick Darkness

- a. This may not seem very significant
- b. But pitch darkness can have devastating effects

2. Three days of “thick darkness”

- a. The Pharaoh did not know how long the darkness would last
- b. All normal life would come to a standstill in total darkness
 - i. No one could see another person
 - ii. Nobody dared to move around for fear of hurting oneself

3. The Obvious Difference

- a. There was light in the land of Goshen
- b. Life was Normal there among the children of Israel

THE CALL OF MOSES TO APPEAR BEFORE THE PHARAOH

Then Pharaoh called to Moses and said, “Go, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be kept back. Let your little ones also go with you.”

Exodus 10:24

1. Pharaoh gave permission for the children of Israel to depart

- a. The parents
- b. The children
- c. All of the children of Israel may depart

2. But he had restrictions:

- a. The flocks
- b. The herds
- c. They must remain behind

3. His devious mind

- a. He knew the human heart well
- b. Flocks and herds were the “wealth” of the people
- c. The children of Israel would return to their flocks and herds!

THE RESPONSE OF MOSES

25 But Moses said, “You must also give us sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.

26 Our livestock also shall go with us; not a hoof shall be left behind. For we must take some of them to serve the LORD our God, and even we do not know with what we must serve the LORD until we arrive there.”

Exodus 10:25-26

1. He rejected this Restriction

- a. The herds and flocks must go with them
- b. They would be offered as sacrifices to God

2. Moses had not budged one bit

- a. All the children of Israel must leave together
 - i. The old
 - ii. The young
- b. All their belongings must go with them
 - i. Herds
 - ii. Flocks
 - iii. All that belonged to them

3. The Unknown

- a. They did not know what the Future would be like
- b. They need all their resources

THE ANGER OF THE PHARAOH

27 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go.

28 Then Pharaoh said to him, "Get away from me! Take heed to yourself and see my face no more! For in the day you see my face you shall die!"

Exodus 10:27-28

1. Pharaoh continued to be arrogant
2. He had seemingly made some concessions
3. However, every suggestion had been rejected
4. This was a humbling thing to accept
5. In anger, he threatened
 - a. "Get away from me!"
 - b. "Take heed to yourself and see my face no more!"
 - c. "For in the day you see my face you shall die!"
6. Pharaoh's heart
 - a. It had hardened
 - b. God had allowed it to harden

THE RESPONSE OF MOSES

So Moses said, “You have spoken well. I will never see your face again.”

Exodus 10:29

1. Moses was unfazed
2. He would not need to see Pharaoh any further
3. He knew the plagues were coming to an end soon!
4. Moses had learned much along the way:
 - a. To trust God deeply
 - b. To be faithful
 - c. To have courage

OUR CHALLENGE

1. What have we learned about God?
2. What is the state of our Faith in the Lord?


REFLECTIONS

BY JARED HO

Over the past few weeks, we have been studying the story of how God would free the Israelites from their enslavement under the Egyptians. Not only have we witnessed the power of God through the nine plagues so far, but we have also learnt from the example of Pharaoh on how sin can affect our lives.

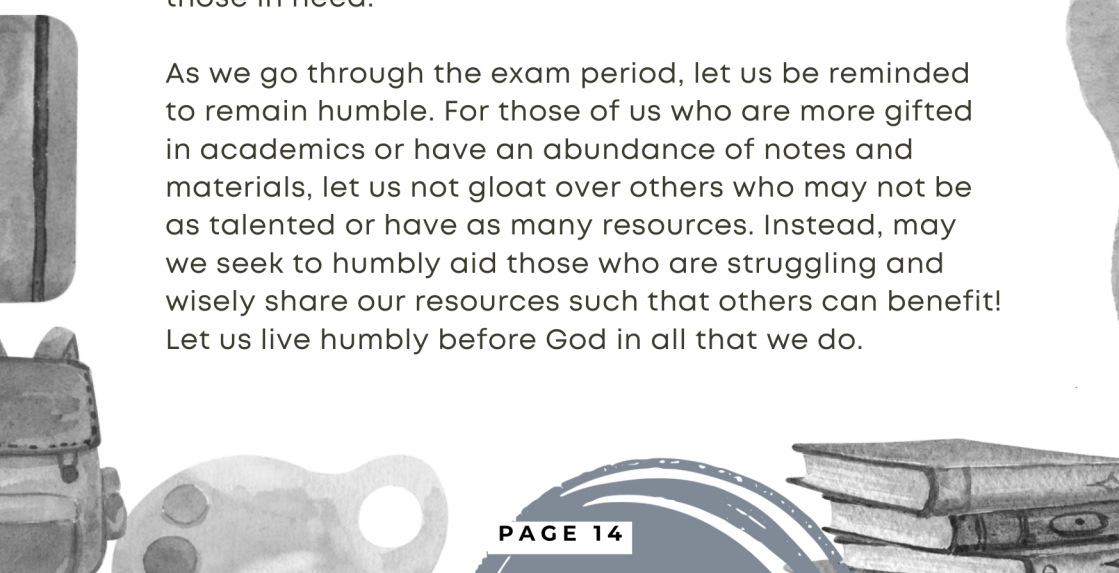
Last week, we reviewed how Pharaoh dealt with Moses and the Israelites. We read how Pharaoh let sin rule his life and cause him to become arrogant and stubborn. We read in Exodus 5, Pharaoh refused to acknowledge God saying, “Who is the LORD, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go.” He refused to humble himself before God and ultimately hardened his heart, being deceitful and stubborn as he dealt with Moses. Pharaoh even threatened to kill Moses for opposing him after the ninth plague was sent.

Arrogance is a sin problem that affects all of us. Today, people have become increasingly arrogant and self-righteous. Pastor gave the example of how today’s generation will, like Pharaoh, threaten to harm others either physically or socially by “cancelling” people if they oppose them. We must be cautious not to let the sin of arrogance take root in us and cause us to harden our hearts. Instead, as we seek to live our lives, let us not be consumed by the arrogant mindset that the world applauds today but seek to be humble before God and others.



Personally, I used to struggle with the problem of arrogance. As I went about each day, I often found myself silently judging others for not being as well-spoken or as well-liked as I was. Over time, I learnt that this was a dangerous mindset as it sometimes affected the way I acted. We read in Matthew 7, the Lord Jesus reminds us that we ought not to judge others, and this teaching greatly impacted me. It instructs me on how I ought to live my life and not be arrogant just because I may be gifted in some areas, or just because I am a Christian. I am again reminded by this lesson on Pharaoh, and I seek to remain humble and not grow a spirit of arrogance. As I live my life each day, I look to the example of the Lord Jesus who, though being the Son of God, remained humble. I recall in John 13 that the Lord Jesus would stoop down to the role of a humble servant and wash the feet of His disciples. Each day, instead of glorying in my abilities, I seek to follow the Lord Jesus and humbly use what skills I have, to help those in need.

As we go through the exam period, let us be reminded to remain humble. For those of us who are more gifted in academics or have an abundance of notes and materials, let us not gloat over others who may not be as talented or have as many resources. Instead, may we seek to humbly aid those who are struggling and wisely share our resources such that others can benefit! Let us live humbly before God in all that we do.



THUS, HIS FATHER WEPT FOR HIM

For a little while, Reuben had gone away;
When he went to the pit, he felt dismay.
Joseph had been sold to the Midianites;
This was a grave and frightening plight!

The brother returned to see their father;
They showed him the tunic like no other.
Jacob recognised the coat immediately;
A wild beast must have slain him terribly!

Jacob tore his clothes in great sadness;
He wore sackcloth in forlorn bitterness.
His favourite son, Joseph was slain;
No words could describe his pain!

All in the family saw Jacob's terrible grief;
No words of comfort could offer any relief.
Jacob felt he would die in great mourning;
Thoughts of Joseph's death brought weeping.

Charles Tan
Genesis 37:29-35

NEXT YWS



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Message: "The blood shall be a sign for you"

Text: Exodus 12:13

Careful and elaborate instructions were given to the children of Israel as the LORD prepared to execute the final judgement upon the Egyptians. Every household of Israel would have to partake of the Passover Meal, before the LORD passes through the land of Egypt and strikes all the firstborn with death. The Passover would be a Memorial that would contain deep symbolic significance for the people of Israel.

Find out more at Youth Worship next week!



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