

Youth Worship

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

WELCOME TO YOUTH WORSHIP!

Every opportunity to enter into the LORD's house is to be seized and savoured. May the experience of Worship to our Great God refreshes and rejuvenates our very soul!

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The LORD will also be a Refuge

To the wicked and impenitent, the LORD is a Divine Judge who brings forth wrath and destruction. Yet to the oppressed and those who genuinely seek Him, the LORD is a Refuge where safety and solace are found.

9 The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed,
A refuge in times of trouble.

10 And those who know Your name will put their trust in You;
For You, LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.

PSALM 9:9-10

1. The LORD will be a Refuge

Psalm 9:9

- a. For the oppressed
- b. For the distressed

2. What the LORD will do

Psalm 9:10

- a. He will remember them
- b. He will not forsake them

3. Our Challenge

Psalm 9:10

- a. To know the LORD deeply
- b. To trust in the LORD



TRUSTING IN THE LORD AS OUR REFUGE

Knowing the LORD as our Refuge brings immense comfort to a troubled heart.

Many things can burden the heart. We read of the evil that pervades and persists in the world - from billion-dollar money laundering schemes to rampant cyber bullying. The fear of subterfuge in this increasingly harsh world can cause one to feel distraught!

Yet the LORD promises to be a Strong and Faithful Refuge for those who are distressed. He will graciously protect and preserve us. He will surely not fail us for He is our LORD. How precious that we can turn to Him in Faith and Trust!

Let us hold fast to this Truth with deep affection and commitment. May we draw closer to the LORD, who will yield to us His mercies and grace in times of need!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

7 OCTOBER 2023

Prelude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Song Leading

1. How Great You Are

Joel Tan

2. The Heart of Worship

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 12:1-13

Chloe Tang, Laura Chan and
Bethany Toong

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Benjamin Chong

Message:

"The blood shall be a sign for you"

Text: Exodus 12:13

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Offering

Postlude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

MY NOTES

7 OCTOBER 2023

“THE BLOOD SHALL BE A SIGN FOR YOU”

EXODUS 12:13

How Great You Are

By Phillips, Craig & Dean

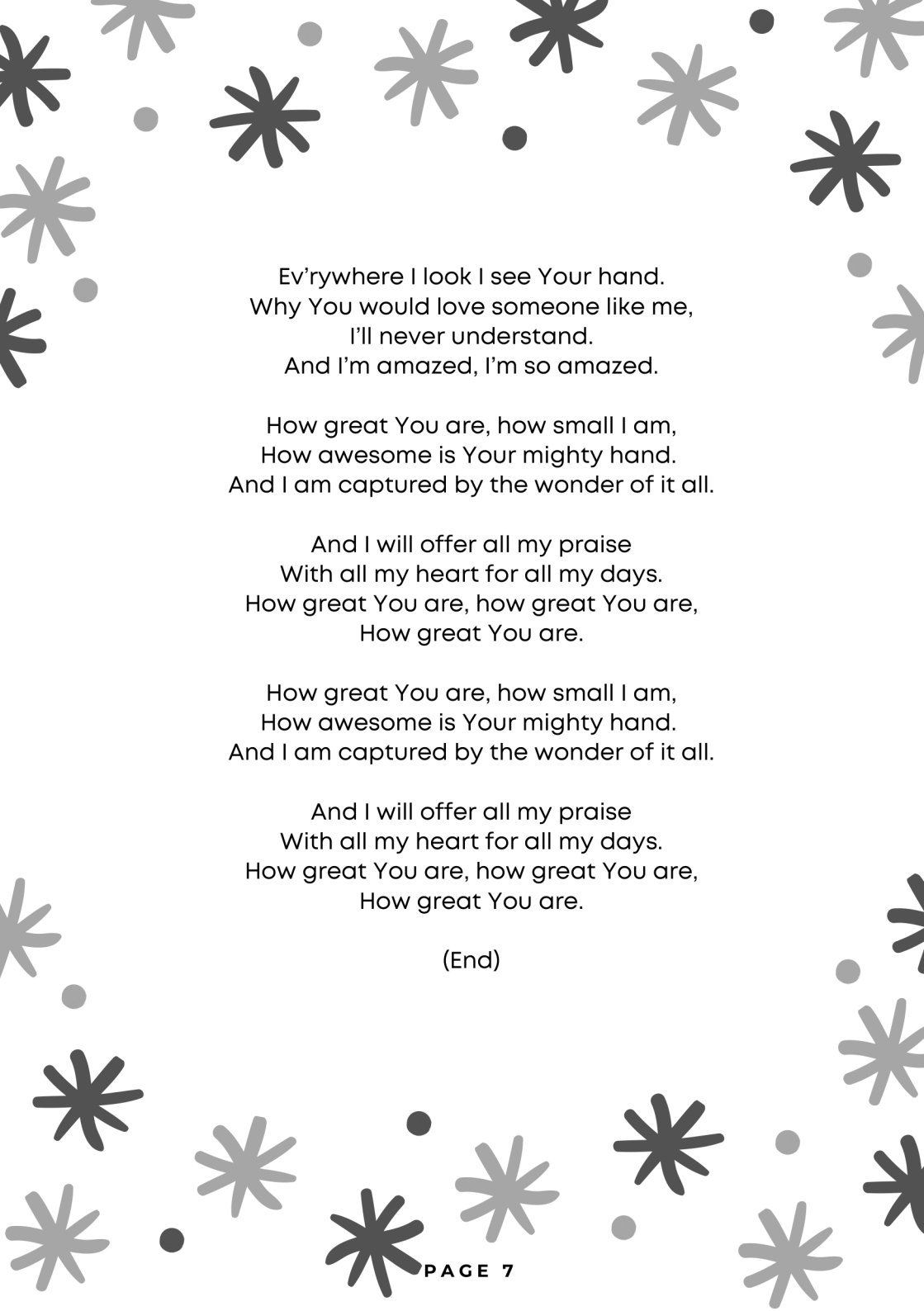
A thousand sparkling stars upon
A midnight summer sky,
The majesty and wonder of
The ocean's endless tide.

And the more I see, the more I can't explain
How the One who set the world in place
Could even know my name.
And I'm amazed, I'm so amazed.

How great You are, how small I am,
How awesome is Your mighty hand.
And I am captured by the wonder of it all.

And I will offer all my praise
With all my heart for all my days.
How great You are, how great You are,
How great You are.

A million snowflakes gently fall,
Yet no two are the same.
The colours fill the canvas of
The seasons as they change.



Ev'rywhere I look I see Your hand.
Why You would love someone like me,
I'll never understand.
And I'm amazed, I'm so amazed.

How great You are, how small I am,
How awesome is Your mighty hand.
And I am captured by the wonder of it all.

And I will offer all my praise
With all my heart for all my days.
How great You are, how great You are,
How great You are.

How great You are, how small I am,
How awesome is Your mighty hand.
And I am captured by the wonder of it all.

And I will offer all my praise
With all my heart for all my days.
How great You are, how great You are,
How great You are.

(End)

The Heart of Worship

By Michael W. Smith

When the music fades,
All is stripped away,
And I simply come;

Longing just to bring
Something that's of worth
That will bless Your heart.

I'll bring You more than a song,
For a song in itself
Is not what You have required.

You search much deeper within,
Through the way things appear,
You're looking into my heart.

I'm coming back to the heart of worship,
And it's all about You,
It's all about You, Jesus.

I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it,
When it's all about You,
It's all about You, Jesus.



King of endless worth,
No one could express
How much You deserve.

Though I'm weak and poor,
All I have is Yours,
Every single breath.

I'll bring You more than a song,
For a song in itself
Is not what You have required.

You search much deeper within,
Through the way things appear.
You're looking into my heart.

I'm coming back to the heart of worship,
And it's all about You,
It's all about You, Jesus.

I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it,
When it's all about You,
It's all about You, Jesus.

(End)



REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

“ONE MORE PLAGUE”

EXODUS 11:1-10

INTRODUCTION

1. Review the Plagues

- a. Blood
- b. Frogs
- c. Lice
- d. Flies
- e. Disease on livestock
- f. Boils
- g. Hail
- h. Locusts
- i. Thick Darkness

2. Some Vital Lessons (Psalm 111)

2 The works of the LORD *are* great,
Studied by all who have pleasure in them.

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.

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.

Psalms 111:2-6

ONE MORE PLAGUE

And the LORD said to Moses, "I will bring one more plague on Pharaoh and on Egypt. Afterward he will let you go from here. When he lets *you* go, he will surely drive you out of here altogether.

Exodus 11:1

1. Forewarning of one more plague
2. Foretelling what Pharaoh would do
 - a. He will let the children of Israel go
 - b. In fact, he will surely drive them out of Egypt!

PREPARATION FOR THE FINAL PLAGUE

"Speak now in the hearing of the people, and let every man ask from his neighbour and every woman from her neighbour, articles of silver and articles of gold."

Exodus 11:2

1. Moses must address the children of Israel
2. The people are to ask from their Egyptian neighbours
 - a. Articles of silver
 - b. Articles of gold

GOD'S FAVOUR

And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses *was* very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants and in the sight of the people.

Exodus 11:3

1. God gave the people great favour in the sight of the Egyptians
 - a. They were no longer seen as slaves
 - b. They were the children of Israel
 - c. They were the people of God
2. The standing of Moses
 - a. He was "very great in the land of Egypt"
 - b. "In the sight of Pharaoh's servants"
 - c. "In the sight of the people"

MOSES' WORD TO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL

4 Then Moses said, "Thus says the LORD: 'About midnight I will go out into the midst of Egypt;

5 and all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the female servant who *is* behind the handmill, and all the firstborn of the animals.

6 Then there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as was not like it *before*, nor shall be like it again.

Exodus 11:4-6

1. Thus says the LORD
 - a. This word came from God Himself
 - b. This was not from Moses!

2. The Death of all the firstborn son
 - a. The firstborn in the land of Egypt
 - b. The firstborn of the Pharaoh
 - c. The firstborn of the female servant
 - d. The firstborn of the animals
3. A huge outcry
 - a. In the land of Egypt
 - b. No precedent
 - c. This will be a unique plague

THE PROTECTION OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL

7 But against none of the children of Israel shall a dog move its tongue, against man or beast, that you may know that the LORD does make a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.'

8 And all these your servants shall come down to me and bow down to me, saying, 'Get out, and all the people who follow you!' After that I will go out." Then he went out from Pharaoh in great anger.

Exodus 11:7-8

1. God will protect the children of Israel
2. Even the dogs would not bark
 - a. At the children of Israel leaving the country
 - b. At all the animals leaving with them
3. All would bow to Moses
4. All the Egyptians would want the children of Israel to leave their land
5. God would make a difference with reference to the children of Israel
 - a. Protection
 - b. Provision
 - c. Presence

A WORD OF WISDOM TO MOSES

9 But the LORD said to Moses, “Pharaoh will not heed you, so that My wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt.”

10 So Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh; and the LORD hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he did not let the children of Israel go out of his land.

Exodus 11:9-10

1. This is a summary statement
2. The LORD had forewarned Moses
 - a. The Pharaoh would not heed
 - b. The Pharaoh would not release the children of Israel

LESSONS WE ARE TO LEARN

1. Lessons about God
2. Lessons about faith in God

REFLECTIONS

By Yera Kang

Last week at Youth Worship, we began the study of the final plague, which was the death of the firstborn. Moses spoke to Pharaoh about the extent of this plague, in how it would implicate all firstborns of the Egyptians. Conversely, the children of Israel would be preserved, such that the Lord would “make a difference” to show who His People were.

Moses’ transformation from feeling inadequate to becoming eloquent

Moses illustrated the extent of the plague, affecting the “female servant behind the hand mill” to “all the animals” of the Egyptians and fittingly contrasting it with the children of Israel, where not even “the dog shall move against man or beast” when they leave the land of Egypt. Moses knew the right words to use to bring across the magnitude of impact of this plague, clearly showing his flair in speech. Yet this was the same man who believed he was “slow in speech” and “slow of tongue” at the beginning (Exodus 4:10). Furthermore, the slight “anger” Moses displayed towards Pharaoh, who was the revered ruler of the Egyptians, emphasises this newfound confidence. He was now “very great” in the sight of Pharaoh’s servants and the people.

The work of God behind Moses’ eloquence

Moses’ eloquence evidently went beyond his speech, and he is starkly different from the Moses we knew in the first few chapters of Exodus. In Exodus 4, we read that Moses doubted his adequacy in being part of God’s great plan to bring His People out of Egypt and presented God with many “what ifs”.

However, this eloquence was not achieved by Moses alone, but it was the work of God in his life. Moses learnt to not find his adequacy in 'who he was' but who God is and His sovereignty and plan for the children of Israel.

Studying the works of God to its fullest extent

Through this lesson, Pastor urged us to look beyond the plagues, but to scrutinise the details which also display the works of God.

The gradual transformation of Moses in becoming truly eloquent could have been overlooked if we were to simply approach the plagues from a general perspective. As it says in Psalm 111, "the works of the Lord are great", but it must be "studied" for us to truly appreciate the sheer magnitude of His wonders.

Even as many of my peers and I are going through the exam season, this lesson challenged me to consider the contrast between how I approach God's Word and my studies. I may be able to spend hours mulling over school books, yet my attention span for quiet time is comparably insufficient. Hence, I seek to study the Scriptures in greater detail and with more effort, that the lessons will be so much more real and impactful to me.

The Lord's work in our lives

Moses' growth in eloquence has also made me consider how I face difficulties in life. As I go through the motion of school, I find myself faced with work that feels beyond my capabilities. Instead of languishing in discouragement, I seek to look at how the Lord can work in my life, remembering that His grace is sufficient for me.

Let us seek to study the Lord's Word diligently, that His works may be so much more real in our lives!

TWO WICKED SONS

Judah decided to leave his family;
He left the family most decidedly.
This took place after Joseph was sold;
This incident may have made his heart cold.

Adullam was one of the ancient Canaanite cities;
Judah married a Canaanite woman readily.
From this marriage Judah had three sons;
The firstborn was wicked, and his life was done.

The second son was also a man of sin;
He too was wicked and God slew him.
Two sons had died, but who was to blame?
Judah leaving his family was truly a shame.

The two sons were so wicked they were slain;
Judah, as the father, must bear some of the blame.
He continued to stay in this Canaanite city;
He did not seem to care about his original family!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Genesis 38:1-10

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YW Newsletter (7 October 2023)

Many are the insightful truths which we have gleaned from the book of Exodus. Our challenge is to have the Scriptures impact our faith and lives practically and personally. Having learnt these lessons, Elizabeth Poey shares with us how she is seeking to cultivate a deeper consciousness and fear of the LORD.

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NEXT YWS



14 OCTOBER 2023

Message: "An everlasting ordinance"

Text: Exodus 12:14

God gave an everlasting ordinance for the children of Israel to keep the Passover Feast and the Feast of the Unleavened Bread. They were to faithfully teach their sons about how the LORD passed over Egypt and mightily delivered His people. Surely, God's protection and preservation are to be remembered by all! May these lessons instruct us to be the next generation of people who know and treasure the LORD!



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