

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 Scriptures are of antiquity and contain words of deep adage. May we treasure and rejoice in the studying of His Holy Word!



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I WILL PRAISE YOU WITH MY WHOLE HEART

Praise to the LORD can become a hallmark of our lives.
Praise becomes most natural and forthcoming when we dwell on
God's attributes and His glorious name.



¹ I will praise You with my whole heart;
Before the gods I will sing praises to You.

² I will worship toward Your holy temple,
And praise Your name

For Your lovingkindness and Your truth;
For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.

³ In the day when I cried out, You answered me,
And made me bold *with* strength in my soul.

PSALM 138:1-3





1. Commitment to give praise

- a. Praise must come from the whole heart
- b. Praise is offered boldly
 - i. To sing praises before the “gods”
 - ii. These are rulers who assisted David in the land
 - iii. David sets the example of praising God unabashedly
- c. Praise stems from a high regard for God’s temple
- d. Praise is rendered to the LORD’s holy name

2. Compelling reasons of praise

- a. God’s lovingkindness
- b. God’s truths
- c. The LORD who hears and answers prayers

MAKING PRAISE A GREATER PART OF OUR LIVES

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- 1. Let us start cultivating praise
 - 2. Let us sustain wholehearted praise
 - 3. Let praise become a significant feature in our lives

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

18 JULY 2026

Prelude

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Song Leading

1. Only A Holy God
2. Kingdom Song

Ryan Quek and Ong Yanning
Pianist: Lorraine Lai

Scripture Reading

1. Genesis 49:20
2. Deuteronomy 33:24-27

Laura Chan and Chloe Tang

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Mark Tan

Message

“Underneath are the
everlasting arms”
Text: Deuteronomy 33:24-27

Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Offering

Postlude

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

MY NOTES

18 JULY 2026

**“UNDERNEATH ARE THE
EVERLASTING ARMS”**

DEUTERONOMY 33:24-27

Only A Holy God

By Michael Farren, Johnny Robinson, Dustin Smith and Rich Thompson

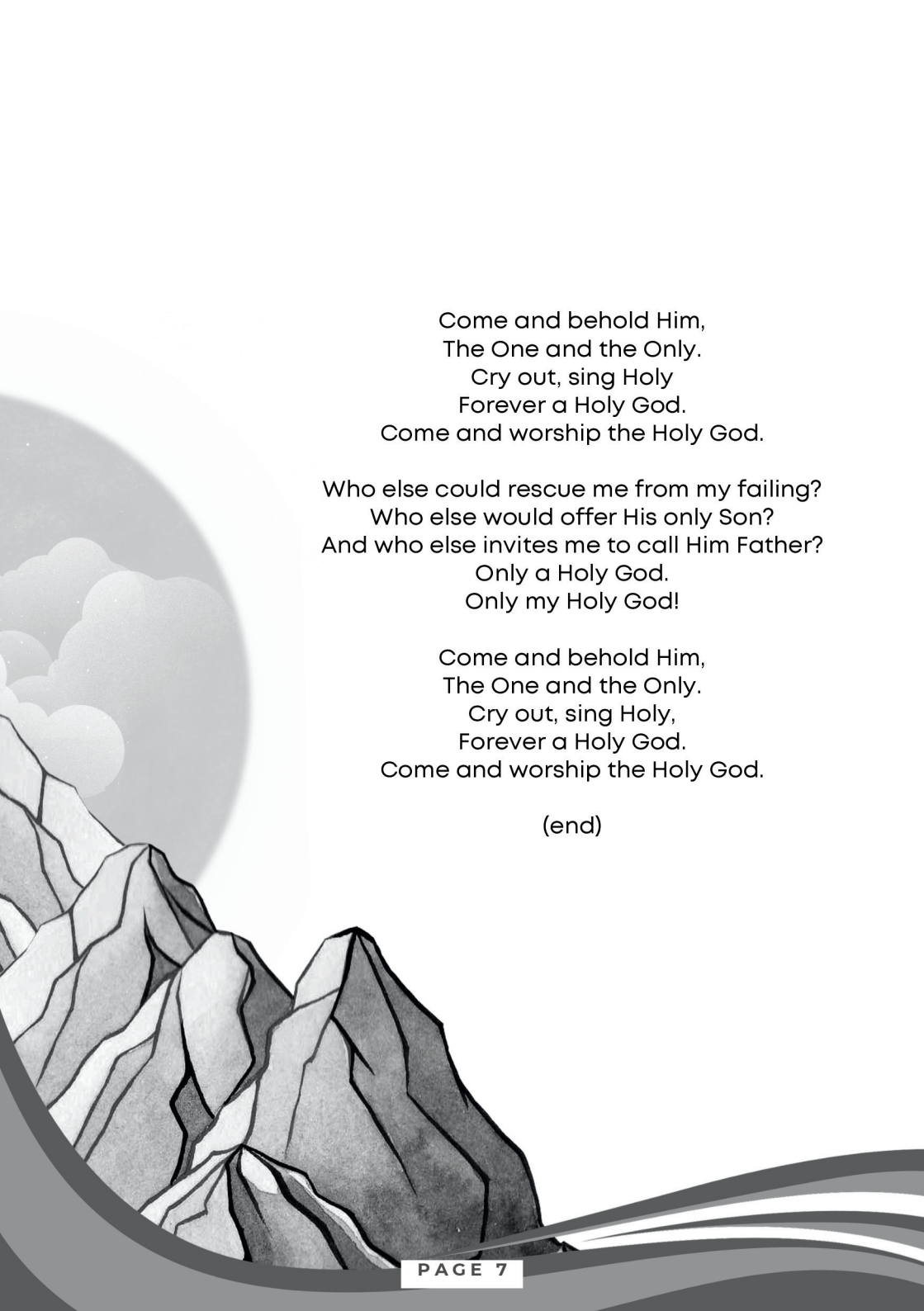
Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make ev'ry king bow down?
Who else could whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a Holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendour outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a Holy God.

Come and behold Him,
The One and the Only.
Cry out, sing Holy
Forever a Holy God.
Come and worship the Holy God.

What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a Holy God.

Come and behold Him,
The One and the Only.
Cry out, sing Holy
Forever a Holy God.
Come and worship the Holy God.



Come and behold Him,
The One and the Only.
Cry out, sing Holy
Forever a Holy God.
Come and worship the Holy God.

Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
And who else invites me to call Him Father?
Only a Holy God.
Only my Holy God!

Come and behold Him,
The One and the Only.
Cry out, sing Holy,
Forever a Holy God.
Come and worship the Holy God.

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KINGDOM SONG

By Nicky Chriswell

Day by day Your kingdom grows.
Stone by stone this temple raised.
Hidden truth, we've come to know.
May Your kingdom come we pray.

We pledge allegiance to You our true King,
We strive for Your kingdom to come!

We have hope, we have purpose.
We have treasure that will last.
We have joy, we have meaning.
We have peace none can surpass.

Shoulder to shoulder,
Your people we stand.
We'll strive for Your kingdom to come.
We have hope.





Bread of life to hungry souls.
Jesus Christ, our Guide and Friend.
Lord and King our cornerstone.
You are with us to the end.

None of the pleasures that this world can bring
Compares to the glory to come!

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REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 11 JULY 2026

“FULL OF THE BLESSING OF THE LORD”

TEXT: DEUTERONOMY 33:22-23

INTRODUCTION

1. A comparison of texts
 - a. Necessary
 - b. Helpful
2. Comparison of Prayers
 - a. Jacob's prayer for Dan and Naphtali
 - b. Moses' prayer for Dan and Naphtali

PRAYER FOR DAN

1. Concerning Dan: Jacob

¹⁶ “Dan shall judge his people
As one of the tribes of Israel.

¹⁷ Dan shall be a serpent by the way,
A viper by the path,
That bites the horse's heels
So that its rider shall fall backward.

¹⁸ I have waited for your salvation, O LORD!

Genesis 49:16-18

- a. Prayer reflects the intercessor (Jacob)
- b. Prayer reflects the relationship between Jacob and his sons
- c. Jacob's Concerns about Dan
 - i. He would one day play an important role "as a judge"
This is a positive
 - ii. Compared to a serpent/ viper
 - iii. Warns of Treachery
- d. Jacob waited on the Lord for His salvation

2. Concerning Dan: Moses

And of Dan he said:
"Dan *is* a lion's whelp;
He shall leap from Bashan."

Deuteronomy 33:22

- a. There is a change of metaphor
- b. Dan would not be as Jacob had imagined
- c. Dan would become as strong as a lion
- d. His territory was in Bashan (a wealthy region)
- e. Do prayers affect our ultimate personal destiny?
- f. Yes and No!
- g. It helps to know the person praying for you
- h. Moses was the Intercessor!

PRAYER FOR NAPHTALI

1. Concerning Naphtali: Jacob

*"Naphtali is a deer let loose;
He uses beautiful words."*

Genesis 49:21

- a. Jacob did not have too many hopes for Naphtali
- b. He noted basic skills that he possessed

2. Concerning Naphtali: Moses

And of Naphtali he said:

*"O Naphtali, satisfied with favour,
And full of the blessing of the LORD,
Possess the west and the south."*

Deuteronomy 33:23

- a. He would be satisfied with the favour of the Lord
- b. He would enjoy the full blessings of God
- c. He would be able to enjoy the blessing of God from on high

EVERY ENCOURAGEMENT TO PRAY

1. Prayer is not Prophecy

2. Personal Prayer to be encouraged

3. Pray in Hope

- a. There is Hope to be found in God
- b. We can pray in Hope

4. Pray with Faith

- a. Trust in God is vital
- b. Be steadfast in trust

5. Seek Intercession

- a. From godly people
- b. From people who are mature spiritually
- c. Their prayers may yet be heard and answered

6. Exercise Patience

Time may be needed for God to hear and answer prayers

CONCLUSION

1. Jacob's Prayer

- a. Not very positive
- b. Not very hopeful

2. Moses' Prayer

- a. He saw Potential
- b. He saw Hope
- c. He prayed with faith

3. Our challenge

- a. To learn more about Prayer
- b. To learn through the practice of Prayer
- c. To pray for people in need
- d. To pray earnestly and humbly

REFLECTIONS

YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

JAMIE LI

Hello everyone! Welcome back to Youth Worship. I hope everyone has had a great start to the month of July! Last week at Youth Worship, we learnt from Genesis 49:16-18, 29 and Deuteronomy 33:22-23. We compared the differences in the prayers made by Jacob and Moses for Dan and Naphtali.

The Example of Moses

Moses was a man of God, who had great faith and hope in the LORD. Jacob prayed from the perspective of a father to his sons. Jacob was unable to see beyond his personal relationships with his sons and hence his prayer reflected a negative tone. On the other hand, Moses prayed with full consciousness of God and had no doubt that the Almighty has the power to guide and correct Dan and Naphtali. From Moses' great example, we can learn how faith is reflected in one's prayer life and how our hope should be in the LORD.

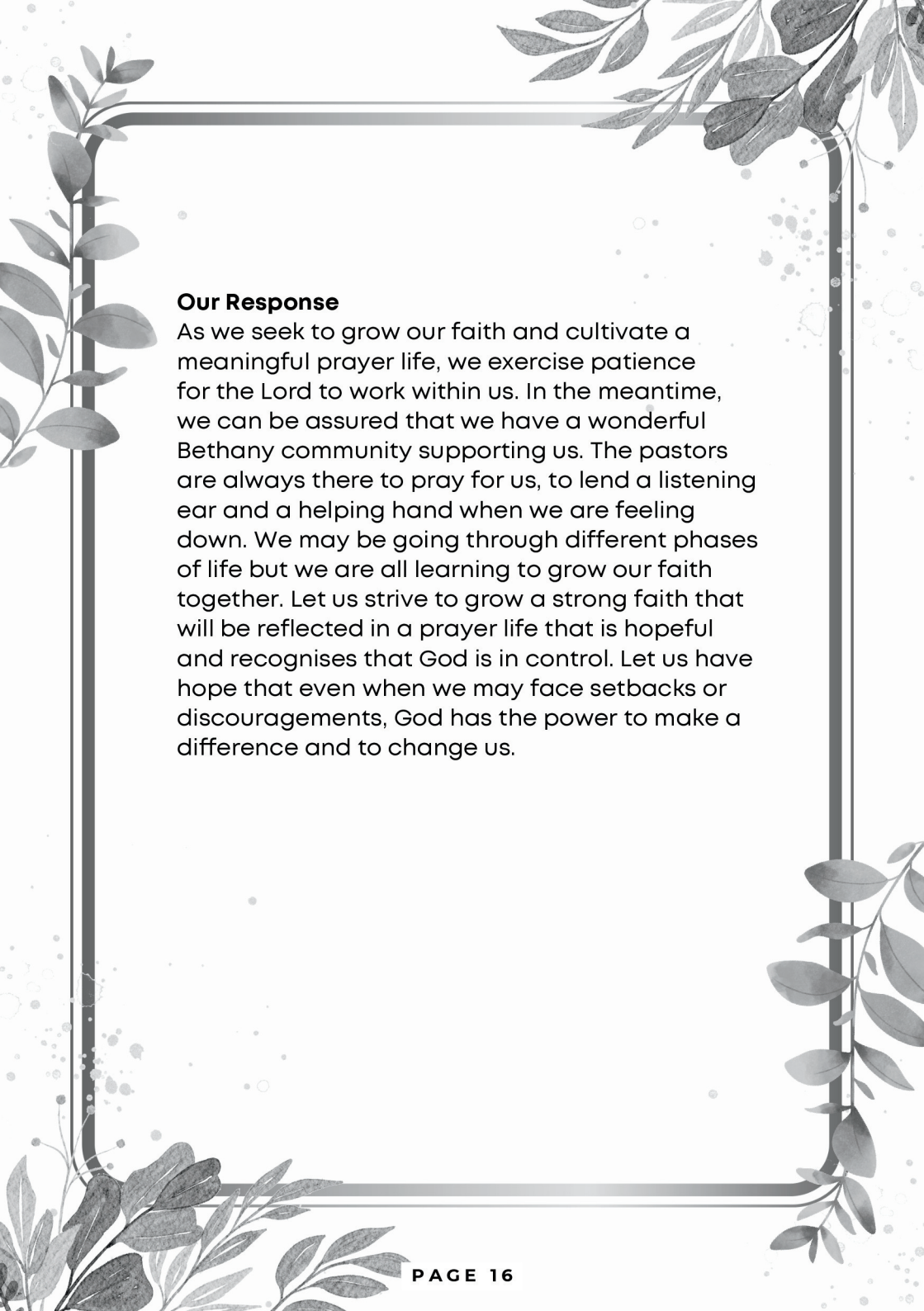


When Moses encountered God in the wilderness of Mount Horeb (Exodus 3), God chose him to face Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt to the Promised Land. Upon hearing God's call, Moses' first reaction was doubt. Who was he to face Pharaoh? Who was he to bring the Israelites out of Egypt? As much as Moses' initial response was filled with uncertainty, he began to see firsthand the power of God as he faced Pharaoh. As we read from Exodus to Deuteronomy, we know that Moses grew in his faith and became a man of prayer who had abounding confidence and hope in God. We can see how God worked in Moses and how He has the ultimate power to make a difference.

My Own Prayer Life

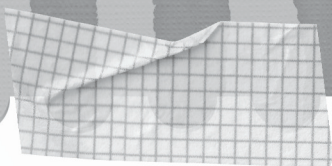
As I reflect on my own life, I am definitely nowhere near the level of great faith that Moses had. My prayers are not as hopeful as his nor are they filled with much depth. However, Moses' example proves further that God has the power to change our ways no matter how doubtful we may be towards ourselves. It brings me great encouragement to know that with the help of God, I can grow to have a faith and a prayer life that has depth, that is intentional and sustainable. Through prayer, I am hopeful in God that He can help and guide me to grow my faith and cultivate a sustained prayer life.





Our Response

As we seek to grow our faith and cultivate a meaningful prayer life, we exercise patience for the Lord to work within us. In the meantime, we can be assured that we have a wonderful Bethany community supporting us. The pastors are always there to pray for us, to lend a listening ear and a helping hand when we are feeling down. We may be going through different phases of life but we are all learning to grow our faith together. Let us strive to grow a strong faith that will be reflected in a prayer life that is hopeful and recognises that God is in control. Let us have hope that even when we may face setbacks or discouragements, God has the power to make a difference and to change us.



YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

LAURA CHAN

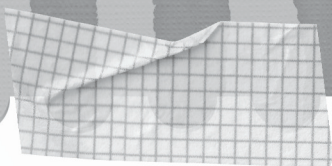
Previously at Youth Worship, we read from Deuteronomy 32:22-23, a continuation of Moses' final prayer for the children of Israel, and we focused on the prayers made for both the tribes of Dan and Naphtali.

Jacob's final prayer for his sons reflected his personal relationship with them. (Genesis 49)
For further context, both sons were brothers sharing the same mother, Bilhah.

Though Jacob prayed that Dan shall be a judge over Israel, his words were also filled with warning,

*"Dan shall be a serpent by the way,
A viper by the path,
That bites the horse's heels
So that its rider shall fall backward."*

Genesis 49:17



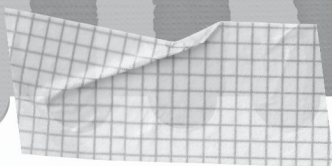
It was a prayer marked by caution, perceiving Dan as someone who could be treacherous and unstable. And when he turned to pray for Naphtali, Jacob's words were incredibly brief,

*"Naphtali is a deer let loose;
He uses beautiful words."*
Genesis 49:21

While poetic, it reflected Jacob's perspective of Naphtali's weakness, as a deer being hunted as prey then let loose. Jacob provided an imagery of swiftness and one who uses pleasant words, but there was not much depth to the prayer made for Naphtali.

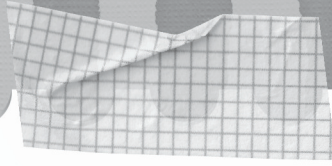
Jacob's prayers, though sincere in his own way, were constrained by human perspectives. In stark contrast, when Moses prayed for these two tribes (Deuteronomy 33), he introduced deeper insights with his faith that reflected his deep relationship with God.

Instead of a hidden snake, Moses declared the tribe of Dan to be a lion's whelp, leaping out of Bashan. He saw courage, strength, and power in them. Moses also looked at Naphtali and declared the tribe being satisfied with favour, and full of the blessing of the Lord. In contrast to Jacob, Moses looked at both tribes and saw strength and spiritual favour. He was able to pray with such depth and insight because his prayer reflected his deep faith in a God who loves the children of Israel.



Personally, I found it moving that Moses' final words were a prayer of blessing for Israel. At the very end of his life, Moses did not use his final moments to pray for himself, nor did he focus on his immediate loved ones. Instead, his heart poured out for the very people he was called to lead out of Egypt. The history they shared wasn't the most smooth-sailing too. With decades of wandering, constant complaining, and stubborn disobedience, Moses still chose to see past their flaws. He looked at Dan and Naphtali and chose to focus on their potential to be the best versions of themselves, if they chose to turn to and fully rely on God. He anchored his prayers not in who they were, but in who God could help them become.

The example of Moses impelled me to reflect on my own prayer life and my own relationship with the Lord. If the depth of my prayers reflects the depth of my faith and relationship with God, I need to admit that my prayers sometimes skew to be more like Jacob's. When I pray for the people in my life, or even when I pray over my own circumstances, I easily find myself praying out of a place of unbelief. Sometimes, I allow past disappointments and human weakness to make me feel like my prayers are made in vain.



Yet, I find myself gently challenged by the words from James 1:6:

"But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind."

May we cultivate hearts that choose to see the God-given potential in ourselves and in others, believing in a God who is powerful enough to bring it to pass! Let us lay down our guarded, self-protective prayers and commence a prayer life marked by absolute confidence in the Lord!

AND PHARAOH'S HEART GREW HARD

Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron to appear before him;
It would be good if he could see their weaknesses within.
If Moses and Aaron called themselves servants of God;
Could they perform a miracle with power from the LORD?

God had prepared Moses along the way, much was at stake;
Moses would be as God and Aaron would speak instead.
Aaron was directed to cast his rod before the Court;
That rod became a serpent by the power of God!

Pharaoh was not impressed in the slightest, at this sight;
He ordered his magicians to duplicate this with their might.
There was a battle between Aaron's serpent and the Egyptians;
Aaron's serpent devoured all the snakes of the magicians.

Pharaoh was upset with this development at hand;
His magicians had failed in their wicked plan.
Pharaoh hardened his heart in this defeat;
His heart remained hardened, full of conceit!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Exodus 7:8-13

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.





25 JULY 2026

“A people saved by the LORD”
Text: Deuteronomy 33:28-29

Moses’ strong focus on the LORD is unmistakable throughout his prayer of blessing. As he concludes his prayer, the LORD was aptly described as the Fountain of Jacob, the Shield and Sword of Israel. Blessed are the people of Israel, who are gloriously saved by the LORD!



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