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!

Great is the privilege to belong to God as His holy people. Let us worship Him with humble hearts that are obedient to observe and keep His Word!



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PRAISE THE LORD!

The call to offer praise to the LORD can be deeply stirring and beautiful. As the Psalmist stands in awe of God's marvellous grace and greatness, he calls all in the heavens and the earth to render praise to the Creator of the universe.

[1] Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
Praise Him in the heights!
[2] Praise Him, all His angels;
Praise Him, all His hosts!
[3] Praise Him, sun and moon;
Praise Him, all you stars of light!
[4] Praise Him, you heavens of heavens,
And you waters above the heavens!

[5] Let them praise the name of the LORD,
For He commanded and they were created.
[6] He also established them forever and ever;
He made a decree which shall not pass away.

PSALM 148:1-6

1. The Call to Praise was issued to the heavenly bodies

a. The angels	Psalm 148:2
b. The sun, moon and stars	Psalm 148:3
c. The heavens of heavens	Psalm 148:4a
d. The firmament in the heavens	Psalm 148:4b

2. The Power of God's decree

a. Secular science explains that the universe was created with a "big bang"

b. The Scriptures prove to us that God made the world by His command Psalm 148:5; Genesis 1

c. His Word is full of authority and might

d. It is God who establishes all things Psalm 148:6a

e. God's decree will never pass away Psalm 148:6b

OUR CHALLENGE

1. To adopt a "By faith" approach

"**By faith** we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible."

Hebrews 11:3

a. The worlds were framed by the very Word of God

b. By Faith in God, comes a discernment of the LORD's decree

c. By Faith in God, we gain a deep appreciation of God and His creation

2. To cultivate Praise as our rightful response

3. To make Praise a prominent feature of our lives

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE
24 OCTOBER 2026

Prelude	Pianist: Lorraine Lai
Call to Worship	Pastor Charles Tan
Opening Prayer	Pastor Charles Tan
Song Leading 1. How Can I Keep From Singing 2. I Stand In Awe	Christopher Tang and Jovan Wong Pianist: Lorraine Lai Cajonist: Jamie Li
Scripture Reading Text: Joshua 8:1-29	Bethany Toong and Thaddeus Heng
Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Benjamin Chong
Message "So Joshua burned Ai" Text: Joshua 8:1-29	Pastor Charles Tan
Closing Prayer	Pastor Charles Tan
Offering	
Postlude	Pianist: Lorraine Lai

MY NOTES

24 OCTOBER 2026

"SO JOSHUA BURNED AI"

JOSHUA 8:1-29

How Can I Keep From Singing



By Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash and Matt Redman

There is an endless song,
Echoes in my soul,
I hear the music ring.
And though the storms may come,
I am holding on, to the rock I cling.

How can I keep from singing Your praise?
How can I ever say enough,
How amazing is Your love?
How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sing.



I will lift my eyes in the darkest night,
For I know my Saviour lives.
And I will walk with You
Knowing You'll see me through,
And sing the songs You give.

How can I keep from singing Your praise?
How can I ever say enough,
How amazing is Your love?
How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sing.

I can sing in the troubled times,
Sing when I win.
I can sing when I lose my step
And I fall down again.



I can sing 'cause You pick me up,
Sing 'cause You're there.
I can sing 'cause You hear me Lord,
When I call to You in prayer.

I can sing with my last breath,
Sing for I know
That I'll sing with the angels,
And the saints around the throne.



How can I keep from singing Your praise?
How can I ever say enough,
How amazing is Your love?
How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart…
I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart…
I am loved by the King,
And it makes my heart want to sing.

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I Stand In Awe

By Mark Altrogge

You are beautiful beyond description,
Too marvellous for words.
Too wonderful for comprehension,
Like nothing ever seen or heard;

Who can grasp Your infinite wisdom,
Who can fathom the depth of Your love?
You are beautiful beyond description,
Majesty enthroned above.

And I stand, I stand in awe of You,
I stand, I stand in awe of You,
Holy God to Whom all praise is due,
I stand in awe of You.

Repeat

(end)



REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 17 OCTOBER 2026
"INDEED I HAVE SINNED AGAINST THE LORD GOD"
TEXT: JOSHUA 7

INTRODUCTION

1. Joshua and the people of Israel had just experienced a great victory in defeating the city of Jericho

2. All it took was the sin of one person who did not comply to cause a whole army to fall and fail

3. What are some vital lessons we want to learn from the sin of Achan?

SIN AFFECTS BOTH THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE COMMUNITY

"But the children of Israel committed a trespass regarding the accursed things, for Achan the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed things; so the anger of the LORD burned against the children of Israel."

Joshua 7:1

1. Sin is more than an individual problem

   a. Achan committed sin when he took the accursed things

   b. It was a grave sin against God and His word

   c. Joshua had given a charge not to take the accursed things

> [18] And you, by all means abstain from the accursed things, lest you become accursed when you take of the accursed things, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it. [19] But all the silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron, *are* consecrated to the LORD; they shall come into the treasury of the LORD.
>
> Joshua 6:18-19

2. Sin also affected the community of Israel

a. Israel had not learned its lesson

b. There were previous situations where the sins of some affected Israel as a community

c. Israel needed to think as a community, not just as individuals

d. The whole community was cursed as a result

SEVERE CONSEQUENCE OF SIN

[2] Now Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which *is* beside Beth Aven,
on the east side of Bethel, and spoke to them, saying, "Go up and
spy out the country." So the men went up and spied out Ai.
[3] And they returned to Joshua and said to him, "Do not let all the
people go up, but let about two or three thousand men go up and
attack Ai. Do not weary all the people there, for *the people of Ai*
are few." [4] So about three thousand men went up there from the
people, but they fled before the men of Ai. [5] And the men of Ai struck
down about thirty-six men, for they chased them *from* before the
gate as far as Shebarim, and struck them down on the descent;
therefore the hearts of the people melted and became like water.

Joshua 7:2-5

1. Israel suffered a terrible defeat

2. Spies reported that the people of Ai were few Joshua 7:3a

3. Joshua only sent 3000 men Joshua 7:3b

4. The men of Israel were defeated and fled from the men of Ai in disgrace Joshua 7:4

5. The defeat caused the death of 36 men Joshua 7:5

TO DEAL WITH SIN SERIOUSLY AND SWIFTLY

1. This was not in the mind of Joshua initially Joshua 7:6-9

   a. Joshua's faith was shaken by the defeat

   b. He became sorrowful and full of regret

2. God had to get Joshua to refocus on addressing the sin problem promptly

   a. Not a time for sorrow and doubts

   "So the LORD said to Joshua: "Get up! Why do you lie thus on your face?""

   Joshua 7:10

   b. Israel had broken the covenant

   "Israel has sinned, and they have also transgressed My covenant which I commanded them. For they have even taken some of the accursed things, and have both stolen and deceived; and they have also put *it* among their own stuff."

   Joshua 7:11

   c. In a state of doom

   "Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, *but* turned *their* backs before their enemies, because they have become doomed to destruction. Neither will I be with you anymore, unless you destroy the accursed from among you."

   Joshua 7:12

d. The urgent removal of the accursed thing

"Get up, sanctify the people, and say, 'Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow, because thus says the LORD God of Israel: "*There is* an accursed thing in your midst, O Israel; you cannot stand before your enemies until you take away the accursed thing from among you."

Joshua 7:13

e. The LORD's selection of the culprits Joshua 7:14-18

i. He revealed the manner in which the culprits would be selected

ii. He selected those who were guilty

THE SECRET SIN OF ACHAN CONFESSED

19 Now Joshua said to Achan, "My son, I beg you, give glory to the LORD God of Israel, and make confession to Him, and tell me now what you have done; do not hide *it* from me."

20 And Achan answered Joshua and said, "Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and this is what I have done: **21** When I saw among the spoils a beautiful Babylonian garment, two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. And there they are, hidden in the earth in the midst of my tent, with the silver under it."

Joshua 7:19-21

1. Joshua called for Achan to confess his sin Joshua 7:19

a. To give glory to God

b. To make full confession to Him

c. To not hide anymore

2. Achan confessed his secret sin Joshua 7:20-21

a. He acknowledged his sin against the LORD God of Israel

b. He had coveted and taken the spoils of war...gold, silver and Babylonian garments

c. He hid them in his tent

THE SATISFACTION OF THE ANGER OF GOD

22 So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent; and there it was, hidden in his tent, with the silver under it. **23** And they took them from the midst of the tent, brought them to Joshua and to all the children of Israel, and laid them out before the LORD.
24 Then Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, the silver, the garment, the wedge of gold, his sons, his daughters, his oxen, his donkeys, his sheep, his tent, and all that he had, and they brought them to the Valley of Achor. **25** And Joshua said, "Why have you troubled us? The LORD will trouble you this day." So all Israel stoned him with stones; and they burned them with fire after they had stoned them with stones.

26 Then they raised over him a great heap of stones, still there to this day. So the LORD turned from the fierceness of His anger. Therefore the name of that place has been called the Valley of Achor to this day.

Joshua 7:22-26

1. Joshua sent messengers to search for the hidden spoils and retrieve them Joshua 7:22-23

2. The LORD's judgment was pronounced on Achan, his family, his livestock and all his possessions Joshua 7:24-25

3. The fierceness of the anger of the LORD was satisfied, and He turned from it Joshua 7:26

CONCLUSION

1. To think as a community rather than just as individuals
    a. Modern thinking...Many just think of self
    b. If we sin as individuals, it will affect the community and its plans
        i. Family
        ii. Church
    c. Learn to have a greater sense of solidarity and oneness
2. To take sin more seriously as young people
    a. Not to take sin lightly but to take it seriously
    b. Not to gloss over our sin
    c. To address sin candidly, promptly and thoroughly
3. To have true repentance of our secret sins
    a. To remove the secret sins and be sanctified
    b. To rely on the Lord for His grace and mercy
    c. To bear fruits of repentance

YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

Jerome Lai

Hello and welcome back to another week of Youth Worship! May it be a meaningful time of worship and learning from God's word for you this afternoon!

Recap

Over the last two weeks, we learnt from Joshua 6 and 7 which recount two battles that Israel faced, the battle of Jericho and the battle of Ai. In these two accounts, we see the different consequences of Israel's compliance and non-compliance to God.

We read in Joshua 6 that Israel complied fully and diligently with God's command to march around the city of Jericho for seven days. This led to the destruction of the walls of Jericho and Israel's triumphant victory.

However, it is written in Joshua 7 that Achan the son of Carmi did not comply with God's command and took for himself the accursed things in Jericho. This led to God's anger against Israel, and the nation's defeat at Ai. Ultimately, Achan and his family were burned to death for their sin.

Sin's Consequences
In this lesson we see the gravity of sin and its grave consequences in how the LORD removed His presence from Israel because of Achan's sin. Israel was hence doomed to destruction, resulting in 36 deaths after their defeat at Ai. While these repercussions may seem like an overly harsh punishment for a single act of disobedience, this lesson is an apt reminder to us of how truly deadly the consequences of sin are.

Sin's Influence
The nature of sin is such that it affects not only the individual, but the larger community as a whole. Achan was from the tribe of Judah, the leading tribe of Israel. Achan's sin, if left unpunished, would have signalled to the rest of the tribes that a direct act of disobedience against the LORD was acceptable. Furthermore, this influence of sin could have caused the other tribes to disobey the LORD, causing the whole nation to fall into sin as had happened many times before to Israel.

Dealing with Sin
Because of sin's deadly consequences and disastrous influence, sin must be imperatively dealt with.
When Joshua's initial response was to mourn the defeat of Israel at Ai, the LORD rebuked him and gave a command for the people to be sanctified and for the accursed things to be taken away from among the people. The problem of Achan's sin had to be addressed promptly and thoroughly!

Repentance from Sin

We too must deal with the problem of our sin. This first starts by having a conscious attitude toward sin, one that does not treat the problem of sin lightly. Oftentimes it can be so easy to overlook sin, especially when many pervasive distractions and influences around us almost seem to promote sin. Such influences could be through unwholesome content on social media or the unhealthy company from the people around us. While these influences exist, personally I seek to set my heart and mind on God, to shift my focus and dwell on His word instead of the distractions around me, lest I allow my own heart to get carried away. In a world where sin is normalised, we as believers must be all the more cautious to guard our hearts against such things which could cause us to turn away from God.

Ultimately, the call for us as believers is to repent from our sins. The sombre reality is that we can never truly be free from sin as long as we are on this Earth, in the sinful bodies of our flesh. But when our flesh fails, our hope lies in God's call to repentance and reconciliation to Him.

[8] For by grace you have been saved through faith and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, [9] not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

We can in no way earn our way to salvation, for it is wholly through the all-sufficient sacrifice of the Lord Jesus on the cross that we are saved from our sins. Our response must be to return each time to the truth of our salvation in the Lord Jesus, who bore all our sins on the cross, and seek always to have a heart of repentance from our sins.
To have a true heart of repentance would also lead us to bear fruits of repentance, which is to shun our sinful ways and live life consciously with a desire to always walk rightly before God. May this joy of our salvation in the Lord Jesus always dwell deeply in our hearts, and may it also create in us a desire to walk righteously before Him all our lives!

LEON LAI

Hi everyone! Welcome back to another week of Youth Worship. Last week, we learned about Achan's sin after Israel defeated the city of Jericho and its severe consequences.

CONSCIOUSNESS OF SIN

Upon Israel's defeat at Ai, Joshua's first response was to lament till evening and question why God had brought this defeat upon them. Although this response may seem natural, it showed us how Joshua, as the leader of Israel, was not conscious that sin had affected the congregation of Israel, as he did not consider it a possible reason for Israel's defeat. As such, he needed to be corrected by God and swiftly address the sin of Achan.

We also see how one man's sin affected the entire nation of Israel. God had to explain that He would not be with Joshua and that Israel would not be able to stand before their enemies until Achan's sin was dealt with. This grave consequence of the LORD's withdrawal of His Presence shows us how dangerous sin can be, as it causes us to grow apart from God and His blessings. I am reminded to be more conscious of sin in my life, and to guard myself each day, knowing how easily it can ensnare us. One way we can do this is by walking closely with God. For me, I seek to do this by reading God's word before I start my day, as it helps me to set my mind and focus upon Him. By hiding God's word in my heart, the Scriptures will also be brought to remembrance to guard my heart when temptations to sin arise.

SECRET SINS

The sin of Achan was one that he and his family kept hidden from the nation of Israel despite clear instructions from God not to take any accursed thing. This rebellion is one that we have seen time and time again from the book of Genesis to Joshua despite repeated lessons from God. Furthermore, Achan waited until the last minute and only confessed his sins when confronted by Joshua.

Sometimes, we too believe that we can hide the sins in our lives. As long as we put up a good front, our sins will remain hidden from those around us. However, this lesson reminds us that God sees our every thought and intent, and it is Him that we answer to. We see how Achan's sin, although hidden from Joshua and the Israelites, was eventually revealed, and he did not go unpunished. This serves as a reminder to always go back to God whenever we sin, even if no one else knows about it. At times, it may be difficult to do so as we feel as though we have failed once again and we may be ashamed and discouraged. However, we need to remember that remaining in sin only widens the gap between us and God, and it is only through His forgiveness that we can draw close to Him once again.

THE NEED FOR CONSTANT CLEANSING

As I read about the sin of Achan, I am reminded of the following verses.

12 Who can understand his errors?
Cleanse me from secret faults.

13 Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins;
Let them not have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless,
And I shall be innocent of great transgression.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart be acceptable in Your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer.

Psalm 19:12-14

In these verses, we see how David was conscious of the sins in his life, as he asked for God to cleanse him of his errors and his secret faults. Written in verse 14, he concludes by praying for his words and thoughts to be acceptable in God's sight. Similar to David, we too can strive to live a life that is acceptable in God's sight by being mindful of our thoughts and actions and praying for God's cleansing when we sin.

EGYPT IS DESTROYED

The Pharaoh's heart was hardened terribly;
He was no longer able to respond sensibly.
Whatever Moses said fell on deafened ears;
But the servants of Pharaoh were in jitters.

They approached the Pharaoh with desperation;
Did not the Pharaoh know that Egypt was facing destruction?
Moses was a man not to be trifled with at all;
He was a man who had obviously been given a Divine Call!

The Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron for further discussion;
He wanted to know more details of Moses' requisition.
Moses replied that the children must also be allowed to leave;
The Pharaoh disagreed; he would not grant the children release.

He became angry and then drove Moses and Aaron away;
What he did caused his advisors to feel a sense of dismay.
They would have to brace themselves for the swarm of locusts.
They had seen the finger of God at work and feared for the worst.

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Exodus 10:7-11



Church SPRING CLEANING



We will be having a Church Spring Cleaning for our Church premises. Thank God for the Church building He has given to us, and for the privilege to care for it.

Details:
Monday, 9 November 2026
9:00am-12:00nn
Followed by Lunch Fellowship

If you would like to be part of the Church Spring Cleaning, please sign up with either Deacon George, Pastor Eugene or Pastor Moses.

YOUTH CONFERENCE 2026

HOLD FAST WHAT YOU HAVE

REVELATION 3:11

We start looking forward to the Youth Conference even as we enter the second half of 2026! As we learn about the faith that we have, may we seek to hold fast to what we have, ensuring that no one takes away the crown of victory that we can have!

Details: Date: 30 November - 3 December
(Monday - Thursday)
Venue: Bethany IPC
Time: 9.00am to 5.00pm daily

Age: Open to youths aged 13 and above.

Fees: $25.00

Fellowship Lunch
Lunch will be provided every day. It would be an opportunity for us to relate to and fellowship with one another.

Do sign up early to assist in the planning of the programme.
If there are any queries, please feel free to contact
Joshua Phang at 80286194.

Scan the QR code to register:



CHRISTMAS
CAROLING 2026

Christmas remains a special time of remembering
God's everlasting love toward us, in the coming
of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.
Let us ready our hearts to worship the Lord
and declare His love this Christmas!

Christmas Caroling will be taking place in December.
Kindly sign up at the booth at the Fellowship Hall
on Sundays if you'd like to attend.

Details

Date: 5 December 2026, Saturday
Venue: Sanctuary
Time: 3.00pm



CHRISTMAS
at Shangri-La 2026

We will be having our special Christmas Worship Service and Christmas Lunch on 25 December 2026.

Details
Date: 25 December 2026, Friday
Venue: Shangri-La
Time: 10.30am

Christmas Worship Service will commence at 10.30am, followed by Christmas Lunch. Kindly plan to sign up early.

Please scan the QR code to register for Christmas Lunch. Kindly approach us at the booth at the Fellowship Hall on Sundays if you've any queries.



31 OCTOBER 2026

"Now Joshua built an altar to the LORD God"
Text: Joshua 8:30-35

Having conquered Ai according to God's command, and having learnt a painful lesson from Achan's sin, Joshua built an altar to worship the LORD in Mount Ebal. Offerings were made to God, and Joshua wrote on the stones a copy of the law of Moses. The law was read before all Israel, as half of them stood in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal. These were done in obedience to what God had commanded Moses.



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