

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 the one true God. Let us lay aside our own human ideas of what He is like, and seek to know and understand the God we worship.



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COME AND WORSHIP

His Own People

The privilege of being God's own people can so easily be taken for granted. Such was the case for the people of Israel who so often forgot the LORD. The Psalmist Asaph sought to remind his audience of the preciousness of belonging to the Most High.

⁵² But He made His own people go forth like sheep,
And guided them in the wilderness like a flock;
⁵³ And He led them on safely, so that they did not fear;
But the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

PSALM 78:52-53

1. God's Power

- a. It means wrath to those who reject Him Psalm 78:50:51
- b. It means safety and protection for those who belong to Him

2. Distinction was made between the Egyptians and the children of Israel

- a. The plagues adversely affected the Egyptians Psalm 78:43-51
- b. God's people were set apart and kept safe
 - i. From the plagues of flies Exodus 8:22
 - ii. From the pestilence that killed all livestock Exodus 9:4
 - iii. From the devastating hail Exodus 9:26
 - iv. From the plague of darkness Exodus 10:23
 - v. From the death of the firstborn Exodus 11:7

3. Exodus on the day of redemption

Psalm 78:52

- a. God guided His people out of Egypt and through the wilderness
- b. He was a Good Shepherd leading a helpless flock (the Israelites)
- c. The children of Israel met a roadblock at the Red Sea
 - i. The Egyptians had pursued and caught up with them
 - ii. The children of Israel were initially very afraid Exodus 14:10
- d. The LORD parted the Red Sea
- e. With faith and courage, the children of Israel crossed the Red Sea dryshod
- f. But the sea closed up on the Egyptians and all perished

TREASURE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

These historical events serve to remind us of the great privilege of belonging to the LORD. Let us be found among those who believe in Him, for in His camp, we are set apart as His own. All of our fears, spoken or unspoken, can be allayed, for we can be confident that the LORD our God will fight for us.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

2 AUGUST 2025

Prelude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Song Leading

1. The House of the Lord
2. The Power of Your Love

Christopher Tang and Rayne Quek
Pianists: Esther Tang and
Gabrielle Wan

Scripture Reading

Text: Numbers 23:13-26

Laura Chan and Tessa Kang

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Moses Kwek

Message

“God is not a man that He should lie”
Text: Numbers 23:13-26

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Offering

Postlude

Pianist: Esther Tang

MY NOTES

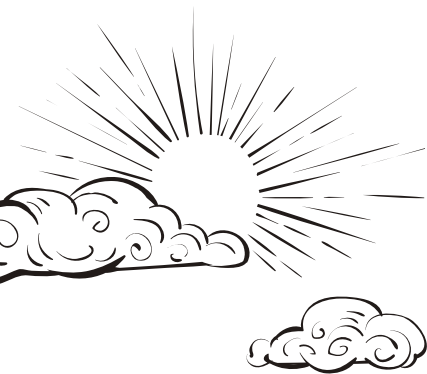
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**“GOD IS NOT A MAN
THAT HE SHOULD LIE”**

NUMBERS 23:13 - 26

The House of the Lord

By Gabriel Ou



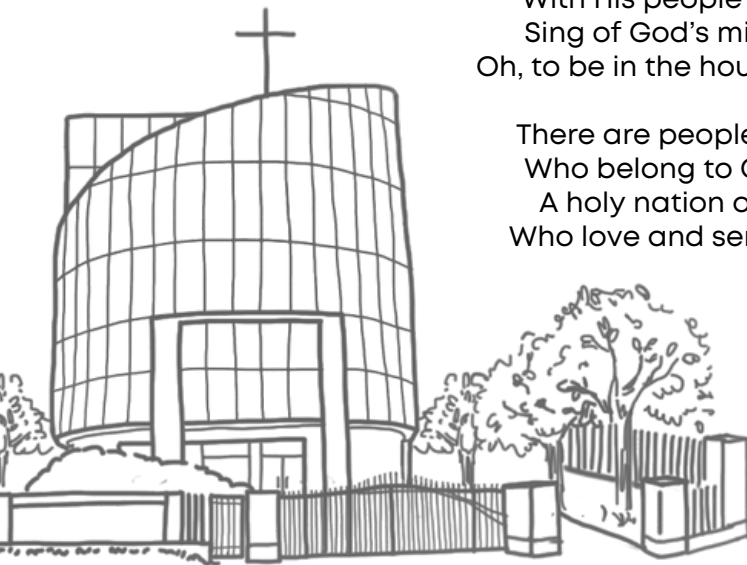
There's a place I love to go,
That brings such joy untold.
It's the holy city of our Lord,
The dwelling place of God!

Chorus:

Oh, to be in the house of the Lord!
Oh, to be in the house of the Lord!
We will sing and we'll serve,
Tell of God's great love.
Oh, to be in the house of the Lord!

Oh, to be in the house of the Lord!
Oh, to be in the house of the Lord!
With His people we'll stand,
Sing of God's mighty hand!
Oh, to be in the house of the Lord!

There are people that I love,
Who belong to God above.
A holy nation of our God,
Who love and serve the Lord!





Chorus

Oh, to be in the house of the Lord!
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With His people we'll stand,
Sing of God's mighty hand!

Oh, to be in the house of the Lord!

There is one thing I desire,
For now and all my life.
To behold the beauty of our Lord,
In the house of our great God!

Oh, to be in the house of the Lord!
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We will sing and we'll serve,
Tell of God's great love.

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With His people we'll stand,
Sing of God's mighty hand!

Oh, to be in the house of the Lord!

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The Power of Your Love

By Geoff Bullock

Lord, I come to you.
Let my heart be changed, renewed,
Flowing from the grace that I found in You.
And Lord I've come to know
the weaknesses I see in me,
will be stripped away
by the power of Your love.

Chorus

Hold me close, let Your love surround me.
Bring me near, draw me to Your side;
And as I wait I'll rise up like the eagle,
And I will soar with You,
Your Spirit leads me on
In the power of Your love.

Lord, unveil my eyes,
Let me see you face to face,
The knowledge of Your love,
as You live in me.
Lord, renew my mind.
As Your will unfolds in my life,
In living ev'ry day
in the power of Your love.

Chorus

(end)



REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 26 JULY 2025

"HOW SHALL I CURSE WHOM GOD HAS NOT CURSED?" NUMBERS 23:1-12

INTRODUCTION

1. Balaam

a. He was chastised by the Angel of the LORD

b. His words to Balak

*And Balaam said to Balak, "Look, I have come to you!
Now, have I any power at all to say anything? The word that God
puts in my mouth, that I must speak."* Numbers 22:38

2. Balak

a. He still hoped that Balaam would curse Israel for him

b. He took Balaam up to the high places of Baal to observe the extent
of the people

THE WORSHIP OF BALAK AND BALAAM

¹ Then Balaam said to Balak, "Build seven altars for me here,
and prepare for me here seven bulls and seven rams."

² And Balak did just as Balaam had spoken, and Balak and Balaam
offered a bull and a ram on each altar. ³ Then Balaam said to Balak,
"Stand by your burnt offering, and I will go; perhaps the LORD will
come to meet me, and whatever He shows me I will tell you." So he
went to a desolate height. ⁴ And God met Balaam, and he said to Him,
"I have prepared the seven altars, and I have offered on each altar a
bull and a ram."

Numbers 23:1-4

1. Elaborate and costly worship was offered by Balak and Balaam

- a. Balak was to build seven altars
- b. He was to prepare seven bulls and seven rams
- c. Balak and Balaam offered a bull and a ram on each altar
- d. Balak was to stand by his burnt offering and wait
- e. Balaam would go to a desolate height, perhaps God would meet him

2. The silence of God in response to the worship offered

- a. Balaam spoke to God about the worship that was offered
- b. But there was no acknowledgement of the worship offered at all
- c. This silence from God indicates that this worship was not accepted

3. Reasons why this worship was not accepted

- a. The whole system of worship was wrong
- b. God would not accept worship just because it is elaborate or costly
- c. God would not accept worship from those who are wicked or perverse in their way

THE LORD PUT A WORD IN BALAAM'S MOUTH

⁵ Then the LORD put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, "Return to Balak, and thus you shall speak."⁶ So he returned to him, and there he was, standing by his burnt offering, he and all the princes of Moab.

⁷ And he took up his oracle and said...

Numbers 23:5-7

1. The LORD put a word in Balaam's mouth

"Return to Balak, and thus you shall speak." Numbers 23:5

- a. The word put in Balaam's mouth was not told to him ahead of time
- b. The word would only be given when he returned to Balak

2. He took up his oracle

- a. This oracle was the word of the LORD given to him
 - b. He could only take it up
 - c. He had no power to say anything outside the word of the LORD
- Numbers 22:38

A WORD OF BOUNTIFUL BLESSING

1. The disclaimer from Balaam (personal)

⁷ And he took up his oracle and said:

*"Balak the king of Moab has brought me from Aram,
From the mountains of the east.*

*' Come, curse Jacob for me,
And come, denounce Israel!"*

*⁸ "How shall I curse whom God has not cursed?
And how shall I denounce whom the LORD has not denounced?"*

Numbers 23:7-8

a. Balak had brought him here to curse Israel

b. He now saw that he could not curse whom God has not cursed

c. He could not denounce Israel when God had not denounced them

2. The declaration of blessing (from the LORD)

*⁹ For from the top of the rocks I see him,
And from the hills I behold him;
There! A people dwelling alone,
Not reckoning itself among the nations.*

*¹⁰ "Who can count the dust of Jacob,
Or number one-fourth of Israel?"*

Numbers 23:9-10a

- a. With physical sight, Balaam saw Israel's present state
- b. With prophetic sight, Balaam caught a glimpse of Israel's future
 - i. Israel would be blessed on its own
 - ii. It would have no need to reckon itself among the nations
 - iii. Israel would conquer many nations, leaving "dust" in its trail
 - iv. It would be mighty and numerous
 - v. Not even one-fourth of Israel can be counted!

3. A personal statement from Balaam

*Let me die the death of the righteous,
And let my end be like his!"*

Numbers 23:10b

- a. He wanted to die the death of the righteous
- b. He wanted to be among the "blessed" in death
- c. But this was not to be for Balaam
- d. He would continue in wicked ways until his death cf. Numbers 31:8

4. Balak's response to Balaam

Numbers 23:11-12

- a. Balak saw that Balaam had declared a bountiful blessing upon Israel from God
- b. Balaam's response
 - i. He had no power to speak on his own cf. Numbers 22:38
 - ii. He could only speak what the LORD had put in his mouth

RELEVANT LESSONS FOR US

1. Worship

- a. Wrong systems of worship must be rejected
- b. God will not accept worship from those who are wicked and perverse in their way

2. The Word of God

- a. To learn to receive the Word of God as it is
- b. Do not add to it, nor take from it cf. Deuteronomy 4:2

3. The Blessing of God

- a. Once God has blessed, no one can curse or denounce it
- b. When God blesses, we have every reason to be confident of the future



REFLECTIONS

YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

Veanne Leong

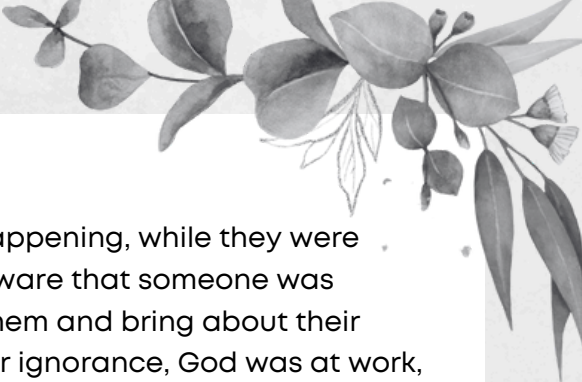
Welcome back to Youth Worship everyone! Last week, we read from Numbers 23:1-12, showing how God's blessing over His people could not be undone, no matter how much others tried to curse or bring Israel down. I'm reminded that God's Word is always final and His plans will always be fulfilled.

Recap

King Balak of Moab was afraid of the Israelites because of their growing numbers and victories, and instead of going to war, he hired Balaam, a well-known prophet, to curse the Israelites. Balaam told Balak that he could only speak what God puts in his mouth, not whatever Balak wanted to hear. Still, Balak insisted, and they set up seven altars and offered sacrifices, hoping to influence God. Balaam then sought God's word, and instead of cursing Israel, Balaam delivered a declaration of blessing over Israel, not a curse. He made it clear that he could not curse what God has not cursed.

Reflections

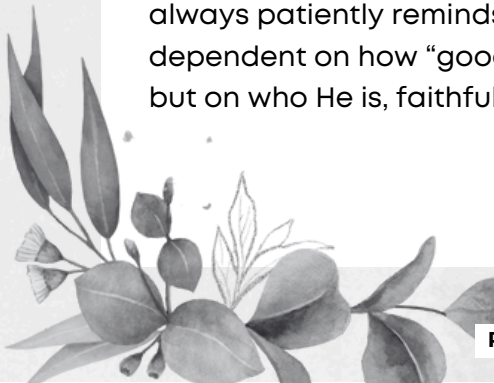
Reading Numbers 23:1-12 has given me a lot to think about. It is such a powerful reminder that when God has blessed His people, that no one, not even a mighty king or an influential prophet can overturn it. The Israelites

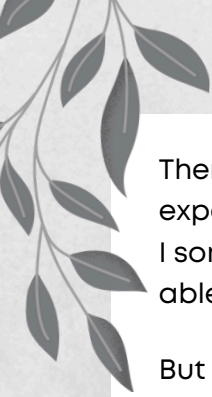


had no idea what was happening, while they were camped peacefully, unaware that someone was actively trying to curse them and bring about their downfall. But even in their ignorance, God was at work, shielding them from harm, committed to His blessings, and standing firm in His love for them.

It made me stop and wonder, how many times in my life has God protected me without me even knowing or realising? How many times has He closed doors that I wanted open, not to frustrate or disappoint me, but to keep me from harm? How many times has He redirected my path, intervened in bad situations, or surrounded me with His grace that I did not even subconsciously realise?

In many ways, I see myself in the Israelites. They were not perfect. Far from it. They often complained, doubted, and strayed from God's commands. Yet, God still called them His own. He still chose to bless them, to be faithful to His promise, to guard and guide them. I, too, can mess up. I often get distracted, and let my fear or pride get in the way. But God does not give up on me. He continues to see me as His child, and He always patiently reminds me that His love is not dependent on how "good" I am or how well I perform, but on who He is, faithful, merciful, and unchanging.





There are seasons when I feel overwhelmed, by school, expectations, anxiety, or even my own failures.

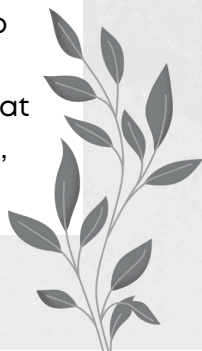
I sometimes wonder if I am enough or if I will ever be able to fully live out God's purpose for me.

But passages like this bring me back to the heart of God. I do not need to have it all together for God to be by my side. His love is not performance-based. Just like Israel, I am blessed because I belong to Him, not because I earned it, but because of who He is.

Going forward, I want to be more aware of how God is shaping and working in my life, even in uncertainties. I want to choose trust over worry, obedience over compromise, and faith over fear. I want to remember that my identity is not in my past, my achievements, or others' opinions, but in what God has spoken to me, that I am chosen, loved, and secure in Him.

I am challenged to spend more time in God's Word, not just for the sake of routine, but to really understand His Scriptures and how to align my life with His truth. I also want to be more intentional about recognising His blessings, both big and small, thanking Him for all the things He is doing in my life, even the ones I do not fully see or understand yet.

His plans for me are still unfolding, and no matter who tries to discourage me or what obstacles I will face, His Word and faithfulness to me will still stand. And that is more than enough reason to keep trusting, obeying, and worshipping Him.






YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

JOVAN WONG

Last week, we learnt many lessons from Numbers 23:1–12 about Balaam's first prophecy. A lesson that stood out to me most was the idea of worship. Balak prepared burnt offerings of seven bulls and seven rams on seven altars which show not only an elaborate but also a costly offering. Yet, God did not respond to the worship. He simply put a word in Balaam's mouth because both Balak and Balaam were perverse and corrupt.

Similarly, God will not accept our worship if the lives we live are perverse and corrupt. Our lives and hearts reflect our worship. It is not just the methodical attendance or preparation for worship that God sees. Worship is not just the songs we sing or the things we do on weekends. It is the righteous life that we seek to live and the kind of heart we have before God.

Many of us fall into the trap of living double lives. We come to church on weekends and attend services, but for the rest of the week, we live perverse and corrupt lives with little or no involvement of God. We are heavily influenced by the world, chasing after its pursuits with all our energy, yet we give little to no time for God.




Our lives often fail to reflect what we claim to believe. If someone were to examine our lives, would they be able to tell that we are Christians? If we continue living like this, our worship will not be acceptable in God's sight.

Personally, as a song leader, this lesson on worship is even more crucial for me. The life I live must be an example to others, and it must match the words that I say. Every day, I have to be conscious that I am living for the Lord and I strive to live a righteous life. To be frank, there are days when I don't live up to those expectations. There are days when living a righteous life feels so difficult. In those moments, I am reminded once again of the cross, where grace and mercy were so abundantly shown to all.

I recognise that I am already made righteous because of the cross and I live for the Lord, not to become righteous, but because of what He has already done for me. The life I live is in response to that gift He has given me. It means rejecting what the world says is normal, like selfish ambition, and desiring a life that honours God. It means spending time with Him in His Word and in prayer. It means seeking His forgiveness



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when we fall and extending grace to others when they do. These are some of the ways we can live out the righteousness given to us, not in perfection, but with a heart that desires to walk with God and reflect His holiness in every part of life.

As we come together to worship, let's remember that God is looking at our hearts, not just our outward actions. Let us worship Him not to earn His love because we have already received it. Let us be encouraged to live lives that reflect the righteousness that has already been given to us through Christ!

Two Hebrew Men Were Fighting

Moses came across two Hebrew men fighting;
He tried to stop them from their violent disputing.
They turned on Moses and rejected his interference;
They did not regard Moses as a person of significance.

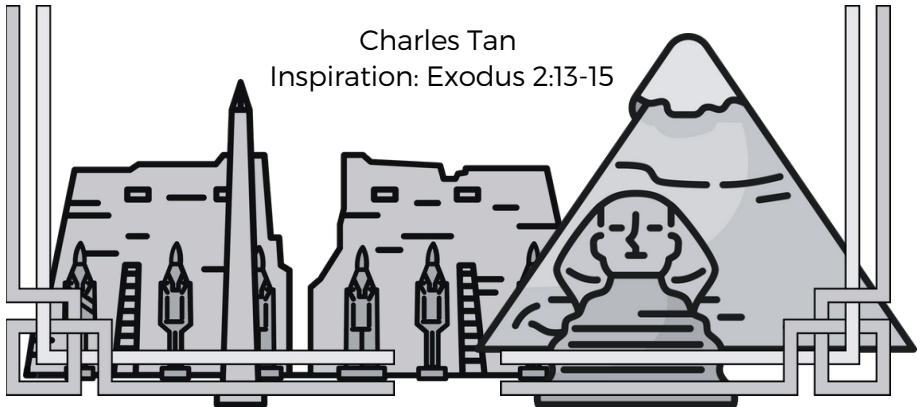
Moses knew that his murder of the Egyptian had been reported;
He also knew the penalty that the laws of Egypt demanded.

The Pharaoh ordered the arrest of Moses;
He would be prosecuted to the utmost!

Moses knew that he had to flee the land;
He knew the authority in Pharaoh's hand.
Moses fled from Egypt to the land of Midian;
He was entering into unfamiliar foreign terrain.

Moses had not reckoned with God's plan;
Things seemed to have gotten out of hand.
The future was not clear to Moses at all;
As yet, he had not heard the Lord's Call!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Exodus 2:13-15



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrating **BETHANY'S 50+2 ANNIVERSARY**

Theme: "From glory to glory"

The LORD has bestowed bountiful blessings upon
our Church! May we unite our hearts to offer
grateful worship as we celebrate our Anniversary!

Date: 24 August 2025

Venue: Shangri La

Time: 10.30am (Worship)
12.00nn (Fellowship Lunch)

Main Lunch Programme:

Scan the QR code to book your seat today:



NO YOUTH WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

In view of National Day, there will be no Youth Worship next Saturday (9 August 2025). Youth Worship resumes on 15 August 2025.

Let us take time to celebrate our nation's diamond jubilee! May our hearts be ever grateful for God's blessing of peace and prosperity in our land!



NEXT YWS

15 AUG 2025

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“Who sees the vision of the Almighty” Numbers 24:4

Text: Numbers 23:27-30; 24:1-14

The LORD had revealed Himself to Balak and Balaam – He is unlike the gods they worship. He is not a whimsical human being! God has declared His blessing upon Israel and what He has spoken will surely come to pass. Unfortunately, Balak and Balaam did not submit to the LORD but spared no effort in using every means to curse Israel. To Balaam’s disappointment and dismay, the LORD instead showed him a vision of a blessed Israel.



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