

Youth Worship

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WELCOME TO YOUTH WORSHIP!

Communing with the LORD through worship can fill us with immense joy, and refresh our spirit. May we worship God in truth and spirit this afternoon!

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COME AND WORSHIP



HE WHO HAS CLEAN HANDS AND A PURE HEART

Worship is not merely a church activity. Worship is coming before the Presence of the LORD. How may we then approach an Awesome and Holy God?

David was most conscious of the sacredness of God's Presence. He did not presume himself worthy of drawing near but highlighted four aspects one ought to be mindful of in approaching God.

³ Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD?
Or who may stand in His holy place?

⁴ He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol,
Nor sworn deceitfully.

⁵ He shall receive blessing from the LORD,
And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

⁶ *This is* Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him,
Who seek Your face.

PSALM 24:3-6

1. The Presence of the LORD

- a. The hill of the LORD is where God dwells Psalm 24:3
- b. Physically, it refers to Jerusalem
- c. Symbolically, it refers to the Presence of God

2. The Person who worships God

- a. His hands are clean: Free of corruption
(outward conduct) Psalm 24:4a
- b. His heart is pure: A cleansed heart
(inward intention) Psalm 24:4b
- c. He does not worship idols Psalm 24:4c
- d. He is not deceitful Psalm 24:4d

3. The Promise of Blessing

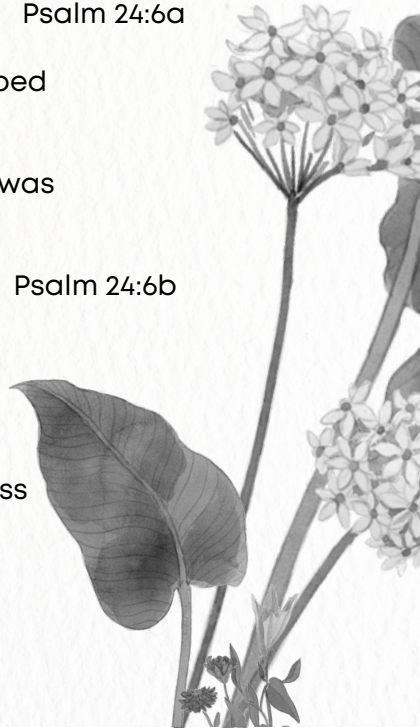
- a. Blessings from God will be bestowed upon
this person Psalm 24:5a
- b. Righteousness will be imputed to him Psalm 24:5b
- c. Salvation (Deliverance) will be granted Psalm 24:5c

4. A Positive example

- a. The reference to Jacob Psalm 24:6a
- b. There was a time when Jacob was steeped
in his sinful ways
- c. He sought the LORD in repentance, and was
wonderfully blessed
- d. All are challenged to seek God! Psalm 24:6b

OUR ENCOURAGEMENT

- 1. To be conscious of God's Presence
- 2. To cultivate characteristics of righteousness
- 3. To cherish God's blessings that ensue



ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

4 JULY 2026

Prelude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

Call to Worship

Pastor Mark Tan

Opening Prayer

Pastor Mark Tan

Song Leading

1. Forward By Faith
2. The Perfect Wisdom of
Our God

Christopher Tang and Hannah Hoo
Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

Scripture Reading

Text: Deuteronomy 33:20-21

Gloria Lim

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Eugene Seow

Message

“He administered the justice
of the LORD”

Text: Deuteronomy 33:20-21

Pastor Mark Tan

Closing Prayer

Pastor Mark Tan

Offering

Postlude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

MY NOTES

4 JULY 2026

**“HE ADMINISTERED THE JUSTICE
OF THE LORD”**

DEUTERONOMY 33:20-21

FORWARD BY FAITH

By Cindy Berry

Lord, You are the Potter, and we are the clay
Mold our lives into vessels for Your service, we pray.
And when we go through the fire,
may You find us strong and true
As by faith we follow onward, placing our trust in You.

Forward by faith, led by Your hand,
Willing to follow Your ev'ry command,
United in spirit, together we stand.
We will go forward by faith.

Help us heav'nly Father, to walk by faith and not by sight.
Living each day in vict'ry by the power of Your might
Lord, work within us, according to Your will,
As we yield our lives in service, Your plans to fulfill.



Forward by faith, led by Your hand,
Willing to follow Your ev'ry command,
United in spirit, together we stand.
We will go forward by faith.

Majestic'ly, in victory we'll follow on,
Pressing t'ward the heav'nly prize that is ours in the name of Jesus,
the name of Jesus Christ.

We'll go forward by faith, led by Your hand,
Willing to follow Your ev'ry command,
United in spirit, together we stand.
We will go forward by faith.
We will go forward by faith!

(end)



The Perfect Wisdom of Our God



By Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

The perfect wisdom of our God
Revealed in all the universe.
All things created by His hand
And held together at His command.

He knows the mysteries of the seas;
The secrets of the stars are His.
He guides the planets on their way
And turns the earth through another day.

The matchless wisdom of His ways,
That mark the path of righteousness.
His Word a lamp unto my feet;
His Spirit teaching and guiding me.

And O the myst'ry of the cross,
That God should suffer for the lost
So that the fool might shame the wise,
And all the glory might go to Christ!

O grant me wisdom from above
To pray for peace and cling to love,
And teach me humbly to receive
The sun and rain of Your sovereignty.

Each strand of sorrow has a place
Within this tapestry of grace;
So through the trials I choose to say:
"Your perfect will in Your perfect way."

(end)

REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 27 JUNE 2026

“THEY SHALL OFFER SACRIFICES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS”

TEXT: DEUTERONOMY 33:18-19

INTRODUCTION

1. The blessing of Moses for the tribes Zebulun and Issachar
 - a. These were uttered in the language of prayer
 - b. The successful futures of Zebulun and Issachar were not a given but a possibility
 - c. They would still need to fulfil certain conditions before they may be blessed by God
2. Our title for today's message: They shall offer sacrifices of righteousness
 - a. We will learn about the relationship between righteousness and God's blessings
 - b. We will also learn of some expressions of righteousness which lead to His blessings

ZEBULUN AND ISSACHAR SHALL RECEIVE THE BLESSINGS OF GOD

1. Jacob caught a glimpse of the possible futures for his sons when they were in Goshen, Egypt

*¹³ "Zebulun shall dwell by the haven of the sea;
He shall become a haven for ships,
And his border shall adjoin Sidon.*

¹⁴ *"Issachar is a strong donkey,
Lying down between two burdens;
¹⁵ He saw that rest was good,
And that the land was pleasant;
He bowed his shoulder to bear a burden,
And became a band of slaves. (Genesis 49:13-15)*

a. Jacob's glimpse of Zebulun's future was associated with the sea

i. Zebulun shall dwell by the haven of the sea... his border shall adjoin Sidon

(1) Jacob envisioned that the tribe of Zebulun shall reside by the coast

(2) Their border shall be next to Sidon

ii. Zebulun's possible way of making a living

(1) He shall become a haven for ships

(2) Zebulun shall become a harbour for shipping vessels

b. Jacob's glimpse of Issachar's future was associated with the land

i. Jacob's understanding of Issachar

(1) Likened to a strong donkey, he had the capacity and readiness for work

(2) To have rest from enemies and to dwell in safety were considered good

(3) His focus would be on cultivating the land

ii. Issachar's way of making a living was to labour

(1) Their tribe was willing to set their hands to do burdensome work

(2) They worked as hard and diligently as slaves did

2. Moses prayed that both tribes would be blessed with success in the future

*For they shall partake of the abundance of the seas
And of treasures hidden in the sand." (Deuteronomy 33:19b)*

a. Jacob only had a glimpse of the futures of Zebulun and Issachar

b. Moses built on this and prayed that they may be successful as they worked together

i. They shall partake of the abundance of the seas

ii. And potential treasure hidden in the sand when they work the land well

RIGHTEOUSNESS FULFILS CONDITIONS FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS

*They shall call the peoples to the mountain;
There they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness;
For they shall partake of the abundance of the seas
And of treasures hidden in the sand." (Deuteronomy 33:19)*

1. Though Moses prayed a prayer of blessing that Zebulun and Issachar would succeed

a. Success was not a given

b. Future success was not a certainty

2. The tribes must do their part in fulfilling certain conditions first to be blessed
 - a. Moses noted that they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness
 - b. This tells us that both tribes learned to be righteous before God
 - c. Only then would their sacrifices be accepted by the LORD their God
3. The blessings of God were conditional on their righteousness (Deuteronomy 28:1-2, 9)
 - a. If they diligently obeyed the voice of the LORD their God
 - b. If they carefully observed all His commandments which He commanded
 - c. If they walked in His ways
 - d. Only then shall the blessings of God come upon them and overtake them
4. If Zebulun and Issachar become wealthy and prosperous in the future
 - a. It would not be because of skill, resources, connections, and diligence alone
 - b. It would be because they exercised righteousness
 - c. As a result, God may set them on high and bless them greatly

FAITH-RESPONSES THEY WOULD CHOOSE TO MAKE

1. They were to rejoice (Deuteronomy 33:18)
 - a. Rejoicing was a natural and obvious choice they needed to make
 - b. They were to rejoice that one was blessed in their going out and another in their tents
2. They shall call the peoples to the mountain as an expression of joy (Deuteronomy 33:19)
 - a. The mountain is a symbol of God's presence, holiness, and glory
 - b. They shall draw others to come before the presence of their God to know Him
 - c. They will invite their brethren and Gentiles to worship the God who blesses
3. They shall offer sacrifices of righteousness as expressions of their joy (Deuteronomy 33:19)
 - a. Their work which was done in righteousness would lead to fruits of righteousness
 - b. These fruits (their profits) would be offered to God as sacrifices of righteousness
 - c. In giving back to God, they would remember Him as their source of blessings

RELEVANT LESSONS WE CAN LEARN

1. Young people yearn for good and successful futures
 - a. The question is “how can we achieve this?”
 - b. We may learn to pray and bring our requests to God most humbly
 - c. But prayers alone will not guarantee God’s blessings
2. We must do our part to fulfil certain conditions before we may be blessed by God
 - a. Diligent obedience to His voice
 - b. Careful observation of God’s commands
 - c. Walking in His ways
3. We can choose to have a prepared faith-response when we do succeed in the future
 - a. Not rejoicing as the world does
 - b. But rejoicing by remembering God in worship and thanksgiving

REFLECTIONS

YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

By Jayden Poh

Welcome back to Youth Worship! Last week, as we read in Deuteronomy 33:18-19, we learnt about the prayer of blessing of Moses for the tribes of Zebulun and Issachar. Even though it seemed like they would have successful futures, it was not a given but a possibility, contingent on the tribe of Zebulun and Issachar fulfilling the conditions of righteousness.

Adapting to a new life

If there was one thing that struck me, it would be the need and place of righteousness in my life. By the time you read this, I would have enlisted for National Service (NS). I enlisted on Thursday and will be spending my next two weeks in confinement. To be honest, I feel worried about the struggles and trials ahead of me. There were times when the fears of finding myself in the wrong company would surface, and there were also times when I heard stories of friends picking up harmful habits from others. As the days before enlistment went by, I was afraid and unsure of what to expect.



The need for righteousness

However, even if these fears and doubts were to arise, the need to live and walk righteously becomes so much more real to me in this new season of life. Be it learning to obey His word, observing His word and commandments, or learning to follow and walk in His ways, my hope is to learn to trust and lean on the LORD in every step of the way each day. Even in times of struggle and uncertainty, the practice and learning about the importance of practical and personal righteousness become so much more real and significant.

The place of righteousness

In the end, as I look back, while the connections with the peers I choose to make or the goals I set to achieve in NS are not unimportant, of greater importance is the practice of righteousness in every aspect of life - to obey His word, observe His commandments, and walk with the LORD each day.

Even if I were to meet with trials, my hope is to not only learn the practice of righteousness, but to remember the LORD in thanksgiving each day as I seek Him in my time in NS.

As we reflect upon our study from Deuteronomy 33:18-19, though each of us may be in different stages of life, may we not only learn to obey the LORD's word as we walk in His ways, but also rejoice in Him in each step of our way!


YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

By Gloria Lim

At the last Youth Worship, we studied from Deuteronomy 33:18-19. Moses prayed for the tribes of Zebulun and Issachar, with insights that they had the potential to enjoy God's blessings, and to prosper in their respective trades at sea and on land.

As we have been studying both Moses' and Jacob's prayers these past few weeks, one thing I have come to better appreciate is the prayers that our pastors and teachers make for us in church. They are prayers made with deep spiritual insights and understanding towards the kind of person we are and what we can possibly become, as we learn from the examples of Moses' and Jacob's prayers for the tribes and the sons respectively. This has helped me to see how each prayer is specially thought through and meaningful.

As I am starting to become more attentive to the content of the prayers made for me, I am beginning to feel a greater sense of responsibility. On the one hand, there is tremendous gratitude towards God for instilling in me a potential to achieve great things, and giving me the chance to be blessed in the work that I do though I am a sinner and am unworthy of them. But on the other hand, there is a great sense of responsibility as God's blessings are not unconditional and they cannot be taken for granted.



I recognise that with this potential that God has given, I have a responsibility in fulfilling it for it to become a reality. God has included me in His perfect plan, will I be able to successfully play my part for it to come to pass in my life?

Looking ahead as school begins for me, the lesson taught to us last week provided me with a few aims to work towards - to hear and diligently obey God's voice, to carefully observe all His commandments, and to walk in God's ways. (Deuteronomy 28:1)

However, having learnt about this before and previously set similar goals for myself, I realised how easy it is to simply mention yet fail in carrying them out. How do I **diligently** obey and **carefully** observe **all** that God says? What do these look like in my life? I am still learning and seeking to be corrected at the different junctures in my life, so that hopefully I may learn to make good decisions in university with the consciousness of God.

Upon receiving God's blessings, I must also never forget where they first came from.

Personally, being offered the university course I have always desired serves as a constant reminder of God's faithfulness and grace upon my life. My response is not to celebrate and glory in myself as the people in the world may do, but as a Christian, to distinctively respond with faith. I am challenged to always find my reasons to worship our Almighty Father!

I HAVE YOU AS GOD TO PHARAOH

Pharaoh beheld himself as one full of glory;
He saw himself as one of the Egyptian deities.
He did not see himself as a mortal human being;
In this arrogance he became steeped in prideful sin.

The LORD declared that He would make Moses “as God;”
This does not mean that Moses had now become the LORD.
Moses would wield the power of the LORD in ministry;
He would humble Pharaoh and bring him great misery.

Aaron would be the spokesman of Moses;
He would be as a prophet true and righteous.
He would assist Moses in speaking to Pharaoh;
Both of them were destined to become heroes.

Moses would be given the word of God to proclaim;
He would reveal and reflect the LORD’s great name.
Pharaoh may boast that he is a divine being;
But in the end he was just another mortal being!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Exodus 7:1-2

NEXT YWS

11 JULY 2026

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“Full of the blessing of the LORD”

Text: Deuteronomy 33:22-23

Prayers were made for the tribes of Dan and Naphtali. Being a man of prayer and faith, Moses saw potential for Dan to excel in strength, and for Naphtali to receive the full blessings of the LORD. May we come to learn deeper lessons about prayer!



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