

# 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!

To enter into the Presence of the LORD is a glorious privilege. May we yield our heart, mind and soul to seek Him with great fervour!



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# COME AND WORSHIP

## *He Remembers His Covenant Forever*

The LORD is a Covenant-Keeping God. While Man is prone to forgetting, the LORD remembers every promise made. His Word shall never fail, nor falter. He will honour His Word to the very end!

*7 He is the LORD our God;  
His judgments are in all the earth.  
8 He remembers His covenant forever,  
The word which He commanded,  
for a thousand generations.*

### PSALM 105:7-8

#### 1. A Close Relationship

- a. The LORD is a personal God Psalm 105:7a
- b. Graciously, He gave His judgments to His people Psalm 105:7b
- c. But Israel failed to appreciate this relationship with God

#### 2. A Covenant-Keeping God

- a. God gave a covenant to Abraham Genesis 15:18
- b. This covenant would span a thousand generations  
and beyond Psalm 105:8a
- c. The LORD will remember and honour His covenant Psalm 105:8b

## **OUR RESPONSE TO LOVE AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS**

The LORD is truly a Faithful God. How then shall we respond?

*“Therefore know that the LORD your God,  
He is God, the faithful God who keeps  
covenant and mercy for a thousand  
generations with those who love Him  
and keep His commandments;”*

### **DEUTERONOMY 7:9**

Let us learn how to love the LORD better. Let us fulfil our part to keep His commandments!

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

13 APRIL 2024

**Prelude**

Pianist: Rayne Quek

**Call to Worship**

Pastor Charles Tan

**Opening Prayer**

Pastor Charles Tan

**Song Leading**

1. A Common Love
2. Dare To Run

Lorraine Lai and Joel Tan

Pianists: Gabrielle Wan  
& Rayne Quek

**Scripture Reading:**

Exodus 19:7-15

Chloe Tang, Tessa Kang and  
Laura Chan

**Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor Benjamin Chong

**Message:**

“Behold, I come to you”

Text: Exodus 19:7-15

Pastor Charles Tan

**Closing Prayer**

Pastor Charles Tan

**Offering**

**Postlude**

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan



# MY NOTES

13 APRIL 2024

**“BEHOLD, I COME TO YOU”**

EXODUS 19:7-15

# WORSHIP SONGS


## A COMMON LOVE

By Charles F. Brown

A common love for each other,  
A common gift to the Saviour,  
A common bond holding us to the Lord;  
A common strength when we're weary,  
A common hope for tomorrow,  
A common joy in the truth of God's Word.

In His family, we can meet each one's needs,  
We can light each one's path,  
We can bear each one's grief;  
As His children, we can comfort each care,  
We can build each one's faith,  
We can work, we can share.

A common love for each other,  
A common gift to the Saviour,  
A common bond holding us to the Lord;  
A common strength when we're weary,  
A common hope for tomorrow,  
A common joy in the truth of God's Word.



In His family, all the love that we show,  
All the help that we give,  
All the life we bestow;  
As His children, they're an offering we make,  
Not expecting return,  
Just a gift for His sake.

A common love for each other,  
A common gift to the Saviour,  
A common bond holding us to the Lord;  
A common strength when we're weary,  
A common hope for tomorrow,  
A common joy in the truth of God's Word.

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# *Dare To Run*

By Harlan Moore, Joel W. Smith

The assembly of the faithful,  
Surrounding, yet unseen,  
Is gathered as a witness to the race.

And on the track awaiting  
Are the runners of today;  
The call has come for each to take his place.

The road ahead is narrow,  
The way is sometimes steep,  
And only the committed claim the prize.

But standing at the finish,  
With arms outstretched to greet us,  
Is the One who has endured the race,  
And paid the final price.

Dare to run  
With our eyes fixed on Jesus,  
Following the footsteps  
Of the One who's gone before us.

Dare to run  
In the power of His spirit,  
Called to be victors in a race already won;  
Dare to run.



Dare to run  
With our eyes fixed on Jesus,  
Following the footsteps  
Of the One who's gone before us.

Dare to run  
In the power of His spirit,  
Called to be victors in a race already won;  
Dare to run.

We must have our Saviour's vision,  
Compassion for the lost;  
Courage for the future,  
Love at any cost.

Dare to run  
With our eyes fixed on Jesus,  
Following the footsteps  
Of the One who's gone before us.

Dare to run  
In the power of His Spirit,  
Called to be victors in a race already won;  
Dare to run.

Dare to run in the power,  
The power of the LORD!

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# REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

## **YWS MESSAGE - 6 APRIL 2024**

### **“A SPECIAL TREASURE TO ME”**

#### **EXODUS 19:1-6**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

1. The children of Israel had departed from Egypt
2. They were known as slaves of Egypt (Exodus 1:13-14)
  - a. The Egyptians made the children of Israel serve with rigour
  - b. The Egyptians made their lives bitter with hard bondage
3. But what were they actually meant to be?

#### **THE JOURNEY TAKEN**

**1** In the third month after the children of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on the same day, they came *to* the Wilderness of Sinai.

**2** For they had departed from Rephidim, had come *to* the Wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness. So Israel camped there before the mountain.

Exodus 19:1-2

1. The children of Israel camped there before the mountain
  - a. God had given Moses a sign (cf. Exodus 3:12)
  - b. Having brought the people out of Egypt, Moses would serve God on this mountain
  - c. Reaching Sinai was an important marker



2. The journey that had lasted three months reviewed

- a. The land of Egypt (cf. Exodus 12)
- b. Rephidim (cf. Exodus 17)
- c. The Wilderness of Sinai

## **THE PEOPLE TO WHOM GOD WAS GOING TO GIVE A WORD**

And Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel:

Exodus 19:3

1. Moses went up the mountain to God
2. Moses was going to receive a word from God for the people
3. The names God used to identify the people
  - a. The house of Jacob
    - i. Jacob was a reference to his sinful past
    - ii. The people were to be reminded of their sinful ways
  - b. The children of Israel
    - i. God had given Jacob a new name
    - ii. This was to symbolize a fresh start and a new beginning
    - iii. This new name represented potential, promise, and hope

## **A REMINDER**

You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and *how* I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself.

Exodus 19:4

1. God wanted the children of Israel to remember His deeds
2. Some of the works of God which the children of Israel had experienced
  - a. What God did to the Egyptians
  - b. How God bore them on eagles' wings and brought them to Himself

## **THE CHALLENGE TO RESPOND WELL**

**5** Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth *is* Mine. **6** And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These *are* the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.

Exodus 19:5-6

1. Now therefore
  - a. God had done His part
  - b. God had just reminded the people of this
  - c. He now called the people to respond appropriately and do their part
2. The responses God asked for
  - a. Obedience
  - b. Keeping His covenant
    - i. Abraham was given a covenant
    - ii. Soon, the children of Israel would receive a covenant of their own

### 3. The encouraging results which shall follow

- a. These results were contingent on the people doing their part first
- b. Then they shall be
  - i. A special treasure to God above all people
  - ii. A kingdom of priests and a holy nation to God

## **OUR ENCOURAGEMENT**

### 1. Let us be reminded

- a. Of all that God has done to save us
- b. That we are called to lead a new life and to live by faith

### 2. "Let us demonstrate hallmarks of this new life

- a. Obedience and faithful keeping of God's Word
- b. A special relationship with God
- c. Serving God

# REFLECTIONS

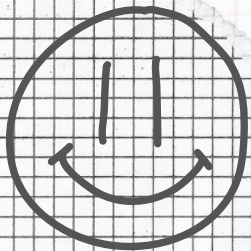
## YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

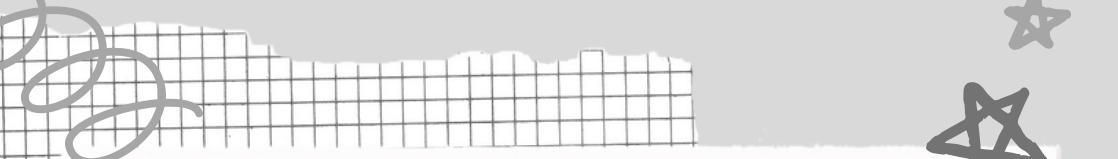
By Daniel Chew

Last week, we read from Exodus 19, about how God bore the Children of Israel on eagles' wings, reaching the Wilderness of Sinai by His mercy, even though they disobeyed and sinned against Him multiple times.

God described the Children of Israel as the "House of Jacob" because of their sinful tendencies but He redeemed them so that they may become a holy nation. God also sought to form a special relationship with the Children of Israel through His covenant and make them His servants.

After reading this passage, I thought to myself:  
How amazing God is that He would be so merciful to forgive us of the multiple sins that we have committed! Even though we may disobey God, He still extends His great mercy to us. The Children of Israel sinned against God time after time. Yet, He forgave them and promised to make them a kingdom of priests and a holy nation, only if they would obey His voice and keep His covenant.





When I reflected upon my life, I realised that I am like the Children of Israel. God brought me through many challenges and tough times, and instead of acknowledging Him, I sometimes turn away from Him. Furthermore, after all the good God has done for me, I still continue to sin against Him, like the Children of Israel.

After hearing this passage, I was really moved. Out of His lovingkindness and grace, God forgives me of my sins through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Chosen to be His special treasure, He wants to change me and transform me to be more like Him.

This week, I had decided to be more conscious of God and His ways by responding appropriately to His tender grace and mercies. When I had strong feelings during the week like feeling irritated by something that happened, instead of getting roused and agitated, I learnt to be calm, remembering that the Lord has done so much for me and that He has forgiven me despite the many times I have strayed from Him.

God has forgiven us of our sins. Let us be encouraged to do our part by obeying His voice and keeping His covenant! Let us all seek to honour God by keeping His ways!



# Youth Worship Reflections

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## BY AMANDA LAI

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Last week, we learnt from Exodus 19:1-6 about how God inspired the children of Israel when they were at Mount Sinai. God knew that the children of Israel were disheartened after the long journey which they had travelled since they left the land of Egypt. The Lord provided the people with a special Word to remind them, encourage them and help them to recognise how they can play their part.

### **A timely reminder**

In His Word, the Lord started by addressing the people as the “house of Jacob” and “children of Israel”, this was a reminder to the children of Israel that they were struggling with the problem of sinfulness while also speaking of how they had the potential to amount to much more. The Lord further reminded them of how He had plagued the Egyptians and kept the children of Israel safe through their journey.

### **An encouragement to carry on**

Even after the multiple failures of the children of Israel to obey the Lord, He challenged them once again to obey Him and keep His covenant, and special blessings would ensue. God had set apart the children of Israel as “a special treasure,” which is a truly wonderful blessing speaking of how the Lord wanted a unique and close relationship with them. They were also to be “a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.” This meant that the children of Israel were destined to be servants of God, which was an amazing privilege given to them. This was a much needed encouragement for the children of Israel.



## **My challenge**

As I soon reach the end of my 2nd term of university, I can say that it has been one of the hardest things I had to go through thus far. I found it hard to adjust to the fast-paced and steep learning curve at my university and also the endless projects which I have sacrificed many hours of sleep for. When I heard how Pastor Jonathan had focused his mind on the Lord through his commitment, confidence, concentration and contentment throughout his university years, I was encouraged to do the same. This lesson was timely as I am reminded once again about how I should not be discouraged and draw inspiration from God and His Word and live according to His will. I am challenged to focus on the Lord and remember His goodness as I continue in my university studies, and seek to serve the Lord faithfully. As young people, may we all be encouraged and inspired by God's Word to persevere on through our challenges and not give up!

## JOSEPH REMEMBERED THE DREAMS

The Ten sons of Jacob had come to Egypt to buy grain;  
They would get a huge supply if there was no restraint.  
They had families and servants to feed at home;  
They were very focused, and they did not roam.

Joseph was the governor in charge of the granaries;  
The sight of his brothers triggered his memories.  
God had given him two dreams when he was a lad;  
The dreams were being fulfilled, and he was glad.

His brothers had sold him away as a slave;  
Had they changed or were they still knaves?  
They did not recognize Joseph at all;  
They had to observe Egyptian protocol.

They addressed Joseph as "lord;"  
They claimed they were an honest lot.  
Joseph imprisoned them for three days;  
This stint in jail must have caused dismay!

Charles Tan  
Inspiration: Genesis 42:6-17

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HELPING OUT AT JUNIOR CAMP 2024

We're thrilled to announce that Junior Camp is coming!

Every Camp is a wonderful avenue for us to cultivate a heart of service to the Lord, and foster a sense of community and care for the Church.

### JUNIOR CAMP 2024

**Theme: "He loved them to the end" John 13:1**

#### DETAILS

Dates: 27 - 30 May 2024 (Monday - Thursday)

Venue: Bethany IPC

Time: 8:30am to 4:00pm daily

Lunch will be provided for every day.

If you have any queries, please contact Janelle, Ying Sui or Yuanli.

Kindly fill up the form in the QR code below if you'd like to be a part:



# NEXT YWS



**20 APR 2024**

Message: "The LORD came down upon Mount Sinai"

Text: Exodus 19:16-25

God descended upon Mount Sinai on the third day as He had spoken. Mount Sinai was completely covered in smoke and it quaked at the Presence of the LORD. The blast of the trumpet sounded long and the voice of God arose. Such an awe-inspiring experience would cause one to fear the LORD!

Sadly, not all the children of Israel revered the Almighty God. The instructions of the LORD went unheeded and Moses had to address the people and the priests.

Find out more at YW next week!