

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!

"Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!"

(Psalm 103:1) The hand of blessing from the LORD is most evident. As a church, let us acknowledge God's goodness and offer Him befitting praise!



Bless
THE LORD!

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COME AND WORSHIP

He is their help and their shield

The nation of Israel was riddled with the problem of idolatry. Amidst such darkness, the Psalmist was determined to urge Israel to remain faithful to the LORD their God.

⁹ O Israel, trust in the LORD;
He *is* their help and their shield.

¹⁰ O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD;
He *is* their help and their shield.

¹¹ You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD;
He *is* their help and their shield.

PSALM 115:9-11



1. Appeals were made to three distinctive groups
 - a. The Nation of Israel
 - b. The House of Aaron (the priests)
 - c. Those who trust in the LORD
2. Content of the Appeal
 - a. To trust the LORD
 - b. To trust that God is their Help and Shield
3. A Call to Trust and Obey
 - a. Israel ought to relate to their covenantal God in faith and love
 - b. The priesthood ought to teach and impart the Lord's Word diligently
 - c. Those who fear the LORD ought to place their trust in Him

EXERCISING TRUST IN THE LORD

A careful study of Israel's history will reveal to us the Person of God and the profundity of His Love for His children. As God's covenantal people, let us seek to cultivate our relationship with the LORD and deepen our trust in Him! He will not cease to grant us grace and mercy, for He is our Help and Shield!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

10 JANUARY 2026

Prelude

Pianist: Rayne Quek

Call to Worship

Pastor Benjamin Chong

Opening Prayer

Pastor Benjamin Chong

Song Leading

1. May The Peoples Praise You
2. Knowing You

Clara Tan and Natalie Ng

Pianists: Lorraine Lai and Rayne Quek

Cajonist: Rayne Quek

Scripture Reading

Text: Deuteronomy 11:1-17

Chloe Tang and Bethany Toong

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Benjamin Quah

Message

"If you earnestly obey
My commandments"
Text: Deuteronomy 11

Pastor Benjamin Chong

Closing Prayer

Pastor Benjamin Chong

Offering

Postlude

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

MY NOTES

10 JANUARY 2026

**“IF YOU EARNESTLY OBEY
MY COMMANDMENTS”**

DEUTERONOMY 11

MAY THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU

By Keith and Kristyn Getty

You have called us out of darkest night,
Into Your glorious light,
That we may sing the wonders of
The risen Christ.

May our every breath retell the grace
That broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy,
With endless life.

Chorus:

May the peoples praise You,
Let the nations be glad!
All Your blessing comes
That we may praise,
May praise the Name of Jesus.

All the earth is Yours and all within,
Each harvest is Your own,
And from Your hand we give to You,
To make Christ known.

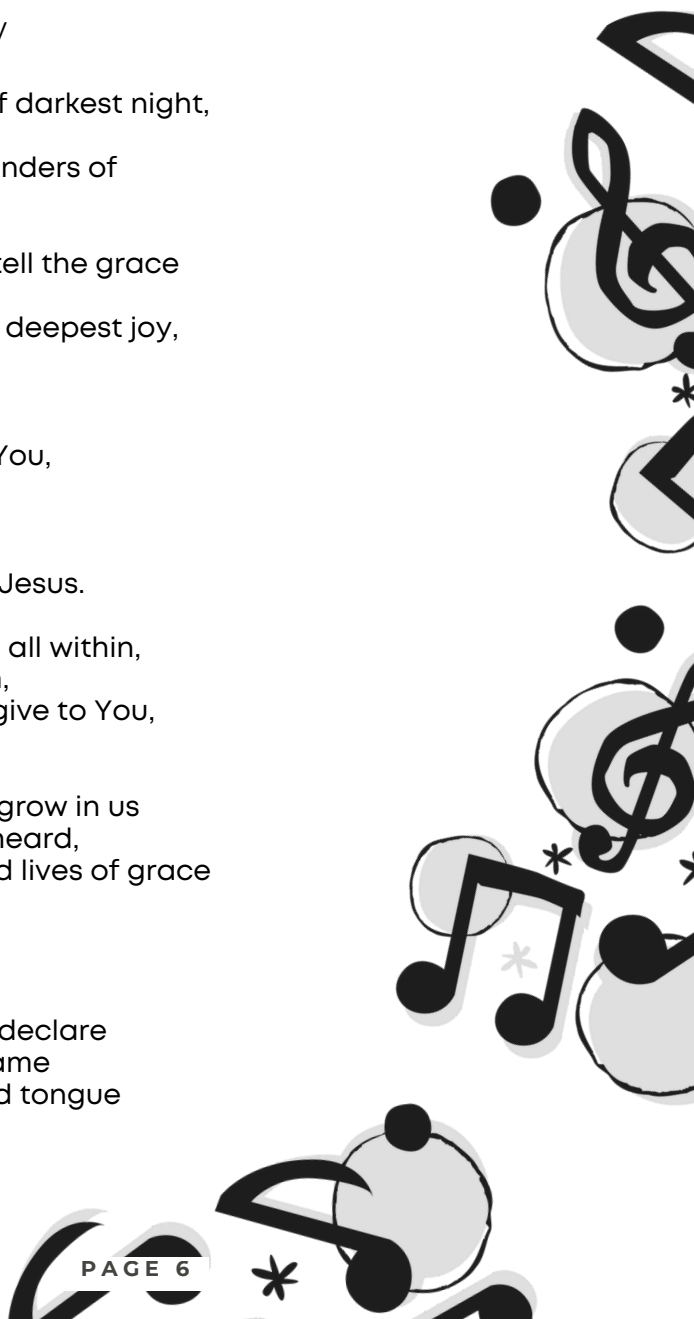
May the seeds of mercy grow in us
For those who have not heard,
May songs of praise build lives of grace
To spread Your Word.

Chorus

This our holy priv'lege to declare
Your praises and Your name
To every nation, tribe and tongue
Your church proclaims.

Chorus

(end)



Knowing You

By Graham Kendrick

All I once held dear, built my life upon,
All this world reveres and wars to own.
All I once thought gain I have counted loss,
Spent and worthless now compared to this.

Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,
There is no greater thing.
You're my all, You're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness,
And I love You, Lord.

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,
To be found in You, and known as Yours.
To possess by faith what I could not earn,
All surpassing gift of righteousness.

Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,
There is no greater thing.
You're my all, You're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness,
And I love You, Lord.

Oh, to know the pow'r of Your risen life
And to know You in Your sufferings.
To become like You in Your death, my Lord,
So with You to live and never die.

Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,
There is no greater thing.
You're my all, You're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness,
And I love You, Lord.
Love You, Lord.

(end)



REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 3 JANUARY 2026

“WHAT DOES THE LORD YOUR GOD REQUIRE OF YOU?”

DEUTERONOMY 10

¹ At that time the LORD said to me, ‘Hew for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and come up to Me on the mountain and make yourself an ark of wood.

² And I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke; and you shall put them in the ark.’

³ “So I made an ark of acacia wood, hewed two tablets of stone like the first, and went up the mountain, having the two tablets in my hand.

⁴ And He wrote on the tablets according to the first writing, the Ten Commandments, which the LORD had spoken to you in the mountain from the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly; and the LORD gave them to me.

⁵ Then I turned and came down from the mountain, and put the tablets in the ark which I had made; and there they are, just as the LORD commanded me.”

⁶ (Now the children of Israel journeyed from the wells of Bene Jaakan to Moserah, where Aaron died, and where he was buried; and Eleazar his son ministered as priest in his stead.

⁷ From there they journeyed to Gudgodah, and from Gudgodah to Jotbathah, a land of rivers of water.

⁸ At that time the LORD separated the tribe of Levi to bear the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to minister to Him and to bless in His name, to this day.

⁹ Therefore Levi has no portion nor inheritance with his brethren; the LORD *is* his inheritance, just as the LORD your God promised him.)

¹⁰ “As at the first time, I stayed in the mountain forty days and forty nights; the LORD also heard me at that time, *and* the LORD chose not to destroy you.

¹¹ Then the LORD said to me, ‘Arise, begin *your* journey before the people, that they may go in and possess the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.’

¹² “And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,

¹³ *and* to keep the commandments of the LORD and His statutes which I command you today for your good?

¹⁴ Indeed heaven and the highest heavens belong to the LORD your God, *also* the earth with all that *is* in it.

¹⁵ The LORD delighted only in your fathers, to love them; and He chose their descendants after them, you above all peoples, as *it is* this day.

¹⁶ Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stiff-necked no longer.

¹⁷ For the LORD your God *is* God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe.

¹⁸ He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing.

¹⁹ Therefore love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

²⁰ You shall fear the LORD your God; you shall serve Him, and to Him you shall hold fast, and take oaths in His name.

²¹ He *is* your praise, and He *is* your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things which your eyes have seen.

²² Your fathers went down to Egypt with seventy persons, and now the LORD your God has made you as the stars of heaven in multitude.

Deuteronomy 10:1-22

INTRODUCTION

1. The First Set of the Ten Commandments

Exodus 24-31

a. The special Descent of God on Mount Sinai

Exodus 19-20

b. The personal instruction of Moses

Exodus 24-31

c. 40 Days and Nights

2. The Second Set of the Ten Commandments

**Exodus 34;
Deuteronomy 10**

a. Recorded in Exodus 34

b. The face of Moses shone with God's glory

c. 40 Days and Nights

REFERENCE TO THE 40 WILDERNESS YEARS

1. The journey was described briefly

2. Death of Aaron

3. Appointment of Eleazar as the next High Priest

4. The inheritance of the Levites is the Lord Himself

5. Preparation to enter the Promised Land Deuteronomy 10:11

REQUIREMENT FROM THE LORD

¹² “And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,

¹³ *and* to keep the commandments of the LORD and His statutes which I command you today for your good?

Deuteronomy 10:12-13

1. To fear the Lord your God

2. To walk in all His ways

3. To love Him

4. To serve the Lord your God with all your heart and soul

REMEMBERING THE LORD GOD

¹⁴ Indeed heaven and the highest heavens belong to the LORD your God, *also* the earth with all that is in it.

¹⁵ The LORD delighted only in your fathers, to love them; and He chose their descendants after them, you above all peoples, as *it is* this day.

¹⁷ For the LORD your God *is* God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe.

¹⁸ He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing.

Deuteronomy 10:14-15, 17-18

1. The greatness of the Lord

- a. The God of gods
- b. The Lord of lords
- c. The great God, mighty and awesome
- d. An impartial God
- e. He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow
- f. He loves the stranger, providing for him

2. The Delight of the Lord

3. The Love of the Lord

4. The choice of the Lord

RESPONSE TO THE LORD

¹⁶ Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stiff-necked no longer.

¹⁹ Therefore love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

²⁰ You shall fear the LORD your God; you shall serve Him, and to Him you shall hold fast, and take oaths in His name.

Deuteronomy 10:16; 19-20

1. Circumcise the heart
2. Stop being stiff-necked (stubborn)
3. Fear the Lord
4. Serve the Lord
5. Hold fast to Him
6. Take oaths in His name

REJOICE IN THE LORD

²¹ He *is* your praise, and He *is* your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things which your eyes have seen.

²² Your fathers went down to Egypt with seventy persons, and now the LORD your God has made you as the stars of heaven in multitude.

Deuteronomy 10:21-22

1. God is our praise
2. He is our God
3. He has done great and awesome things

CONCLUSION

1. Appreciate a Second Chance given
2. Apply the lessons learned from past errors and sins
3. Adore our great God of gods and Lord of lords

REFLECTIONS



YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

By Bethany Toong

In a recent conversation, a friend of mine remarked that it is so hard to be a Christian. “You must always be happy, you must be nice to everyone, you cannot ever get angry at people, you need to always forgive others... isn’t that pretty impossible?” This friend has grown up attending church and calls herself a believer, and her sentiments are often echoed by both Christians and non-Christians alike. Her comment reminded me that we often focus on these ‘outward behaviours’ and look for them as affirmations that we are being ‘good Christians’. However, if we are only focused on our external behaviour, we may begin to entirely miss the point of what it means to be God’s people.

What does the Lord your God require of you?

Written in Deuteronomy 10, Moses reminds the children of Israel of what exactly God requires from them. The word ‘requires’ is key here: it reminds us that as God’s people, we have certain obligations or standards to fulfill. And yet, being a Christian does not begin with a focus on ourselves or our behaviour, but it begins with God. We are first and foremost required





to fear the Lord (v12), a fear that ought to come naturally when we remember who God is and what He has done. He is the “God of gods and Lord of lords” (v17) and all things belong to Him (v14).

It is after we have a better understanding and appreciation of who God is, that the subsequent requirements follow: to walk in His ways, to love Him and to serve Him. Pastor reminded us that these 3 things follow as a result of having this fear of God. For example, loving Him is simply a response to His love for us. We love Him because He first loved us (1 John 4:19).

It is because of this love we have for Him, that we desire to then serve Him. We often confine the concept of service to church-based activities or ministries, but service is really just who we are and how we live our lives. So what about these ‘external Christian behaviours’ that we tend to seek out?

What does it mean to be God’s people?

Faith does not mean having a checklist of different ‘Christian things’ to do each day. Like my friend, I once thought that in order to be a ‘proper Christian’, I needed to be serving in certain ministries in church and that I had to always present myself to others as this perfect and good human being.





The problem with thinking this way is that I was being incredibly inward-looking. If faith was just about my external behaviour and the things I did, there was no room left for God in the picture. Faith would merely boil down to my willpower and determination to 'be good'. What changed was when I realised that instead of seeking to perform and perfect these 'external Christian behaviours', I ought to seek to bear fruit for Him instead.

John 15 is a passage that I often go back to as it reminds me that I cannot bear fruit on my own. It is only by abiding in Christ, in His Word and love, that we are able to bear the fruit that marks us as His disciples (v8). Bearing fruit is different from behaving 'like a Christian' because these fruits are evidence of the Spirit working in us, not the result of our own determination to look good in front of others. John 15 emphasises that it is our relationship with Christ that comes first, before we can even bear fruit.





Similarly, in Deuteronomy 10, it is the covenantal relationship between God and His people that forms the basis of these requirements we are called to fulfill. The starting point of these requirements is our relationship with God. This chapter reminds us that faith is not easy, but it is simple. It may not be easy to always be conscious of who God is and have this fear of God, but what He requires of us is straightforward. We sometimes overcomplicate faith by creating rules—things we believe we need to do in order to prove that we are Christians—but we should not forget that our relationship with God is what we ought to focus on first and foremost.



By Jared Ho

Hi everyone, welcome back to Youth Worship! It is truly a joy to be able to come together, worship the Lord and learn from His word again this year. Last week we continued the study of Deuteronomy 10, a pivotal chapter where Moses summarised the Law which the Lord required His children to follow.

“¹² And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,¹³ and to keep the commandments of the LORD and His statutes which I command you today for your good?”

Deuteronomy 10:12-13

The requirements of the Lord

Faith in the Lord may seem like a daunting and difficult journey and many tend to overcomplicate faith and place a lot of undue pressure on themselves. I too, was such a person and at times, it felt exhausting to keep up with all the things I thought God required me to do in order to be a “good Christian”. However, in Deuteronomy 10, Moses highlighted only five key things that God required for the children of Israel to follow to sustain a healthy faith-relationship with Him. They are to fear the Lord, walk in His ways, love Him and serve Him with all their heart and with all their soul! As Pastor mentioned last week, some of us would have already attempted to achieve one or more of these requirements and the challenge now is to continue to seek to meet the others that we have not yet fulfilled.

For myself, it was heartening to know that the Lord does not require me to fulfil the whole Law in order to relate to Him properly. Instead, I am glad that I can focus on these five requirements to draw closer to God. Moreover, we also learned that each one of the five requirements are linked to one another and that achieving one will sooner or later lead to growth in another. As I reflected on some of the requirements I lack in, I am also glad that God has shown me areas of my life that need work as well. For instance, if I would be really honest, I sometimes struggle in the aspect of serving the Lord with all my heart. There had been weeks where I found myself too tired or distracted when cleaning the church on Sundays and I would often just go through the motions when cleaning. Upon reflection, I realised that there was a deeper issue of not practising a proper regard for the Lord and His house, nor was I showing my love for the Lord appropriately. These are things that I see in myself that need to be improved on. I am seeking to be more mindful of how I regard God and His house that I may practise a proper fear of the Lord and love for Him as I seek to serve Him with all of my heart.

Practical ways to grow to meet each requirement

Written in Deuteronomy 10:12-22, Moses did not only share the requirements of the Lord, he also gave some practical steps to help the children of Israel to meet the requirements. One way in which he did this was to remind the children of Israel of who God is, how great He is and what kind of God He is to them. Learning to remember God, His greatness and His involvement in our lives is essential in nurturing a healthy fear of and a love for the Lord!

As I reflect on the power of the Lord and His graciousness shown to me in 2025, I cannot but stand in awe of Him and come to Him with great thanksgiving and love in my heart. Moreover, even when I am out in the field during NS and I see the beautiful sunsets and tall trees around me which the Lord created, I am reminded of how great God is and I am moved to revere Him more. Moving into 2026, I am challenged to take the time to reflect on the Lord and His involvement in my life and grow in my fear of and love for Him.

A personal challenge for all

As I am seeking to grow to meet the requirements the Lord has set for us, I hope that you are encouraged to join me as well. This year, let us reflect on our own lives honestly and identify the areas in which we lack. As mentioned in Deuteronomy 10:16, we must also seek cleansing from the Lord, circumcising the foreskins of our hearts and change from our stubborn ways, allowing God to work in us to help us meet the five requirements. Moreover, let us also make it a point to reflect on the Lord and His goodness and greatness and seek to fear and love Him more this year. For those who wish to start serving the Lord and don't know how to do it yet, our challenge is to first commit ourselves to grow in faith and then seek to serve with all our hearts. Even if we do not think we can serve much in any ministry in Bethany, the Lord also tells us that we can look out for the strangers in need and help them where we can. In this way, we also learn to serve the Lord and express our love for Him!



THE MESSAGE OF THE LATTER SIGN

The first sign was the Rod of Moses turning into a snake;
This was a powerful sign that should cause unbelief to shake.
But God knew the hearts of the children of Israel;
They would not easily believe, Faith they had quelled.

A second sign was given by God graciously;
Moses' hand was affected by dread leprosy.
To contract this disease was a sentence of death;
Either God heals, or soon, it would be the last breath.

God then healed the leprous hand of Moses;
The children of Israel must learn to exercise trust.
The first sign should be already very compelling;
The second sign must surely be very uplifting.

God knew that the children of Israel were struggling;
To trust in Moses as God's servant would need convincing.
Hence, two special signs were given to Moses to perform;
The hearts of the children of Israel need to be transformed!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Exodus 4:6-8

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAMILY CAMP 2026

“PERFECTING HOLINESS”

2 CORINTHIANS 7:1

DATE: 15-20 MARCH 2026

Wrong ideas about “Holiness” exist

1. In the past, many thought they must become monks/nuns to practise holiness
2. But was this the holiness that God wants to see us practise?
3. The Family Camp this year will focus on what Biblical Holiness really is

Sign up for the Family Camp today!

Registering for Camp:

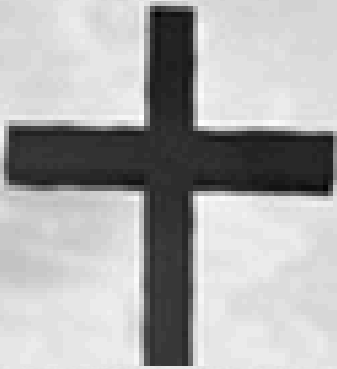
Please sign up for camp through the online registration form (scan the QR code below).

If you need further assistance, please go to the registration booth at the Fellowship Hall.

Do ensure that your passport expiry date is after 20 September 2026 before you begin registration.

Let us look forward to a wonderful time of learning what it means to perfect holiness in the fear of God!





EASTER TESTIMONY BOOKLET

Easter remains a precious occasion as we commemorate the death and resurrection of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

This year, we will be putting together a Youth Easter Testimony Booklet, featuring personal testimonies that share how faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is real, living, and personal.

This booklet will also serve as an opportunity to invite our friends to join us in celebrating Easter and to hear how Christ is working in our lives.

If you would like to contribute a testimony, we warmly invite you to contact either of us:

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Christopher Tang - 97376255

Gloria Lim - 90540655
Esther Tang - 97231763

Kindly submit your testimony by 25th January. All testimonies will be subjected to review and approval.

If you have any questions, feel free to approach us and we will assist you.

NEXT YWS

17 JANUARY 2026

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“These are the words of the covenant”

Text: Deuteronomy 29:1

The covenant between God and Israel was first made at Mount Sinai. Forty years later, God graciously renewed this covenant with them just before they entered the Promised Land, at Moab. The LORD warned them about their hearts that could not perceive, eyes which could not see, and ears which could not hear. It was at their peril if they chose to turn away from Him to serve idols. However, if they kept the words of the covenant, bountiful blessings will ensue.



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