

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!

Great is the LORD's faithfulness!
God's mercies and lovingkindness remain
unchanging from generation to generation.
May we offer worship to Him whose
faithfulness endures forever!



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MARVELLOUS THINGS HE DID

The deeds of God recorded in Biblical history were not ordinary acts. They were the LORD's mighty works which should cause one to marvel in great awe!

The significance of what God had done was certainly not lost on Asaph. He contemplated on and remembered the LORD's marvellous miracles performed in the history of Israel.

12 Marvellous things He did in the sight of their fathers,
In the land of Egypt, *in* the field of Zoan.

13 He divided the sea and caused them to pass through;
And He made the waters stand up like a heap.

14 In the daytime also He led them with the cloud,
And all the night with a light of fire.

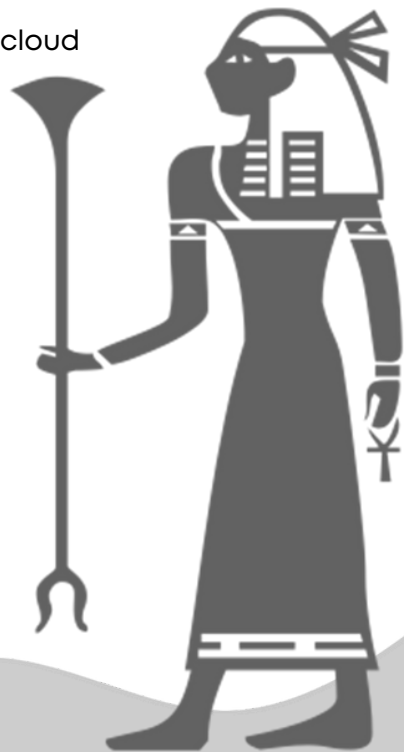
15 He split the rocks in the wilderness,
And gave them drink in abundance like the depths.

16 He also brought streams out of the rock,
And caused waters to run down like rivers.

PSALM 78:12-16



1. God did many marvellous deeds Psalm 78:12
 - a. In the land of Egypt
 - b. In Zoan (an ancient city in Egypt) Numbers 13:22
2. Some mighty signs and wonders performed in Egypt
 - a. The release of the 10 plagues Exodus 7-12
 - b. Israel was finally set free from bondage under Egypt
3. The Power of God manifested Psalm 78:13
 - a. He divided the Red Sea Exodus 14
 - b. He made the waters stand like a heap
 - c. He caused the children of Israel to cross through dry-shod
4. The Presence and Protection of God Psalm 78:14
 - a. By day, He led His people in a pillar of cloud which served as a covering
Exodus 13:21a
 - b. By night, He went before them in a pillar of fire which gave light and heat
Exodus 13:21b
5. The Provision of God
 - a. He supplied abundance of water
 - b. Even from a Rock in the wilderness!
Exodus 17



LEST YOU FORGET

These supernal acts of God are carefully recorded for a purpose - that we may not forget.

*"Then beware, lest you forget the LORD
who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
from the house of bondage."*

DEUTERONOMY 6:12

The danger of forgetting the past is all too real. Deep value is found in remembering what God has done for us. His Power, Presence, Protection and Provision are most inspiring to behold. There is truly no one like the LORD our God! Let us take heed and guard ourselves from forgetting!



ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

26 APRIL 2025

Prelude

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

Call to Worship

Pastor Eugene Seow

Opening Prayer

Pastor Eugene Seow

Song Leading

1. You Are My All In All
2. In Christ Alone

Joel Tan and Stanley Woo
Pianists: Esther Tang and
Lorraine Lai

Scripture Reading

Text: Numbers 16:1-40

Bethany Toong and Tessa Kang

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Mitchell Tan

Message

“The sons of Levi”
Text: Numbers 16:1-40

Pastor Eugene Seow

Closing Prayer

Pastor Eugene Seow

Offering

Postlude

Pianist: Esther Tang

MY NOTES

26 APRIL 2025

“THE SONS OF LEVI”

N U M B E R S 1 6 : 1 - 4 0

YOU ARE MY ALL IN ALL

By Dennis L. Jernigan

1. You are my strength when I am weak,
You are the treasure that I seek;
You are my all in all.

Seeking You as a precious jewel,
Lord, to give up, I'd be a fool;
You are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your Name!
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your Name!

2. Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
Rising again I bless Your Name;
You are my all in all.

When I fall down, You pick me up;
When I am dry, You fill my cup;
You are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your Name!
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IN CHRIST ALONE

By Shawn Craig and Don Koch

1. In Christ alone will I glory,
Though I could pride myself in battles won.
For I've been blessed beyond measure
And by His strength alone I overcome.

Oh, I could stop and count successes
Like diamonds in my hand.
But those trophies could not equal
To the grace by which I stand.

Chorus:

In Christ alone I place my trust
And find my glory in the power of the cross.
In every victory, let it be said of me:
My source of strength, my source of hope is Christ alone.

2. In Christ alone will I glory,
For only by His grace I am redeemed.
And only His tender mercy
Could reach beyond my weakness to my need.

No, I seek no greater honour
Than just to know Him more,
And to count my gains but losses
To the glory of my Lord.

Chorus:

In Christ alone I place my trust
And find my glory in the power of the cross.
In every victory, let it be said of me:
My source of strength, my source of hope is Christ alone.
In every victory, let it be said of me:
My source of strength,
My source of hope is Christ alone.

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REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 12 APRIL 2025 **"IF YOU SIN UNINTENTIONALLY"** **NUMBERS 15**

INTRODUCTION

1. The children of Israel had sinned grievously
 - a. They had chosen to disobey the Lord time and time again
 - b. They were now consigned to wander in the wilderness for forty years because of their wilful sinfulness
 - c. The obvious need was for them to learn about the problem of sin
2. Many laws were given to Israel
 - a. To instruct
 - b. To forewarn
 - c. To encourage Israel not to take sin lightly
3. Two aspects were highlighted:
 - a. Sin that is unintentional
 - b. Sin that is intentional

DEALING WITH UNINTENTIONAL SIN

22 'If you sin unintentionally, and do not observe all these commandments which the LORD has spoken to Moses—

23 all that the LORD has commanded you by the hand of Moses, from the day the LORD gave commandment and onward throughout your generations—

24 then it will be, if it is unintentionally committed, without the knowledge of the congregation, that the whole congregation shall offer one young bull as a burnt offering, as a sweet aroma to the LORD, with its grain offering and its drink offering, according to the ordinance, and one kid of the goats as a sin offering.

25 So the priest shall make atonement for the whole congregation of the children of Israel, and it shall be forgiven them, for it was unintentional; they shall bring their offering, an offering made by fire to the LORD, and their sin offering before the LORD, for their unintended sin.

26 It shall be forgiven the whole congregation of the children of Israel and the stranger who dwells among them, because all the people *did it* unintentionally.

27 'And if a person sins unintentionally, then he shall bring a female goat in its first year as a sin offering.

28 So the priest shall make atonement for the person who sins unintentionally, when he sins unintentionally before the LORD, to make atonement for him; and it shall be forgiven him.

29 You shall have one law for him who sins unintentionally, *for* him who is native-born among the children of Israel and for the stranger who dwells among them.

Numbers 15:22-29

1. Sin will affect the whole congregation
 - a. Sin does not just affect the individual
 - b. It affects the whole community/congregation
2. What constitutes sin?
 - a. The neglect of the commandments of God
 - b. The failure to keep the commandments of God is considered sin
3. Unintentional sin
 - a. There is no evil intention
 - b. The sin is not pre-meditated
4. Atonement may be made for unintentional sins
 - a. The individual sins
 - b. But the whole congregation is unaware of the sin
 - c. Thus, it is not held responsible for the sin of the individual
 - d. Atonement may be made
 - e. Forgiveness is extended to the repentant sinner

DEALING WITH PRESUMPTUOUS SIN

30 'But the person who does *anything* presumptuously, *whether he is* native-born or a stranger, that one brings reproach on the LORD, and he shall be cut off from among his people.

31 Because he has despised the word of the LORD, and has broken His commandment, that person shall be completely cut off; his guilt *shall be* upon him."

Numbers 15:30-31

1. Presumptuous sin is not unintentional

- a. It is not a sin of ignorance
- b. It is a sin that is committed deliberately

2. The nature of presumptuous sin

- a. It brings reproach on the Lord
- b. The individual has despised the word of the Lord
- c. He has broken His commandment

3. Consequences

- a. He shall be cut off completely
- b. He will have to bear his guilt
- c. The punishment is up to the Lord

4. Examples of the sin of presumption

- a. The sin of the 10 spies who deliberately caused Israel to rebel against God
Numbers 13
- b. The sin of the congregation to attempt to enter Canaan after God had already given His commandment not to battle the Amalekites
Numbers 14
- c. The 10 spies were killed by a plague
- d. The children of Israel suffered a humiliating defeat at the hands of the Amalekites

OUR CHALLENGES

1. To be more thoughtful
2. To not take sin lightly
3. To have a heart that will repent when sin is realised
4. To seek forgiveness from the Lord swiftly
5. To learn and to grow from each experience

REFLECTIONS



Y O U T H W O R S H I P R E F L E C T I O N S

by Rayne Quek

Hello everyone! I hope everyone had a good Easter celebration last week. I personally was very encouraged by the young people's efforts to invite their friends and share their faith at Easter. I was also glad that many of our young people joined the "Glorious Day" song item and worked hard to present the performance at the Easter Lunch! I thank God that it went really well and it had encouraged the newcomers at the Youth Programme.

At our last Youth Worship Service, we learnt from Numbers 15 about the danger of unintentional and presumptuous sin. The Children of Israel had committed many sins, some of which led them to their current state of wandering in the wilderness for 40 years. Their sin had to be addressed and warned about, and the consequences of sin had to be faced.

The first aspect addressed was sin that is unintentional. This means that there were no ill intentions behind the sin committed. However, the entire congregation may be affected by the unintentional sin of the individual and all have to atone for it. The Lord will still mercifully forgive.

The second aspect addressed was sin that is presumptuous. This is sin that is intentional and cannot be atoned for easily. Committing such sin shows an underlying contempt for God's Word and it brings reproach on the Lord. The consequences of such sin are severe. An example is the 10 spies intentionally persuading the Children of Israel not to enter the Promised Land. This caused Israel to disobey God's instructions. Hence, God punished the 10 spies with immediate death by the plague.



This lesson highlighted to me that there is no sin without consequence. Even unintentional sin committed will have an effect on the community around me, worse still, presumptuous sin is virtually unforgivable. As I reflect on my own life, I become more aware of my sins. How many times have I been "too lazy" to read God's Word? How many times have I done or said mean things to those around me? How many times have I neglected God in my life? I feel remorseful as I answered these questions.

This lesson brought about a renewed awareness of my personal sins and the severity of them. Continuing in them will lead me to stray further from God. Instead, I want to choose to humbly turn to the Lord and seek forgiveness. Sin is a problem that we all face. Let us choose not to harden our hearts towards God, but instead come to Him earnestly and seek His grace and mercy to forgive and cleanse us from our sins.



YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS *by Grace Wong*

Welcome back to Youth Worship! Previously, we read from Numbers 15:22-31, where the children of Israel had sinned grievously, both unintentionally and presumptuously. Over and over again, they chose to disobey the Lord, and because of their wilful rebellion, they were sentenced to wander in the wilderness for forty years (Numbers 14:33-34). This passage got me started reflecting about how we are not so different from them. We too, sin in both aspects. At times, we fall into sin without knowing, perhaps out of ignorance or weakness. At other times, we knowingly choose to disobey God, being aware of what is right, but resisting it anyway. That is why it is important to understand the nature of sin, and knowing the difference can help us reflect honestly on our actions and intentions.

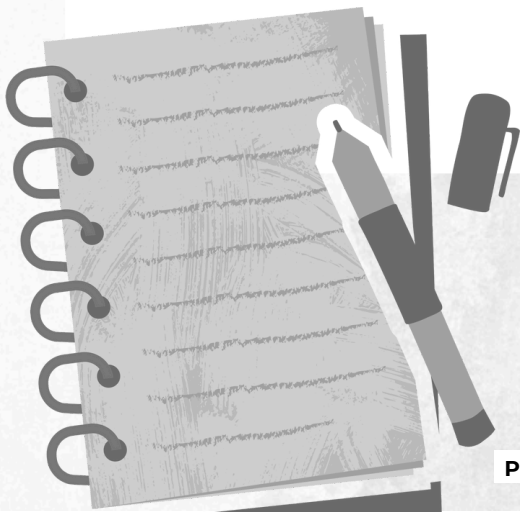
We read in Numbers 15 that the laws were given to help Israel to understand what sin is, to recognise how it affects their relationship with God and the community, and most importantly not to take sin lightly. In the same way, we need God's Word to guide us. His Word is there to instruct us and keep us from going astray from the Lord. This is why it is so important to keep learning and growing in His Word. Therefore, I am reminded to continuously come to the House of the Lord to learn His Word with an eager heart.

Unintentional Sin

What struck me was that sin, even when it is personal, affects the wider community. The Lord's Word shows us that the whole congregation may be impacted by the sin of an individual. This reminds us that our spiritual lives are not lived in isolation. Our actions influence the people around us, whether in our church, family, or friendship circles. We are called to live in a way that honours Him. Therefore, we need to walk worthy, in a manner that reflects His grace.

Intentional Sin

The passage continues to address a different aspect of sin - presumptuous sin. This is not sin committed in ignorance, but deliberate rebellion. The nature of such sin is described as bringing reproach upon the Lord and despising His Word. The person who commits such sin is to be cut off from among the people which is serious. It reflects a hardened heart where one knows God's commandments but chooses to reject them anyway. Some examples were the ten spies who caused Israel to rebel, and the people who tried to enter the Promised Land after God had already commanded not to. Both groups of people suffered devastating consequences.



Examining ourselves candidly

These verses challenge us to take sin seriously. We are not to treat God's grace lightly or take His forgiveness for granted. Instead, we are called to be thoughtful, to examine ourselves, and to maintain a heart that is soft and willing to repent. More than evaluating the nature of sin, we need to examine the state of our relationship with God.

I raised these questions personally. Am I being ignorant or inattentive to His Word? Have I allowed my heart to harden, slowly becoming indifferent to His ways? Or am I consciously choosing to ignore what I know to be right? Recognising where I stand helps me to repent sincerely, seek forgiveness, and draw closer to God.

The Lord is faithful and just to forgive those who come to Him with genuine repentance. Each experience, and even our failures, can become an opportunity for growth if we allow the Lord to teach and shape us through them. May we never lose sight of His mercy, and may our hearts always remain sensitive to His Word!



BURY ME WITH MY FATHERS

Jacob had come to the end of his life;
He had seen so much family strife.
He foresaw the future of his children;
They would need mercy from Heaven.

Jacob gave his last instructions;
He wanted to be buried in Canaan.
Abraham and Sarah were laid to rest in Machpelah;
Being buried with his forebears was his strong desire.

Jacob could have been buried with great honour;
His son, Joseph was Egypt's chief minister.
But Jacob was not drawn to Egypt in any way;
He remembered that God was with him always.

With all the strength he could gather;
Jacob's faith in God was truly steadfast.
Jacob drew his last breath shortly after;
His wishes would be fulfilled thereafter.

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Genesis 49:29-33

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO YOUTH WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

In view of Polling Day taking place on 3 May 2025,
there will not be any Youth Worship next week.
Youth Worship will resume on 10 May 2025.

Let us pray for good and wise leaders
to govern our nation!

SERVING AT JUNIOR CAMP 2025

Our annual Junior Camp is coming! If you would like to serve as a helper at Camp, kindly sign up via the QR code below.

Details of the Camp are as follows:

Theme : "My Little Children" 1 John 2:1

Date : 2 -5 June 2025

Time : 8:30am - 4:30pm

If you have any queries, reach out to Teacher Ainslie,
Teacher Janelle, Teacher Yingsui or Teacher Yuanli.



NEXT YWS



10 MAY 2025

Message: "Behold, the rod of Aaron"

Text: Numbers 17

Following the rebellion of Korah and his allies, the children of Israel continued to complain against Moses and Aaron, contesting their authority as God's leaders. Consequently, the Israelites were hit with a plague which God had sent as a punitive judgment. To defend Aaron's leadership, the LORD would now publicly confirm the honour of priesthood to His chosen servant through a powerful miracle. Find out more at next week's Youth Worship!



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