

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!

How precious is the community we have here in Bethany! May our hearts be uplifted and our faith be strengthened through the hearing of the Word of God and the sweet fellowship of His people!



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COME AND WORSHIP

FOR GREAT IS THE GLORY OF THE LORD

With many victories under his belt, David was a mighty and celebrated king feared by many in his time. Yet, as great and glorified as he was, he recognised that no man's glory could ever come close to the LORD's.

⁴ All the kings of the earth shall praise You, O LORD,
When they hear the words of Your mouth.

⁵ Yes, they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
For great *is* the glory of the LORD.

⁶ Though the LORD *is* on high,
Yet He regards the lowly;
But the proud He knows from afar.

PSALM 138:4-6

1. Kings and rulers of the earth

- a. They possess great power and authority
- b. It's not uncommon for them to magnify themselves

1. King David was different

a. He recognised a far greater Being



b. The LORD is unmatched in His glory

Psalms 138:5a

c. David exalted God above all else



i. For His words

Psalms 138:4b

ii. For His ways

Psalms 138:5b

d. The greatness of God is also seen in how
He regards man

Psalms 138:6

i. The LORD God is on high

ii. Yet He tenderly esteems the lowly

iii. But He keeps His distance from the proud

3. The kings of the earth shall praise the name of the LORD

Psalms 138:4a

a. If they consider His Word and His Ways

b. Then they would see the glory of God

c. Praise would be a natural response to God's glory

HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND TO THE GOD OF GREAT GLORY?

1. Be grateful that the great God of heaven and earth would draw near to us

What is man that You are mindful of him,
And the son of man that You visit him?
Psalms 8:4

2. Consider His Word and His Ways deeply

3. Exalt the LORD and praise His great name

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

25 JULY 2026

Prelude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

Call to Worship

Pastor Mitchell Tan

Opening Prayer

Pastor Mitchell Tan

Song Leading

1. Behold Our God
2. Help Us Love You, Lord

Christopher Tang and Lorraine Lai
Pianist: Rayne Quek
Guitarist: Gabrielle Wan
Cajonist: Jamie Li

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 33:28-29

Gloria Lim and Thaddeus Heng

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Benjamin Chong

Message

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

Pastor Mitchell Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Mitchell Tan

Offering

Postlude

Pianist: Rayne Quek

MY NOTES

25 JULY 2026

“A PEOPLE SAVED BY THE LORD”

DEUTERONOMY 33:28-29

WORSHIP SONGS

BEHOLD OUR GOD

Words and Music by Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird,
Ryan Baird, Stephen Altrogge

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.



Chorus:

Behold our God, seated on His throne.
Come, let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare.
Come, let us adore Him!

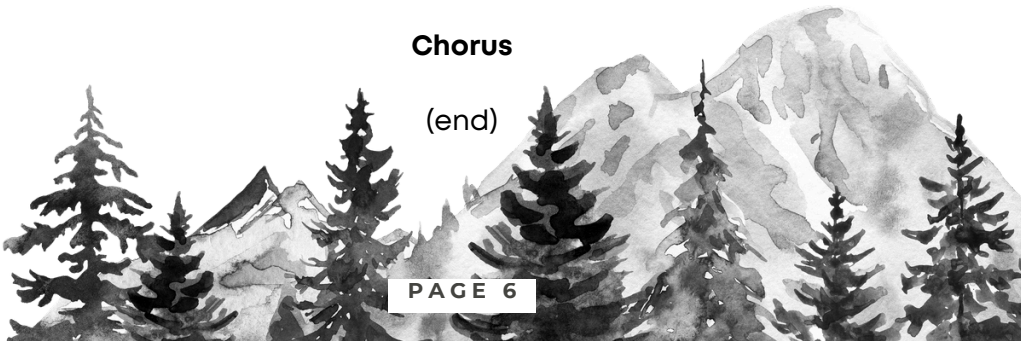
Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach, the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Chorus

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave.
Jesus, Saviour, risen now to reign!

Chorus

(end)



HELP US LOVE YOU, LORD

By Nathan Stiff
and David Zimmer

Help us love You, Lord,
When our affections dim.
Turn our hearts to see
Your worth that has no end.
Jesus, help us love You,
Break our grip on earthly gain,
Be our treasure all our days.

Help us trust You, Lord,
The hours our faith grows frail.
Fill our hearts with peace
When understanding fails.
Jesus, help us trust You,
Make us know Your promises,
Lead us in Your faithfulness.

Chorus:

With all our heart and all our soul,
Help us love You, Lord.
With all our mind and all our strength,
Help us love You, Lord.

Help us praise You, Lord,
When sorrows multiply.
Teach our hearts to sing
Of grace You have supplied.
Jesus, help us praise You
In the shadow of Your cross.
Be our joy in every loss.

Chorus

(end)



REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 18 JULY 2026

“UNDERNEATH ARE THE EVERLASTING ARMS”

TEXT: DEUTERONOMY 33:24-27

INTRODUCTION

1. Two prayers were made for Asher
 - a. By Jacob
 - b. By Moses
2. This is an uplifting prayer
 - a. To study
 - b. To apply

THE PRAYER FOR ASHER BY JACOB

“Bread from Asher *shall* be rich,
And he shall yield royal dainties.” Genesis 49:20

1. Jacob's Focus: The material
 - a. He was happy that Asher would have wealth
 - b. His many needs would be met!
2. Limitations of this prayer
 - a. The spiritual was not included
 - b. God's power was not considered

THE PRAYER FOR ASHER BY MOSES

²⁴ And of Asher he said:

"Asher *is* most blessed of sons;
Let him be favoured by his brothers,
And let him dip his foot in oil.

²⁵ Your sandals *shall be* iron and bronze;
As your days, so *shall* your strength *be*.

²⁶ "*There is* no one like the God of Jeshurun,
Who rides the heavens to help you,
And in His excellency on the clouds.

²⁷ The eternal God *is your* refuge,
And underneath *are* the everlasting arms;
He will thrust out the enemy from before you,
And will say, 'Destroy!'

Deuteronomy 33:24-27

1. Moses agreed that Asher would be blessed with material things
2. But he added a profound dimension
3. Asher will be spiritually blessed

THE GREAT BLESSINGS OF GOD DESCRIBED

1. Asher will enjoy many material blessings

a. Favour from his brothers

Deuteronomy 33:24a

b. Luxury to have his foot dipped in oil
(modern day spa)

Deuteronomy 33:24b

2. Asher will also have many profound spiritual blessings

- a. But these blessings will come only when he walks with the Lord
- b. His life would not be a bed of roses

3. The challenge to wear sandals of iron and bronze

Deuteronomy 33:25a

- a. These types of sandals are associated with war (shoes)
- b. There will be enemies who will rise up against the nation
- c. Asher must not be afraid to go to war to defend his brethren and nation
- d. His heroism will result in special blessings

4. The Promise of Strength

Deuteronomy 33:25b

- a. Strength from the Lord is promised
- b. As the days come with their challenges, so will there be ensuing strength
- c. This is a glorious promise from God

5. The Promise of Divine Help

Deuteronomy 33:26

- a. The God of Jeshurun
- b. He will come from heaven to give the needed help
- c. The help of God is “excellence” in quality

6. Help from the Eternal God Deuteronomy 33:27

- a. The help given is from God who is eternal
- b. He has everlasting arms
- c. He is our Refuge
- d. He will thrust out the enemy
- e. The enemies would be destroyed!

THESE BLESSINGS WOULD COME ONLY IF

- 1. Asher wore the sandals of iron and bronze
- 2. He focused on defending the nation and not the physical blessings
- 3. He walks closely to the Lord
- 4. He determines to actively trust the Lord
 - a. As his Refuge
 - b. As his God who upholds him

OUR CHALLENGE

- 1. To focus on the spiritual rather than the material
- 2. To walk with God faithfully
- 3. To endure hard times well when they come
- 4. To walk with sandals of iron and bronze



REFLECTIONS

YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

Ryan Quek

The struggle to find hope

Where does your hope lie? Growing up, this was a question I often struggled with. As a teenager navigating the challenges of life, I faced many situations that left me feeling defeated and in desperate need of hope. Yet, heavenly hope was rarely the first place I turned to. Instead of surrendering my struggles to the Lord, I focused on myself and relied on my own strength. I searched for practical solutions: I worked harder, and studied smarter. Only when everything else failed would I turn to prayer, desperately pleading for the Lord's mercy and strength to overcome the situation.

Looking back, I realise how wrong this approach was. It revealed that I had not yet learned to place my true hope in the Lord. Outwardly, I proclaimed that my hope was in Him, but inwardly, my confidence still rested largely on my own abilities. My hope was not yet fully rooted in the Lord.



A hope rooted in the Lord

Moses serves as a powerful example of a man whose hope was firmly rooted in the Lord. When we compare Jacob's blessing for Asher with Moses' blessing for the tribe of Asher, we see a clear difference in their emphasis. Jacob's blessing focused primarily on material prosperity, expressing the hope that Asher would enjoy an abundant and lavish life.

Moses' blessing, however, went beyond physical provision and he prayed for the tribe of Asher to be spiritually blessed as well.

This additional element in Moses' prayer showed where his hope lay. He trusted in the power of God and believed that the Lord's blessings upon Asher would not be limited to material prosperity. Moses had confidence that God's plan for the tribe extended far beyond their physical circumstances and he trusted fully in the Lord's plan for them.

Moses' hope in God serves as a personal inspiration. We often become so absorbed in our own thoughts and circumstances that we overlook the Lord's power. However this should not be the case! I am learning to place my hope fully in God rather than allowing my limited understanding to determine what I believe is possible. Moses' example reminds me that we can have a strong and unwavering hope in the Lord.





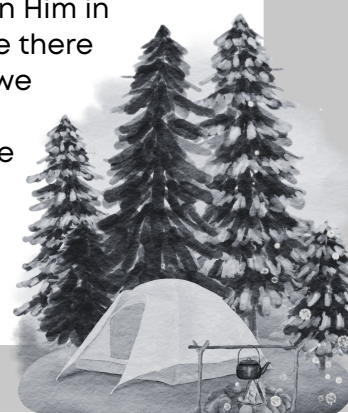
Finding hope in the attributes of God

This hope we have in the Lord is like no other because it is grounded in God! Romans 5:2-5 reads:

*“Through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, **because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts** by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”*

We have a hope that does not disappoint because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts. It is only through our great God that we can possess such a sure and steadfast hope. With this hope in our lives, we can rejoice even in tribulations, knowing that the Lord is with us and is using every trial to strengthen our faith and develop perseverance within us. Our confidence does not rest in the absence of difficulties, but in the unchanging character, love, and faithfulness of our great God.

My prayer is for all of us to find this hope in the Lord real in our lives! May we learn to depend on Him in every circumstance, trusting that He will be there for us through every trial. No matter what we may face, may we continue to hold firmly to the Lord, knowing that the hope we have in Him will never disappoint!





YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

JEROME LAI

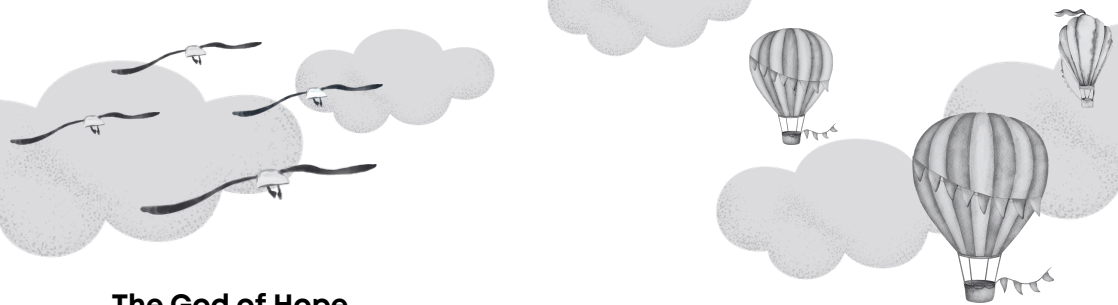
Hello everybody, and welcome back to another week of Youth Worship! Over the past few months, we have been learning from Moses' prayer for the tribes of Israel. Last week, we learnt about his prayer of blessing for the tribe of Asher.

A Glimmer and Glow of Hope

As we study Deuteronomy 33, we see different aspects of prayer reflected in the way that Moses prayed. One such aspect of prayer is hope. While the prayer of Jacob (Genesis 49:20) reflected a "glimmer of hope", Moses prayed (Deuteronomy 33:24-25) with a "glow" of hope that the tribe of Asher would be blessed. Beyond the physical riches, Moses prayed that the tribe of Asher would be "favoured by his brothers".

While the possibility of physical blessings may bring a "glimmer" of hope, there is something greater, akin to a "glow" of hope, in the spiritual blessing of a close community of faith! There is a hope we all can have, beyond the physical things, in the support and love for each other as fellow brethren in Bethany. I sincerely hope that this sense of close-knittedness as brethren will be a blessing which we can build up even now as a whole generation of youths!





The God of Hope

However, true hope is not obtained by our prayers alone, but by knowing that our God is a God of hope (Romans 15:13). Our hope in prayer lies not in the words we say, but in God who hears our prayers. There is hope in knowing that God hears and answers each plea we make to Him. He answers not according to what we want, but according to His perfect will and timing that are best for us.

Personal Application

Personally, I seek to apply this lesson by praying with a greater consciousness of a hope in God. To reflect candidly, I realise that my prayers may not always be backed with faith and trust. Even after committing my worries to the Lord, feelings of doubt and questions of “what if’s” can often linger in my mind. Furthermore, when things do not go the way I had hoped they would, I may even have thoughts that make me wonder if my prayers were made in vain.

I realise that my hope in God cannot just be in the prayers I make, but rather in knowing that He has the best in store for me, even if it may mean unanswered prayers now.





Nonetheless, there is an important place of prayer in developing a relationship with God as our Heavenly Father. Through a closer relationship with God, we can also discover a stronger hope in Him!

“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 15:13

A powerful prayer which we can make is for God to grant to us a heart that simply trusts Him regardless of our circumstances. It may not be easy, but it is through humble submission to God that we are able to find true joy and peace in life, even amidst its difficult situations. I sincerely hope that as youths, this hope, joy and peace in God will be something we can discover and build on as a foundation for the rest of our lives! May we ultimately grow stronger not only in our individual faith, but also as a collective faith as fellow brethren and the next generation of Bethany!



LET MY PEOPLE GO

Moses and Aaron carefully approached the Pharaoh;
They presented this solemn word "Let My people go!"
They spoke as the appointed servants of the LORD;
They had a divine word from the LORD their God!

The request was for a Retreat in the Wilderness;
They wanted to worship God in His righteousness.
Pharaoh listened with a face that was livid with rage;
Nobody had ever dared to speak this way; this was an outrage.

The request was denied instantly by the Pharaoh;
The word of God he would certainly not follow.
He did not recognise the God of the Hebrews;
Hence, this request for time-out was refused!

He would not let the children of Israel leave Egypt;
God's word of warning had been free from deceit.
Moses and Aaron must know how difficult the task was;
They must find the strength to withstand Pharaoh's wrath.

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Exodus 5:1-5



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

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“There has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses”

Text: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

A personal burial by the LORD was God’s way of honouring His servant Moses. He was called Home at the venerable age of 120, with his eyes undimmed and his natural vigour undiminished. As we study the tribute paid to this great prophet, may we also learn to honour the leaders whom God has appointed over us.



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