

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!

There is truly no one like the God of Jeshurun. Unparalleled is the Power and Glory of the LORD our God! May worship this afternoon be a time of adoration and drawing closer to our Eternal God!



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COME AND WORSHIP

THE LORD WILL PERFECT THAT WHICH CONCERNS ME

Problems are a part of life. The challenge remains on how we perceive and rise above them.

King David did not lead a life of ease for troubles and tribulations plagued him. Yet, his faith lies in the truth principles concerning the LORD as reflected in the conclusion of his prayer.

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me;
You will stretch out Your hand
Against the wrath of my enemies,
And Your right hand will save me.

⁸ The LORD will perfect *that which* concerns me;
Your mercy, O LORD, *endures* forever;
Do not forsake the works of Your hands.

PSALM 138:7-8

1. Afflicted by problems

Psalms 138:7a

a. Troubles of life

b. Threat of enemies

2. Assurance in the LORD and His Promises

a. God will revive him

Psalms 138:7b

b. He will stretch out His hand to protect
and preserve him

Psalms 138:7c

c. He will save him

Psalms 138:7d

d. He will do a work of perfection in his life

Psalms 138:8a

e. His mercies endure forever

Psalms 138:8b

TRUSTING IN GOD'S WORK OF PERFECTION

1. To recognise that problems are to be
expected in life

2. To possess faith in God's Promises and
not flee from problems

3. To trust in God's plan of completing
a good work in us

"Being confident of this very thing,
that He who has begun a good work in you
will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ."
Philippians 1:6



ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

1 AUGUST 2026

Prelude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Song Leading

1. Take My All, Lord

2. O Jesus, I Have Promised

Joel Tan and Audrey Chia

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Tessa Kang and Bethany Toong

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Mitchell Tan

Message

"There has not arisen in Israel
a prophet like Moses"

Text: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Offering

Postlude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

MY NOTES

1 AUGUST 2026

**“THERE HAS NOT ARISEN IN ISRAEL
A PROPHET LIKE MOSES”**

DEUTERONOMY 34:1-12

Take My All, Lord

*Based on the hymn – Take My Life and Let It Be
Music and additional words by Gabriel Ou*

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise
Let them flow in ceaseless praise

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee
Swift and beautiful for Thee

Oh, take my life, Lord
And make it Thine, Lord
For it shall be
No longer mine

I'll serve You only
For You have loved me
And I shall be
Forever Thine

Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee
Filled with messages from Thee

Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use
Every pow'r as Thou shalt choose
Every pow'r as Thou shalt choose

Oh, take my life, Lord
And make it Thine, Lord
For it shall be
No longer mine

I'll serve You only
For You have loved me
And I shall be
Forever Thine

Take my will and make it Thine
It no longer shall be mine
Take my heart it is Thine own
It shall be Thy royal throne
It shall be Thy royal throne

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee
Ever, only, all for Thee

Oh, take my life, Lord
And make it Thine, Lord
For it shall be
No longer mine

I'll serve You only
For You have loved me
And I shall be
Forever Thine

(end)



O Jesus, I Have Promised

By John E. Bode



1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my Guide.

2. O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.





3. O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend!

REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 25 JULY 2026

“A PEOPLE SAVED BY THE LORD”

TEXT: DEUTERONOMY 33:28-29

MOSES' PRAYER OF BLESSING ON EACH TRIBE OF ISRAEL

1. All the tribes were prayed by Moses to be blessed Deut. 33
2. He prayed for Israel as individual tribes and as a collective whole
3. However, many complex situations can hinder prayers being answered
 - a. From within
 - i. Self
 - ii. Sin
 - b. From without
 - i. Many enemies
 - ii. Where people lack
 - a) Faith
 - b) Prayer
 - iii. They will be easily defeated

4. Moses wrote earlier that the people would eventually forsake the Lord Deut. 32

5. Nevertheless, Moses still prayed for blessing with faith and hope

FACTUAL ASPECT - THE FACT OF THE LORD'S DISTINCT HAND OF SALVATION

"Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD,
The shield of your help
And the sword of your majesty!" Deut. 33:29a

1. There is no nation like the nation of Israel
2. They had become distinct as a nation because of what God had done for them
3. The fact of being a people saved by the Lord
 - a. God had been saving the people of Israel
 - i. The Lord delivered them from Egypt
 - ii. He sent the great plagues on it
 - iii. He opened the Red Sea and destroyed the armies of Egypt
 - b. He had preserved the nation for 40 years through the wilderness
 - c. He delivered King Og and King Sihon into their hands
 - d. The Lord had been delivering the nation of Israel again and again

4. The Lord as the shield of their help

- a. A shield is meant to protect
- b. The Lord God had been this shield of help to the nation of Israel

5. The Lord as the sword of their majesty

- a. The Lord had given majesty to the nation of Israel
- b. The sword is used for defensive and offensive measures
- c. The Lord as sword had brought about majesty to the nation of Israel

FUTURE ASPECT - PRAYING FOR THE LORD'S FUTURE BLESSINGS

"Then Israel shall dwell in safety,
The fountain of Jacob alone,
In a land of grain and new wine;
His heavens shall also drop dew." Deut. 33:28

"Your enemies shall submit to you,
And you shall tread down their high places." Deut. 33:29b

1. There is no God like the God of Jeshurun Deut. 33:26a

2. After the Lord conquers the land of Canaan Deut. 33:26b-27

- a. This will be a fulfilment of the promise of the Lord
- b. The help / power of the Lord
- c. Israel will overcome their enemies
- d. But they have to do their part

3. The protection of the Lord

- a. After years of walking in the wilderness
- b. They were meant to find peace and solace in the land of Canaan

4. The provision of the Lord

- a. Further prayer of blessing given
- b. The fountain of Jacob alone
- c. In the land of grain and new wine
- d. The heavens will drop dew

RESPONSES

"Happy *are* you, O Israel!"

Who *is* like you, a people saved by the LORD,

The shield of your help

And the sword of your majesty!" Deut. 33:29c

1. Finding joy in in the Lord

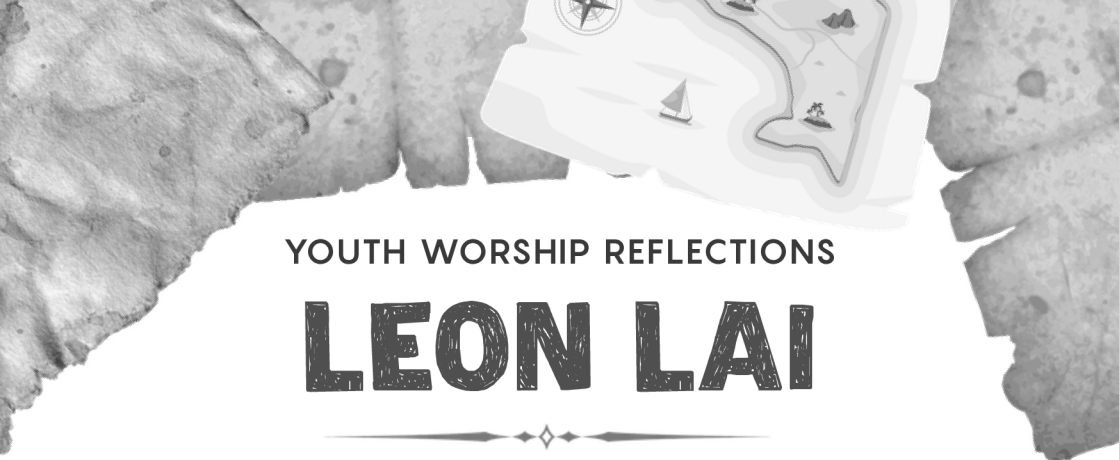
- a. Moses' prayer for the people was for them to be happy
- b. They were to rejoice there and then that the Lord is their God
- c. There is no other people saved by Him
- d. Sources of happiness
 - i. The Lord's past blessings
 - ii. The Lord's future blessings

2. Growing in Faith in the Lord

- a. Having faith in the Lord and His promises
- b. Faith in the Lord as we pray for His blessings
- c. Trusting the Lord as our Protector and Provider

3. Following through

- a. Each tribe must act in faith to reach his potential
- b. Following through with doing the Lord's will
- c. We can pray for blessings but ultimately whether we are blessed depends on our part
- d. We need to follow through with keeping His word
 - i. Let's seek to change
 - ii. Let's seek to deal with our sins
 - iii. Let's learn to pray more
- e. Each one of us got to do our part



YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

LEON LAI

Hi everyone, welcome back to another week of Youth Worship! Last week, we came to the end of Moses' final prayer for the people of Israel. We learned about the problems in our lives that hinder our prayers from being answered and how we ought to pray with faith and hope.

Situations That Can Hinder Prayers From Being Answered

As we learned about the different problems that could prevent our prayers from being answered, I began to reflect on the way I prayed. This lesson reminded me to be conscious of the way I pray each time. When I pray, is my trust placed in God and is my focus wholly on Him?

As I reflected, I thought of prayers I had made that ended with me unable to find the peace I had sought after.

As Pastor Mitch shared, a potential reason for this is that my focus was on myself instead of God. It is easy for us to focus on our own strength and abilities instead of God's. This reminded me of the spies that were sent to Canaan recorded in Numbers 13. Besides Caleb and Joshua, the remaining ten spies who gave a bad report were unable to see past the challenges of the Land and look to God instead.



Their narrow perspectives and wrong focus showed how they relied heavily on their own strength instead of God's. This is a danger that we need to be aware of and guard ourselves against.

Another problem that can lead to our prayers being unanswered is having a lack of faith. This problem is one that we see throughout our study of the Israelites, from the moment they escaped Egypt to the 40 years they spent in the wilderness. Despite God's constant provision, the Israelites lacked faith time and time again. Written in Numbers 14:11-12, we see how this constant rejection aroused the anger of the Lord as He threatened to "strike them with the pestilence and disinherit them." This lack of trust in the Lord should not be taken lightly. As we pray, let us do so with faith and trust in the Lord, knowing that He will provide for us and that He has a plan for us.



Praying With Faith And Hope

As Moses prayed for the Israelites, he did so in faith and with hope. Moses prayed despite knowing that they would eventually stray from God. The example of Moses is one that we need to learn from.

Throughout his prayer, we see him recalling God's goodness and blessings upon the children of Israel. Similarly, God, who has been with us from the start, will continue to be with us, and we can have hope for the future. As I read of how Moses prayed, I was reminded of the following verse.

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

Jeremiah 29:11

This verse has brought much encouragement to me, and knowing that my future is in God's hands is a precious thought I hold close to my heart.



Our Response

My only response to knowing that we have a God who blesses and provides for us is one of joy and thankfulness. Moreover, I am thankful for the access I have to God through prayer. This access is only possible because God has allowed it through the Lord Jesus, and we should not take it for granted.

As I pray, I know there will be times when I may not be able to see when or how God will answer. However, my role is to continue persisting in prayer, doing so in faith and hope as Moses did.



YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

Asia Tan

In Deuteronomy 33:28-29, we read of Moses' collective prayer for the people of Israel. Despite being fully aware of their potential for corruption and sin against God, Moses prayed with great hope and faith for Israel's future. He looked forward to a time when they would have many generations of descendants from Jacob, stand distinct as a people saved by the Lord, and dwell safely with God. Allow me to share some of my reflections from this prayer.

The role of prayer in our lives

Ever since I started attending Bethany as a young child, I was taught how to pray: to clasp my hands tightly, close my eyes, begin my prayers with "Dear Father in Heaven," and end them with "In Jesus' name I pray, Amen." As I grew older, this became a set template to follow— one that could be easily copied and pasted into any situation where prayer was relevant.

As my faith matures, I have received many rebukes and timely reminders about the gravity of prayer. After many years of struggling to understand its significance, I now see prayer as an opportunity to quiet my heart and properly enter into the presence of God. Prayer is a sacred privilege— a channel of communication with our Heavenly Father, made possible through the price that the Lord Jesus paid for us. This is something that we should never take for granted.

Pastor Mitch taught us that although the Lord hears our prayers, the answers to our prayers may be hindered by problems within ourselves, the greatest of which is sin. When we ourselves stand in the way of the answers to our prayers, we may wrongly perceive that God is distant or that He does not hear us. Such circumstances can bring much discouragement and create a false sense of distance from God– something we should earnestly seek to avoid.

Learning how to pray

This reminds us that an effective prayer life cannot be separated from a righteous Christian life. It is hypocritical for us to live in disobedience and allow our lives to be plagued by sin, yet expect God to answer our prayers time and time again– especially when those prayers are selfishly focused only on our own betterment.

I have been learning how to pray for many years, and am still very much in the process of doing so. I am still learning to pray without ceasing both in good times and bad; to pray selflessly for my brethren and those around me; and to pray with a heart of faith without doubt. Although this can be challenging, my heart is comforted and encouraged when I remember the Lord's faithfulness to me. Throughout my 22 years of life, the Lord has heard and answered countless prayers of mine, and I am sure that many of you can say the same.

Knowing that the Lord will continue to provide for His people, how can we not be thankful and be even more motivated to cultivate a faithful and meaningful prayer life with Him? The more we remember His faithfulness, the more we should be encouraged to draw near to Him in prayer.

Our commitment

In light of what the Lord has done for us, our commitment must be to choose faithfulness in return. Though easier said than done, something that encouraged me is the reminder that faithfulness does not equate to constant perfection. Faithfulness is seen in our day-to-day actions: in how we choose to obey the Lord in our decisions, honour Him in work, and conduct ourselves in our daily lives. Even when we make mistakes, let us not be discouraged. Ultimately, what matters is the recognition of our imperfections and sin, and humility to seek repentance and the realignment of our hearts back to the Lord.

As we reflect on Moses' prayer for Israel to be a people saved by the Lord, may we also remember the privilege we have as God's people and His faithfulness to us! May we learn to make prayer a central focus and practice in our lives, and always choose to rejoice in Him!

FROGS ABUNDANTLY

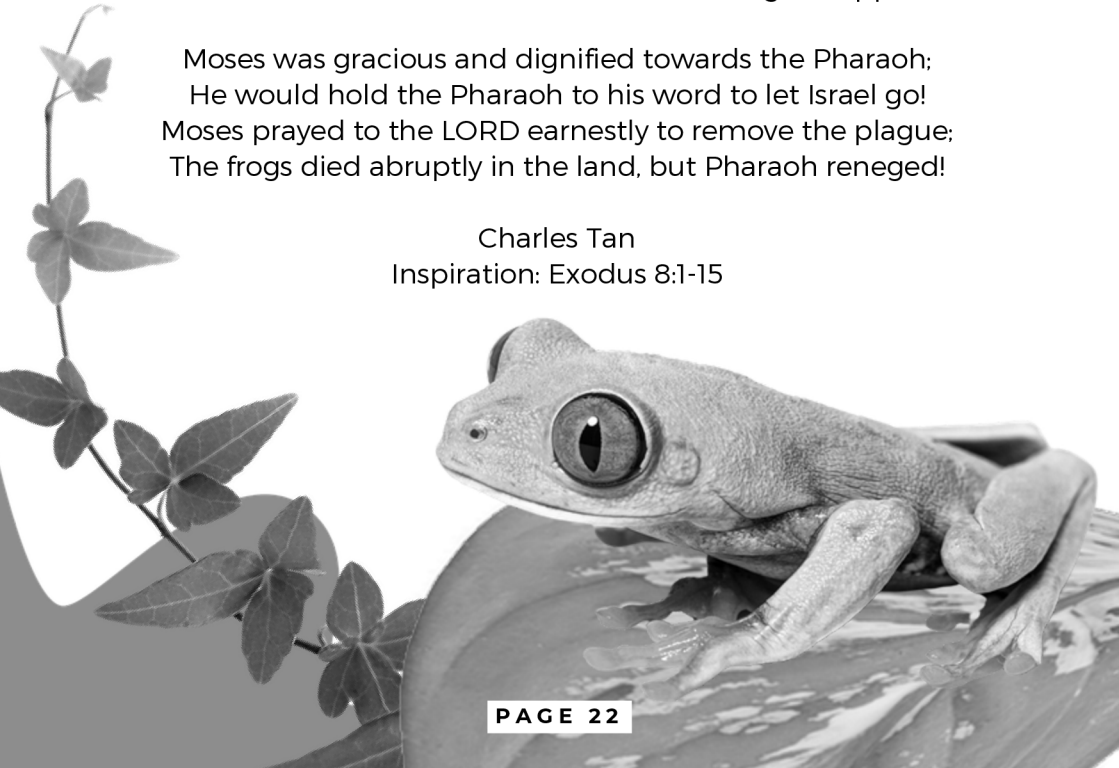
The Egyptians worshipped many deities;
Hapi was the god of the River Nile clearly.
The frog was sacred to Heqet a goddess;
Fertility was her area of concern and prowess.

God will show how powerless Heqet was;
Frogs arose from the Nile after it flooded.
They swarmed the whole land beyond imagination;
Heqet was helpless before the Lord's divine judgment.

Frogs filled homes and there was no relief in sight;
The abundance of frogs became a national blight!
Pharaoh had no choice but to call for Moses to appear;
Could this servant of the LORD make the frogs disappear?

Moses was gracious and dignified towards the Pharaoh;
He would hold the Pharaoh to his word to let Israel go!
Moses prayed to the LORD earnestly to remove the plague;
The frogs died abruptly in the land, but Pharaoh reneged!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Exodus 8:1-15



ANNOUNCEMENT

CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 50+3 ANNIVERSARY

THEME: GIVE ME THIS MOUNTAIN

Date: 30 August 2026, Sunday

Venue: Shangri-La Hotel

Time: 10.30am

Anniversary Lunch: 12.15pm

Do register as early as possible.

If there are any queries, please approach us at the Booth in the Fellowship Hall during Lunch on Sundays.

To sign up for Anniversary Lunch,
please scan the QR code.



NEXT YWS



8 AUGUST 2026

“Be strong and of good courage”

Text: Joshua 1:1-9

The conquest of the land of Canaan awaits. The mantle of leadership now falls on Joshua to lead the children of Israel into the Promised Land since the death of Moses. Strength and courage are needed in this huge undertaking! Joshua is instructed to make the right response of holding fast to God’s promise of His presence, and to meditate on the Word of God.



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