

# 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!

We come before the LORD God who loves His people and has a plan of blessing for them. May we ascribe greatness to Him and receive His truths with teachable hearts!

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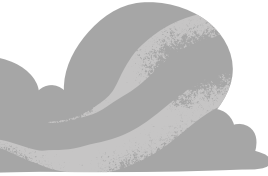
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# COME AND WORSHIP

## THE KING OF GLORY

Stupendous is the privilege of belonging to the LORD's kingdom, where His goodness and blessings abound. David concludes Psalm 24 with the majestic imagery of the King of glory returning victorious from battle.




<sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O you gates!  
And be lifted up, you everlasting doors!  
And the King of glory shall come in.

<sup>8</sup> Who *is* this King of glory?  
The LORD strong and mighty,  
The LORD mighty in battle.

<sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O you gates!  
Lift up, you everlasting doors!  
And the King of glory shall come in.

<sup>10</sup> Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD of hosts,  
He *is* the King of glory.



PSALM 24:7-10

### 1. The King of glory

- a. This was mentioned 5 times
- b. Glory is distinctive of the LORD our King
- c. He is the LORD strong and mighty                      Psalm 24:8a
- d. He is victorious in battle                                      Psalm 24:8b
- e. He is the LORD of hosts                                      Psalm 24:10  
    His army is made up of mighty angels who do His bidding

## 2. The King of glory returns in triumph

a. Doors and gates serve as safeguards for a city

i. They prevent intruders from coming in

ii. They keep enemies out

b. Gates and doors are to be lifted up Psalm 24:9

i. The King is returning to His everlasting kingdom

ii. He returns victorious from battles

c. There must have been a joyous reception from His people!

## **TO GOD BE ALL GLORY**

### 1. The King of Glory

a. His power is unrivalled

b. His kingdom is everlasting

### 2. How may we respond befittingly to our great King?

a. Be filled with awe and adoration

b. Offer joyful praise and reverent worship

c. Be faithful and loyal to Him



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

11 JULY 2026

### Prelude

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

### Call to Worship

Pastor Benjamin Chong

### Opening Prayer

Pastor Benjamin Chong

### Song Leading

1. The House of the Lord
2. Ancient Words

Audrey Chia

Pianists: Lorraine Lai and Rayne Quek  
Cajonist: Jamie Li

### Scripture Reading

1. Genesis 49:16-18
2. Deuteronomy 33:22
3. Genesis 49:21
4. Deuteronomy 33:23

Bethany Toong and Tessa Kang

### Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Jonathan Jacob

### Message

“Full of the blessing of the LORD”  
Text: Deuteronomy 33:22-23

Pastor Benjamin Chong

### Closing Prayer

Pastor Benjamin Chong

### Offering

### Postlude

Pianist: Rayne Quek

# MY NOTES

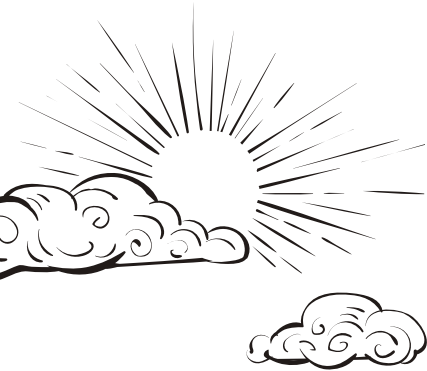
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**“FULL OF THE BLESSING OF THE LORD”**

DEUTERONOMY 33:22-23

## The House of the Lord

By Gabriel Ou



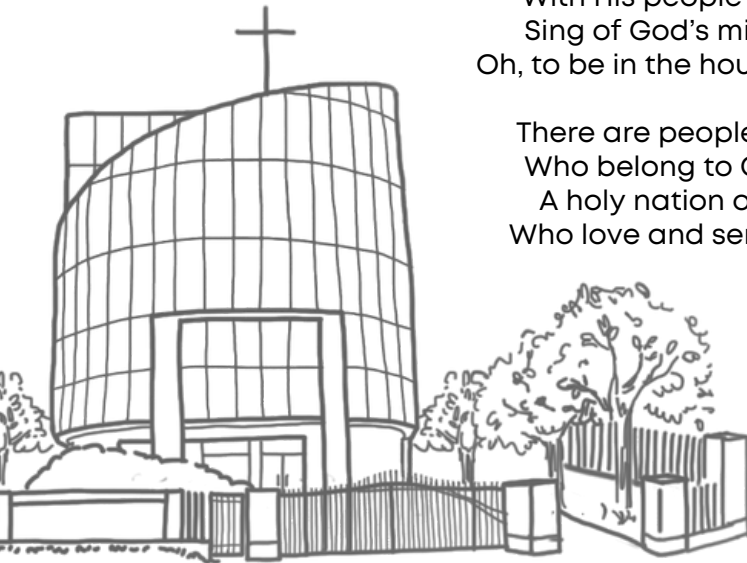
There's a place I love to go,  
That brings such joy untold.  
It's the holy city of our Lord,  
The dwelling place of God!

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

**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!

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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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# Ancient Words


By Lynn DeShazo



Holy words long preserved  
For our walk in this world,  
They resound with God's own heart;  
Oh, let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope  
Give us strength, help us cope;  
In this world, where e'er we roam  
Ancient words will guide us Home.

## **Chorus:**



Ancient words ever true,  
Changing me and changing you;  
We have come with open hearts,  
Oh, let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith  
Handed down to this age,  
Came to us through sacrifice;  
Oh, heed the faithful words of Christ.

Holy words long preserved  
for our walk in this world,  
They resound with God's own heart;  
Oh, let the ancient words impart.

## **Chorus**

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# REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

## **YWS MESSAGE - 4 JULY 2026**

**"HE ADMINISTERED THE JUSTICE OF THE LORD"**

**TEXT: DEUTERONOMY 33:20-21**

### **INTRODUCTION**

1. The need to compare the two prayers
  - a. Prayer of Jacob
  - b. Prayer of Moses
2. Evaluating the different prayers
  - a. Based on what has been prayed
  - b. Observing the differences
  - c. Reflects who Jacob and Moses were

### **THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE PRAYERS OF JACOB AND MOSES**

1. The prayer of Jacob
  - a. Basic
  - b. Limited
  - c. Superficial



2. The prayer of Moses

- a. Enlightened
- b. Greater insight
- c. Depth

3. The challenge for us is to pray more significantly

- a. To pray with enlightenment
- b. To pray with depth

### **JACOB'S PRAYER FOR GAD**

“Gad, a troop shall tramp upon him,  
But he shall triumph at last.”


Genesis 49:19


1. Gad was the offspring of Zilpah, Leah's maid

<sup>9</sup> When Leah saw that she had stopped bearing, she took Zilpah her maid and gave her to Jacob as wife. <sup>10</sup> And Leah's maid Zilpah bore Jacob a son. <sup>11</sup> Then Leah said, “A troop comes!” So she called his name Gad.

Genesis 30:9-11

2. Gad's name means “troop”

- a. Leah had already given birth to four children
  - b. Zilpah's son, Gad made it a total of 5 sons
  - c. It seems like a troop was coming
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3. Forewarning given

- a. In Jacob's prayer, he used Gad's name as a forewarning
- b. A troop of enemies may afflict him
- c. Hard times may come

4. A word of Hope

- a. Gad will be able to overcome
- b. He will not be destroyed
- c. God will help him triumph over his enemy

**MOSES' PRAYER FOR GAD**

<sup>20</sup> "And of Gad he said:


"Blessed *is* he who enlarges Gad;  
He dwells as a lion,  
And tears the arm and the crown of his head.

<sup>21</sup> He provided the first *part* for himself,  
Because a lawgiver's portion was reserved there.  
He came *with* the heads of the people;  
He administered the justice of the LORD,  
And His judgments with Israel."

Deuteronomy 33:20-21

1. The blessing of being given the eastern land of the River Jordan

- a. The tribes of Reuben and Gad saw that the eastern land was good  
for the multitude of their livestock Numbers 32:1
- b. They gathered to the heads of the people... Moses, Eleazar the  
priest and the leaders of the congregation Numbers 32:2



c. They requested for the eastern land,  
as it was good for livestock

Numbers 32:4



d. Moses was initially concerned

Numbers 32:6-15

e. The tribes reassured Moses

Numbers 32:16-19

f. After further clarification, Moses gave  
the command for these tribes

Numbers 32:28-30

2. It is the Lord who gave them the land

“Then I commanded you at that time, saying: ‘The LORD your God has given you this land to possess. All you men of valour shall cross over armed before your brethren, the children of Israel.

Deuteronomy 3:18

3. He dwells as a lion

a. Gad is likened to a lion...an imagery of being a powerful fighter

b. They would have the power to defeat both the armies and the leaders of the enemies

4. To administer the justice of God

a. An amazing insight from Moses in prayer



b. Gad would become a man of justice


c. Moses saw the greater possibility of Gad...to administer justice

d. Gad would have a sense of justice in what they did

i. In bringing judgment to the nations of Canaan

ii. In ensuring justice is upheld in Israel...to do good and right





5. The challenge to be people of justice

- a. To pray to be people of justice
- b. To have a greater sense of what is good and right

## LESSONS LEARNED

1. The challenge to pray with enlightenment

- a. Going beyond basic and superficial
- b. Bring in greater depth and insight into our prayers
- c. Learn to pray for enlightenment as Paul did for the Ephesian church

<sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, <sup>18</sup> the eyes of your understanding being enlightened;

Ephesians 1:17-18

2. The challenge to be people of justice

- a. Cultivate a greater sense of good and right
- b. To uphold justice wherever we are

# REFLECTIONS

## YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

By *Claire Jan*

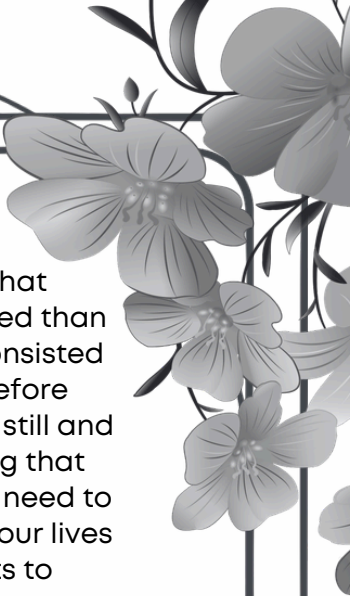
Welcome back to Youth Worship! Last week, Pastor Mark challenged us to pray more significantly as he drew on the comparisons between Jacob's and Moses' prayers for Gad.

### **A Personal Challenge to Move Away from Self-Centred Prayer**

More often than not, we tend to go to God primarily with our worries and requests, and occasionally to give thanks for the good things that have happened in our lives. The lessons that we have been learning about Moses' prayers for the twelve tribes of Israel have personally challenged me to go deeper in my own prayer life!

*And of Gad he said:  
"Blessed is he who enlarges Gad;  
Deuteronomy 33:20*

Moses begins his prayer for Gad by first focusing on God Himself. How often do we begin our prayers by focusing on God instead of the requests we would like to lay at His feet?



As I reflected on this question, I realised that my prayer life has been more self-centered than I would like to admit. My prayers often consisted of hurriedly presenting all my anxieties before the Lord, instead of taking the time to be still and fix my eyes on Him. However, I am learning that relating to God goes both ways! We, too, need to take the time to reflect on God's hand in our lives and look out for the lessons that He wants to teach us.

### **The Example of the Lord Jesus**

The best example of praying with depth is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ!

<sup>9</sup> *"In this manner, therefore, pray:*

*Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be Your name.*


<sup>10</sup> *Your kingdom come.*


*Your will be done*

*On earth as it is in heaven."*

Matthew 6:9-10

The Lord Jesus Christ Himself teaches us that we ought to first recognise God as our Father in heaven, and that remembering His name, kingdom and will should come first before we even get to our needs and requests.





As I began to shift the focus of my prayers away from myself and more toward the Person of the Lord, I truly saw a change in how I related to Him daily! As I took time to give thanks to God and reflect on His hand working in my life each day, I found that my first instinct when I faced challenges was no longer to go to God in anxiety or self-pity, but having peace knowing that my life is in the hands of a sovereign and loving God.

Slowly but surely, God is helping me to look past my immediate challenges to see the greater plan He is unfolding in my life.

May we all seek to pray with more depth and insight, and draw closer to God each day!



YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

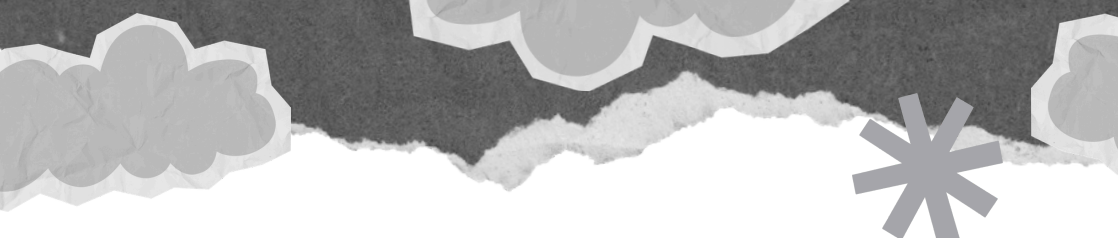
# MICHELLE CHOO

Hello young people! What a joy it is to return to the Lord's house for yet another time of worship!

Last Saturday, we read across several texts and studied the two very different prayers made by Jacob and Moses for Gad. Of which, revealed how Jacob and Moses were like—their character, their faith, and most importantly, their relationship with God. Who they were affected the manner in which they prayed.

The content and depth of prayer we make for someone depends on our **relationship** with him, and more importantly, God. Recorded in Genesis 49, we see how Jacob's prayer for his sons uncovered his varying relationships with them—what he prayed for, and how he prayed for them. More significantly, because of a limited faith and relationship he had with the Lord, it led to his prayers being rather brief, lacking in depth and insight.

Unlike Jacob, Moses' prayer recorded in Deuteronomy 33 was one that was full of substance; filled with enlightenment, depth and insight. Moses had cultivated a relationship with the people (the tribes) he was praying for, which allowed him to pray with much greater understanding—according to their needs. Furthermore, because of the relationship Moses



had with God, He had granted him the wisdom to pray, which enabled his prayers to be far more meaningful.

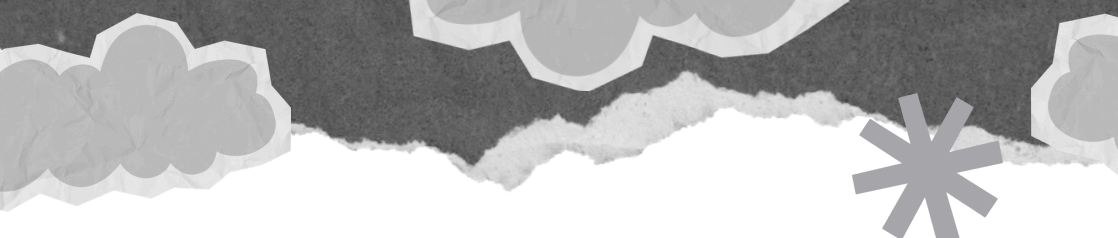
Prayer is also something that needs to be made with **faith**. Jacob was unable to see beyond human weaknesses to what God could do in the lives of his sons. In comparison, Moses' prayer was one that displayed his faith in God and what He could do for the tribes.

<sup>22</sup> So Jesus answered and said to them, “**Have faith in God.**

<sup>23</sup> For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and **does not doubt in his heart**, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. <sup>24</sup> Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have *them*.

Mark 11:22-24

Prayer must not be made with doubt. When we pray and bring our request to the Lord, we are committing it to Him and there is an inherent need to trust in His wisdom and sovereignty. God hears and answers according to *His plan and time*. By His grace, He answers; it may not be immediate, but it doesn't mean that He won't. There is also the added layer of submission and surrendering to God. God may not answer according to what we hope and pray for, and we need a faith that sees beyond—to see God's omniscience, and to know that His plan is perfect. And because God is perfect, it is *always* for good.



And we know that **all things work together for good to those who love God**, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

Romans 8:28

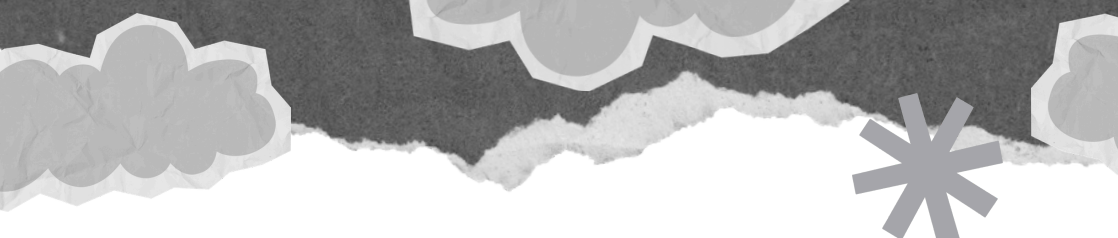
*As for God, His way is perfect;*  
The word of the LORD is proven;  
*He is a shield to all who trust in Him.*

Psalm 18:30

As I reflect on my prayer life, I realised how some of my prayers can be similar to that of Jacob's. This is especially so when I have an ideal outcome that I pray for God to give, which is my human understanding of what I need.

So for context, I graduated from university in December last year and have been looking for a job. The job search over the last six months has been a huge struggle in this bleak economy. While I have been committing it to the Lord and trusting that He has a plan, there are times when I catch myself losing hope and I start to doubt my worth. As time passes, this sense of despondency starts to overwhelm my heart. And I feel rebuked every time I catch myself feeling this way because that's when it can lead to doubting the Lord, and it reveals a lack of faith in this great God of mine.

Despite the negative feelings, and as gruelling as it has been, the Lord has been, and still is teaching me lessons in this time of quietness—what it means to wait upon the Lord, and to trust in His perfect timing.



At the end of the day, I cling on to this heavenly hope. I am confident that the Lord *will* carry me through. He is the same God that has brought me through what I thought were the toughest battles in the past, and He *will* be that same God to me in every season of life. He knows and will meet my every need. My idea of my immediate needs and what the world deems as success pales in comparison to the need for a close relationship with my Father; a steadfast faith and a meaningful prayer life. I recognise my need to cultivate a more meaningful prayer life. My prayer cannot be made with the hope that God will simply just provide me with a job tomorrow, but for Him to preserve me, and to incline my ear and heart to the lessons that He is teaching me. While we all face different struggles and challenges, may we always learn to seek Him, learning how to pray with depth and confidence!

## THE EGYPTIANS SHALL KNOW

Pharaoh and Egypt took pride in their gods;  
They despised all others, including the LORD.  
God was determined to humble the Egyptians;  
He would show His greatness in His judgments.

God would stretch forth His mighty hand of power;  
He would need to multiply His signs and wonders.  
Egypt would resist the LORD in every possible way;  
The LORD was determined His glory to display.

God's plan was to rescue and deliver the children of Israel;  
He would have to overcome Pharaoh and the Egyptian people.  
They would not listen to any word God would give to them;  
Their hearts had been hardened, by sin that condemns.

God's instruments of His power were two octogenarians;  
They were past their prime in terms of age and expectation.  
Yet they would become mighty servants of God;  
The Egyptians shall know that God is the LORD!

Charles Tan  
Inspiration: Exodus 7:3-7

# 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.





**18 JULY 2026**

“Underneath are the everlasting arms”

Text: Deuteronomy 33:24-27

Finally, Moses offered a prayer of blessing for the tribe of Asher. While many would pray for material blessings and a smooth-sailing life, the man of God saw beyond earthly prosperity, adding a spiritual dimension to God's blessings. As we study his prayer, may we also learn to pray with greater wisdom and spiritual understanding!



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