

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!

Seeds of truth are planted into our hearts as we read the Scriptures. May our hearts be good ground for His Word to be implanted!



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COME AND WORSHIP

THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S

How deep are the oceans? How vast are the lands of the earth when stretched from end to end?

We are reminded that the earth belongs to the Great and Mighty God. David, the author of this Psalm, stood in awe of God's grandeur as he beheld the Creator.

¹The earth *is* the LORD's, and all its fullness,
The world and those who dwell therein.

²For He has founded it upon the seas,
And established it upon the waters.

PSALM 24:1-2

1. God as the Creator

- a. He made the earth
- b. We read the creation account in Genesis 1
- c. All that fills the earth are created by the LORD
 - i. Living things both great and small
 - ii. The innumerable teeming things that dwell on earth

2. The Power of our Creator

- a. The waters dominate the earth
- b. Yet it is never consumed by the waters
- c. God has carefully established the earth upon the waters
- d. Everything the LORD creates is truly excellent!

OUR ENCOURAGEMENT

- 1. God is a Powerful Creator
- 2. He is Sovereign and Supreme in every sense of the word!
- 3. Let's worship the LORD in humility
- 4. He is deserving of our worship and praise!



ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

27 JUNE 2026

Prelude

Pianist: Esther Tang

Call to Worship

Pastor Jonathan Jacob

Opening Prayer

Pastor Jonathan Jacob

Song Leading

1. To You Belong All Praise
2. Keep Me Near

Ryan Quek and Lorraine Lai
Pianists: Esther Tang and
Gabrielle Wan

Scripture Reading

Text: Deuteronomy 33:18-19

Thaddeus Heng

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Benjamin Quah

Message

“They shall offer sacrifices of
righteousness”

Text: Deuteronomy 33:18-19

Pastor Jonathan Jacob

Closing Prayer

Pastor Jonathan Jacob

Offering

Postlude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

MY NOTES

27 JUNE 2026

**“THEY SHALL OFFER SACRIFICES
OF RIGHTEOUSNESS”**

DEUTERONOMY 33:18-19

To You Belong All Praise

Inspired by Isaiah 40
Words and Music by Gabriel Ou

Almighty Father, Creator
Maker of heaven and earth
You formed the mountains, and waters –
You hold within Your hands

To You belong all the glory
To You our voices we raise
To You we bow down in worship
To You belong all praise

Our loving Father in Heaven
Our tender Shepherd and King
You gently lead us, and gather –
Each one into Your hands

To You belong all the glory
To You our voices we raise
To You we bow down in worship
To You belong all praise

Lift up your eyes
Lift up your hearts
Behold our God!

Lift up your voice
Lift high your praise
Behold our great God!

To You belong all the glory
To You our voices we raise
To You we bow down in worship
To You belong all praise!


To You belong all the glory
To You our voices we raise
To You we bow down in worship
To You belong all praise
To You belong all praise

(end)



Keep Me Near

By Todd Twining, Steve & Vikki Cook, Pat Sczebel



Keep me near, O precious Jesus
When my days are filled with light;
When the sun is warm and golden
And Your goodness fills my eyes.
Let me not forget whose mercies
Poured such grace upon my life.
Keep me ever looking to You,
Walking always at Your side.

Keep me near, O precious Jesus
When the darkness veils my sight;
When the nearness of Your presence
Seems a mem'ry in the night.
Let me not forget Your mercies
In the shadows of despair.
Keep me ever reaching for You,
Resting in Your tender care.

Keep me near, O precious Jesus
To the cross of Calvary;
Coming to You through the river
Where Your blood has washed me clean.
Let me not forget whose mercies
Made a way for sinful man.
Keep me ever drawing to You,
Trusting You the perfect Lamb.

(end)

REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 20 JUNE 2026

“LET THE BLESSING COME ON THE HEAD OF JOSEPH”

TEXT: DEUTERONOMY 33:12-17

INTRODUCTION

1. The prayer of blessing of Moses
 - a. His final prayer for Israel before his death
 - b. Tailored specifically for each tribe of Israel
 - c. Reflects his understanding of the tribes
 - d. Also reflects his heart and spiritual maturity as their leader
2. Today's focus – his prayer for Benjamin and Joseph
 - a. These were the sons of Rachel, Jacob's favourite sons
 - b. But the prayers for them are vastly different
 - c. What lessons can we learn as we observe these 2 prayers?

THE BLESSING OF GOD'S PRESENCE AND PROTECTION

Of Benjamin he said:

*“The beloved of the LORD shall dwell in safety by Him,
Who shelters him all the day long;
And he shall dwell between His shoulders.”*

Deuteronomy 33:12

1. Benjamin

- a. The youngest of the siblings
- b. His mother died giving birth to him
- c. Separated from his biological brother Joseph for more than 20 years

2. Moses' prayer for the tribe of Benjamin

- a. He shall dwell in the presence of God
- b. He shall find safety in His protection all day long (“shelter”)
- c. God will help him when he is weak and seeks mercy
- d. There is a sense of closeness that can be developed (“dwell between His shoulders”)

3. Significance of this prayer of blessing

- a. The tribe of Benjamin may be weak and humble
- b. But God will do His part to bless them
 - i. His presence will be with them wonderfully
 - ii. He will also protect them and keep them safe
 - iii. They can develop a special closeness with God!

GOD'S SPECIAL BLESSING OF PROVISION AND POWER

¹³ *And of Joseph he said:*

*“Blessed of the LORD is his land,
With the precious things of heaven, with the dew,
And the deep lying beneath,*

*14 With the precious fruits of the sun,
With the precious produce of the months,
15 With the best things of the ancient mountains,
With the precious things of the everlasting hills,
16 With the precious things of the earth and its fullness,
And the favour of Him who dwelt in the bush.
Let the blessing come 'on the head of Joseph,
And on the crown of the head of him who was separate from
his brothers.'
17 His glory is like a firstborn bull,
And his horns like the horns of the wild ox;
Together with them
He shall push the peoples
To the ends of the earth;
They are the ten thousands of Ephraim,
And they are the thousands of Manasseh." Deuteronomy 33:13-17*

1. Joseph

- a. Jacob's most beloved son
- b. Sold as a slave by his brothers, wrongly imprisoned by his master
- c. Eventually became governor of Egypt and led Egypt through the famine
- d. Brought his whole family to Egypt and took care of them

2. Moses' prayer of blessing for the tribe of Joseph

- a. He cited from Jacob's prayer recorded in Genesis 49:26
 - i. For God's blessings to come "on the head of Joseph"
 - ii. "And on the crown of the head of him who was separate from his brothers"

b. He provided greater detail on what these blessings would entail

i. The precious things of heaven and earth

ii. Fruitfulness and abundance in the physical land

iii. The widespread favour of God, as Moses had found in the bush

iv. Glory and power like a firstborn bull and wild ox to defeat enemies in battle

v. Posterity in multiplying the next generations of Ephraim and Manasseh

vi. These are special blessings reserved only for the tribe of Joseph!

3. Significance of this prayer of blessing

a. God remembered the impressive life of Joseph

i. His outstanding conduct and character as a slave and prisoner

ii. His faithfulness to God amidst his tribulations and suffering

iii. His heart to forgive his brothers for the evil they did to him

iv. His deep devotion to God throughout his whole life

b. God had specially honoured him by blessing his life wonderfully

c. This special blessing would also extend to his descendants, Ephraim and Manasseh!

i. The physical blessings they would receive in the land

ii. The strength of their might as the largest tribe in Israel

iii. The leading role that Ephraim would eventually take in Israel

LESSONS FOR US TO LEARN

1. God's part in blessing us
 - a. He is a God who desires to bless
 - b. In His grace, He offers us many wonderful blessings
2. But to experience the fullness of His blessings, we need to do our part
 - a. To cultivate a conduct and character honourable to God
 - b. To grow in our faithfulness to God
 - c. To stay committed to God despite our trials and suffering
3. If we can do this, we can experience God's blessings in the most wonderful way
 - a. In the present
 - b. For the future

REFLECTIONS

YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

By Hannah Hoo

Hello Young People, welcome back to Youth Worship! Over the past few weeks, we have been reading Deuteronomy 33, where we have been studying Moses' final prayer and the blessings for each of the tribes of Israel. Last week, we focused on the tribe of Benjamin and Joseph, who were the descendants of the two most beloved sons of Jacob.

Benjamin was the youngest of the brothers. His tribe was relatively small and weak in number. Yet, the Scriptures reveal a beautiful closeness the tribe of Benjamin can have with the Lord. This is the same closeness that we can have, even when we may feel small.

Joseph endured many tribulations, from being sold as a slave by his own flesh and blood, serving in Potiphar's house, and suffering in prison before ultimately being elevated to Pharaoh's right-hand man. Despite all these hardships, Joseph consistently chose to honour and seek the Lord wherever he went. Because of his unwavering devotion, God blessed his two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, so abundantly that they became massive, and prosperous pillars of northern Israel.

Looking back at the history of these two tribes, what stands out to me is the character of God. We serve an almighty and holy God who deeply desires to bless His children. He is not a stingy God who holds back from blessing us, rather, He is a generous Father who wants the absolute best for each and every one of us.

Reflecting on this truth brought a much-needed rebuke to my own heart regarding how I have been choosing to live lately. As a university student, the pressure to secure a prosperous future can be overwhelming. We live in a culture where it has become the standard norm to constantly hustle, stack internships, and compete for the highest-paying careers. This has caused me to feel worried and I often wonder if I am lagging behind my peers. As I examined this fear in my heart, I realised that I allowed myself to be influenced by the world. This lesson rebuked me and reminded me of the profound assurance that we can find in the Scriptures. In Luke 12:6-7, it reads “Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is forgotten before God. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.” The Word assures us of God’s watchful care. If the Lord faithfully provides for the sparrows, how much more will He take care of us?

While I deeply desire the blessings of the Lord, I recognise that this would first require me to do my own part. I no longer want to allow myself to be bogged down by worldly pressures and fear. Instead, I am choosing to fully place my trust in the Lord. This does not mean I will stop working hard. Rather, I will continue to do my part as a student, while choosing to walk in obedience and follow His ways. What this means to me is choosing to walk righteously with Him daily, actively dealing with my sin problems, and not letting worldly pressures compromise my walk with the Lord. Ultimately, I can rest in perfect peace, knowing that in His timing, the Lord is always faithful to reward those who diligently seek Him.


YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

By Joel Tan

Hello everyone, greetings from Amsterdam! Last week's message on the prayer of blessing for the tribe of Benjamin and Joseph was truly apt as I prepared to embark on my Summer School programme for the next 3 weeks!

Pastor Eugene first began by providing much-needed context to frame Moses' blessing for Benjamin. He was the youngest of Jacob's twelve sons and thus would be considered as least in his familial hierarchy. The tribe of Benjamin was also one of the smaller tribes in Israel.

However, Moses' blessing for Benjamin provided great comfort to my heart in knowing that I have a God who cares for us even though we may be small and weak. In the blessing, Moses never placed emphasis on the characteristics of the tribe of Benjamin, but rather, on God! Moses focused on God's presence and how He would promise safety, shelter, and closeness for the tribe. I too, can rest on this promise of blessing that in whatever I go through or wherever I may be in the world, God's presence is with me and He can grant me protection, peace and security! As His beloved child, I have access to God by faith and my challenge is to keep this promise of blessing in my heart, knowing that God is with me wherever I go.



Contrastingly, the blessing for the tribe of Joseph shows the Potential of blessing that God can give. They were bountiful blessings of posterity, power and provision. Why was this the case for Joseph? This is where we see the Principle of blessing. Joseph lived a life that honoured the Lord. In all that he did, he was faithful to God. From being sold as a slave by his own brothers, thrown into prison because of Potiphar's wife, even after he rose to become Pharaoh's second-in-command, Joseph was loyal and committed to God. Such is a life God promises to bless, even for generations after!

For me, the example of Joseph inspires me to go further than simply relying on the Lord for protection, but to desire after God's blessings too. In order for Him to bless, I need to live honourably and to reflect His glory in all that I do. However, I am deeply cognizant of the many allures that a new environment can bring to distract me. My encouragement then is to look toward the many heroes of faith that make up the "great cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 11, 12:1), who, despite the varying failures and challenges they had to face, continued to walk with God and be faithful to Him. As a result, they obtained their spiritual blessing from God that far surpasses the material.

While being away on this trip, I hope to still cultivate a closer walk with God each day by choosing to set aside time for Him despite the myriad of things I can explore in the city. As I meet new people from all around the world, I am driven to do and say that which honours and glorifies the Lord, rather than conforming to the ways of the world—always seeking God's blessing, and not man's.

HOW SHALL PHARAOH HEED ME?

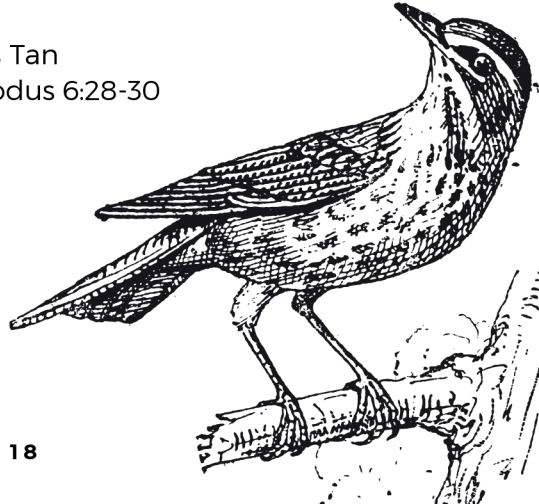
Moses was hit by great discouragement;
God came alongside to give encouragement.
He knew that Moses struggled with confidence;
He must learn to overcome his diffidence!

God assured him with these words, "I am the LORD;"
Moses must not give in to his doubts about God.
He must learn to go beyond his personal fears;
He must speak to Pharaoh, knowing God is near!

Moses felt that he had an impediment in speech;
Speaking to Pharaoh seemed to be beyond his reach.
He could not believe that he could get Pharaoh to heed him;
Doubts had come but he had to overcome all his feelings.

Moses would have to learn to pluck up his courage;
God would be with him and he need not be discouraged.
The redemptive plan of God would definitely succeed;
To the LORD and His mighty word, Moses must give heed!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Exodus 6:28-30



ANNOUNCEMENT

RESUMPTION OF FELLOWSHIP GROUPS NEXT SATURDAY

Thank God for the time of rest and renewal during the June holidays! Let's look forward to growing and strengthening our faith in the next half of the year.

All fellowship groups will resume next Saturday, 4 July 2026.



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“He administered the justice of the LORD”

Text: Deuteronomy 33:20-21

Moses prayed for the tribe of Gad. Praise was given to the Lord who enlarged Gad. They were blessed with an expansion of territory by God’s enablement. Not only did Gad possess a fierce and warlike nature, they would be committed to fighting alongside the rest of their tribes and executing the justice of the LORD, in the conquest of the Promised Land.



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