

Sunday worship

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We warmly welcome you, if you are worshipping with us for the first time. We believe you've become a member of our church family by God's grace.

Please ensure you speak to the Pastor or one of today's facilitators before you leave.

May God bless you richly (Amen).

VERSE(S) OF THE DAY

So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:11 (NKJV)

THEME FOR THE YEAR

To be all in

Hebrews 10:38-39 (AMP)

Peter replied to him, "Lord, if it is [really] you, command me to come to you on the water." ~ **Matthew 14:28 (AMP)**.

DID YOU KNOW?

Every Sunday, we worship together at **Unit 13, Skylines Village**. When unable to attend, do visit our website or YouTube channel for recorded sessions.

- Prayer -
**I Can Do All Things
Through Christ Who
Strengthens Me**

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SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship
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From 10am

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From 7pm

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Our website is a treasure trove of information, and not only about our focus and mission. You could subscribe to our podcast or listen to past sermons too (<http://rccgbethel.church/sermons/>). This is particularly useful for when you are unable to attend services or for refreshing your recollection as an essential part of your private Bible study.

There's more! Details of events and outreach will almost certainly be available from relevant pages on our website and updated regularly, along with downloadable copies of our Sunday bulletins (<http://rccgbethel.church/category/bulletins/>).

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1. Open the browser and the **Settings** menu (or the **three vertical dots** to the right of the menu bar).
2. Scroll down and click on **Advanced Settings**.
3. Select **Open a specific page or set of pages** under **On Startup**.
4. Select **Set pages** and enter or add <http://rccgbethel.church/>.

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1. Open Firefox. Press **Alt-T** on the keyboard and select **Options** from the drop-down menu or go to **Tools >> Options** from the main menu.
2. In the **Home** section, select **Homepage and new windows** and **Custom URLs...** from the field's drop down.
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2. Select **Settings** and select **A Specific Page or Pages** from the **Open Microsoft Edge With** section drop down options.
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Ishmael must go – Part I

Text: Genesis 21:1

The promise of a child was made to Abraham essentially. In fact, at the time Sarah laughed (Gen 18:12). Yet, our text today confirms the Lord kept his promise to Sarah. God keeps promises and he keeps them forever (Psa 125:12-13; Neh 1:5). Why is he able to keep his promise and to what level, we may speculate, but he also expects us to keep our promises (Psa 15:1-4).

Vows can be powerful, invoking the power of God. So, we're expected to keep our vows (Ecc 5:5-6). To illustrate, we'll explore a moment in Jacob's life. On his way to live with Laban his Uncle, he made a specific vow at Bethel, with specific requests for God (Gen 28:20-22). On his way back, he stopped at Shechem and that was where he built an altar to God to acknowledge fulfilment (Gen 33:18-20). He named the altar El-Elohe-Israel or the Might God of Israel.

Jacob understood that his God possesses power but he's yet to fulfill his vow. Later, God told him to go all the way to Bethel and there he built a second altar (Gen 35:1-3; 6-8). This time, Jacob named it El-Bethel. That was when God appeared to Jacob. First, he changed his name to Israel, then revealed his own name to be El-Shaddai – The Almighty (Gen 35:9-12).

God is not just Jacob or Israel's Mighty God. He is Almighty and All-powerful. This is the altar God wants us. The altar where we believe he can do all things. How does that knowledge reflect in the way we live? Do we live in that reality? The truth is we may never be able to conceive the true meaning of a being without limits. For example, Nicodemus couldn't comprehend the concept of being born again (Jn 3:9-10).

Jesus said we will perform greater works (Jn 14:12-14), but why can't we perform the same miracles he performed? Jesus trusted that his Father will always hear him (Jn 11:38-44). That's because he knows his Father intimately, without a shadow of doubt.

When we call God omnipotent and All-powerful, it means he cannot be stopped from accomplishing his purposes. It also means he does whatever he pleases and his power is superior to all other powers (Psa 56:1-10). It takes faith to believe. We need to know who God is before we can trust him to keep his promises to us.

Bottom line:

Jacob built two altars, one named by him, in his limited understanding of God, the second by God, pronouncing who he really is: The El-Shaddai. What has God revealed to you? Are you worshipping from an altar based on your own perception or God's? Praise God for what he's promised, because he's able.

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