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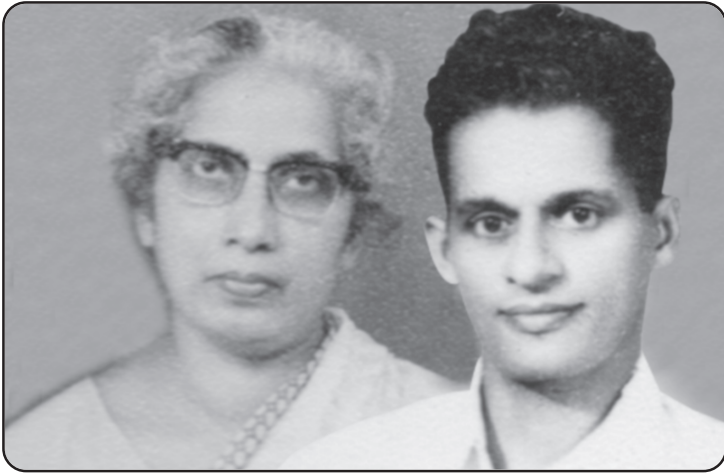
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## *Dedication*



Firstly I dedicate this book to my Triune God, my Lord, Savior, who gave thoughts and guidance for me whenever I faced fear, problems, worry, depression, pains, loneliness, and threat. If it was not for my Saviour I would not be able to write this reflection which helped me in the past and I am sure it will help others also because it is not my words but by the help of my Saviour I was able to write.

Secondly I dedicate this book to my father and mother. My father Late Mr. K.V Kuriakose, BA Maths (honors) of Kizhakkepothiyil, Ooramana, who was a preacher, teacher in the assembly and also an open-air preacher who encouraged the youngsters in the Kadamattom Assembly and used to go with them. My mother Mrs Baby Kuriakose who was a teacher among women was also able to start Christian Sisters Fellowship. She was able to take classes in camps in many places in Kerala. Their life and testimony help a lot in my life. If it was not of these two people I should not have able to write this book. They have supplied lots of books, even books

for children in those days so that I become a reader. Whenever any problems strike our family, my parents used to fast and pray. Reading, meditating and by heart Words of God is usual thing in our family. They taught us to read the Word of God regularly and Pray so that today we are also still in faith. My siblings, 6 sisters Late Molly Jacob (who encouraged me and taught me many things through her life and testimony), Lalitha Scaria, Vimala Mathews, Beena John, Elsa Sam, Suja Theophil, and my only brother Victor George Kuriakose, and their families, helped me in many ways in the past which helped me to write these books.

Thirdly I dedicate this book to my husband Dr. Johnson C Philip who helped me and continually encouraged me to write. If it was not His encouragement my books would not have seen light.

## **From The Publisher**

I am pleased to place this book in the hands of readers. Christian life involves many components, and daily-devotion and daily reading of the Scripture are the most important such components.

This book contains 365 devotions, one for each day of the year. At the end the author has added suggested Bible readings in such a way that you can read the whole Bible in one year.

I am confident that this book will be a great blessing to anyone who spends an year reading the devotions, and reading the whole Bible according to the plan suggested in it. LLC has published this book to bring these devotions into the hands of a large number of people.

**Dr. Anand Philip**

## Foreword

The first rays of sunshine in the morning, followed by sounds that make us feel that the nature is wide awake, reminds us that a new day has begun. But, for a writer, this ray of sunshine and the familiar sounds are a source of inspiration to jot down thoughts or write an article.

This book is a collection of such inspired and heartfelt thoughts. If you desire to, or are in a habit of seeking God early in the morning, this book is the best start and a must have in your collection. The articles are short and hence are best suited for daily morning devotionals or any time of the day.

It has devotionals for the readers, for one full year. This daily reading will help its readers to ponder, think, prepare for the day, and reflect upon the word of God. And hence the name "God Is With Us" for the book is the best. The articles are really heart touching, truly inspirational and helps its readers to get to know Him more and more each day

I really look forward to reading this morning devotional every morning and would definitely recommend everyone to own a copy.

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## Day 01: Inside The Rock

Moses wanted to see God. He wanted to see the glory of God. He did not realize that none can see God face to face because all are sinful and are short of the glory of God. God knew the heart of Moses. He was the most humble man on earth and even God had testified to that fact.

God told Moses that he could not see God's face and live, but that He would show His back because he felt compassion upon Moses. God put Moses in a cleft in a rock, and covered him with His own hand and then He passed by that way. When He had passed He removed His hand so that Moses could see His back. Thus Moses became the only person who saw God in one way or another.

"Be my rock of refuge to which I can always go. Give the command to save me for you are my rock and my fortress" Psalms 71:3

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis 1, Matthew 1, Ezra 1*

## Day 02: Want A Happy Life? Be Content!

How can we be content? Of course, counting one's blessings is one method. Thanking God for all His uncountable blessings. King David had a thankful heart, so he was able to praise God in all the circumstances – though he got into many problems. We have many inspiring Psalms because of his thankfulness.

Why not start to thank God for your son and family, daughter and family, husband/wife, home, food, clothing etc.? Then we



will be able to live a content life, thanking God in every circumstance in which we are.

If we do not develop a thankful heart, we guarantee that we would NEVER be happy — come what may!! Do you want a happy or a sad life. Be content for a happy life. The choice is yours.

“If we exalt the Lord at all times. His praise will always be in my lips” Psalms 34:1

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis 2, Matthew 2, Ezra 2*

### **Day 03: Victory Over Enemy**

We all love victory. But the question is, how to get victory over spiritual enemies. The Scripture mentions several methods. One: pray for your enemy. Two: Read the word of God regularly, meditate it, memorize it and practice it in our life. Three: By forgiving all even our enemies Four: Overcome evil with good. (Romans 12:17-20).

Jesus loved His enemies and gave His life to save them. We should likewise always love them and never hate our enemies. We should never do any evil to them. Instead, if your enemy is hungry we should feed him. If he is thirsty we should give him something to drink. This is the right way for victory over enemies.

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good”  
Romans 12:21

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis 3, Matthew 3, Ezra 3*

### **Day 04: Do Not Dig Pit For Others**

At the sea-shore one can see children making small pits. They then cover it with small sticks and leaves to hide the pit from others. These pits are meant for others to trip into them, but at times those who dig them trip themselves by the pit.

In Proverbs 28:10 God advises His children not to dig pits for others. If they do so, they will also fall into those pits. In Bible we see how Haman made a gigantic gallows for Mordecai. However, it was Haaman himself who was hanged on it (Esther 6:9-10). Let us be beware of our conduct.

“As you have done, it will be done unto you. Your deed will return upon your own head” Obadiah 1:15

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis 4, Matthew 4, Ezra 4*

### **Day 05: Burdens and Freedom**

A woman went to shop to buy a number of things. On her return home she had considerable load on her. Back at home her son realized that she had gone shopping so he went and met his mother and asked to give the heavy bags to him. She gave him only a few of the things. She still had so much burden that within a few steps, she slipped and fell down.

At times we are like that lady. Lord Jesus wants to carry our burdens, but we do not wish to give them to Him. We need to learn to give him all our burdens related to money, unemployment, hatred, envy, jealousy and everything else.

*Mathew 11.28 says "Come unto me all who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest".*

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis 5, Matthew 5, Ezra 5*

## **Day 06: Viruses And Humans**

We all think that we are something. In this generation, we have education, expensive materials, good health, reasonable wealth, houses, practically everything. However just one strain of virus or germs can destroy everything.

What do we possess in our lives that we have not 'received' from others and God. From the womb up to this day we are recipients. We owe our souls to God. Most important, salvation of our souls is also a gift. If we realize these things, pride will be ruled out of our lives and gratefulness and humility shall reign our hearts.

"For from him and through Him and to Him all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen" Romans 11:36

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis 6, Matthew 6, Ezra 6*

## **Day 07: One Person: Two Birthdays**

This month reminds me of two important birthdays: my daughter's and my daughter-in-law's. Both of them are privileged to have a second birthday also. I am a part of my daughter's double birth-day, because I was able to lead her into her second birthday.

Don't think that I am crazy. Nicodemus — a Pharisee whose name meant 'separated unto God' — came to Lord Jesus. The Lord told him, 'except a man be born-again, he cannot see the kingdom of God' (John 3.3). We all are born into the kingdom of devil and generally wish to live by the principles of that kingdom (John 8.44). We can leave this kingdom only when we have our second birth.

"As many as received Him, He gave the power to become the sons of God. To them that believe on His name" (John 1.12).

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis 7, Matthew 7, Ezra 7*

## Day 08: Asleep Or Pretending To Be Asleep?

I still remember the childhood of my son when his cousins would come and stay with us. On such days he would prefer not to go to school and would 'remain' asleep in spite of my calls. His cousins would then pretend to lift him bodily to drop in our water-tank, and the mere thought of cold water would 'awaken' him in a moment.

In our spiritual life also we are exactly like that. We pretend to not to know when we really know!! That is because knowing is a costly affair thus it is human tendency to avoid truth. However, our eyes are opened quickly when the Lord 'touches' our lives.

"Wake up of sleeper. Rise from the dead and Christ will shine on you. Be very careful how you live, not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity" Ephesians 5:14

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis 8, Matthew 8, Ezra 8*

## Day 09: Going A Little Further

Going a little further is part of Biblical teaching on Christian living. Mathew 5.39 says 'If someone forces you to go on for one mile, then go two miles with him'. It means if someone asked for a help we as saved one should help if we can. We usually want to get the first choices in life. First I and other. But Abraham went a little further in relationship by giving first choice to Lot. This is a difficult activity, but that is what God wants from us. Abraham was blessed.

We are saved because Lord Jesus went a little further and gave His life for us. So that when we repent about sins and accept Him as our Lord and Savior we will become His children. Thank God for that! Paul asked Philemon to go a little further and he happily did that.

"So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me" Philemon 1:17

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis: 9, Ezra: 9, Mathew: 9*

## Day 10: The Door Is Still Open

The door of salvation is open to all today. NOW is the time of God's favor. The end of this age-of-grace will come soon. "For it is by the grace of God that we have been saved through faith, and it is not through our works, but is rather a gift from God". The door of salvation is going to be closed soon, so let us pray earnestly for the salvation of our beloved ones.

God will surely answer our cries. Also, each one of us needs to share the gospel with as many as possible.

On the last day of one of my beloved ones I was able to see my mother leading him to Christ. Not everyone might get that kind of a last-minute gospel message. Thus we need to start praying for everyone who needs to accept Christ.

I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. 2 Corinthians 6: 2.

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis: 10, Ezra: 10, Mathew: 10*

## **Day 11: Waters of Strife**

Moses was the meekest person in the world. The Israelites reached Kadesh under his guidance. They saw many wonders, including the division of red sea and river Jordan. In Kadesh they had no water to drink. Instead of asking God, they murmured against Moses and Aaron. Eventually their murmuring was too much for Moses to bear so he cried to God. God asked Moses to go and 'ask' the rock to give forth water.

Moses and Aaron stood in front of the people and then Moses took his staff and instead of commanding the rock he raised his arm and stuck the rock twice with it. God did not want to embarrass Moses in front of the people. Though Moses did not honor God, God honored him and water gushed out of the rock.

God said to Moses and Aaron “Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as Holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring the community into the Land I give them. Numbers 20:12

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis: 11, Nehemiah: 1, Mathew: 11*

## Day 12: Two Cries

Lord Jesus cried to God. God the Father did not respond to His cries because both the Father as well as the Son loved mankind and wanted to save them from everlasting hell-fire. God did not respond to that cry, because he wanted to save us. He came to this world and gave His life for us. Father did not hear the cry of His Son and that is why we are His children today.

Isaac asked Father where is the sheep for sacrifice. Abraham replied, God will provide. When Abraham was about to smite his child, God who knew the pain of Abraham and Isaac called and said, do not touch the child. He then provided a sheep for Abraham to sacrifice (Genesis 22.12). His love for us is beyond imagination. Thanks be to God for His love and let He be adored.

My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me (Mathew 27.4).

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis: 12, Nehemiah: 2, Mathew: 12*

### **Day 13: Let Us Pick Some Gems**

We all love precious gems. There are many gems hidden in the Bible we ourselves have to search and find it and have take it. How can we pick up precious gems from the Bible. We have to read the Bible systematically and then when we see the gem we have to take it by faith with God's help and whenever we are in need we can use that gems.

One of the gems we can see in Genesis 15: 1. That God is our shield. Shields are for protecting us in battles. In spiritual life, false accusations, threats, words of hatred, half-truths and such things are hurled at believers. This shield will stop them all. God's children are safe behind it.

God promised the above to Abraham. We appropriate it by becoming children of Abraham's God, and second by trusting in God like him in all circumstances. Then this gem will be ours.

"I am your shield and your great reward". Genesis 15: 1.

*Bible Reading for Today: Genesis : 13 , Nehemiah:3, Mathew 13.*

### **Day 14: Love and Protection**

When eagles and crows fly, seeing the mere shadow of these the mother-hen makes a special sound. We humans cannot understand her sound, but the chick who hear her sound rush to get under her wings. The mother-hen then sits down calmly. She sit there as if nothing happened around her. The chicks



under her enjoys time under the heat of her wings. She remains motionless till the danger is over.

We humans also get the same protection, if we would rush to get shelter from our heavenly Father when there is attack from the enemy in any form we will be safe and sound and happy under His protection.

“How often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, but you would not!” Mathew 32.37

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis: 14, Nehemiah: 4, Mathew: 14*

## **Day 15: Pride Goes Before Fall**

When ‘I’ becomes more important than anything else in the world, pride grows and becomes deep-rooted in the heart. Then one becomes blind to the realities of everyday life. This person has eyes only to see oneself as superior to others, and starts to look down upon others. According to such a person he is the only one who knows everything. What is more, he/she is perfect in all thought and actions. When pride grows, it eventually bears fruit resulting in a great fall.

One day Nabuchadnezzar the most powerful king of Babylon was walking on the roof of his palace. He suddenly exclaimed with pride “I have built the great Babylon with my mighty power and it is for the glory of my own majesty”. While these words were still on his lips, his royal authority was removed and he was forced to live as an animal eating grass.

Pride goes before fall!

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis: 15, Nehemiah: 5, Mathew: 15*

### **Day 16: Mom's Love**

Today many visitors would be coming home. The six-year old Anu is all dressed up in new cloths. Her mom asked her not to go outside. She was an overactive girl, so disobeyed and wandered outside. Suddenly she fell down and her new cloths were torn and soiled with mud. She cried aloud. Everyone including the visitors rushed outside and scolded her.

Her mom, however, ran to her, embraced her and was searching to see if the child had hurt herself. There was a slight bleeding at the knees. She comforted her, but she also warned her never to disobey her mother. The child stopped crying and was comforted and was happy now.

When we allow God in our lives we get the same comfort. "As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you and you will be comforted" Isaiah 66:13

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis: 16, Nehemiah: 6, Mathew: 16*

### **Day 17: Saved By Grace**

There was a billionaire who owned a number of high-breed dogs. Then one day his son spotted a stray dog on the street, picked it up, brought home and placed in a specially designed

kennel. The other dogs did not like it and they kept barking at the stray. The stray, however, never bothered about it because he knew that his young master loved him very much.

Sin and death entered the world through one man's disobedience. We all became sinners through it. God's grace entered through Jesus Christ. By grace all can be saved from the punishment of sin. Only by grace through faith can we be saved, and not through any of our works. Thank God for His grace and compassion.

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God (Ephesians 2:8)

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis: 17, Nehemiah: 7, Mathew: 17*

## **Day 18: Peace Like River**

We all love to have peace. We all are surrounded with problems, pains, suffering, death, diseases, hardships, and loneliness. So it is not possible to have peace if we depend upon men and this world. Worldly peace come and go. If we put our trust in God and become His children we will have the peace that He promised to us. That peace will not be lost because of the circumstances we have. When Jesus left he said. Peace to you.

We can get this peace by obeying commandments of God and walking in the ways that God has commanded.

This is what the Lord says your Redeemer, the Holy one of Israel "I am the Lord your God who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go If only

you had paid attention to my commands, your peace would have been like a rivers, your righteousness like the waves of the sea. Isaiah 48:17,18.

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis 18, Nehemiah 8, Mathew 18.*

## Day 19: Desires In Life

Everyone has certain special desires in life. Students, husbands, wives, mothers, children, all of them desire to have more than what they already have. David the king also had his desires. We all wanted some way or other to have our desires fulfilled. But David, the King of Israel also have desire. It is entirely different from us. His desire is to dwell in the house of Lord. Have we got such a desire in our life. God will fulfill our desire if it is a right one.

In our generation people do not even want to go to the temple of God. David the king had a much more serious desire. No wonder he became the man after God's own heart.

One thing I asked of the Lord, this is what I seek that, I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and seek Him in His temple". Psalms 27.4

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis: 19, Nehemiah: 9, Mathew: 19*

## Day 20: A Little Yeast

A little yeast is sometimes added to dough to prepare it before it is baked. Within a short time the whole dough becomes saturated with leaven. The Jews used to have many festivals where leaven or yeast was totally forbidden. God asked them to get rid of yeast in preparation for these festivals.

If we allow sin in our lives, it will spread and will destroy us, our family, and even our church. There are three types of sins:

1. Sins against oneself
2. Sins against others
3. Sins against God

The Scripture says, "For Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed. Therefore let us keep the festival, not with old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth" I Corinthians 5:7-8

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis: 20, Nehemiah: 10, Mathew: 20*

## Day 21: I Am With You

The almighty, omniscient, and all-powerful God is telling us that He is with us always. Joseph was innocent and pure. He was taking food for his brothers but they caught him first put him into a pit and then sell him to Egypt to Potipher. Then he was thrown into prison even though he was pure and innocent. God could have easily helped him immediately, but

His ways are different. We see that God was with Joseph when he was in the pit, Potipher's house, when he was in prison.

God never said that He would prevent us from pit or prison, but only that whatever circumstances in which we are, God is with us if we live according to His will. We are really privileged people.

But while Joseph was there in the prison, the LORD was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison's warden. Genesis 39: 21.

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis: 21, Nehemiah: 11, Mathew: 21*

## **Day 22: I and God**

David was not able to wear the coat of a soldier, to put a helmet on, or to walk with a sword. He was only a young person, red in appearance and handsome. Just a shepherd. There are many powerful soldiers in Israel. When David knew that Goliath came for forty days morning and evening and challenging and cursing the Israel and their God, he wanted to kill Goliath..

When he was approaching to Goliath, David said, you come against me with sword and spear and javelin but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel. He was able to kill Goliath with a stone, using merely a sling. Then he finally cut away Goliath's head with his own sword. All this was because of God's help, not due to his human strength.

*“The Lord who delivered me from the paws of lion and bear will also deliver me from the hands of this philistine”. 1 Samuel 17: 37.*

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis: 22, Nehemiah: 12, Mathew: 22*

## **Day 23: Diligent Hands Bring Wealth**

Gideon was thrashing wheat in a vine-press to keep it hidden from the looting Midianites. All the others cultivation is taken by the enemy while he was doing without fear and thrashing the wheat. God only uses people who are ready to work hard without the fear of enemy. So when God saw Gideon he chooses him to save Israel from the enemy not with might but with the power of God. The Lord asked to choose only those who lap the water with their tongues like a dog. Only 300 were selected and the rest of them were returned. When they trumpeted the enemy fought against one another and killed.

God always chooses for His work diligent ones, not sluggards. One who is slack in his work is a brother to one who destroys. Many who were chosen of God were equally diligent. God continues to look for such people today.

When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, “The Lord is with you mighty warrior”. Judges 6: 12.

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis: 23, Nehemiah: 13, Mathew: 23*

## Day 24: Drowning in Many Waters

Sunday meeting was over. They were all going home, crossing the river by boat. Suddenly a heavy boat full of sand struck it and it overturned. Scores of people were in water, drowning.

My brother Victor George Kuriakose chased them and brought many to a sandy place one by one. Then he caught hold of his valliamma (70) and brought her to safety. She then saw that his own mother was drowning. He then swam to her and she was almost under water. It was a difficult rescue. She was feeble, and had already ingested much water. He would lift her swim a bit, and lift her again. It was a match between death and life, and the distance to safety was much.

She asked him to abandon her, lest both of them perish. He did not accept. He shouted for help. Suddenly someone saw the struggle and rushed on a boat and saved them both.

“Fear not for I have redeemed you. I have summoned you by name, you are mine. When you pass through waters I will be with you. And when you pass through rivers they will not seep over you” Isaiah 43.2

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis: 24, Esther: 1, 2, Mathew: 24*

## Day 25: Once A Child, Always A Child

One day Luke came to his dad and said “Daddy please make me your son”. Daddy was shocked. He embraced the child and said, “You ARE my son. There is NO need to make you my son



again. Tell me why you asked me to do so". Luke said, "Today I stole two rupees from my friend. The teacher caught me and said, 'You are not of the house, or worthy of that family'".

His dad was heartbroken. "Son, why did you do such a sinful thing. You definitely did not keep the standard of our family. But, in spite of that you are still my son. You should ask forgiveness from your dad, and also from God. Both of them will forgive you. But remember, wherever you are, whatever you do, you are my son".

"To all who received him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become His sons" John 1:12. "I give them Eternal Life, and they shall NEVER perish, no one can snatch them out of my hand" John 10:28. Once a son of God, always a son of God.

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis: 25, Esther: 3, 4, Mathew: 25*

## Day 26: God Cares

There are times when we think that God has not been hearing our prayers, nor does He care for us. There might be problems and sufferings all around. We might think 'where is God when we are suffering'.

If you are in that kind of a situation then take a broom, sweep the room and collect all the hair fallen in that room. Then try to count them. Now try to recollect exactly when those hairs fell down. To be honest, none of us know the answer! However, there is someone who knows exactly how many hairs we have.

“And even the very hairs on your head are all numbered”  
Mathew 10:30

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis: 26, Esther: 5, 6, Mathew: 26*

### Day 27: God's Time

Saramma and her husband waited for 18 years after their wedding for a child. The long wait-period caused her hair to go grey. Eventually the Lord gave them a son who is an outstanding evangelist-teacher today. Many a times Saramma wondered about why God did not hear her prayers and why she had to face so much insult from others.

One day Saju came to Saramma and told her that his wife was planning to leave him because they did not have any children. Saramma asked him to fetch his wife and then she narrated her story to Saju's wife. When they returned Saju's wife went back with two lessons: Divorce is a sin God hates (Malachi 2.16), and that God gives everything in His time and that His children need to wait upon him. She did not have to wait long. After one month she realized that she was going to be a mother. Saramma also learnt many lessons. Had she not undergone barrenness, she would not have been such a counselor.

“Praise to be the God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and all comfort who comforts us in all troubles, so we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God” II Corinthians 1.3

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis: 27, Esther: 7, 8, Mathew: 27*

## Day 28: God's Care

The ravens brought Elijah bread and meat in the morning and in the evening. He drank from the brook of Kerith. There was drought no water anywhere. But God fed his servant with bread, meat and water. He was happy there in Kerith. Sometime later the brook dried. If God can provide bread and meat he can keep the brook with water also. God's ways are different from us. He wanted to provide food for a widow, so the provision of Elijah have to be stopped. God's ways are different from man.

He was sent to a widow in Zarephath. There was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. God not only cared for the great Prophet but also he cared for the widow of Zarephath and her son who had nothing except a handful of flour and a little oil in a jar.

For this is what the God of Israel says; The jar of the flour will not be used up and the jug of oil did not run dry. 1 King 17: 14.

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis: 28, Esther: 9, 10, Mathew: 28.*

## Day 29: In God's Time

When Isaac was 40 years old he got married to Rebekah the daughter of Bethuel and the sister of Laban. He married her according to the plan and guidance of Abraham his father. Both of them were ideal couple. Isaac who lives according to the will of God and his father. A obedient and God fearing

son. Rebekah a hardworking, loving, caring obedient, beautiful and a virgin.

They have no children. She was barren. They had to wait 20 years. For twenty years they have no children. Isaac prayed to the Lord on behalf of his wife. The Lord answered his prayer and his wife became pregnant. When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them. They were holy people who walked according to the will of the Lord and their parent still they have to wait twenty years. God' ways and plans are perfect.

He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men: yet they can not fathom what God has done from beginning to end. Ecclesiastes 3: 11.

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis: 2, Job: 1, 2, Mark: 1:*

### **Day 30: This Rots The Bones**

Johny and Ray are good friends . During mid-term exams Johny got first rank. Ray was upset and started to find fault with Johny in everything. One day Ray was able to put a stolen pen into Johny's bag. Johny was caught. He repeatedly said that he never touched that pen yet he was disciplined. In spite of this false accusation, his trust in God kept growing because he was a committed believer.

Ray developed continuous head-aches around the same time. Johny tried to help and comfort him. He had to be taken to the

hospital, but doctors said they could not find any problem. He failed in the next exam. One day Ray opened the Bible, the Bible spoke to him about his sin that is Jealousy. He realized his mental sin and asked Johny for pardon. He decided not to be like the brothers of Joseph. To his surprise, his ailment left him and he was completely cured.

“A heart at peace gives life to the body. But envy rots the bones”.  
Proverbs 14: 30.

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis: 30, Job: 3, 4, Mark: 2*

### **Day 31: Apple of the Eye**

Eyes is one of the most important part of our body. Automatically the eyelid will be closed if anything come near it. We will do anything to protect our eyes from any attack of man or insect or any kind of enemies.

When attacks, abuses, threats and insult surround you do not be afraid. Jesus came into this world to give us sinners a new life and to make us His children. If He is ready to give His life for us then He will give whatever we need in our life.

We have always to remember that Jesus came to save men still men gave him abuses, threats, insults, attacks, pains, beating, mockery, and finally killing. If we live according to will of God and is faithful to God then you have to remember that all the things the enemy is doing to us is actually doing to Him because we are the Apple of His eyes.

Do not be afraid. Whoever touches you touches the apple of God's eye. Zacharia 2:8

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis: 31, Job: 5, Mark: 3*

## **Day 32: What Is In Your Hand**

God asked Moses what was in his hand. He said a rod. Moses gave that rod to God. Moses committed himself to God. Then God asked him take that rod and went of Pharaoh the king of Egypt. He was able to do many wonders starting from turning the rod to a serpent, that swallowed all the serpents of magicians. One after another there were ten plagues in Egypt all with the rod God has given to Him. God do the miracles through Mosses. Eventually he was able to divide the sea into two with it. He was able to produce water from the rock when he struck it with rod.

If we give whatever we have in our hands, God will take and use it for His glory. God can do wonders with whatever we commit to him. Today also he wants our and our things in order to use for His work and His glory.

“The Lord said to him, what is in your hand. A staff, he replied. And he took the staff of God in his hand” [Exodus 3.2, 4.20]

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis: 32, Job: 6, 7, Mark: 4*

## Day 33: Hardened His Heart

God asked Pharaoh through Moses to free His people so they may go and worship their God. Pharaoh did not accept it. He challenged God by asking why he should obey this God.

Moses demonstrated God's hand with the help of many wonders and plagues. Still Pharaoh hardened his heart. Hail destroyed everything in the field, both men and animals, throughout Egypt. Even trees were destroyed. The only place where it did not happen was Goshen, where God's people the Israelites lived. This should have opened Pharaoh's eyes, but it did not. He hardened his heart till all the firstborn in his kingdom were killed. Believers can also harden their hearts by rejecting God's words.

"Do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion during the time of testing in the desert where your fathers tested and tried me and for forty years saw what I did" Hebrews 3:8-9

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis: 33, Job: 8, Mark: 5*

## Day 34: Fragrance

Ancy and Valsa were walking through a garden full of roses. Valsa asked, "why have you got so much pain and also a chronic disease, though you are such a committed believer". Ancy replied "though I have much bodily pain, and though every cell in my body is aching, I know one thing: these troubles are only momentary that will lead to everlasting glory that

will outweigh all this pain. So I fix my eyes not on what is seen, but rather upon what is unseen. What is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. If you accept Christ as your Savior, you too can have the same confidence”.

Suddenly there was a wind. It brought with a nice fragrance. They were startled by the fragrance. Ancy said, “when there is a wind, the thorns on the rose pierce the flowers and that releases the fragrance. If there are no thorns, so much of fragrance would not be released”.

“But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphant processions in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Him for we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing”. II Corinthians 2:14

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis: 34, Job: 9, Mark: 6*

### **Day 35: New And Old Man**

In Eby’s family there are two dogs — one black, the other white. The white one is a good, faithful, trustworthy, and loving dog. The black one is just the opposite of that. Eby wanted the family to feed the white one properly and to starve the black one. However, at times some family members fed the black one also. When the black one used to be healthy, it used to attack and wound the white one. When the white one used to be stronger, it used to love everyone in family and keep strangers out.



If we feed monsters in our personal life, family, church then finally it will destroy us. So we have to be carefully about whom we feed.

“You were taught with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires to be made new in the attitude of your mind, and to put on the new self-created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness” Ephesians 4:22

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis: 35, Job: 10, Mark: 7*

### **Day 36: I Am Afraid**

One day I and three others went to the Cancer Hospital. Two young girls came to me and said, last night our mother did not sleep at all. She was telling that she is able to see darkness and fire in front of her eyes. They asked us to pray for their mom. We prayed and then we shared the gospel. By the grace of God, that lady accepted Lord Jesus as her personal Savior.

She said that now she had the assurance that she would go to heaven. When we went to the hospital next week the two girls came to us and told us that they would not go to a Church, but they still wanted to accept Christ as Savior. We shared the gospel and they also accepted Christ. When we went to the hospital the next week those in the vicinity told us that previous night the lady died in a peaceful manner. Anyone can get that peace, in the face of any anxiety, and live with assurance.

“For God so loved the world that He gave us His only begotten son so that whosoever believes on him will not perish but shall have everlasting life” John 3:16

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis: 36, Job: 11, Mark: 8*

### Day 37: God Sees

Johnon and Santha left their lucrative jobs and went to full-time ministry. John went out for few days of ministry. Santha and their only child were at home. The child developed fever and she did not know what to do. The fever kept rising but she was unable to take him to a doctor because she had no money. She searched the house for some change to buy crocin syrup for fever. She could not find anything.

The whole night she prayed to God and applied some Vicks on the body of the child. God heard her cries and controlled the fever. Next day they received a money-order of 50 rupees using which she took the child to the doctor. God hears our cries and He answers according to his ways. Today that child is a medical doctor.

“The Lord said, I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of the slave drivers and I am concerned about their sufferings. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of Egyptians and to bring them out of the land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey” Exodus 3:7

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis: 37, Job: 12, Mark: 9*

## Day 38: Favoritism and Partiality

Isaac is a model for his obedience to God and His commandments. At the same time, he was also a model for obeying his parents. He got married to Rebecca, a beautiful virgin and they loved each other. They led a happy life. Two sons were born and they grew up.

Isaac who had a taste for wild game loved Esau more than Jacob. Rebecca loved Jacob who was more of a mother's pet. Partiality grew slowly in her heart. Isaac wanted to bless his son Esau, whereas Rebecca by cheating her husband and elder son, through treachery, obtained these blessings for Jacob. Esau hated Jacob for that and wanted to kill him. So Jacob had to flee from there. Rebecca actually lost both of her children because of her partiality. She was never able to see her pet son and passed away without seeing him.

In the church also partiality can take place. But God said He hates favoritism.

"Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear" 1 Peter 1.17

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis: 38, Job: 13, Mark: 1*

## Day 39: Let Tomorrow Worry About Itself

Once in a while I and Molly chechi (my eldest sister) used to sit and talk or talk by phone. Though she was forbidden (due to fibrosis of lungs) to talk for very long, she would always start talking about God and His word. She would be very powerful in her assertions. I was always encouraged and thrilled by all this talk.

One days, through phone, she said “we only have one day at a time to live, and tomorrow is not ours. So try to live each day in God’s presence, live happily, living according to the will of God. Do not waste even one minute outside the will of God. Worrying about tomorrow is not for us because it might or might not really happen. Live for today only”.

My sister had fibrosis of lungs, and doctors had given her a maximum of five years after the diagnosis. She lived for 12 years after it, happily and cheerfully, because she practiced the principle of living for today and not to worry about tomorrow.

“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has trouble of its own” Matthew 6:34

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis: 39, Job: 14, Mark: 11*

## Day 40: Murmuring

Tisha and Isha were sisters. One day their mom gave a piece of cake to each one of them. Isha as usual said, 'you gave the bigger piece to Tisha'. Tisha on the other hand said 'you take my piece'. It became Isha's habit to grumble about everything: the work she had to do, the dress that the parents brought, her studies, everything. In school also she started to grumble about her friends, teacher, everything.

Her parents and elder ones in the family advised her not to murmur. Finally the year-end results came. Tisha got first rank, but Isha failed miserably. She was about to grumble, but then suddenly she remembered her Sunday-school teacher's advice. 'Every murmur that goes out from our mouth is actually directed at God. She stopped murmuring and started trusting in God. The next year she got first class and she started praising God instead of murmuring. Israelites grumbled to Moses for food, meat, water, protection, and many other things. Even when they got everything, still they grumbled until ALL of them perished in the wilderness'.

"We should not test the Lord as some of them did and were killed by snakes and do not grumble as some of them did, and were killed by the destroying angels. These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warning for us" 1 Corinthians 10.10-11.

*Bible reading for today: Genesis:40,Job:15,Mark:12*

## Day 41: Forgetfulness??

One fine morning, the cup-bearer and the chief of the baker of the king of Egypt were very sad. Joseph asked them the reason. Both of them said they had dreams and they were troubled because there was none to interpret. Joseph asked them to tell him the dreams.

By God's help he was able to interpret those dreams. Everything happened exactly as he said. Joseph asked the cup-bearer to remember him when he was restored as per the dream. However, he forgot Joseph.

We receive many privileges from our dear ones, but our tendency is always to forget such things. We are saved by the blood of Jesus and have been made free from the bondage of sin. But usually we forget to tell this good news to others. Let us remember God and others who helped us.

"Joseph told the cup-bearer that when all goes with you, remember me and show me kindness. But the chief cup-bearer did not remember Joseph. He forgot him" Genesis 40:14, 23

*Bible reading for Today: Genesis: 41, Job:16, Mark: 13*

## Day 42: God's Timing

The cup-bearer forgot Joseph. After two years Pharaoh had a dream. God's timing is perfect. God's plan was different for Joseph than what he had desired. Had he received freedom with the help of the cup-bearer, he would have been freed to become an ordinary person.

The seven years of prosperity was about to start and at that instant Pharaoh had a dream. The magicians and wise men of Egypt were unable to interpret it. That is when the cup-bearer said to Pharaoh, "Today I know my fault". Then he told about Joseph who could interpret dreams. He was brought to Pharaoh, and was able to interpret the dream. Pharaoh made him in-charge of palace and everyone had to submit to him.

At times we are unable to see God's plan for our future. So we unnecessarily worry about everything. But God's time is perfect and He will bless us beyond our imagination.

There is a time for everything and is a season for every activity under heaven Eccl: 3:1

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis: 42, Job: 17, 18, Mark: 14*

### Day 43: Giving Is Better Than

One fine morning Anil, aged 12, was reading the news-paper. A large number of houses were destroyed the previous day due to a cloudburst. People there were without food, clothing, and shelter. He wanted to give something for them, but he had no money. He knew that a believer should give happily and that God loved a cheerful giver. At that time, on that day, one of his uncles came. Usually his uncle came loaded with things for him. This time he did not bring anything. He gave fifty rupees to him and asked him to buy anything that he wanted. His impulse was to buy something, but then he decided to give away this money for the unfortunate people because God wanted him to be a giver.

Jesus showed this principle through His life. He loved us, and therefore He gave His life for us in order that we might have eternal life.

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich yet for your sake he became poor so that through His poverty you might become rich” II Corinthians 8:9

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis: 43, Job: 19, Mark: 15*

### **Day 44: Walk With God**

Walking with great people is always a great privilege. People always prefer to walk with those who are equal to them, or above them, in status.

Enoch had lived for 365 years with God. Walking with God has never been easy. We need to have harmony with Him if we are to walk with Him. “Enoch walked with God: then he was no more, because God took him away” The almighty all powerful loving God wants to walk with us, and that is why Lord Jesus came from above and gave His life for us. Those who accept Him can be His children. How privileged are we.

“As a prisoner for the Lord, I urge you to live a life worthy of your calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing one another in love” Ephesians 4:1-2

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis: 44, Job: 20, Mark: 16*



## Day 45: Nothing Is Impossible With God

A minimum of 12 Lakh people were in the wilderness. They wanted to have meat, because they said they were fed up with the honey-tasting manna. They approached Moses and said, 'It is better for us to be in Egypt as slaves of Pharaoh because at least we have proper food and meat'. Moses told it to God and he complained how he could provide meat to these 12 lakh people. God said, 'you tell the people that they will have meat tomorrow'. True to His word, the 12 lakh people received meat — not for one day but for an entire month.

We might be praying for a job, a house, children's marriage, that dear ones would accept Christ, children, food, peace, restoration of backslidden ones, help from the attacks of others, or any other need. Nothing is impossible for God. Our God is a God of impossibilities.

"The Lord answered Moses, is the Lord's arms too short. You will now see whether or not what I say will come true for you" Numbers 11.23

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis: 45, Job: 21, Luke: 1*

## Day 46: Through Noah The World Got A Covenant

We usually blame our circumstances and environment. Everyone did so, so I too did it. People of Noah's time were so wicked and evil that God was grieved that He made man on earth. Thus He wanted to destroy them. Men, and even animals.

At the same time, Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time. He and his family walked with God. So he found favor in the eyes of God.

God asked Noah to build an ark and invite everyone to come to the ark. But none came except Noah's family. Flood destroyed everything. Once they came out of the ark, Noah built an altar to the Lord. The Lord was pleased and made a covenant. God blessed Noah and his family, and through Noah all others were blessed.

"I establish my covenant with you. Never ever again all life be cut off by the waters of the flood. Never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth." Genesis 9:11

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis: 46, Job: 22, Luke: 2*

## **Day 47: To Live Happily**

People usually ask, if there is a God then why is there so much suffering, scarcity, famine, violence, and diseases there. Do we really know why man was created? God made everything for man: light, water, fruits, plants, trees, animals, birds, fish, and everything that man needed. Then God blessed man and said, 'Be fruitful and increase in number. Fill the earth, and subdue it'.

Man by his choice rejected God the creator, and accepted the counsel of evil one. Thus sin came into the world, and with it came sufferings, pain, thorns, and diseases. So we cannot blame God for what we are facing now. Instead, God has opened a

way through Jesus Christ through which we can have eternal life and live a satisfied and content life.

“I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the earth, and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food” Genesis 1:28

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis: 47, Job: 23, Luke: 3*

### **Day 48: Forgiven**

Sarala, Valsa, and Santha were very good friends, studying in the eighth standard. One day Santha saw some money in Sarla’s bag, took it without telling her, bought some sweets, and all three of them enjoyed eating it. When Sarala found her money to be missing, she complained to teachers and told the whole class. However, nobody was able to find out how it happened. Santha had money of her own, and she had taken it from Sarala only as a joke, and her plan was to replace it after some time. However, since everyone came to know of it, she did not have the courage to own it up. As a result she was totally disturbed because she knew it was a sin not to give it back to Sarala.

One day a visiting preacher in their church said “God has forgiven all our sins, including the sins that we committed in the past. Jesus died not for one sin alone, but for ALL the sins that we commit. Thus we can get forgiveness from Him though many a times we will have to pay the consequences of our choices”.

“Remember not the sins of my youth, and my rebellious ways. According to your love remember me, for you are good, O Lord” Psalms 25:7. Thus we can get forgiveness from Him, and we should also learn to receive forgiveness.

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis: 48, Job: 24, Luke: 4*

### Day 49: Too Late

One person each tribe was sent to explore the land of Canaan that God had promised to the Israelites. They went and explored the land. They returned at the end of 40 days. They confirmed that the Land flows with milk and honey, but that the people who live there are giants. We looked like grasshoppers in our own eyes. So we will never be able to fight and win against them. They murmured against Moses.

Joshua and Caleb said ‘God is with us, and we can easily win over them. God has given the land to us and the people are afraid of us’. However the people wanted to stone them.

Then God said to them, everyone who is 20 years or above shall perish and shall not enter Canaan, except Joshua and Caleb. For each day that Canaan was explored, you shall wander one year in wilderness. When they hear it they said ‘We have sinned against God. We wish go up to the place that God has promised’. But it was too late. They went up toward the height but Amalekites and Canaanites who lived in the hill came and attacked them. Tomorrow is not for us, so let us live for the glory of God today – before it is too late

*Bible –reading For Today Genesis 49.Job:25,26.Luke: 5*

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**Day 50: Abide In Him**

Elsy was pulling out weeds from the kitchen garden. The place was full of tomato plants. Her daughter who came from school saw her mom doing it and asked whether she could join it. She said ok, but be very careful that you do not pull out tomato plants when you pull out weeds. She got to it, and then suddenly she shouted. Oh mom, this branch is getting dry and the leaves and fruits have already become pale. The next branch is so strong and fruits are so shiny.

Her mom went near her and showed her the junction of the branch which was getting ripped from the main branch. Then her daughter asked, this is a strong branch so even if there is a small tear, it ought to survive. Mom explained to her that each branch gets food and water from the main stem. Thus if there is any tear, these things are severely restricted and the branch would dry.

“Remain in me and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit buy itself. It must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine and you are the branches” John 15:4

*Bible-reading For Today: Genesis: 50, Job: 27, Luke: 6*

## Day 51: Jealousy Grows To Murder

Cain and Abel were brothers. Cain became a farmer, whereas Abel kept animals. In God's time Cain brought fruits of the soil to offer to God. Abel brought some of the first-born of his flock. The Lord was pleased with Abel's offering. Cain was extremely angry. Then the Lord said, 'Why are you angry. If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? If not your offering cannot be accepted'

If Cain had repented about his sins, and if he had again brought offerings to God, God would surely have accepted them. He would have received a second chance. Instead of that, he became jealous of his brother who was innocent. Abel could not do anything. It was God's decision to accept or reject, not Abel. Instead of realizing that Cain killed his own brother. Jealousy can destroy others as well as oneself.

"Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other" Galatians 5:26

*Bible-reading For Today: Exodus: 1, Job: 28, Luke: 7*

## Day 52: Giving

Aby and Ashish were going to church. Their father gave them fifteen rupees each and told them that it was for offering and also for buying some sweets for themselves. Aby said 'I will put five into the offering and will use ten for myself' whereas Ashish said I will give thirteen rupees for the Lord and will

take two rupees for sweets. During Sunday worship they did exactly as they said. On the way Aby fell down and had some cuts. They went to a nearby clinic where they bandaged him. The doctor asked him for ten rupees. He gave it to the doctor. When they returned Aby said ‘today I learnt a lesson. We should give God cheerfully, willingly, and sacrificially. Then only will God be pleased with our offering’. Ashish said ‘anyway we got two rupees and we can use that for buying one toffee each’

At the time of the Israelites, all of them were supposed to give one tenth of their income to God. If anyone failed to do that, it was considered robbing God. Even Levites (priests) were supposed to give one tenth of their income to God.

“But you ask, how are we to return. Will a man rob God. Yet you rob me. But you ask how do we rob you. In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse — the whole nation of you — because you are robbing me” Malachi 3:10

*Bible-reading For Today: Exodus: 2, Job: 29, Luke: 8*

### **Day 53: Half Truth**

Eve was alone. She might have wanted to look around Eden. She was created to be a helpmeet for Adam. Her purpose in life was to be a help and compliment to Adam.

The serpent, crafty and cunning, approached her and asked her “Did God really say that you must not eat from any tree of the garden” and she said “we can eat from all trees except from the tree that is in the middle of the garden. We cannot even

touch it, lest we die". The serpent got exactly what he had wanted. She had slipped in her first step. Now it was easy to trap and tempt her to sin.

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good and pleasing to the eye, she ate it. She also gave to her husband who also ate it. Satan's plan won. As Satan said, they did not die physically, but sin entered the world.

"Therefore just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men because all sinned" Roman 5: 15

*Bible-reading for Today: Exodus: 3, Job:30, Luke:9*

### Day 54: Grace Alone

God created Adam and Eve in His own image and He breathed the breath of life into their nostrils. He blessed them and said to them, be fruitful and multiply. But they rejected God and heard the word of Satan and fell into sin. God loved mankind and because of His grace He came into this world and took upon Himself the sins of the world and died on the cross and thus paid the penalty for our sins.

Man cannot save himself through his own efforts. Only believing in Lord Jesus brings salvation. It is only through grace of God alone that we receive salvation. If we try to get it by our good deeds, we are rebelling against Him because we cannot purchase a drop of the blood of Christ.



“For it is by grace you have been saved through faith — and this not for yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works so that none can boast” Ephesians 2:8-9

Bible-reading For Today: Exodus: 4, Job: 31, Luke: 10

### **Day 55: Craving for Position**

Korah, Dathan and Abiram had witnessed the miraculous dealings of God. They had seen Moses standing before Pharaoh. The rod of Moses brought plagues, divided the sea, turned sour water into sweet water, gave manna and meat for the 12 lakh people, but still they doubted the leadership of Moses and Aaron.

They said to Moses, we all are holy like you, then why do you set yourself as the leader of Lord’s people. Moses told them, God will show who is holy and who is not, who is the leader and who is not. Sin was at the door of their heart, but they did not realize it. They paid for it. The earth opened its mouth, swallowed them, their household, and all their possessions. They went down alive into the pit.

“You want something but don’t get it. You kill and covert, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive because you ask with wrong motives that you may spend what you get on your own pleasure” James 4:2-3

*Bible-reading For Today: Exodus: 5, Job: 32, Luke: 11*

**Day 56: Book of Life**

In the Bible we see many books. One of these is the Book of Life. Nowadays we know that if we want to live, there are so many important books, ration-cards, AADHAR, and registers. If our name is not in these books, we lose many privileges. If we want to see a doctor, we need to register our name first. If we want to get our child into a school, we have to register its name first.

If we want to go to heaven, our names should be written in the book of life. God came into this world to give His life for sinners, and if we believe in Him we have eternal life, and we will be called the children of God. When Jesus was about to go from this world He told He is going to heaven to prepare a place for us. After preparing a place, He will take us to live with Him. These privileges will be given to His children only. The moment we accept Jesus as our Saviour, our names will be written in the book of life.

“I saw a great white throne, and Him who was seated on it. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne and books were opened. Another book was opened which is the book of life.... If anyone’s name was not found in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire” Rev. 20: 11-15

*Bible reading for Today: Exodus:6, Job:33, Luke:12.*

## Day 57: Speaking Against God's

Aaron the High Priest and Miriam the Prophetess began to talk against Moses and his position as leader of Israel. They said 'Has the Lord spoken only through Moses. Hasn't He also spoken through us'. Moses was a humble man. More humble than anyone on the face of the earth. God heard this talk against him. He asked them to come to the Tent of Meeting. Then the Lord came down in a pillar of cloud, and He told them that His chosen servant Moses was indeed special. For other prophets of the Lord I reveal them in visions. But for Moses, who is faithful in all my house, I talk to him clearly and not in riddles. If Moses is like that, then why did you dare to speak against my servant?

The anger of the Lord burnt against them, and He left them. Then they saw that Miriam had become leprous like snow. Moses cried to God, O God please heal her. But the Lord said, she is forgiven but she has to be outside the camp for seven days.

"Aaron said to Moses, please my Lord, do not hold against us the sin that we have so foolishly committed" Numbers 12:11. Many sins come with consequences, even if forgiven.

*Bible-reading For Today: Exodus: 7, Job: 34, Luke: 13*

## Day 58: What Do You Have

One day Jesus was teaching multitudes. His disciples were with Him. He told the disciples 'they have been with us for three days and they have got nothing to eat'. All the disciples were worried. They asked how can we feed them, we are in the wilderness. Then Jesus asked, 'what do you have'. They said, they do not have anything but here is a boy who has got five loaves and two fish. He was ready to give it away to Jesus. Jesus was able to create food from to feed them. But He always wants to things with the involvement of people, using what they have.

So He took that bread from the boy. Though the name of the child is not written, he is the hero who wanted to give away everything out of the little possession that he had. Jesus wanted to do miracle like this. Once the five thousand people were fully fed, twelve baskets of food was left. If we give away what we have, even if it is insignificant, God will use it to feed large multitudes, and His name will be glorified because of that.

*Bible reading for today: Exodus:10, Job:37, Luke: 14.*

## Day 59: He cares for you

Arun, a fisherman, and his wife Sheela were living happily. They were born-again people. One day Seela was very ill Arun had to spend all his money on her. By God's grace she is well now, but finally they had nothing in their house even for the next meal. Though Arun went for fishing, he did not get any

catch except for some oysters. The younger child asked 'daddy God is not loving us and why we have nothing to eat'. Meanwhile they were sitting together and opening up the oysters for cooking.

Suddenly the elder child shouted. See there is something inside. Dad exclaimed, oh it is a pearl. He then went and sold it which brought them ample money for food and other needs. He then explained to the younger one how God provides in unexpected ways.

"Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you" 1 Peter 5:7

*Bible-reading For Today: Exodus: 9, Job: 36, Luke: 15*

## **Day 60: Strange Fire!**

Uzziah the King of Judah was made king at the age of 16. He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, just as his father Amaziah had done. He obeyed and feared God during the days of Zacharia the priest. As long as he feared God and sought God, God gave him success. But after he became powerful he became so proud that he became unfaithful to the Lord.

He went into the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar though doing so was permitted only Levites. Azariah the priest and 80 other priests asked him to go out of the temple because going in was forbidden for non Levites. He did not listen to them. Uzziah, who had a censor in his hand for burning incense became angry. While he was shouting at the

priests, suddenly leprosy broke on his forehead. With that he wanted to rush out of the presence of the Lord. He remained in a secluded house, a leper, till his death.

Humans should not try to tamper with Divine protocols!

*Bible-reading For Today: Exodus: 10, Job: 37, Luke: 16*

## Day 61: Won But Lost

Ten leaders thought that they won, but they lost. Two thought that they lost, but actually won. One from each tribe of Israel was sent to spy out Canaan. They returned and raised a hue and cry. Ten said Canaanites were invincible. Two said the Lord would help, so everyone tried to stone the two.

Thus ten of them seemed to win. Suddenly God appeared to them and said all of you who are 20 years or older (6 lakh people) will die in wilderness including the ten who incited rebellion. Only Joshua and Caleb would live among those who are older than 20 today. They will also have to wander in the desert for forty years.

“Them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed” 1 Samuel 2:30

*Bible-reading For Today: Exodus: 11, Job: 38, Luke: 17*

**Day 62: Let Me Die The Death Of The Righteous**

If we live as a righteous person who walks according to God's will, then we will be able to die as a righteous man. If not, even if a person desires to die like a righteous man, he will not have it.

Balaak the king of Moab asked Balaam to curse Israelites. Balaam said even if you give me your place filled with silver and gold, I would not do anything big or small against the command of God. Then he blessed Israel and Balaak was angry. Finally he sent Balaam away. But Balaam became greedy and he advised the king and his people as to how to trap God's chosen people. Thus the beautiful Midianite women were able to seduce and trap them. This was such a great sin that 24,000 Israelites were struck dead. Balaam was the cause. We can see in Numbers 31:16 'Why you all the women to live. They were the one who followed Balaam's advise and were the means of turning the Israelites away from the Lord' "They also killed Balaam, son of Beor, with the sword" Number 31:8

*Bible reading for today: Exodus:12, Job: 39, Luke: 18.*

**Day 63: More Precious Than**

One day Aneesh asked his dad, 'Why do we always have hardships and problems in our lives. What other's do not have to suffer like us'.

Dad told him: you know that pearls are most precious worldwide. When a grain of sand enters an oyster, the oyster

does not have muscles to push it out. The sand gives it much pain. The oyster solves the problem by coating that grain of sand with a smooth material which eventually turns the sand into precious pearls. Each one of us is given pain so that we might produce result that is precious and valuable.

“He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; He will purify the Levites, and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offering in righteousness”  
Malachi 3:3

*Bible-reading For Today: Exodus: 13, Job: 40, Luke: 19*

### **Day 64: What Is That I Am**

The Lord told Saul to destroy everything of the Amalekites. But Saul and the army spared Agag the King of Amalekites and the best of the sheep and the cattle and lambs and everything that was good. They were unwilling to destroy everything as per the instruction of the Lord. Rather, they destroyed only the weak animals. God wanted to destroy the Amalekites because He wanted to punish them for what they did to Israel when they waylaid them when they came from Egypt.

Saul disobeyed God and God was grieved because he did not carry the instructions. When Samuel rebuked him, Saul said the soldiers brought home the best of the animals to sacrifice them to God. God said to him, because you have rejected the word of the lord, He has rejected you as a king of Israel.



“But Samuel replied, does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the Lord. To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat on lambs” 1 Samuel 15:22

*Bible reading for Today: Exodus:14, Job:41, Luke:20.*

## **Day 65: Three Hundred Against A Multitude**

The Angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon when he was thrashing wheat in a vine-press to keep it safe from Midianites. The Angel said ‘the Lord is with you mighty warrior. He will help you to destroy the Midianites and Amalekites’. Gideon and his army gathered together. God said, you have too many men, so send away people who are afraid. 22,000 went back. God said now also there are too many. Only 300 were left after many such screenings. The Amalekites and Midianites were uncountable in number.

He gave empty jars to all 300 of them with torches inside. They blew their trumpets and broke the jars in their hands and shouted ‘a sword for the Lord and Gideon’. When the Amalekites and Midianites heard this, they turned to each other with their swords and they killed each others. The Israelites were able to kill the Midianites completely after this. Thus the 300 won against a multitude.

“Because the Lord, God of Israel, fought for Israel” Joshua 10:42

*Bible-reading For Today: Exodus: 15, Job: 42, Luke: 21*

## Day 66: God Looks At The Heart

Saul rejected God's commands and God rejected him as the king of Israel. Then God asked Samuel to go to Bethlehem and anoint as King one of Jesse's sons. Jesse had eight sons, all were called for the sacrifice. When Jesse's first son came Samuel thought he was the selected one. He was strong, a soldier, and handsome. God did not choose him. He said, do not consider his appearance or his height. He was rejected. Six more were brought, and God rejected them all.

When God selects a person for a mission, He does not look at his money, education, position, family, outward appearance, or job. People look at these things for selection. But God looks at the heart and decides whether that person is fit for his mission. Thus when the eighth one came, he was of a childish and youngish appearance. God said 'this is the one, anoint him, and he will be the king'

"But the Lord said to Samuel, do not consider his appearance or his height for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart" I Samuel 16:7

*Bible-reading For Today: Exodus: 16, Proverbs: 1, Luke: 22*

## Day 67: Fearless

Jesse's three oldest sons were with Saul for the war. Saul and all Israelite soldiers were present. For 40 days, Goliath the Philistine came forward every morning and evening and

shouted ‘Why do you come and line up for battle. Am I not a Philistine and are you not the servants of Saul. Choose a man and have him come down to me. If he is able to kill me, then we will be your subjects. Otherwise, you should become our subjects’.

On hearing Goliath’s words, all Israelites were dismayed and afraid. At that time David the Shepherd came and he said “Do not be afraid of him. I will kill him. God helped me to kill a lion and a leopard, so He will help me to kill this man also. Today the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves but He will do the battle”.

With the help of God David was able to kill Goliath and save Saul and Israel from the philistines.

“Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe” Proverbs 29:25

Bible-reading For Today: Exodus: 17, Proverb: 2, Luke: 23

## **Day 68: Helping God Or Satan**

Is it possible that a believer ends up helping Satan. The answer is yes. By doing works that Satan likes. Satan always accuses everyone whereas God always forgives and will not remember the sins which have been thrown away.

We can see Satan accusing Job in front of God. Job was a righteous man but still Satan accused him. Same way Satan standing in front of the angel of the Lord accused Joshua the

high priest. The Lord said to Satan, 'The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you. Is not this man a burning stick snatched from fire'. By accusing others we are therefore helping Satan and we are becoming his servants, not God's.

"Take off his filthy clothes. Then He said to Joshua, I have taken away your sin and I will put rich garments upon you"  
Zachariah 3:4

*Bible-reading For Today: Exodus: 18, Proverb: 3, Luke: 24*

### **Day 69: The Lord Remembered**

The Lord had closed Hanna's womb. So her rival kept teasing her, in order to irritate her. In her distress Hanna wept much and prayed to the Lord and she promised that she would give back him to God if God gave her a son. After her prayer, she believed God that she would get a child and she was happy so ate and her face was no longer sad.

In the course of time the Lord remembered her and Hanna conceived and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel saying 'Because I asked the Lord for him'. After that when the child was old enough, as she promised, she gave the child Samuel to God.

"Delight yourselves in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart" Psalms 37:4

*Bible-reading For Today: Exodus: 19, Proverb: 4, John: 1*

## Day 70: Twelve Stones of Jordan

Joshua set at Gilgal the twelve stones they had taken out of Jordan. They put it there so that they could tell their children what had happened to the parents in the past. Jordan river was having a flood. But as soon as the priests, who carried the ark, stepped into the waters, the upstream stopped flowing and they were able to cross the river via dry land.

God asked them to carry 12 stones from the middle of Jordan where priests with the ark had stood.

God wanted this to be remembered all through the ages so that every generation knows how God had carried their forefathers all through the difficulties of their life like an eagle that carries its little ones.

“Like an eagle that stirs up its nest and hovers over its young, that spread its wings to catch them and carries them on its pinions” Deuteronomy 32:11

Bible-reading For Today: Exodus: 20, Proverb: 5, John: 2

## Day 71: You Will Catch Men

Simon Peter and Zebadee's two sons James and John were fishing the whole night at Genneresath lake. On that particular night they did not get any catch. So they were washing their nets. Jesus got into one of boats that belonged to Simon and asked him to take it a bit away from the shore. Then he

preached the word of God to people who stood at the shore to listen to him.

Then he asked Peter to go to deeper water and cast the net. The Simon said 'all the night we fished but could not get a single catch. However, because you said we will do it'. They caught so many fish that they were unable to pull the net and asked all their companions to rush to them to pull it in. Simon Peter bowed down at the feet of Jesus and said 'go away Lord, I am a sinful man'. The Lord said to him, 'don't be afraid, from now onward you will catch men'. So they pulled the net and followed Jesus.

"All things work together for them that love God, to them that have been called according to His purpose" Romans 8:28

*Bible-reading For Today: Exodus: 20, Proverb: 5, John: 2*

## Day 72: Purpose of Our Life

Jesus called fishermen and tax collectors and many others to follow him. They were with Him for more than three and a half years. He taught them word of God. They were able to see many wonders like blind receiving vision, deaf talking, and miraculous cure to many diseases, lame waking, and dead being raised. The good news was preached to the poor. God selected these twelve for a special purpose and He wanted them to be His disciples to do His work. When He was about to give His life for sinners He told disciples that after his resurrection they should go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything. He commanded them and they obeyed.

Today also He calls and selects us for a purpose. Are we able to recognize the purpose in our life. God wants us to know that we should live according to the purpose for which He has called us. The main purpose of our lives is to share the gospel. If we are obeying the call we will be able to hear the voice of God in our lives.

“If the Lord delights in a man’s way, He makes his step firm. Though he stumble, he will not fall for the Lord upholds him with His hand” Psalms 37:23

*Bible reading for Today: Exodus:22, Proverb:7, John:4.*

### **Day 73: Called For A Special Purpose**

God calls some people for special purposes. He chose John the Baptist to prepare the way for the Lord. John’s clothes were made of camel’s hair. He had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locust and wild honey. His life was tough. He continually preached in the desert of Judea, saying ‘repent for the Kingdom of heaven is near’. People asked who he was. They thought that he was Jesus. But John said ‘I am baptizing you with water, but one who is more powerful than I will come, the strings of whose sandals I am not worthy to tie. He will baptize you with Holy Spirit and with fire. I am just the voice who came to prepare the way of the Lord’ He did what he was entrusted to him. His head was cut off by Herod because he spoke the truth.

John’s attitude was always ‘He must become greater and I must become lesser’. Because of that he was able to project Jesus in his life. He fulfilled his call faithfully.

“This is who was spoken of through prophet Isaiah: a voice of one calling in desert, prepare the way for the Lord. Make straight paths for Him” Matthew 3:3

*Bible-reading For Today: Exodus: 23, Proverb: 8, John: 5*

## **Day 74: With a Donkey's Jawbone**

Israel was ruled by Philistines. From the womb itself Samson was called by God to destroy Philistines. He went and saw a Philistine woman and said he wanted to take her as his wife. His parents objected, still he went there and took her as his wife. His parents did not know that this was from the Lord, who was seeking an occasion to confront the Philistines who were ruling Israel at that time.

Though he married her, he left her the same day. Her parents then gave her away to another man. But later Samson came and claimed her because she was his wife. He was angry because he did not get her and he burnt up their vineyards and olive groves. As a result the Philistines were about to attack Israel because they wanted Samson. Then 3000 men from Judah went to Samson and asked him to go with them so that they could hand him over to Philistines.

They handed him to the Philistines but when they were about to kill him, the Spirit of Lord came upon him in power and the ropes on his arms became like charred flax. He found a fresh jawbone of a donkey and with that he struck down a thousand men. God's power was upon him so he was able to destroy them and save Israel from them.



“So do not fear for I am with you, do not be dismayed for I am your God, I will strengthen and help you. I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. All who rave against you surely shall be ashamed and disgraced. Those who oppose you will be as nothing and will perish” Isaiah 41:10, 11

Bible-reading For Today: Exodus: 24, Proverb: 9, John: 6

### **Day 75: If You Listen To His Voice**

After crossing red-sea they reached Marah. For three days they had been traveling in the desert and they did not get any water. They saw water in Marah, and they were all happy. But when they drank it, it turned out to be bitter. They did not think about how God had provided for them earlier helping them to come out of slavery in Egypt. They had seen Egyptians being killed by God. Forgetting everything they started to grumble. Though God was angry at them, still he asked Moses to throw a freshly cut branch into water and the deadly water became sweet.

On that day the Lord made a decree and law for them. If you listen to the voice of the Lord your God, I will bless and help you. Otherwise, you will suffer of the diseases that Egyptians suffered from. God provided them much beyond their imagination in Elim. There were 12 springs and 70 palm trees there. Without realizing the blessings they grumbled.

“For this is our God forever and ever. He will be our guide even to the end” Psalm 48:14

*Bible reading for Today: Exodus: 25, Proverb:10 John: 7*

## Day 76: Strength in God

Sometimes we think that we are alone. No one is there to understand and help us. Though we are surrounded with friends, relatives, children, and believers the feeling of loneliness will still be there. It can depress and destroy us. If anyone is in a position like this, that there is not a drop of water to fulfill the thirst that one is facing, one will die of that thirst – then seek God. Sit in his presence. He will fill you. He will quench your thirst and you will be filled with the presence of God. You will have that peace which Lord Jesus has promised: “Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. I do not give as the world gives you. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid”.

We might be passing through difficult situations. We might be heart-broken. Then seek Him. God’s presence and strength will help us.

“Blessed are those whose strength is in you. Who have set their hearts on pilgrimage. As they pass through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs. The autumn rains also cover it with pools. They go from strength to strength till each appears before God in Zion” Psalms 84:5, 6

*Bible-reading For Today: Exodus: 26, Proverb: 11, John: 8*

## Day 77: A Repentant Sinner

God did wonders through Samson. He was able to kill numerous Philistines. After that Samson loved a Philistine girl named Dalilah. He forgot that it is through God's strength that he was able to do many wonders, not through his own ability. Dalilah deceived him into revealing the secret of his strength.

She loved money more than Samson. Each tribal chief promised her ten kilograms of silver for this betrayal. She was successful in her treachery and Samson revealed to her his secret. A barber shaved his head while he was asleep in her lap. They seized him, took him to their temple, and gouged out his eyes. They set him to grinding the mill.

One day the Philistines wanted to offer sacrifice to Dagon their pagan god because Samson was delivered into their hands. He was brought to the temple to entertain them. Then Samson prayed to God. Forgive me O Lord, remember me and strengthen me so that I can take revenge against them for my eyes. God heard his prayers and he was able to pull down the temple and kill more people than he had killed in life. God does not justify our sins, but at times He does use repentant sinners.

"Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me" Psalms 51:11,12

*Bible-reading For Today: Exodus: 27, Proverb: 12, John: 9*

## Day 78: David's Heart

God sent Samuel to Jesse of Bethlehem. He had seven sons. God rejected six of them. He said to Samuel, do not look at their appearance, for I look at their hearts only. What was so special about David's heart. He feared God and feared the institutions that God had created for man. All Divine Institutions are here by God's creation and it is the duty of God's children to obey it.

Saul was looking to kill David and David was running away and wandering in hills. One day as usual Saul was chasing David. On that particular day David found Saul and his soldiers sleeping. David's warriors wanted to take advantage and kill Saul. David cut a piece of Saul's shawl.

Then he said God forbid that I lay my hands upon God's anointed one, for Saul is the anointed one. David's conscience was stricken because of cutting off even that small piece of cloth. That was David's heart. If it were someone else, they would definitely have killed the other party. Afterward when Saul found out that David had spared his life, he said, "You are a righteous person. Nobody would have kept himself from killing the enemy"

"He testified concerning him, I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart. He will do everything I want him to do" Acts 13:22

*Bible-reading For Today: Exodus: 28, Proverb: 13, John: 10*

## Day 79: Divine Assignments And Protocols

David and 30,000 people gathered together and they went to Balah of Juda to bring the Ark of God which is called by the name of the Lord almighty who is enthroned between Cherubim that are on the ark. They set the ark on a new cart and brought it from the house of Abinadam. Two warriors were leading the cart. While they were happily going, the oxen stumbled, and Uzza reached out and took hold of the Ark of God so that it might not fall. Immediately the anger of the Lord burned against Uzza and he was struck down, to die besides the Ark. On that day David was terrified of the Lord. Thus he left the ark there itself and it was not taken further.

After some time, David again brought the ark from that place to the place where it was supposed to be — the City of David. But this time he allowed only Levites to carry the Ark. They were the ones who were chosen to do the works related to transportation of the Ark — and Uzza was not supposed to do such works. God has assigned special duties to each one of us. God gives talents to each one of us and we are not required to use what is not given to us.

“Then David said, none but the Levites may carry the Ark of the Lord because the Lord chose them to carry the Ark of the Lord and minister before Him forever” 1 Chronicle 15:2

*Bible-reading For Today: Exodus: 29, Proverb: 14, John: 11*

## Day 80: Jesus Humbled Himself

Usually we all want to associate, and have friendship with, people of only equal or greater status than us — in character, lifestyle, wealth, way of talking, and everything else. People take pride in telling about their relation with people of great status.

Jesus, however, loved us sinners so much that He came down from heaven and even renounced equality with God the Father. He took the form of a man, even a servant, and he humbled Himself unto death, even death on a cross. He did this in order to save us from everlasting hell-fire. If we repent from our sins, and believe in Him, and accept Him as our only personal Savior we will be His children. Though He humbled Himself, God exalted Him to the highest place. As we are His children, He wants us also to have the same attitude — even if we do not enjoy humility. God is faithful and He will not shame us. He will lift us high.

“To the one who remembered us in our low estate. His love endures forever” Psalms 136:23.

*Bible reading for Today: Exodus: 30, Proverb:15, John: 15.*

## Day 81: Pleasing God

Samuel ministered before the Lord under the guidance of Eli the prophet. At that time God’s words were rare and there were not many visions. People lived according to the pleasures of their life and according to what they thought was fit for their lives.

But Samuel knew the Word of God from his mother and therefore he grew in stature and in favor with man and God. God called him. He did not know it was God. He was a faithful boy so he went to Eli the prophet. The prophet also at first did not recognize what it was. The third time Eli said, if He called you again then say, Speak my Lord, for your servant is listening. Again the Lord called out Samuel, and he answered Him and he was able to hear the word of God about Eli and his family – though the news was not good. Samuel walked according to the will of God so he was able to hear the word of God and was also able to receive divine favor.

“For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.” 2 Chronicles 16:9

*Bible-reading For Today: Exodus: 31, Proverb: 16, John: 13*

## Day 82: Samuel: A Man Of Prayer

The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh and He kept revealing Himself to Samuel through His word. Samuel, in turn, was able to pass on God's message to Israel. Still they disobeyed God and afterward they asked for a king to rule upon them the way it was among gentiles. Samuel was heart-broken because of this, because this meant that they had rejected God as their king. In order to show that God is powerful, Samuel prayed to God to send thunder and rain. Thunder and rains came upon them. Seeing this people asked Samuel to pray for them so that they might not die because of their disobedience and also for asking for a king.

Samuel prayed again to God, and told them “do not be afraid for God will forgive you and He will not reject you”. So God heard his prayers. All through his life he was always a mediator for his people and prayed for them. When God rejected Saul, we can see Samuel requesting God to forgive him.

“As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by failing to pray for you. I will teach you the way that is good and right” 1 Samuel 12:23

*Bible-reading For Today: Exodus: 32, Proverb: 17, John: 14*

### **Day 83: Jesus Touched The Coffin**

The day we accept Lord Jesus as our personal Savior we become His children. Being a child of God does not mean that we shall face no problems. Just as others, we also shall face trials, temptations, pain, diseases, hardship, and disappointments. The difference between the world and us is, God is with us and if we trust Him, He will give His peace to us.

She was a widow, and her only son was dead. She passed through all the pains of death. God could have spared her all those pains. But as a woman she had to undergo it all. Her son was being carried for burial. A large crowd was following the dead-body. Jesus saw her and His heart went out to her and He said ‘don’t cry’. He went up and touched coffin. Then He said, ‘Young man, I ask you to get up’. The dead man sat up and started talking and Lord Jesus entrusted him to his mother. We may also have problems in our lives. If Lord Jesus



touches it, then nobody can stop it. He can solve the problems and bless us.

“I am with you always to the very end of the age” Matthew 28:20

*Bible-reading For Today: Exodus: 33, Proverb: 18, John: 15*

## **Day 84: Sin Is At The Door**

Many a times when temptations come to us, we think we can fight sin and win. But most of the time we realize very late that we have fallen for it. Love of the world, love of flesh, and pride of life are all treacherously at our door. We should be very careful, lest they trap us.

Nancy had a habit of buying expensive sarees. She could afford to buy more than five sarees every month. She heard that many believers and evangelists were suffering even for a piece of bread. She decided that she will send at least the money worth five sarees in an year to them. She continues to go for shopping, and somehow other she continues to buy sarees.

December came, she again went for shopping, and she saw a ‘sale’ and fell for the loot. That year she bought 58 sarees for herself and money worth two sarees to evangelists. Human sin is like that. It makes us believe that we are doing something, but we are only indulging in our lusts.

“Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart” 2 Timothy 2:22

*Bible-reading For Today: Exodus: 34, Proverb: 19, John: 16*

## Day 85: Decisions Have Consequences

There was famine in Bethlehem, the land of bread. Elimelech, Naomi, and their two sons left Jerusalem and settled in Moab. The two sons took wives from Moab and became unequally yoked. Very soon Naomi lost both her husband as well as the children.

Naomi had to make a decision. Go back to her country, her God, or remain in the land of Moab. Their first choice had ended in death and destruction. Now she decided that she needed to go back to her people and her God. That was a right decision. When she returned, people called her Naomi. She said she was 'Mara' now. But her decision was finally correct and she was able to enjoy happiness and security in her life. Not only that, she got a child and other said 'Praise be to the Lord who this day has not left you without a kinsman-redeemer and may he become famous throughout Israel. He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age for your daughter in law who loves you, and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth" Ruth 4: 14 The child became the grandfather of David

*Bible reading for Today: Exodus: 35, Proverb: 20, John: 17.*

## Day 86: The Decision of Orpha

We hear a message, we usually make some decisions in our life based upon it. Decisions like, I will spend more time with God, I will pray more, I will give more to God, share the gospel more, and live a more godly life. Sometimes we even cry and

ask God to help us do all these things. After few hours, many of us forget all this and we become the way we were before. However, taking a right decision and applying is essential for a productive Christian life.

Orpha, the daughter-in-law of Naomi, wanted to go with her mother-in-law to Israel. But when she realized the trials and hardships that she might have to face, she did not know what to do. Naomi told her to go and live with her people and select a husband from among them. It was a difficult choice at that time. Then she cried, embraced her mother-in-law and left her. It is easy to have emotions and to weep, but it is difficult to go forward and fulfill those decision.

“This is what the Lord says. Stand at the cross-roads and look. Ask for the ancient paths. Ask where the good way is and walk in it and you will find rest for your souls. But you said, we will not walk in it” Jeremiah 6:16

Bible reading for Today: Exodus:36, Proverb:21, John:18.

### **Day 87: Decision of Ruth**

Naomi, Orpha, and Ruth were standing together. Naomi decided to return to Jerusalem. Orpha kissed her and cried, and departed to her own people. Naomi asked Ruth to likewise to go back to her own people, get married, and settle there. But Ruth said, “No, I will come with you. Your God is my God, and your people shall be my people. I will be with you”

Her decision was not easy. Her people were in Moab. She did not know the people of Israel. She had only heard about their

God from her mother-in-law. She did not know what acceptance she would get in their land. But still she decided to follow her mother-in-law and her God. God honored her for her decision. She got a rich man as her kinsman-redeemer and husband. She became the mother of David's grandfather and she was accepted into the genealogy of Lord Jesus. If you follow Jesus, it might look as difficult and foolish at first. However, God will never allow you to be ashamed.

"Commit your ways unto the Lord, trust in Him, and He will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like dawn, the justice of your cause like noon day sun" Psalms 37:5, John: 19

*Bible reading for Today: Exodus: 37, Proverb: 22, John: 19.*

## Day 88: The Trust Of A Young Girl

Naaman the Commander of the Army of Aram was a great man but was a leper. A young Israelite girl was brought captive to the family to serve them. When she saw that Naaman was a leper, she told the master's wife 'If my master sees the Prophet of the Lord in Samaria, he would be cured'. Naaman went to his King and got permission and visited the King of Israel for a cure and gave him a letter from his own King.

When the King of Israel read this letter, he tore his robes and said 'Am I God. Can I kill and bring back to life. Why does this person send someone to me to cure his leprosy'. The king had no faith in God, whereas the young girl had.

When Elisha the man of God heard this, he asked ‘Why have you torn your robes. Let him come to me and he will know that there is a Prophet in Israel’. Naaman went to him did what the prophet Elisha asked him to do and he was cured. Naaman then started to worship the God of Israel.

“He stood before him and said, now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel and today onward I will burn offerings and sacrifice only to the God of Israel” 2 Kings 5: 15

*Bible-reading For Today: Exodus: 38, Proverb: 23, John: 20*

### **Day 89: Where Were You Gehazi?**

When Gehazi realized that his master Elisha sent the rich Naaman without accepting anything from him, he went after him. He told Naaman, ‘My master sent me to say that two men from the company of prophets have come, so please give for them a talent each and two sets of clothing’. Naaman urged him to take two talents of silver in two bags with two sets of clothing. He even sent servants to carry all that to Elisha’s place. But when Gehazi came close to that place, he took it all to his house and sent the men away. Then he went back to his master and stood before him.

Elisha asked, ‘where have you been’ and he replied ‘I did not go anywhere’. Then Elisha said ‘was not my spirit with you when the man got down from the Chariot to meet you. Is this the time to take money or to buy vineyards and things. Naaman’s leprosy will cling to you and your descendants

forever'. Gehazi went out from the presence of Elisha and he was leprous as white as snow.

“For the love of money is a root of all kind of evil. Some people eager for money have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs” 2 Timothy 6:10

*Bible-reading For Today: Exodus: 39, Proverb: 24, John: 21*

## **Day 90: The Lord Is Coming**

For the last 60 years there were many times that we gathered together. In September 2012 we gathered, though some of us were not able to come because they were in places distant from us. However, when we gathered again in 2015, we knew that one person was now missing from the earth. However, we were sure that she is in a better place where there is no pain, no problems, no tears. We are confident that one day we would be meeting her, my father, mother-in-law, grandfather, and many others from the family who have been promoted to glory.

Jesus came to this world to give us everlasting life and also to make us His children so that we might live forever. If we repent of our sins and accept Jesus as our personal Saviour, we would be saved from hell-fire and our names would be written in the book of life. All such people will be able to meet each other in the presence of Jesus our Lord.

“For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven with a loud command with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet-call of God and the dead in Christ shall rise first. After

that we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in clouds to meet the Lord in the air and so we will be with the Lord forever" 1 Thessalonians 4:16

*Bible-reading For Today: Exodus: 40, Proverb: 25, Acts of Apostles: 1*

## Day 91: I Have Never Been Eloquent

We all have a tendency to make excuses when it comes to work. God called Moses and told him 'I will be with you. You have to take the Israelites from Egypt to Canaan. I have seen the cries and misery of my people' God then showed him two wonders that he could show to Pharaoh as proof that God had sent him.

After all this, Moses said 'O Lord I have never been eloquent. Neither in the past, nor since you spoke to me. I am slow of speech and tongue'. God told him that He was the one who gave sight to the blind so He would help Moses to speak and teach him what to say. Still Moses gave excuses and asked God to send someone else. God wants all of us to do something. Do we give him excuses like Moses.

Then the Lord's anger burnt against Moses, and He said Moses could take help from his brother. God wanted him to go in spite of his excuses and he was to lead people from Egypt to Canaan. "God said to Moses, I am who I am" Exodus 3:14

*Bible-reading For Today: Leviticus: 1, 2, Proverb: 26, Acts of Apostles: 2*

## Day 92: Freedom

India was ruled by the British for almost 200 years. We received independence and freedom in 1947. However, in many areas of our life we continue to exhibit slavery to British even today. We can be completely free from them but still we do not try for it.

When we accept Lord Jesus as our Saviour we become free from the bondage of Satan. We should free ourselves from the sins of lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and pride of life. The question is — have we been really enjoying the freedom that God has given us. Are we still slaves of what others think about us in how we dress, how we walk, and how we live. God wants us to be free from envy, hatred, lust, murmuring, and greed. Then we would be able to enjoy our life and freedom.

“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by the yoke of slavery” Galatians 5:1

*Bible-reading For Today: Leviticus: 3, 4, Proverb: 27, Acts of Apostles: 3*

## Day 93: Boundaries

The Philistines assembled to fight Israel. Saul and Israelites were waiting for Samuel to come and offer offerings to the Lord. They wanted guidance from Samuel as to whether they should go for war or not. Saul waited for seven days, the time-period mentioned by Samuel. But Samuel did not come. People started to go away from Saul because of all this. They were afraid of



the Philistines. When Saul saw all this, instead of waiting further for Samuel, he ordered that burnt and fellowship offerings be taken to him. Only priests were supposed to offer burnt offerings, but Saul went ahead and offered it.

Just as he finished, Samuel came and he asked 'what have you done'. Saul replied 'when I saw that men were scattering, and you did not come at the said time, and the Philistines were assembling, I thought the Philistines will come against me and I haven't sought the Lord's favor, so I felt compelled to offer the burnt offering.

Samuel said, 'You acted foolishly. You did not obey God. Because of this you will lose your kingdom. God has selected a man after His own heart and appointed him as the leader of His people.' Even though he won the battle with Philistines, he lost his kingdom.

"Then the word of the Lord came to Samuel, I am grieved that I have made Saul king because he has turned away from me and has not carried out my instructions" 1 Samuel 15:10

*Bible-reading For Today: Leviticus: 5, 6, Proverb: 28, Acts of Apostles: 4*

## Day 94: Obedience

Mary was engaged to Joseph. Their wedding was to take place after some time. In between an angel came to her and said "Do not be afraid Mary, for you have found favor with God. You will be with a child, and will give birth to a son. You should name him Jesus". Mary said "I am a virgin, how will this happen". The angel said, "The Holy Spirit will come and the

power of the most high will overshadow you, and the Holy One to be born will be called the Son of God”.

She accepted what the angel told her. She obeyed God more than the shame she had to face in this world. It was not easy for her. If the people of her own tribe came to know that she was pregnant, she would be stoned to death. Still she said, “I am ready to obey God, irrespective of whatever happens to me”. God wants to use each one of us for many kinds of activities. He can do so only if we walk according to the will of God, and obey Him without questions.

I am the Lord’s servant, Mary answered, May it be to me as you have said. Luke 1:38

*Bible-reading For Today: Leviticus: 7, Proverb: 29, Acts of Apostles: 5*

## **Day 95: Waters of Strife**

Moses was God’s chosen man. He was the meekest person in the world. The Israelites reached Kadesh under his guidance. They saw many wonders, including the division of red sea and river Jordan. In Kadesh they had no water to drink. Instead of asking God, they murmured against Moses and Aaron. Eventually their murmuring was too much for Moses to bear so he cried to God. God asked Moses to go and ‘ask’ the rock to give forth water.

Moses and Aaron stood in front of the people and then Moses took his staff and instead of commanding the rock he raised his arm and stuck the rock twice with it. God did not want to embarrass Moses in front of the people. Though Moses did not

honor God, God honored him and water gushed out of the rock.

God said to Moses and Aaron “Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as Holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring the community into the Land I give them. These were the waters of Meribah where the Israelites quarreled with the Lord and there He showed Himself holy among them”  
Numbers 20:12, 13

*Bible-reading For Today: Leviticus: 8, Proverb: 30, Acts of Apostles: 6*

## **Day 96: What Good Is The Birthright**

Esau came home after a hunting trip. Jacob his brother was making some reddish stew. Its smell was very tempting to Esau. He wanted to have some of it. He said, ‘I am famished and I want to have some’. There are many things in the world that all of us want to have and enjoy. We need to see whether it is a forbidden fruit or not before accepting it. We all have boundaries in our lives and we should learn to be inside the boundaries.

Jacob said, ‘you sell me your birthright first and then only will I give this stew to you’. Without realizing the importance of birthright, Esau said ‘I am about to die so what good is my birthright to me’. Then he sold his birthright to Jacob for a cup of the stew of lentils. Once his got the birthright, Jacob inherited all the blessings of birthright whereas Esau lost it all.

“See to it that no one is godless like Esau who for a single meal sold his inheritance right as the oldest son. Afterwards as you know when he wanted to inherit his blessings he was rejected. He could bring about no change of mind though he sought the blessings with tears” Hebrews 12:16,17.

*Bible-reading For Today: Leviticus: 9, 10, Proverb: 31, Acts of Apostles: 7*

### **Day 97: Jealousy Kills Oneself Than Others**

In Malayalam language there is a saying that there is no medicine for jealousy and baldness. Jealousy originates from the heart. It is a sin that gradually grows and destroys oneself. When a person plans to destroy and annihilate others, generally it kills himself. Often the targets of jealousy are people close to us in the family, or church, and is not towards outsiders. As a result, if we try to control, we can definitely minimize this sin in our lives. But usually we only wish to put others to shame and embarrassment so as to destroy them.

Reuben and brothers had a terrible jealousy against their brother Joseph. Instead of realizing that his greatness would be theirs also, they planned to kill him. But when they failed to do that they sold him as a slave. But this did not destroy Joseph because God took over it. But it destroyed Reuben and brothers all throughout their lives. Beware when you plan to destroy others because it will do no harm to them. God will help and protect the innocent. But you will be destroyed because of your own sin.

“Therefore rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies crave pure spiritual milk so that by it you may grow up in your salvation” 1 Peter 2:1

*Bible-reading For Today: Leviticus: 11, 12, Ecclesiastes: 1, Acts of Apostles: 8*

## **Day 98: The Lord Is With You**

Moses was about to die. Before his death he blessed Israel and Joshua. He said, “Like an eagle that stirs up its nest and hovers over its young, that spreads its wings to catch them, and carries them on its pinions, the Lord alone led you. The everlasting God was always with you. He is your refuge. Underneath the everlasting arms. So you are in safety, you are in the arms of your God”.

Joshua, be strong and courageous for you must go with this people that the Lord promised to their fathers and you have to divide it among themselves. The almighty God will be with you. He will help you.

“The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you. He will never leave you, nor forsake you. Do not be afraid. Do not be discouraged” Deuteronomy 31:8

*Bible-reading For Today: Leviticus: 13, Ecclesiastes: 2, Acts of Apostles: 9*

## **Day 99: You Need Not Be Hungry**

It was a desert. The whole land was dry and barren. No life was seen around. Jesus had by now fasted for 40 days and 40 nights. He is both God as well as man. He was hungry. He heard a voice: tell these stones to become bread. That was very tempting; a pleasant suggestion. The sound was not from a man or from God. Jesus immediately knew where the sound came from. It was from Satan. When He knew this, the answer was easy. Jesus answered, 'man does not live by bread alone, but also by every word that comes from the mouth of God'.

Here Jesus won and Satan lost.

Satan will come to us in many forms. If we are rooted in the Word of God, we will be able to know from where a certain temptation comes, who the author is, and we will also be able to overcome the temptation to defeat Satan.

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." James 4:7

*Bible-reading For Today: Leviticus: 14, Ecclesiastes: 3, Acts of Apostles: 10*

## **Day 100: Jesus Heals The Sick**

Jesus who is God, and who is at the same time man, went throughout Galilee teaching, preaching, and proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom and healing diseases and sickness among the people. He loves the people and He was kind to sick people. In His heart He knows the pains in their lives. So people

all through the countries who were sick, suffering from severe pain, demon possessed, paralyzed, having seizures, blind, deaf, were brought to Him for cure. Whoever was brought to Him was totally healed. Not only that, He also forgave their sins and made them happy.

Jesus came into this world mainly to save us from eternal hell-fire. For that He had to bear our sins. He suffered for our sins and bore our punishments and He died on the cross of Calvary for our sins. He wants us to have eternal life. He wants to make us His own children. If we repent of our sins, and accept Jesus as our only Saviour, we will become His children. We will receive eternal salvation. Only Jesus can save us from everlasting hellfire, and save us from worldly diseases.

“God made Him, who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God” II Corinthians 5:21

*Bible-reading For Today: Leviticus: 15, Ecclesiastes: 4, Acts of Apostles: 11*

## **Day 101: The Lord Has Forgotten Me**

When problems and sufferings come to a person, the natural tendency is to ask the Lord as to why He has forsaken and forgotten me. The people of Israel also many times asked this question to God. We can see such questions in the books of the prophets.

But God asks them whether it is possible for a mother to forget her suckling child, or have no compassion on a child she has

delivered. God is telling that even if a mother forgets her own begotten child, God will never forget His children because it is He who created us and He makes provision for everything for us. He says 'I have engraved you on the palms of my hands so look around you and see the blessings that have been provided for you'. Many a times we forget that it is not only that God created us, but He loved us so much that He gave His life for us. If He can give His life for us, what else remains that He would not give for our good. We only have to trust and obey His commands.

"As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you and you will be comforted over Jerusalem" Isaiah 66:13

*Bible Reading: Leviticus: 16, Ecclesiastes: 5, Acts of Apostles: 12*

## Day 102: Fellowship

There are many occasions in our lives when scattered people come together and have fellowship. There are times when our dear ones come together and families enjoy fellowship together. We usually enjoy much during these gatherings. But when God's people gather together, there is special enjoyment. It reminds them that they are children of the same divine father who saved us through the sacrificial death of His son. So after our earthly life is over, we will be with our heavenly Father forever.

When Jesus was about to depart from the world, He told His disciples 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in me for I go to prepare a place for you. When that is finished, I will



come and collect you to be with me and you will be with me always' When we gather together, we are reminded of these things also. We will be together where there is no pain, no problems, no strife, no bitterness, and we will be happy forever.

"Now the dwelling of God is with men, and He will live with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death of mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." Revelation 21: 5

*Bible Reading: Leviticus: 17, 18, Ecclesiastes: 6, Acts of Apostles: 13*

### **Day 103: Inside Womb/Tomb**

When a child is inside the womb of its mother, he or she does not know anything about the outer world. Everything, even the food, depends upon the mother. They might think that there is nothing outside the womb. The struggles of the world have nothing to do with them.

When it comes into this world, and when it starts to grow, then only it realizes this one is the real world and not inside the womb where it was. Like that, when we are in this world, many foolish ones think that there is nothing outside. Everything ends with one's death. But, like the infant, after one's death only will we face the real eternity. Those who die in Christ shall live with Christ and they will be eternally in heaven. Those who die without Christ shall be with Satan to spend the rest of their lives in hell. So be wise. Choose where you want to go. Jesus came into this world to give eternal life.

So accept Lord Jesus as your personal Saviour and be saved. Like the infant, you shall surely enjoy the next stage of life.

“Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and light. He who believes in me will live even though he dies. And whoever lives and believes in me will never die” John 11:25

*Bible Reading: Leviticus: 19, Ecclesiastes: 7, Acts of Apostles: 14*

### **Day 104: In The Pit**

All humans are in a great pit. The pit is slimy. Not only slimy, it is simply made up of mud and mire. They are falling down to the lake of fire, the lake of burning sulfur.

However, there is a hand from above which is ready to pull out humans from that pit. We need to know about that hand. It is the hand of Jesus. He is able to pull because He is God himself who created everything. He came into this world and gave His life for sinners so that He can save the humans from the great pit. If we accept this inviting hand, if we accept Him as our Savior, He will save us. He came as the lamb which takes away the sins of the world. So if you accept and believe in Him, you will be saved and there will be no need for you to go to the lake of fire. Jesus is there to save you.

“I waited patiently for the Lord. He turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire, He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our Lord. Many will see and hear and put their trust in the Lord” Psalms 40:1,2

*Bible Reading: Leviticus: 20, Ecclesiastes: 8, Acts of Apostles: 15*

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## Day 105: What Are You Doing Here Elijah

Hearing the threatening words of Jezebel, Elijah ran for his life. He sat under a broom tree and prayed that he might die. He then fell asleep. An angel of the Lord came, touched him, and gave him food. This happened twice. Then he went up to Horeb, forgetting everything, went into a cave and spent the night over there.

The Lord asked him as to what exactly he was doing there. He said 'I am very zealous. Others have rejected you. I am the only one left. Now they are trying to kill me.' He was now teaching God. He forgot that he was once standing before Ahab and Jezebel telling them that there would be no rain until he decreed for rain. He forgot the day when fire fell from heaven on mount Carmel in response to his prayer.

But God did not forget him. The Lord said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by. There was a powerful wind, an earth-quake, and a fire, but the Lord was not in them. After that came a gentle whisper and God talked to His servant through that. God was kind to Elijah. "When Elijah heard the whisper, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said, What are you doing here Elijah" 1 Kings 19: 12

*Bible Reading: Leviticus: 21, Ecclesiastes: 9, Acts of Apostles: 16*

## Day 106: Come Forth As Gold

Job was blameless, upright, and a man who feared God and hated evil. God allowed Satan to test him. He lost all his property. He also lost all his ten children. Then his body was afflicted all over with boils. Lastly his wife also, instead of comforting him, asked him 'are you still holding on to your integrity? Curse God and die'. Still Job did not waver or sin. He said, if we accept good from God, why not trouble also.

When he was tested he came out as refined gold. Three of his friends came to comfort him, but their comfort turned out to be a curse for him because they tried to blame him for his calamities. But Job said I will trust God in all my life.

He trusted God and depended upon God in all problems. God blessed him. He gave back all what was lost. God made Job high in front of his friends and also his enemies. He had passed in his test. What about me and you?

"But He knows the way I take, when He has tested me I will come forth as gold. My feet have closely followed His steps, I have kept His ways without turning aside" Job 23:10

*Bible Reading: Leviticus: 22, 23, Ecclesiastes: 10, Acts of Apostles: 17*

## Day 107: Second Chance

Samson was appointed as a judge to rule Israel and to destroy Philistines. At first he was able to destroy many Philistines. Then he fell into sin. God wants His children to flee from sin.

But Samson was down into the pit of sin. He fell in love with a Philistine girl who eventually cheated him. Forgetting that he was a judge to rule Israel, he gave his heart to her and she was able to elicit the secret of his strength which was from God. He was a Nazarite. He was not supposed to trim his hair. Samson told her this and she got his hair trimmed. He lost his strength and he fell into the hands of the Philistines. They gouged out his eyes and he was forced to make a spectacle of himself to the Philistines.

The Philistines, in order to thank their god Dagon, arranged a big celebration. They were enjoying and praising their god for giving Samson into their hands — the man who had destroyed them so far. Then Samson prayed to God, ‘Lord, forgive me and strengthen me just once more. Let me avenge my enemies’. God heard his prayers and gave him strength. Then Samson pushed with all his might and brought the temple down. Thus he was able to kill more people that day than when he was alive.

“A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick He will not snuff out. In faithfulness He will bring forth justice, He will not falter or be discouraged till He establishes justice”  
Isaiah 42:3

*Bible Reading: Leviticus: 24, Ecclesiastes: 11, Acts: 18*

## Day 108: Cleansed

All the parts of the body are full of boils. The boils and wounds have become open sores, not cleansed or bandaged. Such is the condition of a sinner. He is short of the glory of God. He has

no hope at all. He has to spend his future in everlasting hell only. Like the person with boils, nobody wishes to touch him. Foul smell emanates of him. Nobody even likes to go near him.

Jesus the God came into this world as a man in order to cure sinners. To set them free from the bondage of sins. To clean and sooth their wounds and bandage them. He is totally God as well totally man. Thus He is capable of doing it. In order to lift us from the low position, He had to take our position. He died on our behalf. Before His death His appearance was disfigured beyond that of any man and his form was marred beyond human likeness. He was pierced for our transgressions and He was crushed for our inequities. He then died on the cross to take away our sins. So if we repent about our sins and trust Him, He will make us new and His own children. He will give us eternal life. We can thank God that we are saved by His grace, and not by our merits.

“Come now, let us reason together say the Lord. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. Though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool” Isiah 1:18

*Bible Reading: Leviticus: 25, Ecclesiastes: 12, Acts: 19*

## **Day 109: Boundaries**

When someone purchases a plot of land, he tries to build a boundary first. Without such a boundary, trespassers and animals can enter the plot and do harm to it. In a family, parents put boundaries around children so that they remain safe. If they cross these boundaries, problems arise in the family. Boundaries are not to be broken.

When we accept Jesus as our Savior, we become God's children. God also places some boundaries around us. There are three main boundaries. Do not walk in the counsel of the wicked, do not stand in the way of sinners, do not sit in the seat of mockers. In order to keep these boundaries, we have to delight in the law of the Lord and we should memorize it, and should meditate upon it day and night. If we do that we will be motivated to honor the boundaries in our lives.

"In your anger, do not sin. When you are on your beds search your hearts and be silent" Psalms 4:4

*Bible Reading: Leviticus: 26, Song of Songs: 1, 2, Acts: 20*

## Day 110: A Sleepless Night

Haman wanted to kill Mordecai and his people, the Jews. Haman got king's permission to attack and kill the Jews the following month. There was an outcry to the Lord from Jews all over. Mordecai and his people in Susa were fasting and praying. He had not bowed to Haman and therefore Haman had made a tall pillar to hang Mordecai upon. The next morning he was planning to visit the king to get this done.

The previous night, king Ahashuras has a sleepless night. God's ways are perfect and timely. We usually wonder about why things are happening the way they are and why God is not acting. But God has a plan, purpose, and a time for it. The king referred to books of history and he found that he had not honored Mordecai for saving his life earlier. Haman came in the morning as he planned and the King asked him how he

could honor a man. Haman gave a suggestion assuming that the King was going to honor him. The King then asked him to do all these things to Mordecai and not to neglect anything out of what he had recommended. Haman had to walk in front of Mordecai and declare that 'this is what is done for the man the king delights to honor'. Haman was ashamed in front of everyone.

"Those who honor me I will honor, but those who despise me will be disdained" 1 Samuel 2:30

*Bible Reading: Leviticus: 27, Song of Songs: 3, Acts of Apostles: 21*

### **Day 111: Jesus Christ or Barabbas**

Jesus heals the sick, gives sight to blind people, hearing to deaf, even life to the dead ones. He loves them and helps them and gives them food when they need it. Whereas, Barabbas was a thief and murderer. Pilate brought both of them in front of the Jews and asked which of them he should free.

They shouted that Barabbas should be freed and Jesus should be crucified. Pilate repeatedly stated that Jesus did not do anything wrong so why they wanted Him to be crucified. Pilate was the ruler of that region. He knew that Jesus was innocent, but because of the cries of the Jews he ordered Him to be crucified.

In our daily lives there come many circumstances in which we need to choose between right and wrong, whether something is God's will nor not. What is our standard? If we are living inside the will of God we will be able to make right choices.



“Thought the fig tree does not bud, and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the field produces no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and not cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord. I will be joyful in God my Savior” Habakkuk 3:17

*Bible Reading: Numbers: 1, 2, Song of Songs: 4, Acts of Apostles: 22*

### **Day 112: If I Perish, I Perish**

Haman got permission from King Xerxes to destroy Jews. Esther was the Queen at that time. Mordecai sent a word to Esther ‘You are in a special position because God wants the deliverance of His people.’ Then Esther replied that she was not invited to go to King’s court for a month now. If she went without invitation, she could be put to death — if the King did not extend his gold scepter to her to spare her. Then Mordecai sent back the message, ‘If you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will come from another place, but you and your family will perish.’

Esther said I will go and if I perish then let me perish. After fasting and prayer she went to the king. The king showed mercy on her. She was able to save Israel from Haman. She was ready to die.

Jesus Christ gave His blood and by believing in Him we become His children. Our duty is to spread that news to others. If we remain silent, many will perish because of us but God will use somebody else to spread His gospel, but we will lose our rewards.

Esther said, 'Go, pray and fast for three days. I will do the same. Then I will go to the King even though it is against the law. If I perish, I perish'. Esther 4:16

*Bible Reading: Numbers: 3, 4, Song of Songs: 5, Acts of Apostles: 23*

## Day 113: Good Shepherd

Who is a good shepherd? A shepherd who is looking after sheep lovingly and giving them food and shelter whenever they are needed can be said as a good shepherd.

We have a good shepherd who leads us besides quiet waters, lie down in green pastures. Not only he fulfill our physical needs but also our spiritual needs. He restores our soul and guides us in the path of righteousness. In order to make us righteous and clean he took our position. He gave his life for us so that we can have eternal life. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might to die to sins and live for righteousness. By believing him and accepting him as our savior we will not only have eternal life, his children but we became one of his sheep.

"I am the good shepherd The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. I am the good shepherd: I know my sheep and my sheep know me". John 10: 11,14.

*Bible Reading: Numbers: 5, 6, Song of Songs: 6, Acts of Apostles: 24*

**Day 114: Mary**

Mary stood outside the tomb and crying. Her Guru was crucified. After the Sabbath, at dawn Mary and other women went to the tomb. She saw the stone had been removed and there was no Jesus. The disciples and others went back to home, but she was standing outside the open tomb and crying. There was no one there. No one to see her tears. She did not know that there is a God who is always there to see the tears of His children where ever they are and what ever position they are in.

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Jesus went to her and asked first Woman Why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for? She thought that he is the gardener who took Jesus. She said just tell me where you have taken I will get him. Oh He is dear to me. Jesus said to her Mary. She turned to him and cried to Him Rabbooni. A true worship. She fulfilled her desire. She was able to see Him.

“Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4

*Bible Reading: Numbers: 7, 8, Song of Songs: 7, Acts of Apostles: 25*

**Day 115: Children Do you have Any Food**

After the resurrection Jesus appeared to His disciples twice and told them “peace be with you”. He ask them to spread his message to all. Instead of that Peter said he is going back to

fishing forgetting that God called them for catching men not fish. All of them followed him.

All night they fished but got nothing. They are tired and hungry. Early morning Jesus stood on the shore and asked them children do you have any fish. They said they did not have anything. He did not scold them. He asked them to throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find fish. They got so much that they are not able to pull them, so they called others for help.

What a loving father we have. He is not only loving but compassionate also. He told them to bring some of the fishes they just got. Jesus told them come and have breakfast. There is none in this world like Him. Let us trust and obey Him.

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

*Bible Reading: Numbers: 9, 10, Song of Songs: 8, Acts of Apostles: 26*

### **Day 116: Saved By Grace**

How can salvation be free? Usually people ask. Without giving something, how can we have salvation? Sometimes we may think I do not want anything that is given freely. Freely given things are not as good as paid-for things. So I do not want salvation just because it is free.

The cost of salvation is so great that we cannot pay for it, so someone who is worthy has paid the cost so that we can have

it free. The cost of salvation of the world is so high that God has to give His only Son as ransom for us. For us salvation is free because someone else has paid the cost because He knows we cannot pay for it anyway.

The only thing we have to do is to accept the salvation the God has provided for us. The first thing is to do is accept that we are sinners and are unworthy to receive salvation. The next thing is to believe God So “That if you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from dead you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this not from yourself it is the gift of God, not by works so that none can boast.

*Bible Reading: Numbers: 11, Isaiah: 1, Acts of Apostles: 27*

## **Day 117: Sleeping**

All Saturday night is spent playing games and watching games and movies. Sunday morning we are very busy talking to friends, sending messages and chatting in the Facebook. Sunday even in the church we are not able to concentrate or to worship God.

Sometimes we are even sleeping in church, forgetting where we are sitting and what God had done for us. In order to save us he gave himself forgetting that we enjoying our life the way we want. Media and Facebook are all needed but beware of its

treachery. It can destroy us. So be careful how we are using this.

Around us so many are dying without knowing the Good news which God had entrusted us to share with others. We are just sleeping ignoring others Let us arise from sleep and work for his Kingdom.

Wake up, o sleeper, rise from the dead and Christ shall shine on you, Ephesians 5:14

*Bible Reading: Numbers: 12, Isaiah: 2, Acts of Apostles: 28*

### **Day 118: Number Our Days**

If someone whom we love is coming to our house, we will leave all unimportant things and we concentrate on preparing for their coming. We make us presentable by cleaning our homes and prepares something to give them.

Suppose we know that today our Jesus is coming we will leave our worldly things and will go and share the Gospel to others, we may even take money from the bank and gave it to evangelist or to Christian ministry. We will not sit in front of TV, or internet, or Facebook and won't spend time foolishly on talking through phone or even criticizing our fellow believers and finding fault of others.

We will try to forgive those who hurt us and will regret for what we done to others and will spend time reading Bible and praying and using every minute profitably according to the will of God.

Moses knows that his life is precious to God so he spend all his life glorifying God.

He is wise enough to number his days. So he became the humblest man in the world and was able lead Gods children from slavery to freedom.

Teach us to number our days aright that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90:12

*Bible Reading: Numbers: 13, Isaiah: 3, Romans: 1*

## **Day 119: Humility**

What is actually the meaning of humility? We think that just shutting the mouth and standing like a child is humility, or dressing very simple, or bowing or showing in front of others that we do not know anything is humbleness.

Not because of their words but because of their deeds we can know who is really humble. He wants His children to be humble and He Himself was model for that. When Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Jesus their leader, Guru got up from the meal with the disciples and Jesus wore a towel then started to wash the feet of his disciples.

Now who his greater here Jesus or His subjects. The King is washing the feet of the slaves. Can we imagine it. No but that is Jesus did that is really the humility. Not acting that he is humble but showing what He really is. He wants us to follow it.

“You call me Teacher and Lord and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I your Lord and Teacher have washed your feet

you also should wash one others feet I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you". John 13:14

*Bible Reading: Numbers: 14, Isaiah: 4, Romans: 2*

## Day 120: Worship

We can worship God from our heart as well from our mouth. God wants us to worship Him from our heart. He can know what is going through our heart because He is Omniscient. So He wants a true worship from us. He is worthy for that because He loves us, gave His life for us. He is the only one who is worthy. The angel told to John do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David has triumphed.

He is worthy because He is slain and with His blood He purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation and made them priests to serve God and worship Him, Him only.

The Samaritan woman told Jesus Christ that our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place of worship is in Jerusalem. People thought the place is important. Jesus told her the fundamentals of how to worship God. Jesus said God is Spirit and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.

"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise" Revelation 4:12.

*Bible Reading: Numbers: 15, Isaiah: 5, Romans: 3*



## Day 121: Reaping and Sowing

Jacob killed a goat and prepared it and brought in front of Isaac by the advise of his mother. He wanted to get the blessing from his father. That is a good desire but the way he got it is not according to the will of God. He cheated his blind father and his brother.

He wore the dress of his brother and went to his father and told him I am Esau I have brought the food you asked, please eat and bless me. Isaac wanted to bless Esau so he asked come I want to be sure you are my son Esau. Because of the smell of his elder sons in the dress the blind father blessed him. He sowed treachery.

After a few years Laban brought together all the people and gave a feast for the marriage between Jacob and Rachel. But at night he gave Leah instead of Rachel whom he loved and Laban promised to him. Laban cheated Jacob. Jacob had to serve 7 more years to get Rachel. Jacob cheated his Father and his brother. He sowed treachery. After a few years Laban cheated Jacob. He reap treachery.

“Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from the nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Galatians 6:7

*Bible Reading: Numbers: 16, Isaiah: 6, Romans: 4*

## Day 122: The Potter's Clay

Today when I was kneading the dough for making chapatis I realized that the more I knead the dough and making it soft the chapatis will be more softer and tastier otherwise it will become hard and tasteless. When a potter has to make vessels he had to knead the clay carefully removing all the little stones that hinder the smoothness of the vessel then he had to pass it through the wheel for shaping then he has to dry it in heat. The whole process is very painful for the clay as well as for the potter.

The Lord is the potter. He searches and finds the suitable clay for making vessel for him. He was different in order to find us and brought us he has gave His life for us. When he is making us it is really painful. The removing of stones, sins, is really painful. But do not forget that we are in His hands.

Through the wheel some time we undergo shaping beyond what we want. Then passing through fire oh how can I explain, then a beautiful vessel suited for the master is made. All through the process we as well our master is paining but the end result is beautiful. So let us yield to Him even though it is painful.

Yet, O Lord, you are our Father, we are the clay, you are the potter, we are all the work of your hand. Isaiah 64:8

*Bible Reading: Numbers: 17, 18, Isaiah: 7, Romans: 5*

## Day 123: 666

Now it is the second time while house visiting I met an engineering student who said how we can know that what you are telling is true. I told him that it is written in the Bible that the Lord is coming; For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God and the dead in Christ will rise first After that we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

Then he asked me a question how can I believe that the Bible is true. I told him when I was of your age I told a friend of mine that in the Bible it is written that we will be able to see with our eyes what is happening in Jerusalem. He told then it is all imagination. But we know after a few year we became able to see whatever happens in any corner of world through TV.

Then I told In the Bible we can see about the “Chips” now people are talking about. He was astonished. He asked me to where it is. Then he said the Bible is true I am going to read it and know more about it.

“He also forced everyone small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead so that no one could buy or sell unless he had mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name. His number is 666” Revelation 13: 16-18.

*Bible Reading: Numbers: 19, 20, Isaiah: 8, Romans: 6*

## Day 124: Hammer

A hammer has many uses. One is to strike to nails to fit in places. Another use of hammer is to break the rock and sometimes concrete. Without hammers construction is very difficult. But with this destruction can also be done. In short hammer can be used for both constructive and destructive purposes.

The Word of God is a Hammer. Spiritually it can be used to destroy all the sins in our life and also to construct our life with the help of God. Then we will be able to live according to the will of God.

False teachers can also use this hammer. They will add to it according their convenience and also they deduct from the word of God. God said I will destroy them, God is zealous God. The Lord declares I am against those prophets who wag their own tongues and yet declare "The Lord declares".

Is not my Word like a fire declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?. (Jeremiah 23: 29).

*Bible Reading: Numbers: 21, Isaiah: 9, Romans: 7*

## Day 125: Hope

There was a prophetess, Anna the daughter of Phanuel of the tribe of Asher. She was old. She was a widow. She lived in the temple. She was able to live with her husband only for seven years.

According to the world view she had no blessings at all. She spent her time praying and fasting. She was blessed by God because she was able to look to Jesus when He was on the earth and able to recognize Him. She gave thanks to God. She was able to share the great news to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

Her hope was not in the things of the world. Even when she had lost many things and her dear one she did not blame God instead she put her trust in Him, Him only. All things may change but God never changes. He is the one who is always with us.

“Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and God”. Psalms 42 : 11

*Bible Reading: Numbers: 22, Isaiah: 10, Romans: 8*

## **Day 126: Jesus Prayed for Me**

When one knows that his life is going to end he will call his children or dear ones and share, advise, and even ask for few wishes to be fulfilled. Usually the dear ones make it point to fulfil those desires.

When my Lord Jesus Christ was about to be crucified He called his disciples and comforted them, advised them and even told what they have to do after His crucifixion and resurrection.

Then Jesus prayed to God the father. He not only prayed for the safety of His disciples but for all of us who become His

children. He prayed to God for the protection of His children. We are really the privileged ones. Oh Jesus My Lord prayed for me because by grace, grace alone, I became His child.

“My prayer is not for them alone, I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message that all of them may be one” John 17: 20

*Bible Reading: Numbers: 23, Isaiah: 11, Romans: 9*

### **Day 127: I Can Be Proud**

Job had everything a man can be proud of. Ten children, who were very good. Wealth, cattle, servants, gold, slaves, oxen, donkeys, houses, fields, camels everything. One fine morning he lost everything. He did not curse God or anyone. Instead he said God has given him everything and God has taken them and God is there still so he is able to give him everything he lost.

We can be proud of one thing in our life that will not change, and that is God and His love. Now we can be proud of the Cross because Jesus came down from heaven to earth in order to give His life for us so that we can have eternal life, children of God.

“May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.” (Gal 6:14)

*Bible Reading: Numbers: 24, 25, Isaiah: 12, Romans: 10*

## Day 128: He is Able

When problems and sufferings come to our life we sometimes wonder and say Why God is doing this to me? Why he is not answering my prayer? Why he is not caring for me? Others got everything but why not me?

We ask these questions because we think that we know better than Him. We are not able to know what happens next and what is really best for us. Instead of putting our trust completely on Him we worry and questioning Him. He knows what is good for us today, tomorrow and for the future. He does according to His standards. The thing we have to do trust and obey Him because he is the one Who holds our future.

Not only he knows our future but also He knows our pains, our problems, our sufferings, our loneliness, others mockery, rejection. He know it because he pass through all of this. In order to save us he had to suffer. He did it for us happily. He knows our every tear so we can trust him completely.

“For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted” Hebrews 2 : 18.

*Bible Reading: Numbers: 26, Isaiah: 13, Romans: 11*

## Day 129: I Want to Die

All doors are closed. There is no solution. I am the only one like this. None of my family members and church members do not have problems like me. God is not hearing my cries. I am pleasing God. I am walking on His way. I am serving Him

with my heart what I can do. Still I am suffering. So it is better for me to die than to live. Sometimes we the selected one of God, the children of God, devoted ones of God, think like this because we are stupid and we do not know what God had stored, cared for us.

Prophet Elijah, the chosen one who spoke against the King Ahab. He was able to do many wonders. He said there will be no rain for few years till I said, it would rain. He was able to ask God and the fire of the Lord came down and burned the sacrifices. That mighty prophet hearing the word of a woman wanted to die. He said I am alone. I have done enough so I want to die. He was afraid of Jezebel. He forgot that his life was in the hand of God the Almighty whom he serve. God did not scold him. He gave him food and courage. He was able to hear the gentle sound of God. If we wanted to hear the gentle sound of our redeemer we have to pass through trials and tears.

“After the wind there was an earthquake but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came fire but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah hear it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave Then a voice said to him what are you doing here Elijah (I king 19;12) That voice is today asking us also why are you thinking like this.

*Bible Reading: Numbers: 27, Isaiah: 14, Romans: 12*



**Day 130: Cry**

We sometimes think crying is bad or unspiritual. But in the Bible there are many times we can see spiritual giants crying. The difference between a worldly man and a child of God is when a child of God cry his father will hear his cry and will comfort him. He a loving creator hears the cry of creation and give them things they need. But when a child cries he not only give but also comforts him because in order to save him He gave His own life for him. A righteous man may have many troubles but the Lord delivers him from them all.

We sometimes criticize others that they are brokenhearted because of their sins and wickedness. The word of God says The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Suffering can come in many forms and because of many reasons. Sometimes it might have because of our sins. We do not know about others reasons so at cost we should not criticize those who are suffering. Even Jesus cry to His father when he was about to give His life for our sins. When God made him who had no sin to be sin for us so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. If Jesus can cry we humans can cry. The difference is we cry for our own needs and benefits but Jesus cried for us.

“My God my God why have you forsaken me? Mathew 27:46.

*Bible Reading: Numbers: 28, 29, Isaiah: 15, Romans: 13*

**Day 131: Love**

We often think of saying Hi, or I love you, Or saying I cannot live without you. We sometimes say My children I always want them with me because I love them. These are all part of love. But we should realize that these are not love many times. Sometimes it is only emotion and at other times it is selfishness.

Our love should be without selfishness. Our love should be sacrificial. It should not be not for our enjoyment and pleasure. It should always be for the happiness of the person whom we love. We should be able to love them even if they hate us and do evil for us. Then we can say we love them. Or we have got love in our heart.

Jesus' love was like that. God loved us when we were sinners and lived against Him. We were away from Him living in the way we want. We were dead in our transgression and sin. We were following the world and the ruler of this world that is Satan. We were disobedient. Living and gratifying cravings of our sinful nature.

God had mercy on us and He came to this world and gave His life for us. He loved us in spite of what we are and how we live. That is real love. Let us also try to love like Him. Let us forgive who were against us, who wanted to even destroy us. Jesus loved us so we can also love others through His help.

“This is love not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4:10,11.

*Bible Reading: Numbers: 30, 31, Isaiah: 16, Romans: 14*

## Day 132: Mustard Seed

Mustard seed is one of the smallest seeds we plant in the ground. God said if we have faith even if it is like the mustard seed you will be able to do great things. If one trusts on God He is able to do impossible things. Many things God gave us, many prayers He answered even though our faith was feeble. There are times in our life we prayed but at the same we doubted. Still we got what we asked. It is His grace not our any deeds that we got many prayers answered even though we did not deserve it.

Peter was in the prison. Their intention was to persecute them. Already they killed James, the brother of John. The church was earnestly praying to God for the release of Peter. God heard the prayer and released him. When he came to house of Mark were the believers gathered together praying for him. They were surprised seeing him. They even doubted that he is an angel. They were astonished. It is true that they were for the release of Peter. In the past they have seen many wonders, still they doubted. Even though they have little faith God answered them.

“I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed you can say to this mountain, Move from here to there and it will move. Mathew 17:20

*Bible Reading: Numbers: 32, Isaiah: 17, Romans: 15*

**Day 133: Title of Honor**

Once or more we hear a calling or a knock at our heart. When we heard the knock we can open the door of our heart or we can close it. God has given freewill to all mankind. So it is up to us to accept the call or reject it. If we open the door our heart God the almighty will come and say with us forever. Then we will get name, name of honor.

God loved us and sent His son into the world in order to save us. He died for our sins. At the cross He gave His life. He is God so He was resurrected. For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as ransom for all men. If we repent about our sins and belief that Jesus come to save us. Those who believe Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Not only that we become the children of God. If we accept His call we will get a new title— the child of God which no one can take from us because it is given by God Himself.

“I summon you by name and bestow on you a title of honor.  
Isaiah 44:4

*Bible Reading: Numbers: 33, 34, Isaiah: 18, Romans: 16*

**Day 134: Young Raven**

If we look around the nature we will be able to see the hand of God everywhere. The care and love and protection He gives to each one of it. After lunch some rice is left. Usually I put it in the fridge to use it afterwards. Suddenly a thought came the

night we had the cottage meeting so will have food there. Tomorrow there is wedding so again no need for food and that night also someone had called us for dinner. After two days the rice will be useless, so I decided to throw it out. When I throw it out there came crows with some young ones.

Not I but the God Almighty is caring for the young raven and it is He who gave me the instinct to throw the rice. We can see in Psalms 147:9, He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call. The raven's call I did not hear but Jesus heard it and provided for it. Sometimes we think our cry is not heard by God. We are really foolish to think like that. If He heard the call of a raven and provide food for them according to their needs. He will surely give us because we are His children brought by the precious of blood of Him Let us live happily because there is a mighty one who is caring for us.

“Who provides food for the raven when its young cry out to God and wander about the lack of food “Job 38:41.

*Bible Reading: Numbers: 35, 36, Isaiah: 19, 1 Corinthians: 1*

### **Day 135: Good Works**

We usually think by doing good works we can go to Heaven. All have sinned and come short glory of God. We are sinners. The word of God says all of us have become like one who is unclean and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags. If our righteous works are like filthy rags, what about our daily deeds. We cannot please God by doing good works.

We cannot go to Heaven because of our Good works. So God came into this world to take our place and pay the penalty for our sins. God had made Him who had no sin to be sin for us so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. As the Word of God says anyone who confess with their mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in their heart that God raised Him from the dead will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth you confess and are saved. Not by our good works but believing in Him we are saved. Anyone who trust will never be put to shame. We are saved not by works but by the Grace of God. By Grace only. We can be proud of that grace of God who saved us.

Once we are saved, we should do good works as part of our Christian responsibility because we are God's children. He always does good to us irrespective of what we are. We are brought to be the representative of Him. In our life we should do good and good works. One day when we stand before Him, He will give us rewards according to our works. We have to give account for what we did in this world – our bad and goods works. So it is our duty to do good works because we are Gods children.

“For we are God's work-man ship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to.”  
Ephesians 2:10.

*Bible Reading: Deuteronomy: 1, Isaiah: 20, 1 Corinthians: 2*

## Day 136: Builder

We can now easily see many buildings and builders. They are building various types of buildings and with various types of materials. When we accept Jesus Christ as our savior we became the children of God. Not only that we became builders. Each one of us should be careful how we are building. The materials are gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, or straw. If we are building with hay it looks very big compared to what one builds with costly stones. Each one has to decide what we are using. If we use gold, silver, or costly stones it will not be destroyed by fire. But if we are using wood, hay, or straw it will be destroyed by fire. There is a testing-day for everyone. All our works are going to be revealed on that day. It will be revealed with fire. We cannot fool God. The fire will test the quality of each man's work.

If what we build survives we will get reward from God. If it is burned up we will suffer loss. Of course we will be saved but only as one escaping through the flames. Let us start building with right motive and with right and good material— that is with gold, silver and costly stones.

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. 2 Corinthians 5:10.

*Bible Reading: Deuteronomy: 2, 3, Isaiah: 21, 1 Corinthians: 3*

**Day 137: Free**

Salvation is free for us. Can you believe it? Oh salvation is free. Let us get it. It is free for us. In order to give it free the giver paid a great cost. The cost of salvation is so high we humans cannot pay it. So our creator who loves us paid the cost of it and gave it to us free. In order to give it free He who being in very nature of God did not consider equality with God something to be grasped but made Himself nothing taking the very nature of a servant being made in human likeness. And beings found in a appearance as a man He humbled Himself and became obedient to death even death on a cross (Philippians 2: 6) Those who repent about their sins and believe in Jesus Christ shall not perish but have eternal salvation.

There lived a Diver, whose name is Anoop. He used to walk in the seashore. Anoop, found Anand and they became friends. He had no other friends. Anoop was very rich, he got many rubies with him. But he was always sad. Anand use to tell him about salvation and said it is free. Anoop is not willing to accept salvation which is free. He believes everything, he is also a Christian. But He says I do not want a free salvation. One day Anoop told Anand, my friend, today onward do not talk to me about free salvation, we can talk about any other things.

Days passed One day Anoop said, I am going for a pilgrimage. I do not know if I will return. You keep this pearl for me. If I return give it me otherwise you can take it. Anand said I will give Rs.10,000.00 for it. I know it is costlier than that. But I have only that much. If you want to give it for that amount I am happy to buy it. If not you can sell it somebody else.



Without payment I am not ready to keep it. Anoop cried said my wife died. I had only one son. He is also a diver like me. One days he went for diving and found this pearl and by getting it he lost His life. Do you think you can buy this pearl which cost my son's life. It is priceless, so I am giving it free to you because I want you keep it.

Anand said I will not receive anything which is free. Anoop cried bitterly. Then Anand asked do you think your son's life is more precious than Jesus Christ. He gave his life so that we can have salvation free. Anoop realized his mistake and accept Jesus Christ as his personal savior. They lived happily.

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast” Ephesians 2: 8

*Bible Reading: Deuteronomy: 4, Isaiah: 22, 1 Corinthians: 4*

### **Day 138: I am With you**

One morning as usual Anand went out for cycling in the courtyard. Unusually he found a big stone there. He called his dad. Dad said son you can throw out the stone with your resources. Anand tried his best. He was not able to lift a side of it, then how could he throw it out. Dad was looking. In his mind he was angry towards his father. Then he took a long wood and put it under and then tried to lift as he had seen others doing. He realize that he cannot do it.

Then he thought dad I cannot lift, then how can I throw it outside. His dad asked son have you used all your resources. He said yes dad. Then dad said you are my son and I am your father. Have you used my strength? He realized his mistakes. He said dad help me. I forgot that you are there to help me please forgive me. Dad and son together lifted that stone and threw it outside. He learned a lesson.

In the Bible God is repeatedly telling us He is with us. We are praying, but are we using the promises for our needs. We usually depend upon our own strength. First we have to realize that we cannot do it ourselves, because we are just dust. Second we have to believe that God is Powerful. Third we have to realize that He is always ready to help. Fourthly we have to ask Him.

“Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, he who seeks finds and to him who knocks the door will be opened. Fifthly we have to surrender ourselves to Him. Then I and Jesus can do many things.

“And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age”.  
Mathew 28:20.

Bible Reading: Deuteronomy: 5, Isaiah: 23, 1 Corinthians: 5

### **Day 139: True Friend**

Sometime even if we are surrounded by people we feel lonely. Sometime we think nobody loves us the way we love them. We are alone. There is no one who really knows me. I am useless.

Then we think others do not like me because I am not worthy, others are much better than me. So everyone likes others not me.

Even if we think like these we will not be able to share these things because we are afraid of Society. Even if we share so many will mock us. Even if our best friends have no time to hear all the stupid things we want to share.

There is a friend who wants to hear from us all 24 hours of the day. Not only He hears, He delights in hearing. He is waiting there all the day to hear from us. Let us start telling Him everything, if so our loneliness will go away. Instead we will have a peace that no one else can give. He not only hears us, He also give suggestion and he will be with us helping and solving our problems till we are with Him.

We know that only one who is able can help who is weak. This friend is able and mighty. If we ask Him he is ready to be a friend. Those who believe Him have eternal salvation. He loves us and expects from us that we will also love each other. This is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His only Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

“Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for His friends. You are my friends if you do what I command”.  
John 15: 13, 14

*Bible Reading: Deuteronomy: 6, 7, Isaiah: 24, 1 Corinthians: 6*

## Day 140: Worn Out

There are times in our life we think that we are worn out. Why God is doing this to me. I am a good believer. I try to live according to the will of God as much as I can. Still why God is adding sorrow to me. Why He is not helping me. Wait a moment before blaming God.

Baruch was the scribe of Jeremiah. He wrote the Word of God that Jeremiah dictated. He got a position that so many did not have. He was able to write down the Word of God. Not once but twice because the King destroyed the first writing. When others do not know the power of God, he knew the real God and he was a servant of God. He was not a servant of man but a servant of God himself. As Jeremiah was in the Prison he had the privilege of going to house of God and read the Word of God from the scrolls to all the people of Judah.

He had to suffer because of that. He had to hide. They put him into the prison. They might have beaten him also. So Baruch said as we sometimes say, why the Lord has added sorrow to my pain, I am worn out with groaning and find no rest. He said that because he did not know what God's plan is for him. He did not know how he will be protected, cared by God while others are suffering. Baruch eye sight is very short.

"The Lord said, " say this to him" — For I will bring disaster on all people, declares the Lord, but wherever you go I will let you escape with your life". Jeremiah: 45: 5

*Bible Reading: Deuteronomy: 8, 9, Isaiah: 25, 1 Corinthians: 7*

## Day 141: Blessing

The material view of blessing is different from spiritual view. If we have everything like a nice salaried job, nice education, nice children who are well educated, money, house, handsome or beautiful life partner we will say Oh we are blessed by God. These are all blessings from God. No doubt about it. However, if we lack many of these things then also we are blessed if we are the child of God.

In Matthew chapter 5 God gave list of blessed people. We may doubt about the list. But according to God the Almighty they are the blessed one. We have to grow if we are able to understand it.

Blessed are the pure in spirit, Blessed are the meek, Blessed are the merciful, Blessed are those who hunger and thirst, Blessed are the peacemakers, Blessed are those who are persecuted and Blessed are the pure in heart. God's blessing entirely different from man. God wants us to be glad in all those circumstances. We have to rejoice in God.

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely says all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you".  
Matthew 5 :11

*Bible Reading: Deuteronomy: 10, 11, Isaiah: 26, 1 Corinthians: 8*

## **Day 142: How to Train a Child**

It is command from God is that we have to train our children. God wants us to train them in such a way that in future they become what God wants them to be. We have to train them in such a way that in future they become God and we want them to be. The word of God does not say allow them to walk according to their desires and according to what they wanted to do. But the Word of God asked us to train them the way God and us wanted.

For that we have to teach and train them starting from birth onward. If we allow them to walk the way they want, in the end God, we and our children have to suffer. If we are able to teach them the Word of God then even when they are old they will not go astray. Let us ask God for our shortcomings (sins) and decide to teach them the way God want them to be. If so they will walk according to the will of God. Pleasing Him.

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22: 6.

*Bible Reading: Deuteronomy: 12, Isaiah: 27, 1 Corinthians: 9*

## **Day 143: Miserable Comforters**

There are times when others are passing through difficulties, pains, accident, even death we went over there may be with right attitude but then our attitude changes and we started to criticize them, then some time telling them that this happened because they have sinned. If we are not able to tell them then

when we pray making it point to ask God to forgive them. We think we are becoming very spiritual then but in the eyes of God then we are miserable Comforters.

One day Job's three friends came to say hello to him. Job had lost his 10 children, camel, oxen, houses, sheep, servants, donkeys. He lost everything. He was having boils all over his body. Friends came and sat with him. After few days they started blaming Job. Then It is written in Job 16, that "I have heard many things like these, miserable comforters are you all. Will your long-winded speeches never end: what ails on you that you are keep on arguing.

I want to tell you that whatever positions you are in, there is a comforter, who will comfort us, help us. We can depend upon Him always. He is calling us, in order to comfort us. He comforts more than a mother comforts a crying child. There is only one who can comfort us like that because He gave His precious life for us. In order to save us He gave Himself. In front of His eyes we are precious, precious than diamonds. Repent about our sins, believe Jesus Christ as your savior you will become His Child.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Mathew: 11: 28

*Bible Reading: Deuteronomy: 13, 14, Isaiah: 28, 1 Corinthians: 10*

**Day 144: Do You Love Me**

Jesus showed many wonders when He was with His disciples. He fed 5000 with five small barley loaves and two small fish and the left-over was 12 baskets. He healed the deaf and blind, the dead were raised and many other wonders were performed. He taught the disciples and told them that he had come to give His life for sinners. After His death and resurrection they should go teach the word to all. After resurrection He showed Himself to them and told them have peace, I will be with you always. They had gone back to their fishing. Jesus asked the leader of them Peter Do you love me. He asked the same question three times. Peter said I love you. After that Peter was different man. Today He is asking the same question to each one of us. Do you love me or do you love other things more than me. Where is our love? Children, position, wealth, education, vehicles, houses and all the things of this world.

He gave His life for us. We are sinners. The wages of sin is death. In the cross he paid the penalty of sin. He loved us so much that He gave his life for us. If we want to return His love accept Him as your Saviour. If we confess with our mouth that "Jesus is Lord" and believe in our hearts that God raised Him from the dead we will be saved. He loved us first so let us love Him.

How great is the love of the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God And that is what we are.  
1 John: 3: 1

*Bible Reading: Deuteronomy: 15, Isaiah: 29, 1 Corinthians: 11*



**Day 145: In the Arms**

Sheela is a good believer. She is a good wife, and a good mother. For last few months all kinds of problems strike here. One after another unexpected and discouraging problems came. She did not know what to do. Doubts came into her mind. Does God know my problems? If He knows then why I have to suffer like this. God does not love me. He saved me but he is not interested in my daily life that is why I have to suffer like this. Her mind was full of doubts.

Sheela is also a good and dedicated teacher of a mentally challenged students. Her students love her. One day children were playing outside. Suddenly a storm came. Teachers guided the children inside. But Sony did not want to go inside. She took him in her arms. He was struggling in her hands. He even bit her. She was strong so she managed to control him. After that he was calm and embraced her so she took him inside and soon Sony was asleep.

Suddenly she realized that she is also just like Sony, struggling because she did not know about the storm, and about the caring hand of God to protect her. She realized her mistake and her inner struggle was gone and she had peace in her heart. The peace that God can only give.

“He tends his flock like a shepherd; He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to the heart and gently lead those that have young”. Isaiah 40: 11.

*Bible Reading: Deuteronomy: 16, Isaiah: 30, 1 Corinthians: 12*

## Day 146: Rejection

Children as well as old people sometimes feel that they are rejected by others. Especially some parents who are too busy ignore children emotional needs but too busy to give all physical needs. The children got everything but they will say they are rejected by the parent so they are like this. This is not done purposefully but as parents we have to very careful about not only their materials needs but also about their spiritual and emotional needs.

We all know and experience the rejection by others. Sometimes it may be from wives, husbands, parents, church members, friends, co-workers, society. Sometimes we blame ourselves for others rejection. We think we are not smart as others, we are not as good as others, we are useless. Do not try to blame yourself for what others do. We should not reject others and also should not bother about others rejection. Whenever you feel rejected go to Jesus, He will help you because he know what is rejection. He will not only help you but also He will protect and comfort you.

There was no need for Jesus Christ to suffer rejection. When He took up our infirmities and our sorrows He suffered on behalf of us. He came as the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. For that he was pierced and crushed, afflicted. His appearance was so disfigured and beyond that of any man and His form was marred beyond human likeness. So he can easily understand our (every little feeling of) rejection. The important thing is, are we rejecting the love of God or are we

accepting His love for us. If we repent about our sins and believe in Jesus Christ and accept Him as our Saviour we will become His Children.

“He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not” Isaiah: 53: 3.

*Bible Reading: Deuteronomy: 17, 18, Isaiah: 31, 1 Corinthians: 13*

### **Day 147: Elijah — Do You Want to Die**

Now Elijah was in a chariot of fire and horses of fire going to heaven. He did not have to face the pain of death. He is traveling in a chariot and going to meet the master. If we ask Elijah do you want to die or you want to travel in a chariot he would immediately say I do not want to die. I do not know what Lord had stored for me. I am really foolish to think like that.

A few days before that Jezebel wife of King Ahab said she will kill Elijah. Instead of trusting God, and forgetting who he is, he ran to a desert and sat under a tree and prayed that he might die. He said I have had enough, Lord, “he said, “Take my life I am no better than my ancestors. Then he lay down and fell asleep. Who gave sleep to Him?

It is the loving God. God did not scold him instead, an angel touched him and said “Get up and eat” In the desert there by was a cake of bread over hot coals and a jar of water. Oh we should never forget, not even a moment that we are having a loving and caring God. There is no need for depression. The

second time also the angel gave food and water because he had to travel. After doing his responsibility he is then taken to heaven in a Chariot. We do not know our future.

Happiness, enjoyment, wealth, power, positions, job, sorrow, problems, pain, suffering it all will not last forever. God knows our past, present as well as future. Commit our ways to him and live happily today because our life is safe in the hands of God. If depression come into our mind remember about Elijah in the chariot of fire.

Elijah was a faithful child of God. He lived according to the will of God. We also should live pleasing the Saviour who saved us from the bondage of sin. If we are still in the bondage of sin, repent about your sins and believe in Jesus Christ who came to this world in order to die for our sins, and accept Him as our only personal saviour.

“You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trust in you. Trust in the Lord forever for the Lord, the Lord, is the Rock eternal”. Isaiah 26: 3,4.

*Bible Reading: Deuteronomy: 19, 20, Isaiah: 32, 1 Corinthians: 14*

### **Day 148: In – Laws**

My son became someone else’s son in law, and someone else’s son become my son in law. Same way my daughter becomes someone else’s daughter in law and someone else’s daughter became my daughter in law. Then the mother becomes mother in law.

Nowadays many of us mothers and fathers are becoming more selfish than before. They think about only of themselves and their happiness. Before it was different because of group family system. Living in groups is of course difficult, but we learned many basic principles from there. Sharing is a natural process there. Respecting elders, not only parents is a part of the culture. Respect and sharing is almost disappear from the society. Not only from children but also from us.

So we mothers if we are able to share, treat and love our daughter in laws, they gradually becomes our daughters and we becomes not mother in law but mothers. Treating them properly is not hugging and smiling, but making them welcome in our houses the same ways as our daughters are. Lila is a daughter and Elsa is the daughter in law. Both of them are staying together.

Both of them are working. Both of them one day came back. Elsa as usual went to kitchen and made tea for all. Dinner has to be prepared. Mother asked Lila to go and rest while she asked Elsa went to prepare the dinner. That is not treating equally. We love our children more than others, that is natural, but we should treat them equally. We cannot treat them equally if we did not love them. We can do it if we start treating them equally at our heart. As days go by the love and respect increase. We can have a peaceful and happy family life. If we are not living happily Gods name will not glorify through us. We can do this if we start loving, caring others more than us.

Jesus Christ is a model for us. He cared for us more than He cared for himself. So He came into this world and gave His love for us the sinners. If we repent and confess Him as Saviour we will have eternal salvation.

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility considers others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interest, but also the interest of others. Philippians 2: 3, 4.

*Bible Reading: Deuteronomy: 21, Isaiah: 33, 1 Corinthians: 15*

### **Day 149: Revenge**

When someone cheats us, abuses us, talks and does evil against us, tries to disgrace our name, or tries to remove us even from fellowship, our natural tendency is to take revenge upon that person. Then we are on the side of Satan and not on the side of God. We sometimes want to take revenge upon parents, husband, in laws, church members. Remember that we are not walking according to the will of God rather doing the will of Satan.

Lord Jesus allowed Satan to take his revenge upon the Lord and allowed to kill Him. So today He is victorious. That is how we received salvation. For few minutes we may think we are winning when we are taking revenge but ultimately, really we are losing the battle.

Joab the mighty warrior hated Abner for killing his brother Asahel. So Joab treacherously killed Abner. But because of that Ahab was killed in the tent of the Lord by the order of Solomon, son of David. Do not forget that when we are taking revenge of any kind we are on the side of Satan. As Gods children let us forgive and live according to the will of God.

“Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written; “ it is mine to avenge I will repay says the Lord” Romans: 12: 19

*Bible Reading: Deuteronomy: 22, Isaiah: 34, 1 Corinthians: 16*

## **Day 150: Which Side Are You**

Malchus was on the side of the High priest. The High priest wanted to kill Jesus Christ. Soldiers, officials from the chief priest and Pharisees and Malchus the servant of the High priest came to kill Jesus.

John the Baptist was preaching the message from God. Look at the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Repent about your sins. Few repented and believed in Him. Few followed Jesus and became His disciples. But the multitude was on the side of the High Priest who wanted to kill Jesus Christ. God could have easily killed those men. But God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Day to day life, in schools, college, home, society and sometimes even in churches we have to decide on which side we are. Everything depends upon our decision. We can choose right or wrong. Choose evil side or good side. Never depend upon your emotion or relation when you choose the side.

Peter, the disciple of Jesus, who had a sword drew it and struck the high priest’s servant, Malchus. Jesus touched and healed Malchus. Even if we sometimes take the wrong side Jesus Christ

who loves us never forsakes us. He is there to touch and heal. May God help us always to be on the right side.

Paul the Apostles said "May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world: Ephesians: 6: 14

*Bible Reading: Deuteronomy: 23, 24, Isaiah: 35, 2 Corinthians: 1*

### **Day 151: Where is Your Heart**

Many people go abroad in search of work. After getting job they start to invest it instead of spending it all. Those who are in Western countries invest the money there itself and try to settle themselves there itself. There is more comfort, privileges, security, enjoyment there than here. Thus they decide to spend whatever they earn there itself. For those who are in Arabian countries they realize that they cannot live there forever, so they start to invest what they have in their home country so that they can live happily after they return. Even though their body is there, their heart will be always here. When they are facing problems and difficulties they think that it will over once they return. This is only temporary, and that soon they will have comfort.

Jesus Christ came into this world in order to give His life for us. When we repent about our sins and accept Jesus Christ as our only Saviour, we become His children and we have eternal, everlasting life. We become the citizen of Heaven. Every day we have realize to that this is only temporary. The happiness, enjoyment, trials, pains, problems, sickness, money, power,



education, salary, house, sufferings, and even death is temporary. God is asking us that our heart should always be heaven so that we can live happily and live in content and save for our eternal home, heaven.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasures is, there your heart will be also. Mathew 6: 19, 20

*Bible Reading: Deuteronomy: 25, 26, Isaiah: 36, 2 Corinthians: 2*

## **Day 152: Eyes Of The Lord**

On August 18th 2016 my mother completed her 86th birthday. Some of the children visited her on that day. Actually she did not know who came and who was not able to come. At this age also she got birthday cards from her sisters. On 18th in the family prayer the portion we read was Deuteronomy 11. She became a widow at the age of 42 with 7 daughters and one son, who is looking after her now. The problems, trials, pains, agony, loneliness, diseases she suffered are terrible, but God was telling in that chapter that His eyes was always with her. Sometimes we think why God is not seeing this, my pain. Yes he saw it and He is in control. When I look at my mother I can see the wonderful and marvelous way He lead her and blessed her. Above her physical blessings she is blessed spiritually. She was able to do many things beyond her capacity for the furtherance of Gods Kingdom.

She was able to live a normal life because she had a second birthday. One day the Pharisee named Nicodemus came to Jesus. Jesus told him "I tell you the truth no one see the Kingdom of God unless he is born again. We all have one birthday. But God want us to have a second birthday. First we are born of the world. Then we should be born in Christ. If we repent about our sins and accept Jesus Christ as our Saviour we will become the children of God.

God was asking the children of Israel that you love the Lord your God and keep his requirement, his decrees, His laws, and his commands. They have to teach the children how God had lead them from Egypt from Pharaoh the King, how they cross the red sea, how they were fed my manna and meat. God helped them and was with them all through the time. Today he is asking us the same thing. Do not forget the countless blessings we enjoyed in the past. Be thankful to God and teach our children how God had lead us all these years'

"It is a land the Lord your God cares for the eyes of the Lord your God are continually on it from the beginning of the year to its end.

*Bible Reading: Deuteronomy: 27, Isaiah: 37, 2 Corinthians: 3*

### **Day 153: For God Nothing Is Impossible**

The actions of God are different from man. God is still working in His own ways. We may think God acted in the past but God is not acting now. Just wait upon the Lord and think about the way God acted in your life. We can remember so many

occasion where we receive the care and love and protection from God. There are so many impossible incidence that become possible because of the help you receive from God.

The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas and the magistrate ordered them to be stripped and beaten. After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into the prison. God could easily save them but God's plan is different. We have to trust and obey God just as the disciples did. Their feet were fastened in the stocks. About midnight they were singing and praying to God, and the prisoners were listening. Suddenly there was a earthquake. If God orders earth will easily obey. No one is killed in the earthquake but their chains are broken and the door of the jail is opened. When the Jailer found out he drew his sword and was about to kill himself when Paul said we all are here. They did not try to escape because they know that the God who put them there is able to do wonders and they waited upon the Lord.

The jailer fell trembling before Paul and Silas and asked what must he do to be saved. They did not say take us out of this prison. They said "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved". They explain the word of God. They believe in God. He and His family who had believed took believers' baptism. They were all happy. The next day magistrates ordered Paul and Silas to be released. When the magistrates knew that they were Roman Citizens they came to appease them and escorted them out of prison. God's ways and plans are perfect. Let us patiently wait upon the Lord.

"I will show love to the house of Judah; and I will save them — not by bow, sword or battle, or by horses and horses men, but by the Lord their God. Hosea: 1: 7

*Bible Reading: Deuteronomy: 28, Isaiah: 38, 2 Corinthians: 4*

## Day 154: Power

Every one wishes to have power. When God gives power He expects us to use it in proper way. Some have financial power, positional power, ruling power, political power. There is no fault in having power. But if we are not using it according to the will of God it can disgrace the name of God.

Philip, the evangelist was preaching the word of God and doing many wonders in Samaria. Many who had evil spirit came to him and the evil spirit had come out them by the order of Philip. Many who were crippled and paralytics were healed. Now Apostles John and Peter also came to Samaria. Instead of thanking and believing God there is a Man named Simon, who practiced sorcery want power. When Simon saw the power the apostles Peter and John having he tried to bribe them. He offered them money and asked them to give him the ability Peter answered “may your money perish with you, because you thought you can buy the gift of God with money. You have no part or share in the ministry because your heart is not right before God.

Everything we have is given by God. There is nothing in this world that we can boast of. Everything given by God. The water we drink, the air we breathe, the food we eat, the parents we have, the children, the wealth, the education and everything. Be careful how we use them. Every day we have to realize that it is given to us gifts from God.

For who you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as you did not? 1 Corinthians 4:7

*Bible Reading: Deuteronomy: 29, 30, Isaiah: 39, 2 Corinthians: 5*

## Day 155: Remove

A house was isolated for few years. The courtyard was full of wild grass and thorns. Inside the house was filled with dust and also with insects and worms. The one who bought the house started to clean the house and the surroundings. He finished cleaning. He put special plants with flowers that produce pleasant smells. Now the house looks attractive. Different varieties of flowers are in the garden so it smells good. But at times there came some foul smell that was too difficult to bear. After much search they found that in the corner of the cupboard of the store room there was a dead decaying rat.

When we accept Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour we became the children of the Holy God. If we want a happy life we should also live a holy life. For that we have to remove something. And we have to plant something. If we are willing God will help us to clean ourselves and also our life will be beneficial for many, not a obstruction to others to see our Saviour. We have to remove the sins of our life. We should have fellowship with God and to drink and eat the Word of God continuously that we should be strong enough to win Satan and his principalities.

Therefore rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, and that you have tasted the Lord's good. 1 Peter 2:1

*Bible Reading: Deuteronomy: 31, Isaiah: 40, 2 Corinthians: 6*

## Day 156: Marriages

In some season we can see many marriages are taking place. This season we can see many marriages are taking place. Marriages gives happiness to the couple, their homes as well as all around them. Not only happiness we will get nice food also. God is also pleased in marriages because it is He who conducted it. All marriages are pointing us to a great marriage which is going to happen.

We can say that marriage is strange. Let me explain. A boy named Abilash is born and brought up in a family in Trivandrum. His parents with much commitment and suffering bring up him, educate him and when he is matured enough start searching a women for him. Find a girl Alisha born and brought up in Iduki. All of them come together in a wedding-ceremony in front of God and the church, and they take a vow and they become husband and wife. There is no bonding that is visible for the outside world. But the bond is so strong that moment onward they started to loving and caring for each other than anyone even their parents. That is marriage and these pointing to a great wedding that is going to happen.

By faith and our by commitment and vow the day we accept Jesus Christ as our Only Saviour we become the children of God, get eternal salvation, our name is written in the book of life, we become the citizen of heaven. Not only that, we also become members of the Universal Church. The Universal church is the bride of Jesus Christ. We may be a member of a local church here. It will end in this world. God wants us to

be the members of the Universal Church His Bride. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son so that we will be saved. The day we promise to Jesus as our only Saviour we became the members of the Universal Church. All marriages are pointing to this. This is not any physical marriage but do not forget that we are the bride of Jesus Christ our Saviour. So we can live with happiness without fear because we are precious, more precious than anything for God who is able to do anything for us.

“Hallelujah For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come and His bride made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean was given her to wear. Revelation 19:7

*Bible Reading: Deuteronomy: 32, Isaiah: 41, 2 Corinthians: 7*

### Day 157: Commitment or Contract

Nowadays companies take people (professionals, technicians etc) on contract. They will give some project as contract. After the contract if the companies are dissatisfied they will remove them from their job. Vice versa if the person is not satisfied about the salary they give, the amount of work, the circumstances they are working, the time they have spent, they simply quit from there and then find something they think better than the previous.

When two people come together to start a business they first put their talent for it, then the money they have, the time, in short everything they have — to build up that business. They

will not even think how much time they are spending for how much work they have to do, how much sacrifices they have to make there only aim is to build that establishment. It is not a contract but commitment. If it is contract then when problems came they will just quit. They have no responsibility or interest for the company their aim is always their achievement. Man is basically selfish because of the sin nature. We do not like to be called as selfish but daily we have to crucify our sin of selfishness so that we become selfless

Marriage is not a contract but commitment. There is no "Ifs" in marriage. This commitment is lifelong. If there is problems or not, one is not supposed to break the commitment. The enjoyment of marriage depends upon not upon the things we have but according to the love we have. If we have a selfless love like what Jesus had for us our marriage will be enjoyable. It does not mean problem less, fight less, without debate, without tears but with all this we can enjoy as well as we can have a happy married life. All marriages point to a great marriage. Jesus Christ gave himself for us sinners and for us gave himself so that we have eternal life with Him. It was a selfless life. When we started loving Jesus we can enjoy the fellowship with our Saviour. The fellowship can only be possible if we have a commitment to Him. The day we accept Him as our ONLY personal Saviour we became the children of God.

The marriage commitment is for life long because firstly it is instituted by God. Secondly because it points to great marriage. This institution was started by God Himself in the Garden of Eden.



Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man and He brought her to the man. This is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh she shall be called woman for she was taken out of man. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife and they will become one flesh. Genesis 2:23,24.

*Bible Reading: Deuteronomy: 33, 34, Isaiah: 42, 2 Corinthians: 8*

## Day 158: Revenge

Joseph was one of Jacob's twelve sons. Jacob loved Joseph and made him a good cloak. Not only that, Joseph had some dreams which said that all of them will bow down before him. The brothers hated him and when a chance came they tried to kill him, then sold him as a slave. The revenge was satisfied. But they forgot that God is in control.

Finally when the brothers bowed down before him, he could have done anything to them. He could have put them into jail, beaten them abused them. No he did not do anything. When His brothers ask him to forgive them he said Am I in the place of God. Instead of punishing them he had provided them. He showed mercy and love for them. Because of that he was blessed by God, his Father and also by his brothers. Even if others spoke against you, disgrace you, say lies against you, even try to throw you out from home, assembly wait patiently and allow God to work.

When other heap evil against you, then not be afraid you are in the hands of the Almighty God. You are the child of God.

Not only that, God says that whoever touches you touches the apple of His eyes. God will protect you. You will be able to enjoy the loving hands of God not only that. Like John the Apostle you will also be able to lean against the chest of God where you will have all the love, protection and enjoyment, happiness you need.

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”  
Romans 12:21.

*Bible Reading: Joshua: 1, Isaiah: 43, 2 Corinthians: 9*

### **Day 159: Race**

In a forest in Africa a Deer wakes up deciding that I am going to run faster than the fastest lion or I will be killed. She was able to survive. The Lion decided that I will run faster than the slowest deer or I will starve. He also got food.

Today let us start the day with the intention I will walk according to the will of God. Work hard pleasing Him. Think and talk the way He wants me to do. Hear only what He wants to Hear. So today my intention is to please the Saviour who gave His life for me. He suffered for a wretched like me so that I could have eternal salvation. Salvation is Free because He paid the cost. Repent about your sins and believe in Jesus Christ the only Saviour and accept Him as your only personal Saviour you will be saved and become the child of God. Then live a life pleasing to Him.

But one thing I do forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Philippians: 2: 14.

*Bible Reading: Joshua: 2, 3, Isaiah: 44, 2 Corinthians: 10*

## Day 160: Worship

If we want to have a true worship we need to know a few things about worship. Who I am worshiping, Who I am, Why should I worship him, How I worship, etc.

For God so love the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Even if we have to suffer we will not want our children to suffer. We will do whatever we can to make them happy. But God loved us so much that he gave His son for us. Even he did not act according to the cry of His only son "My God My God why have you forsaken me".

Jesus Christ Who, being in very nature of God did not consider equality with God something to be grasped but made himself taking the very nature of a servant being made in human likeness and being found in appearance as a man He humbled himself and became obedient to death even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

I am a sinner. An unrighteous person, dead in transgression and sin. Live according to the sins of the world. Gentiles by birth, without God, without hope. Sinned and fall short of the glory of God. For the wages of sin is death or in short eternal hell-fire. That is me. Because of God I become free. The day I repent about my sins and accept Jesus Christ as personal Saviour I became the child of God, have eternal salvation, heaven as my heritage, hope and freedom. So with thankful heart I should worship Him because He is the only one who is worthy to accept worship.

With thankful heart we can worship Him wherever we are at home, at church. The place is not important. Knowing who we are and realizing what God did for us we have to worship Him. God is Spirit and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in Truth.

“Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty who was, and is and is to come. Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever the twenty four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives for ever and ever. Revelation 4: 8,9.

*Bible Reading: Joshua: 4, Isaiah: 45, 2 Corinthians: 11*

### **Day 161: Laughing at Brothers' Suffering**

Edom was the brother of Jacob. Edom was happy when Jacob was suffering. Jacob was punished by God because of the sin they did against God. There was empty stomachs in every city

and lack of bread in every town because God withheld rain from them. There was rain in one town but withheld it from another. One field had rain another had none and dried up. Lack of water. Still sons of Jacob did not turn to God. (Amos 4:6).

When one is sinning against God the brother's duty was not to encourage them to do sins but to plead to God for mercy for them. When they are punished the brothers should not feel happy about it instead of feel sorry for them and try their best to help them to return to God so that they will be happy in the Lord again. Not only material suffering physical and mental and spiritual suffering is there. When one is passing through it do not laugh at them because Gods eyes is upon them and he loves them even though they are passing through sufferings so at that time be a mediator.

Because Edom laughed at Jacob God was telling you will be punished. You should not have looked down on them on their calamity in the day of their disaster. You should not wait at the crossroads to cut down their fugitives, nor hand over their survivors in the day of their trouble. We are not supposed to do any harm to others even if they harm us mentally, spiritually, psychologically.

"You should not look down on your brother in the day of his misfortune nor rejoice over the people of Judah in the day of their destruction, nor boast so much in the day of their trouble. Obadiah 1: 12.

*Bible Reading: Joshua: 5, Isaiah: 46, 2 Corinthians: 12*

## Day 162: Deaf and Dumb Girl

One day a scholar came to a school of deaf and dumb. After his preaching he wrote on the board. I want to ask you one question. Why you are born deaf and dumb while we were born with speaking and hearing ability. For some moment there was complete silence. The teachers as well as the students were sad.

Then one girl with a smile came forward and wrote on the board, "Yes God that is the way you are pleased and thank you God". The hope she had in Jesus help her to write those words. She knew that one day she will be able to enjoy with her Saviour and will be able to hear the sweet words that He is going to call her and she will be able to worship Him then. The scholar was dumbfounded.

Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven not built by human hand — So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. 2 Corinthians 5: 1, 9.

*Bible Reading: Joshua: 6, Isaiah: 47, 2 Corinthians: 13*

## Day 163: Peace

If we look at Jesus, His life, His way of talk, walk, and His way of dealings we can see peaceful dealings all the time. He was never found shouting, barking, loudly crying, loudly laughing, vomiting. Even when He is healing someone he never

touched any sensitive spot at their back or beat them in the head. These are all things we can see in evil spirit possessed people. So we should very careful when we see all these things because this is done not with the help of Holy Spirit but with the help of Evil spirit.

A man brought his son who had evil spirit. His disciples were there tried to cast it out but they were not able to cast the devil out. When Jesus came He did not shout, neither He touched at the back or at the head or bark but asked the evil spirit to come out of the boy and commanded it not to enter him again. The evil spirit obeyed. God is a God of peace. If one is filled with the Spirit of God he will also produce the fruit of the spirit. Then he will able to do according to the will of God. God expect His children peaceful in every aspect of their life.

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your heart be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27

*Bible Reading: Joshua: 7, Isaiah: 48, Galatians: 1*

## **Day 164: Fruit**

Joshua loves plants and trees. He had a very special plant he loved. He use to put water and manure for that plant. One day he found that small plant was stolen. One day he found a nearby seller of plants. He went there he suddenly found that his plant was there without a second thought he purchased it and planted it in his garden. He made proper boundary for it. He is giving sufficient water and manure and care for that plant. It

has grown to a big and powerful plant with lots of branches and full of leaves. He was not satisfied. Now he is waiting for the fruit. He wanted to know how much good fruits it will give.

God created man in His own image. But man disobeyed God and sinned against Him. So now there is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. But God did not leave man. He loved them so much that God gave his only Son in order to redeem us from our sins. He paid the penalty. He purchased us by His own blood. Those who repent about their sins and believe in Jesus Christ became His children. We are here because he want us to bear fruit for Him He also had brought and planted us in his garden may be 10, 20, 30 60 80 years had passed how much fruit He got. Are we fruitless or are we with bitter fruits. He had a purpose for us May God help us to understand it and live according to the will of God and also bear Fruits for Him.

“You did not choose me, but I choose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. John 15: 16.

*Bible Reading: Joshua: 8, Isaiah: 49, Galatians: 2*

## Day 165: Bears Fruit

God gave His life for us so that we became His children. We are here to bear fruit for Him. We all want to bear fruit for our master. But even if we try we are not able to bear fruit. Not only that sometimes we are bearing bad fruit. Before telling what is the fruit I wanted to tell how we can bear good fruit for him.



Jesus said He is the true vine and we are the branches. First and very important thing is, a branch cannot bear fruit unless and until it remains in the vine. Secondly even if a branch tries itself to bear fruit it cannot do without the vine. In order to be in vine we should have the nature of the vine if not we will not be able to have union with the vine. So if we remain in Him and He in us we will bear fruit. If anybody does not remain in Him he is like a branch away and withers, such branches are picked up and thrown into the fire and burned. In order to remain in Him we should know the Word of God and have to live according to the word of God. If so we will bear fruit for our master.

“Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit itself, it must remain in the vine, Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. John 15: 4

*Bible Reading: Joshua: 9, Isaiah: 50, Galatians: 3*

## **Day 166: Pruning and Cutting**

Pruning is different from cutting. Both cause pain. But the cause and purpose of pain is different. Pruning is also painful. But the purpose of pruning is to bear more fruit. The plant had fruit. But God wants more fruit so the purpose of pruning is not punishing but in order to have more fruit for the master that is aim of the branch as well as the vine. So if you are going through the process of pruning do not be worried because you are going to bear more fruit for the master. Jesus Christ thinking us, to make us His children came into this and die for us so that we have eternal salvation. Repent about your

sins and accept Jesus Christ as your only personal Saviour you will be saved you become the child of God, in other words you became then a branch of the vine. Your salvation is safe because it is not you holding Him but because He is holding you.

Cutting it is very painful and it is because there is no fruit, bad fruits in other words by cutting God is disciplining you. If we do not bear fruit we will be cut off from the vine and it is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up thrown into the fire and burned. It is not talking about our salvation but about the fruits of us. Our salvation is safe because it is given us a gift. God will not take back the gift He is given. But fruit, it is our duty to bear fruit. If we do not bear fruit we will have sickness of WE WILL DIE. So bearing fruit is very important for us and for our master.

“Land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that produce a crop useful to those for whom it is farmed receives the blessing of God. But land that produces thorns and thistles is worthless and is in danger of being cursed, In the end it will be burned. Hebrew 6: 7

*Bible Reading: Joshua: 10, Isaiah: 51, Galatians: 4*

## **Day 167: Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

Gifts of the Holy Spirit are not the same as the Fruit of the Holy Spirit. We should know that Gifts of the Holy Spirit are Gift from Holy Spirit. Fruit of the Holy Spirit is that we bear when we remains in Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ in us. Or we

can say God so loved the world that he gave His only Begotten Son for us so that we can have salvation or in other words we can become His children. Jesus came to this world in order to save us. He died and he is risen and live in heaven as mediator for us. When Jesus was taken to heaven he told He will send a comforter in other words Holy Spirit to be with us always. It is the Holy Spirit who convicts about our sins and we accept Jesus Christ as our Saviour. God the Holy Spirit came to us and live in us. "Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. Romans 8:23.

After receiving the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit according to His will give us Spiritual Gifts. It is not according to our wishes or our prayer but according to His own will and interest. It is given to us but it is not ours we are the keepers of it. The purpose of it is to serve others. When we are filled with the Holy Spirit in other words when our life is under the full control of the Holy Spirit we will bear the FRUIT of the Holy Spirit.

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

*Bible Reading: Joshua: 11, Isaiah: 52, Galatians: 5*

## Day 168: Fruit of the Spirit

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and Self-control. Galatians 5: 22. The day we repent about our sins and accept Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour we become children of God, we became the temple of God and the Holy Spirit lives in us. Daily we have to remove all the besetting sins from our life.

First we have to get rid ourselves from all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy and slander of every kind and all sins. Secondly by living according to the Word of God . Thirdly by obeying His commandments. Fourthly by surrendering our life. Fifthly by submitting us completely according to the control of the Holy Spirit or in other word by being filled with Holy Spirit then we will be able to produce the Fruit of the Spirit.

When we live by the spirit we will produce the fruit of the Spirit. The fruit of the Spirit is the character of God. When we are filled with Spirit we will be able to show the character of God through our life. Filling of the spirit is continued process. When we are filled with Holy Spirit in short we will be able live a life of Spirit controlled life. Then we will be able to praise and worship Him in truth and Spirit.

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery, Instead be filled with spirit. Speak one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, sing and make music in your heart to the Lord always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 5: 18,19.

*Bible Reading: Joshua: 12, Isaiah: 53, Galatians: 6*

## Day 169: Why I am Like This

There are times we ask ourselves why I am like this, Why God created me like this, Why I am suffering like this, Why God is not hearing my cry. Why I do not get the answer, Why I am not able to study, Why I am not getting promotion like others, Why I did not get a good Job like other.

Sometimes we even ask why my children, wife, husband, in-laws, parents are like this. If you are a child of God, living according to the will of God, Then answer is that is where God want you to be. You are in place because God wanted you to be there and God wanted you to live happily whatever circumstances you are in. When God wants you to be out of that place God will open a way. Otherwise we know all things that happened in the life of child of God concerned God because it is He who gave His blood and purchased him so we are precious to him. God says It is He who created you, He who formed you says Fear not for I have redeem you and I have summoned you by name; you are MINE.(Isaiah 43:1)

Those who are not born again should know Jesus Christ came into this world to save us from our sins. We were under the clutches of Satan. Jesus loved us and came for us. If we repent about our sins and believe in Jesus and accept Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour we will become His children, our name will be written in the book of life, we have eternal salvation and our heritage in heaven. Jesus is holding us. Suppose we are holding Jesus we may separate and go from Him. But thank to my Saviour because He is holding me and wherever I go,

whatever circumstances I am My Saviour is holding me because he has promised that and He will not break His promises. Be thankful at all times realizing how blessed are we.

“I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me is greater than all, no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. I AND THE FATHER ARE ONE. John 10:28

*Bible Reading: Joshua: 13, Isaiah: 54, Ephesians: 1*

### **Day 170: Fruit of the Spirit**

When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, in other words when our life is controlled by the Holy Spirit, we will have the Fruit of the Spirit. It is not written as the FRUITS but the FRUIT of the Spirit. It is not fruits but fruit because it is character of Jesus.

If we have love like Jesus we will be able to live a happy life. Able to forgive other even if they attack, curse, disgrace, say slander against us, try to destroy us, even try to send us out of fellowship, we will able to stand against it without fear or unhappiness. When we have the character of Jesus nothing can destroy the peace, joy, self-control we have in Him. Bearing the fruit is daily process. The filling of Holy Spirit is repetitive process. If we are not filled with Spirit disappointment, hatred, revenge, envy, pride can come and destroy the peace and happiness. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

If we have love, then we have the rest of everything. Love is patient, love is kind, love is joy and happiness, It always trust, hopes and perseveres. It does not boast, not envy, not proud, not rude not easily angered. In order to have the real love let us be holy with the help of the Word of God and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

And now these three remains: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love! Corinthians 13: 13.

*Bible Reading: Joshua: 14, Isaiah: 55, Ephesians: 2*

### **Day 171: Why Should We Pray**

God knows everything we want. He will give to us according to His wishes. Even if we ask he will give only if He want. God is giving even to atheist and worldly people without asking. They are also receiving from God if so then why should we, His children should pray. Recently in a house visitation a sister asked me the above question. She asked me also, are you getting everything you are praying for. She said she is a believer and she will not pray for anything for her because she knows without asking God will give her.

The first and important thing about Prayer is it is Gods commandment that we should pray. Even Jesus prayed. It is also important that God delights in those who obey His commandments than offering burnt offerings and sacrifices. To obey is better than sacrifices. Jesus Himself told an example to teach them that they should always pray and do not give up. In a town there was a widow she went to judge and ask

first he did not give. He was man who neither feared God nor cared about man. She was persistent. In the end he said this widow is bothering me so I will see she get the justice. The Lord said if this man hear and do if so what about God. "And the Lord said, : "listen to what the unjust judge says, And will not God bring about justice for His chosen ones, who cry out to Him day and night? Will He keep putting them off? I tell you, He will see that they get justice, and quickly. Luke 18: 8.

The second thing I want to tell is God will give to everyone including an atheist because God is the creator of everything. As we have love and possession for anything we made, even if it is a simple thing like a salad, or a curry, or a drawing, or an article God also loves His creation when He created it all was good. He made man from mud with His own hand, breath his own breath into man. So we can know how much He loves his creation especially man. So He give everything they want, even without asking.

The third thing God will hear all our prayers and give what is good for us. Many times we do not know what we are asking for. But our Saviour knows what is best for us and give according to his wishes and for our good.

"For everyone who asks receive, he who seeks find; and to him who knocks the door will be opened. Which of you, if his son asks for bread will give him stone? Or if he asks for a fish will give him a snake. If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your FATHER IN HEAVEN GIVE GOOD GIFTS to those who ask him. (Mathew 7: 9,10).

*Bible Reading: Joshua: 15, Isaiah: 56, Ephesians: 3*

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## Day 172: The Lord Who Heals You

Pharaoh freed Israelites after the 10 Plagues. Moses had asked them to free them without the plagues, but Pharaoh did not hear it. The Egyptians have to suffer all these plagues whereas Israel were protected from the plagues even though they were staying in the same country.

After that Israel had to cross the Red sea. Israelites were able to cross on the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. God saved Israel from the hand of their enemy Egyptians. When the Egyptians wanted to cross after them the water returned and Egyptians all were drowned and died.

When they reached Marah the water was bitter and they were not able to drink. Instead of depending and believing God they grumbled against Moses. God again was merciful and showed them a piece of wood and when Moses threw it into water, the water became sweet.

After that God made a decree and law for them and He said if you listen and obey the word of God then you will not have any plagues or diseases that the Egyptians suffered. If you will disobey and grumble and murmur against God and Moses, then you will also have to suffer like the Egyptians.

He said, if you listen carefully to the voice of the Lords your God and do what is right in His eyes, if you pay attention to His commands and keep all His decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I AM THE LORD, WHO HEALS YOU. Exodus 15:26.

*Bible Reading: Joshua: 16, Isaiah: 57, Ephesians: 4*

## Day 173: How to be Happy

Everyone wanted to have a happy life. The first thing we wanted to know is we are special. We are not made just like that. We are precious in front of God. God has created us in HIS OWN IMAGE and breathed His breath on us. Not only that He loved us so much that he came into this world for us. He suffered for us. They stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on His head. They mocked Him. They spit on Him and took the staff and struck Him on the head. They mocked Him as much as they can. Jesus suffered all this because he loves me. Those who believe Him, and then repent about their sins and accept Him as our only Saviour have eternal salvation. They became His children. We are very precious for our Saviour because he gave Himself for us. Knowing this we can have a happy life in spite of many hardships. Thinking about the day we will be with Him forever make us happy. Jesus also was happy because of us.

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart, Hebrews 12: 2

*Bible Reading: Joshua: 17, Isaiah: 58, Ephesians: 5*

## Day 174: How To Be Happy

Everyone wants to have a happy life. We have seen that we all are special. So the second thing is, contentment in life. Any discontentment in any member of the family cause unhappiness in the family. To be happy in a family as well wherever we are contentment is necessary. Contentment does not mean that we have all we want. But knowing that wherever we are God has put us there with a purpose and understand that purpose and be happy in it. It is not easy but God want like that so we have to obey Him. To obey God is better than offering sacrifices to Him.

Discontentment in family can cause Debt by purchasing whatever one see, for example if my neighbor buy a new type of necklace I will also buy even if I will have to take loan from the family and thus we can destroy the happiness of family as well the family altogether.

Learning to forgive and forget we can be happy. If we try to remember about all the episode of the past we can never be happy. Others may have say ill about you, criticizes you, rebuke you, mocked you, did good for bad, If we try to think about all these things we can never be happy. We have a tendency to forget important things and remember useless things. We may remember the time when so and so criticized you. If you want to be happy try to forgive and then forget bad incidence that happened to you.

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world and we can take nothing out of it. But

if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. 2 Timothy 6:6

*Bible Reading: Joshua: 18, Isaiah: 59, Ephesians: 6*

### **Day 175: How To be Happy**

We all want to be happy people. For that Try to GIVE rather than to GET. We also want to get things, care, protection and love from others. We often say that nobody knows me and no one loves me. I am worthless. Self Pity is a sin and it will destroy us as well as those who are near us and even destroy the happiness of the family. So if you want to be happy give – GIVE rather than expecting to GET. Give love, care, protection and things to others you be astonished how much happiness we will get through it.

So start giving than expecting to Get. That is key to happiness. Jesus Christ also did the same. He did not expect anything from us. We are sinners yet He loved us and gave Himself for us. If we believe in Jesus and repent about our sins and accept Jesus Christ as our only personal Saviour we will be saved and become the children of God. Our name will written in the book of Life. Since we are His children He wants us also to be giver rather than received.

“Do good to them and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great and you will

be sons of the Most High, because He is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful

*Bible Reading: Joshua: 19, Isaiah: 60, Philippians: 1*

## Day 176: Coming or Coming Back

There was famine in 'Bethlehem' — the place of bread. Elimelech, his wife Naomi and his children went to Moab, where God instructed not to have any fellowship with them even of their 10th generation. Husband and children were dead. Naomi had to take a decision. Staying there or coming back to her own country, her own place of tabernacle where God dwells. She choose to go back. When she returned God and His people accepted her. Even if we go astray God wanted us to be back, back with repentance, conviction and commitment. If so Like Naomi we were able to bring some one with us. Yes Ruth is coming to Israel and got shelter in the Almighty God. Naomi is coming back. Ruth is coming with Naomi.

“My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for our sins but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1

*Bible Reading: Joshua: 20, Isaiah: 61, Philippians: 2*

## Day 177: Tasted

Usually when we make something, some dishes or sweets we usually taste and see if there is anything short in it. Sometimes if we are making for some special people we will ask our husband or someone who is able to judge for the taste. To be tasty is something good and pleasant.

But our God tasted Death. No one else taste death. Everyone is afraid of death. Even believers even though they are not afraid of death still they are afraid of the process of death. Death is painful. For Jesus also even though He is God Himself death is not easy for Him. Still when He saw us, who are going on the way of eternal death- eternal hell, He loved us so He had compassion on us so He gave Himself for us and TASTED DEATH. It is not easy that is the reason He fell with His face to the ground and prayed, "My father if it is possible may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will. Mathew 26: 26. Now He is risen. He is worthy, our Lord and God, receive glory and honour and power. For you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. Revelation 4:11.

"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because He suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might TASTE DEATH for everyone. Hebrew 2:9.

*Bible Reading: Joshua: 21, Isaiah: 62, Philippians: 3*

## Day 178: Rejoice

A believer, a person who accept Jesus Christ as his or her personal Saviour, can enjoy and be happy all through his life whether he is living in abundance or in the circumstances of desert. For example, a lady who had lived in a house with very few comforts, and living alone after the death of her husband, even though very old had to do all the works of her house still her face was always radiant with joy. She was not desperate with her circumstances in life but had special joy that comes from Jesus Christ who is the ultimate source of all real joy.

Paul the Apostle was a good example for this. He suffered too much but he had a special joy. This joy is directly related to his continued fellowship with God and also to his commitment to God. He had a thorn in his flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment him. Three times he pleaded with the Lord to take it away from him. God replied to him My Grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness He was satisfied with that answer. So he said "Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weakness, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ sake I delight in weakness, in insults in hardship, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice. Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Philippians 4: 4

*Bible Reading: Joshua: 22, Isaiah: 63, Philippians: 4*

## Day 179: Problems

The day we repent about our sins and put our trust in Jesus Christ and accept Jesus as our only personal Lord and Saviour we become the children of God. We have eternal Salvation. Our name is written in the Book of Life. I am a Child of God does not mean I have no problem in life. The problem may increase the day I became His child. The difference is Jesus Christ the Saviour and Lord is with me whatever problems I have. He is able to solve all my problems according to His wishes. The day we stand for the truth of God, we stand for the purity of the Word of God our problems automatically started.

For forty days Goliath the Philistine came forward every morning and evening and challenged the king Saul and the Israel to line up for war or to have battle with him no one came and none had the guts to attack Goliath. David killed that Goliath with the help of God and saved King Saul and Israel from slavery and bondage.

For Saul and Israel victory but for David the man of God the problem started. He had to wander in the desert for many years. Because of him his family also had to suffer a lot. In order to save himself from king Achish he had to pretend himself as a mad man. When we stand for the truth surely problems arise but do not afraid of the enemy because God is with David, with us in the midst of problems and suffering. In the end the enemy who stand against God and His Word of God will be destroyed and the man of God surely have peace and victory in the end.



You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. 1 John 4:4

Bible Reading: Joshua: 23, Isaiah: 64, Colossians: 1

### **Day 180: Think Positive**

Say to yourself every morning when you got up today is going to be a useful day for me. With help of God I can handle more than I think I can. I can be satisfied if I try to do my best. There is always something to be happy about. I am going to make someone happy today. There is no need for me to be depressed. Things do not get better by worrying about them. Life is great when someone is with you who knows the future. And that one who knows the future is your father. It is not good to be down. Think Positive and live happily as the father want us to be. If you are not a child of God do not wait for tomorrow. Repent about your sins, trust in the Triune God. Accept Jesus Christ as your only personal Saviour you will be saved.

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord", and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Romans 10: 9,10.

*Bible Reading: Joshua: 24, Isaiah: 65, Colossians: 2*

## Day 181: Family Prayer

Evangelist John Rayland was returning from Gospel Work. Unexpectedly a strong wind came and after that strong rain fall and then water was rising and he was not about to go to his house which was very far. He remembers that near there is a believers family who are very nice and very caring and who gives for the spreading of the Gospel. He went over there and they very happily received him and they give very good dinner.

After that they were about to lead him their best room. Then Br. John realize that there was no family prayer here. He asked the man of the house why there is no prayer here. He said in our house there is no family prayer. We individually read the Bible and pray but as I came late, children have to study so we have no family prayer.

Br. John said now I am going even if I die I cannot stay in a house where there is no family prayer. He also told them the importance of family prayer. Its benefits if they have and the consequence if they do not have. Both of them were very sorry. Then both suddenly said Let us start a family prayer today. They call the children and they have the first family prayer with Br. John. They said they did not know the importance of family prayer so that they did not have. But they know now and they said we will continue our family prayer both in the morning and evening.

Again I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them. Mathew 18: 19.

*Bible Reading: Judges: 1, Isaiah: 66, Colossians: 3*

## Day 182: I am with you always

We usually forget who is with us. So we unnecessarily worries and grumble when problems strike us. We should clearly understand who is with us. God is telling that He stretches out the heavens like a canopy and spreads them out like a tent to live in. He has measured the waters in the hollow of the hands.

He has held the dust of the earth in a basket and weighed the mountains on the scales and the hills in a balance. He is the God who is with us always. He wants to be with us because He loves us. He loved us so much that He came to this world and gave His life for us. If we repent about our sins and believe in Him, and accept Him as our only personal saviour, we will be saved and become His children.

This Almighty God is telling us: “Never will I leave you never will I forsake you” So we say with confidence The Lord is my helper I will not be afraid. What man can do to me? Hebrew 13:5

*Bible Reading: Judges: 2, Jeremiah: 1, Colossians: 4*

## Day 183: Successful Living

We all want success in games, education, job, family life, social life, church life, and in all areas of life we crave for success. How can we become successful? There are many things we need to have successful life. The most important thing is we should have God in our life. Without God success is only temporary.

God loved us so much that gave Himself for us. Those who repent about their sins and believe in the Triune god and accept

Jesus Christ as their only Saviour become children of God and have eternal salvation. With that we have security and peace. That is need for a successful life.

Secondly, Like Jesus we also should have selfless life. If we are selfish and always think about ourselves and our welfare we will not enjoy a successful life. We have to learn to give, and then we will have a successful life. The main problem that destroy the happiness of a family life is selfishness.

The third thing they should have a goal. For a student he or she must be study hard and acquire what they can according the will of God. Like in every area of life we should have a goal and we have work to achieve that goal. Like Paul "But one thing I do forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead. I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

The fourth thing is we have to surrender ourselves to God. Without surrendering ourselves, God cannot use us. When we surrender ourselves then God will use us for His glory. When Moses rod became God's rod then with that Moses is able to do many wonders. With that rod he was able to save Israel from the bondage of Egypt and was able to take them to their own land, the land of promise.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us Let us fix our eyes on Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith. Hebrew 12: 1,2.

*Bible Reading: Judges: 3, Jeremiah: 2, 1 Thessalonians: 1*

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## Day 184: Are You Ready

They were ready for the master. What about us. Are we ready if we are to be removed from this world? Are we ready if the Lord will come today? Those who repent about their sins and believed in Jesus Christ and accepted Him as their only personal Saviour they will become children of God. They are ready. Graham Staines and His family were ready. They become martyrs for their master. They were not able to destroy their spirit. The moment they were killed their spirit was in the hands of God. They were just able to kill their body which is also going to arise when the Lord comes. Those who die in Christ will arise in Christ. Those who are not in Christ cannot die in Christ or arise with Christ.

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words. 1 Thessalonians 4: 16-18.

*Bible Reading: Judges: 4, Jeremiah: 3, 1Thessalonians: 2*

## Day 185: For God Nothing Is Impossible

The acting of God is different from man. God is still working in His own ways. We may think God acted in the past but God is not acting now. Just wait upon the Lord and think about the way God acted in your life. We can remember so many

occasion where we receive the care and love and protection from God. There are so many impossible incidence that become possible because of the help you receive from God.

The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas and the magistrate ordered them to be stripped and beaten. After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into the prison. God can easily save them but God's plan is different. We have to trust and obey God just as the disciple. Their feet were fastened in the stocks. About midnight they were singing and praying to God, and the prisoners were listening. Suddenly there was an earthquake. If God orders earth will easily obey. No one is killed in the earthquake but their chains are broken and the door of the jail is opened. When the Jailor found out he drew his sword and about to kill himself Paul said we all are here. They did not try to escape because they know that the God who put them there is able to do wonders and they waited upon the Lord.

The jailor fell trembling before Paul and Silas and asked what must I do to be saved. They did not say take us out of this prison. They said "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved. They explain the word of God. They believe in God. He and His family who had believed take water baptism. They were all happy. The next day magistrates ordered Paul and Silas to be released. When the magistrates knew that they were Roman Citizens they came to appease them and escorted them out of prison. God's ways and plans are perfect. Let us patiently wait upon the Lord.

"I will show love to the house of Judah; and I will save them— not by bow, sword or battle, or by horses and horses-men, but by the Lord their God. Hosea: 1: 7

*Bible Reading: Judges: 5, Jeremiah: 4, 1 Thessalonians: 3*

## Day 186: Train up a Child

We prepare the land and put some manure and then plant a sapling in it. If we become busy on some other work and then look at it we will be surprised to see that it soon becomes surrounded by weeds and these have almost destroyed the plant. We do not plant weeds, neither we give manure or water but it will grow where it can and will destroy the plant we plant. If we are not careful the weeds will destroy the plant.

It is same as with our children. If we are not training them continuously the enemy will put weeds in their minds and will just destroy them. We have to be very careful. We have to feed them with the word of God continuously so that they will not hear the word of Satan or of this world. If we are not able to train them properly in the end we have to cry for them.

In order to train our children we need to have some training. A teacher cannot teach without TTC, BED, MED, or PHD. A referee should know not only the ABCD of the play but he should be an expert then only he can lead a play or become a referee. Likewise parents should know, then only they can train their children properly. Turning back I know I am foolish in many matters and made mistakes, and even sinned in training my children. We cannot be perfect but we have to be very careful. Children are GIFTS from God. Since they are very PRECIOUS so we should be very careful in training them and be fit for the master's use. Otherwise we will be ashamed when we stand before God. If we get busy with collecting waste, money, position, houses, dresses, and education even for the

children and ignoring training them we are fools. Before training let God help us to train ourselves.

But everyone was sleeping , his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. Mathew 13: 24.

*Bible Reading: Judges: 6, Jeremiah: 5, 1 Thessalonians: 4*

### Day 187: Rock

One day there was special meeting for artists. All were asked to paint about peace. Some painted about a dark day in that day there was a star, some painted about a two doves sitting together, many other paintings were there.

Finally, the first prize was given to a painting that illustrated a stormy sea, raining very heavily, the water was raging, but there was a very big Rock, and inside the rock there was a small plant and sitting in that plant there was a small bird without any fear singing. The waves were striking in the rock heavily, there was rain falling on the rock but that bird is sitting quietly and singing.

There may be storms, rainfall, waves, dark days but those who put their trust in Jesus Christ can sit peacefully. God did not promise a painless life but He promises us that He will be there as a rock whatever circumstances we are and whatever happens to us.

Trust in the Lord for ever for the Lord , the Lord, is the Rock eternal. Isaiah 26:4

*Bible Reading: Judges: 7, Jeremiah: 6, 1 Thessalonians: 5*



## Day 188: One Penny

A missionary lady was preparing a box for the work of India. A girl approached her and said I only have a penny use it for the help of evangelists of India. The missionary lady brought literature for that 1 Penny and put it in that box. One of the lords of Burma eventually got this tract. He accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Saviour. Then he spread the word to his dear one and friends. Because of that 1 Penny almost 1500 people accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior. They became the member of the body of Christ. Nothing is impossible for God if we are available God can use us in different way which we do not know. So commit our life to our God and lead a life worthy of his calls so that God can use you.

When Jesus was in the world he looked and saw rich putting gifts into temple treasury. A poor widow also put two small coins. He said this poor widow has put more than others. How can that possible. How we are giving is more important than what we are giving. If we are giving in order to show to others or to achieve something then God will not able to use that for His glory. God is able to use us and our little things if we are able to give with faith, love, compassion and give sacrificially.

“All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth: but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on. Luke 21: 4.

*Bible Reading: Judges: 8, Jeremiah: 7, 2 Thessalonians: 1*

## Day 189: Protection

Those who trust God will not be ashamed. In time of their need God will protect them. He is the rock, the fortress, the deliverer, the shield, and one can always take refuge in Him. Everywhere else we have the protection as we have in Him.

There was a hen, she was not very attractive but she was brave. She laid eggs and from them came so many chicks. She proudly protected them. In that house there was a dog. He did not like the hen or her chicks. He wanted at least to devour one of the chicks to show his vigour and power. He was always bound when the chicken were out. One day he got a chance and he was out. He charged straight to the hen and her children but she bravely stood against the dog. She bravely fought him. The dog's teeth sank into her body and lifted her and was about to carry her away. The man of house came and beat the dog and saved her from the dog. The hen lay immobile for few days. But her children were safe. After few days she was out with his chicks searching and giving food as usual. God's word chooses hen to illustrate His love to us. But sometimes we do not want to have his protection and wandered away. How great is goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you which you bestow in the sight of men on those take refuge in you. Psalms 31: 19

"How often I have longed to gather your children together, as hen gather her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing Mathew 23: 37.

*Bible Reading: Judges: 9, Jeremiah: 8, 2 Thessalonians:2*

## Day 190: Peace

What is really meant by peace? How can we have peace? What could make you peaceful? Do we think a change in our husband, our mother-in-law, son, daughter, daughter-in-law, son-in-law can change the situations in our life so we can have peace? Or some wealth, money, car, house, dresses, comfort can give peace? Or do you think the marriage of the children. Or healing of sickness. Or even a mind free from worries and problems. No not at all. These all things are necessary for our life to an extent but these things cannot give peace in our life.

Real peace we can get only from the CROSS. God himself is the answer to every human problems. He is our peace. It does not mean we shall have no problems, tears, sufferings, lacking, hardships in our life. But if we are able to live a spirit filled life we will have the peace that God promised to us. If you want peace in your life, first repent about your sins, believe in Jesus Christ and then accept Jesus Christ as your only Lord and Saviour you will be saved and become His children. Then live according the will of God. To live according to the will of God we should be filled with the Spirit. Then we have the peace that is the fruit of the Spirit.

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you, I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14: 27.

*Bible Reading: Judges: 10, Jeremiah: 9, 2 Thessalonians: 3*

**Day 191: Fear**

God said “Fear not for I have redeemed you not only that I have summoned you by name and YOU ARE MINE. If we are of God then why should we fear about man, about tomorrow, problems and anything that comes on our way, Almighty God is with us and is able to take care of us. For He is the Lord our God. When we repent about our sins and trust in Jesus Christ and accept Him as our only Saviour we become His children, our name will be written in the book of life. Not only that, He said He said he is going to prepare a place for us. So there is no need for to fear. We should understand that Fear is not from God but from Satan.

Second thing, God said Fear of man will prove to be a snare but whoever trust in the Lord is kept safe. Fear of man is a trap so we have to move away from it. We should not fall into that trap. We do many things in our life to please man in other words because we fear man. “If I am like this what will others think”. There is no use to try to please people. Because we will not be able to please them. Today may be we can please but tomorrow if there is a simple disagreement then everything will turn upside down. God said pleasing men fearing men is snare or a trap so do not fear people. But fear God and please Him.

Third thing about Fear is do not fear because God is in control. Fear comes as roaring lion but realize that nothing can done to us because everything is controlled by God. The one who is in us is greater than the one who is in the world. We are from God.

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. 2 Timothy 1:7.

*Bible Reading: Judges: 11, Jeremiah: 10, 1 Timothy: 1*

## Day 192: Worry

God commanded us not to worry so if we worry the first thing we should know is it is a Sin against Gods commandment. Second thing is by worrying we are telling that our God is not able to do this for me. In other words we are not trusting in God rather we are depending on oneself. Thirdly God said if you worry there is no use because by worrying you cannot do anything. All is controlled by God so if you worry or not nothing is going to happen.

Usually one worries for the future. The mind that is anxious about the future is miserable and by worrying it affects our mental life and gradually affects our health also. So it robs our physical, mental and spiritual life. That is reason God said do not worry. God is giving food, shelter for even birds of the air even though they do not sow or reap or store. God asked us to look to lilies of the field they do not labour or spin still they were dressed more graciously than King Solomon. If God will give whatever for lilies, sparrows, crows, birds then how much more he will give to us so do not worry we are His children brought by His blood. He will care for us.

If we are not born again then we have to worry about our future. If our name is not written in the book of life then we will go to hell and we are bound to spend our eternity there.

So then we have to worry. But there is no need for worry because God opened the way. He said I am the way, the truth and the life. So believe in Him. Repent about your sins and accept Jesus Christ as your only God and Saviour you will have eternal salvation, you will be born-again because before you are son of devil when you accept Jesus as your Saviour you will become Gods children and your name will be written in the book of life then there is no need for you to worry.

Do not be anxious about anything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6

*Bible Reading: Judges: 12, Jeremiah: 11, 1 Timothy: 2*

### Day 193: Letter

Ronny is a good student as well as a good believer. His main problem is he worries about everything. He is staying in a hostel and studying. He worries about his parents who are far. During exams season he is always sick because of his worry. He worries about his friends, his teachers and everything. He usually wrote these things to his mother.

His mother wrote "Son, anyway you wanted to worry about something. So today onward I recommend you to take care of the next MINUTE in your own life. If you do so, the next HOUR will take care of itself. Try it." So minute after minute he started to do his duty and responsibility with trusting God, gradually he is able to overcome the sin of worry.

So do not worry, saying , What shall we eat? Or What shall we wear? For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. Mathew 6:31.

*Bible Reading: Judges:13, Jeremiah:12, 1 Timothy:3*

### **Day 194: Do Not Judge Others**

Judging others is very dangerous. It is not only a sin but also it can make us miserable. God's commandment is that we should not judge others. What happens if we judge others? Oh we will be judged accordingly. In other word even if we judge someone in mind, through words and through deed the same measure we are judging others God who knows everything will measure us and then judge us. So judging others is very dangerous, May God help us not to indulge in this sin.

When we have the habit of judging others then we will not be able to see the mistakes and sins in our own life. Rather it became habit to see the small mistakes of others. Why we are not able to see our mistakes is even if we are sitting before the word of God, the mirror we will only see the mistakes of others. Even if they are preaching the Word of God they will not be able to preach the Word of God rather they preach about the sins of others. That is very dangerous. We may have suffer the consequence of what we are doing. They are thinking that they

are telling the truth so others will repent and come back. But if I am person of judging others rather than me, my preaching will be the word of mine not of the Word of God which only is able to change others.

Two people have eye problem. One of them said I do not have much pain, I do not think I have any problem. But you have problem so I will cure you. He is not able to do anything but he thought he had cured the other. Why he had no pain and the other had pain is because in his eyes there is big log. When it was dust it irritated him and had given him pain. He ignore the dust and now it has become a log, so there is no pain. First time a believer sins the Holy Spirit pricks him, convinces him he will be able to hear the sound of Holy Spirit in Him. But ignoring the sound if we continue to sin the place is hardened and he will not be able to know the prick of the Holy Spirit. His heart is hardened. Then he will be able to see the mistakes of others and not of him. The other had only a dust so it is paining and irritating, so he wanted it be removed. If with the help of God and the Word of God able to remove then it will not grow into a log.

“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye. Mathew 7:

*Bible Reading: Judges:14, 15, Jeremiah:13, 1 Timothy:4*



## Day 195: Obey the Word of God

We read, meditate, and even memorize the word of God. It all is nice. But God wants something more than that He want us to obey the Word of God. Just knowing the word of God is not enough. Anyone who has little brain can learn, and memorize the Word of God. But obeying the word of God we have to believe the Word of God then only we will be able to practice it in our life. Lord Jesus who being in very nature of God did not consider equality with God humbled himself to a man and became obedient to death even death on the cross. He did it in order to save sinners like us. We are sinners. The wages of sin is death or eternal hell-fire. In order to save from that he died for us. Those who Belief in Jesus Christ and repent about their sins and accept Jesus Christ as our only Saviour and Lord will have eternal Life.

Anyone who listen to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and after looking at himself goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. James 1:22

*Bible Reading: Judges: 16, Jeremiah: 14, 1 Timothy: 5*

## Day 196: Laughing at Brother's Suffering

Edom was the brother of Jacob. Edom was happy when Jacob was suffering. Jacob was punished by God because of the sin they did against God. There was empty stomachs in every city and lack of bread in every town because God withheld rain

from them. There was rain in one town but withheld it from another. One field had rain another had none and dried up. Lack of water. Still sons of Jacob did not turn to God. (Amos 4:6)

When a person is sinning against God the brother's duty was not to encourage them to do sins but to plead to God for mercy for them. When they are punished the brothers should not feel happy about it instead of feel sorry for them and try their level best to help them to return to God so that they will be happy in the Lord again. Not only material suffering physical and mental and spiritual suffering is there. When one is passing through it do not laugh at them because Gods eyes is upon them and he loves them even though they are passing through sufferings so at that time be a mediator.

Because Edom laughed at Jacob God was telling you will be punished. You should not have look down on them on their calamity in the day of their disaster. You should not wait at the crossroads to cut down their fugitives, nor hand over their survivors in the day of their trouble. We are not supposed to do any harm to others even if they harm us mentally, spiritually, psychologically.

“You should not look down on your brother in the day of his misfortune nor rejoice over the people of Judah in the day of their destruction, nor boast so much in the day of their trouble. Obadiah 1: 12.

*Bible Reading: Judges: 17, Jeremiah: 15, 1 Timothy: 6*

## Day 197: God is alive

One day DL Moody was sitting sadly. His wife entered the house after some work outside. Seeing her husband sad, gloomy, and depressed face she went inside the room and then dressed in dark colour clothes and come to the room where Moody was sitting. Seeing the dark dress, in England they use to wear dark colour dress only when someone is dead. So, He asked who died, where are you going? She said MOODY'S God is dead. Moody got up with enthusiasm and happiness said No my God never Dies. He lives. And he with me.

God has said Never will I leave you never will I forsake you. So we say with confidence The Lord is my helper I will not be afraid What can man do to me.—Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrew 13: 5, 8.

*Bible Reading: Judges: 18, Jeremiah: 16, 2 Timothy: 1*

## Day 198: End of Glory

An artist who painted the corpse of a very wealthy man entitled it as So Passes the Glory of a Man.

If you are not saved, if you are a not a child of God, if your name is not written in the book of life then your life is a waste. When that person dies really it is like the artist writes here goes the glory of man. If you repent about your sine, belief in Jesus Christ and accept Jesus Christ as your only personal Lord and Saviour you will be saved. Then you will live with God after death'. If you are able to live according to the will of

God pleasing him and doing good works then you will have reward when you stand before God.

For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. 2 Corinthians 5: 10

*Bible Reading: Judges: 19, Jeremiah: 17, 2 Timothy: 2*

### **Day 199: Substitute**

When we are not able to give what we should give then we usually substitute it with other things. For example Dan promised His son Den that if he passed 10th with A+ in all subjects then He will take the whole family to tour to Dubai. Den work hard and got a A+ in every subject but his dad was not able to fulfill the promise because of the sudden catastrophe in the family. Then Dan told to his son that he will buy a bike for him as a substitute. His son knew the circumstances and agreed with it and he happily received the substitute that is a bike.

We sometimes try to substitute for God also. We try to substitute with giving some money to the church instead of spending time with God. God want us to love Him with all our heart. Instead of loving him we offer some other things.

We think that God is also like us. Do not try to substitute God's Love, God's care, God's power, God's greatness. He will not give His glory to none so do not try to substitute.

For my own sake, for my own sake, I do this. How can I let myself be defamed. I will not yield my glory to another. Isaiah 48: 11

*Bible Reading: Judges: 20, Jeremiah: 18, 2 Timothy: 3*

## Day 200: Training Our Children

Children are special gifts from God. We parents are the most suitable for our children that is the reason God gave them to us. For children also their parent are the most suitable parent for them that is the reason why you are born to that set of parents. So neither parents, nor children have choice for selecting. Children are special, precious gifts given to us from God. It is not our choice but according to His will He is giving his gifts which is most suitable for us. So be sure about it and train them the way God wanted to train them. They are not ours but they are given to us in order to nurture them and train them the way God Almighty wanted so that God can use them for His Glory. Remember we are just Stewards. And God expects us when he gave the precious children in our hands that we should be Best Stewards for our master.

At least few things we have to train, teach our children. Few of them are, salvation, baptism, Lords supper, fellowship, Humility, Reading of the Word of God, Prayer, Fear of God. Living without fear of man, To give to God, to love God and man, Obedience, and good works. In order to train them these things first and foremost thing is we have to practice at least these things in our life so that we can train them. When I think the way I try to teach them and train them there are many mistakes and sins I have commit. But God is still on the throne to forgive and to bless. So those who have children with you try to train them according to what God expects from us. Let us examine our self and commit our life to God. Let us be good stewards.

Sons are a heritage from the Lord, Children a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of warrior are sons born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them, they will not be put to shame when they contend with their enemies in the gate. Psalms 127: 3-5.

*Bible Reading: Judges: 21, Jeremiah: 19, 2 Timothy: 4*

### **Day 201: To Give Little Comfort**

We, I, always think about little problems, little suffering, little wants, little illness, little threats of mine or ours only. But if we look around there are so many who are suffering because lack of care, wealth, illness. We normally forget them and only think about ourselves and our children then may be about our church member.

Apostle Paul was telling he had many kinds of problems. Problems from outside and also from inside. Not only that he had no rest because of the harassment by others and conflict with outsiders. He got comfort by the coming of Titus and the care and love the church of Corinth showered upon him. Like Titus let us be comforters. God wants us to be comforters. Even though we may not be able to do much may God help us to do what God expect from and do what we can.

But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus and not only by his coming but also the comfort you had given him. 2 Corinthians 7: 10.

*Bible Reading: Ruth: 1, 2, Jeremiah: 20, Titus: 1*

## Day 202: Spreading the Good News

Hudson Taylor was preaching in a village in China. He went there as a missionary and was able to spread the news of Jesus Christ to people of China. One man accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior.

Then he asked this question to Hudson Taylor. OUR FOREFATHERS DIED WITHOUT CHRIST BECAUSE THEY DID NOT KNOW ABOUT JESUS CHRIST. Why did you not come earlier? Why this good news did not reach us before.

Today I asked this question to myself. In and around me there are lot of people going to eternity without Christ. We are sitting and enjoying our life today. One day we have to reply to this question. Why did you not tell this Good news before so that I also receive Jesus Christ as my Savior?

Yet when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, for I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel. If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. 1 Corinthians 9: 16.

*Bible Reading: Ruth: 3, 4, Jeremiah: 21, Titus: 2*

## Day 203: Refiner and Purifier

A boy had no job. Finally a silversmith was ready to give that boy a Job. The silversmith put the silver into fire and he saw the impurities melting down. Again and again the silversmith put the silver into the fire. Then suddenly the silver smith said

now the silver was pure. The boy was not able to understand it. He asked sir how you are able to know the silver is pure. The gold Smith said when my face is seen clearly in the silver then I can say the silver is pure. You were sitting aside and watching from a distance only. But you have to sit in front the fire then only you will be able to see your face in it. Shortly you also have to suffer the heat and the pain then only you can see it.

When we are passing through problems, pains, suffering, diseases, death, hunger, thirst, hardship, then others will sit beside us and say God will help you be comforted. That's all they can do. Even your loved ones sometimes ignore you when you are passing through problems. But God will be sitting with you all the times whatever circumstances you are passing. He will be with you. He will not leave you not even for a moment. So put your trust on Him. Only on Him who able to help you. If you have not become the child of God then repent about your sins. Trust in Jesus Christ who came into this world in order to die for your sins and resurrected into heaven. Accept Him as your only personal Lord and Savior and you will be saved. Your name will be written in the Book of Life. You will become Gods child.

For he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness. Malachi 3:3

*Bible Reading: 1 Samuel: 1, Jeremiah: 22, Titus: 3*



## Day 204: Coin

When we got a coin we have to decide how, for what, we have to spend it. When we spend it then we cannot take it back. That coin is gone. Even if we want to have it we cannot have it because we have already spent it.

LIFE IS ALSO LIKE A COIN YOU CAN SPEND IT ANYWAY YOU WISH BUT YOU CAN SPEND IT ONLY ONCE.

Decide how you spend your life, first decide you want to spend it with Christ or without Christ. Then with Christ how you are planning to spend it. Going after the pleasures of this world or spend it for the glory of God and according to the will of God. You only can decide it. Life is like a coin. When spend we cannot get it back. But you have to give account for all you did it with one day.

Will your courage endure or your hands be strong in the day I deal with you? I the Lord have spoken, and I will do it. Ezekiel 22: 14

*Bible Reading: 1 Samuel: 2, Jeremiah: 23, Philemon: 1*

## Day 205: How to Train a Child

It is command from God is that we have to train our children. God wants us to train them. We have to train them in such a way that in future they become children of God and what we want them to be.

The word of God does not say allow them to walk according to their desires and according to what they wanted to do. But the Word of God asked us to train them the way God and us wanted. For that we have to teach and train them starting from birth onward.

If we allow them to walk the way they want, in the end they will leave God. Then we and our children have to suffer. If we are able to teach them the Word of God then even when they are old they will not go astray.

Let us ask God for our shortcomings (sins) and decide to teach them the way God want them to be. If so they will walk according to the will of God. Pleasing Him.

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22: 6.

*Bible Reading: 1 Samuel: 3, Jeremiah: 24, Hebrew: 1*

## **Day 206: Bad Training**

We parent are commanded by God to train our children according the Word of God and according the will of God. From morning till evening we are giving them some kind of training. Good or bad. They are watching and trying to follow the parents. Not only by words but by deeds are training them. The way we sit, talk, walk, read, watch, behave all of them are watched by our children. We sometimes think Oh they are children they do not know anything. It is not like that. Today my daughter Asha was telling that she remembers every place she had gone from the age of three. We parents made mistakes

and sins. But do not forget our children are seeing them and following us. God has given us children as gifts and expect us to train them for His glory.

One day a fellow was about to be hanged. He was asked what his last wish was. He said he wanted to see his mother and wanted to talk to her. That was his last desire. The mother was very happy even though she was heartbroken that her son was about to be hanged. The mother was brought near him. He bent near her ear and then bit her ear in such way that it was removed. The judge asked why you bit your mother's ear. The son replied I used to bring stolen pencils and rubber from the school. I told it to her she never discouraged me or scold me for that. She always acted as if I were doing a great thing. If she had scolded me the first time, I should not have be a thief nor I have killed while I was stealing. So actually the punishment should have been given to my mom and because of her, today I am going to be hanged.

Because you have ignored the law of your God, I will also ignore your children. Hosea 4: 6.

Bible Reading: 1 Samuel: 4, 5, Jeremiah: 25, Hebrew: 2

### **Day 207: Evaluation**

Evaluation is a part of our life. We used to evaluate about everything. We evaluate about the things we buy, the food we eat, the dress we wear the house we live, the tea we drink, the friends we have, the boss we are working under, In short we usually evaluate everything.

God want us to evaluate our life. Where I am going to spend my eternity. How I am spending my time, money, possession, wealth, my talents, and power, the book I read, the TV I watch, using the internet, Facebook and so. We have to give an account for the time, the money, the talents, the wealth one day. So start evaluating our life.

If you haven't evaluated your life in the past start evaluating today onwards. We do not know about tomorrow. The Lord can come at any time. Be prepared for it. Or I can be removed from this world at any time So be prepared for it. May God help us to evaluate our life.

Be very careful then, how you live- not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity because the days are evil. Ephesians 5:15

*Bible Reading: I Samuel: 6, 7, Jeremiah: 26, Hebrew: 3*

### **Day 208: Spiritual Gifts**

A father was very fond of his son. He said I will give you \$10,000.00 every day. I will put it in the bank. There is one condition for that. You have to take it every day up to the last penny. If not you will not get the balance. I may stop giving to you and give that also to my other sons .The son is more happy to spend the whole amount. He is not a fool not to use it. He finds methods to use all his amount.

This is what our father also had done. When we repent about our sins and believe in Jesus Christ and accepted Him as our only Lord and Savior we became His children. Then we had

the Holy Spirit, we become His children and we had eternal life. Not only that Holy Spirit had given us one or more spiritual gifts on that day. He has given us according to His desire. It is really a fixed deposit for us to use for His glory. Are we able to use our FD. Or are we wasting it. If so God may take the Spiritual gifts from us and give one who is ready and willing to use it.

Each one should use whatever gift he received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

*Bible Reading: 1 Samuel: 8, Jeremiah: 27, Hebrew: 4*

### **Day 209: Good Training**

If you are able to train a child according to the Word of God then it will give its fruit. God expect parents to train the child according to the will of God then even if they are old they will not forget it. Even if they go after the desires of world they will come back to the Savior. So it is our duty to train them properly according to the word of Word.

R.A. Torrey was a son of a devout parents. His mother taught the Word of God properly to him. He lived the way he wanted to live according to the lust and desires of this world. She tried to teach and advise and exhort and even discipline him. But no use. One day he said I am going away. Her mother said your ways are not correct. When you are fed with your way of life even if the last breath of your life turn to Jesus Christ and ask forgiveness. He will forgive you. One day came he was depressed and disappointed and he just want to die. He was

going to commit suicide then he remember the words of her mother.

On that day he repent about his sins and believe on the Calvary and accept Jesus Christ as his only God and Savior and become the child of God. Not only that he became a good believer but also he was able to lead a lot of people to Christ. RA Torrey became an outstanding Evangelist. His mother's training bore fruits at last.

For these commands are lamp this teaching is a light and the corrections of discipline are the way of life. Proverbs 6:23.

*Bible Reading: I Samuel: 9, Jeremiah: 28, Hebrew: 5*

### **Day 210: Be thou Faithful**

Carl Charles was sentence to be hanged because of His faith in God. His wife Lissy wrote to Him. Tell him to remember who paid the penalty and who said: BE THOU FAIFTHFUL UNDO DEATH AND I SHALL GIVE YOU A CROWN OF LIFE.

He was ready to die for His Savior. But these words of his wife encouraged him a lot. He gave his life for his savior who gave eternal life to him.

I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge will award to me, on that day— and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. 2 Timothy 4: 7.

*Bible Reading: 1 Samuel: 10, 11, Jeremiah: 29, Hebrew: 6*

## Day 211: Where is Your Heart?

Jesus Christ being in the nature of God did not consider equality with God to grasp, but came into this world as human and gave His life in the cross for not righteous but for unrighteous and sinners. So by repenting about our sins and believing in Jesus Christ and accepting His as our only Lord and Savior we became His children. Then he wants to live with us, in us. In Corinthians 3: 16 we see that We are the temple of God and the Holy Spirit lives in us and if anyone destroys God's temple then God will destroy him. He is always with us and the Holy Spirit lives in us and we are treasures of God. So God also want us to store our treasures in heaven not in this world.

One day Charles E Fuller announced that next Sunday he was going to speak about Heaven. Then he got a letter from a person who was in his dead bed. In his letter he said I want to hear about heaven. 50 years ago I got a place. I did not buy it but it was given to me as a free gift. The person who gave me that place had given the cost of it. It cannot be transferred. Last 50 years I am sending materials. The person who has given that place as gift is building a beautiful mansion there. There is no repair work for it. It is continually building according to the material I am sending. There will no tsunami or earthquake or flood to destroy that place. I also got a ticket to go there. The work is almost finished. I got the ticket but the date has to be given. I am waiting for that. In between here and that place there is valley of the shadow of death. He will be with me when I pass through that valley so I am not afraid of the valley. I am

not allowed to take anything in that way to that place. I am waiting for that day to receive the date of the ticket.

If our treasure is in heaven then we also will be waiting. We will be ready when we get the visa.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasure on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal for where your treasure is there your heart will be  
Matthew 6: 16.

*Bible Reading: 1 Samuel: 12, Jeremiah: 30, 30, Hebrew: 7*

### **Day 212: Burned Candle**

Once there was no electrical light. People use candlestick, lamps used by Kerosene oil, and leaves of coconut tree bound into a bundle. In a corner of village people used to put a candle stick so that people who comes late to their homes can see the road and the way to their homes. Because it burned the whole so many people were saved from falling into ditch, bite of snake and insects. Usually no one bother to think where the candle was in the morning. One boy caught curious and when he looked he found some melted wax in the place of that beautiful burning candle. Buy giving himself the candle was able to save a lot people.

We are put in this world as the light of the world. Daily how much light are we giving? How much light others are able to



see in us.. Are there even anyone who is saved from falling or from the bite of snake because of us? Are we standing as the lightless, dark lamp which do not want to give light to anyone? Only enjoying the light which God gave to ourselves. God want us to be light of the World.

You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. Matthew 5:14

*Bible Reading: 1 Samuel: 13, Jeremiah: 31, Hebrew: 8*

### **Day 213: Everything together Works for Good**

There are many things in our life we ask God, why this happened to me. What is good in it? In my family we are seven sisters and only one brother. At the age of 42 my mother become a widow. When our father was ill we prayed and fasted for many days. First we thought God will heal him. He was in hospital. On 40th day he called us and prayed and handed us in the hands of the Almighty God and on that night He went to His father who loved Him the most.

There are many occasion in my life I asked why you have taken my father. What Good has come out of it? God did not say everything is good.. But He said everything that happens God works for the good. We have to understand it very clearly God did not say everything is good. Instead he says everything that happens God works for the good.

Last week few of us went to the cancer ward in order to comfort them. One girl shouted at us and said there is no God and if there is a God my father will not have the disease of cancer because he was a good man. Her grandmother told after the father was sick she will not allow any prayer in that house. She was bitter against herself and God. Grandmother said they are worried about her.

I gave my tract to her and said I can understand your feeling. My father also died of this disease. I told her whatever happens in our life, including the death of my father God will work it good for those who love him. After a few minutes talk I was able to comfort her and her grandmother and she said she will read the book and she will pray also. That day I understood the word of God. When you interpret that verse make sure that GOD DID NOT SAY EVERYTHING IS GOOD.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8: 28.

*Bible Reading: 1 Samuel: 14, Jeremiah: 32, Hebrew: 9*

### **Day 214: How much you Love God**

If we love God we will be spreading the good news. It is impossible for one not to talk about the one whom we love. If we are not talking about God it means we really do not love Him. Instead we are loving something else.

There lived a good doctor. He was kind to all patients. Those who come to him even if they had not money he used to treat

them and give medicine. One day a dog came in front of his house. It was crying very badly due to pain. It was wounded. The doctor because of pity examine the dog and found the dog leg is broken. The doctor did the needed thing and the dog was cured.

After few days in front of the house of the doctor there was barking of many dogs. The doctor went outside and found that the dog had brought many dogs who are ill with many diseases. The dog wanted other dogs also should be healed. We accepted Jesus as our Savior and become the child of God. We enjoy the joy of salvation. But how much years had passed us without sharing the Good news to others. It is true we are healed. Do we have the love at least of a dog to share the cure we have got? In order to cure us Jesus has to give His Life. If we really love God we surely will share the Good news to others.

You will be His witness to all men of what you have seen and heard. And now what are you waiting for? Acts 22:15.

Bible Reading: 1 Samuel: 15, Jeremiah: 33, Hebrew: 10

### **Day 215: Do you love me**

Jesus showed many wonders when He was with His disciples. He fed 5000 with five small barley loaves and two small fish and the left over was 12 basket, He healed the deaf and blind, the dead is raised and many other wonders. He teach the disciples and told them that he had come to give His life for sinners. After His dead and resurrection they should go teach the word to all. After resurrection he showed himself to them

and told them have peace, I will be with you always. They had gone back to their fishing. Jesus asked the leader of them Peter Do you love me. He asked the same question three times. Peter said I love you. After that Peter was different man. Today He is asking the same question to each one of us. Do you love me or do you love other things more than me. Where is our love? Children, position, wealth, education, vehicles, houses and all the things of this world.

He gave His life for us. We are sinners. The wages of sin is death. In the cross he paid the penalty of sin. He loved us so much that He gave his life for us. If we want to return His love accept Jesus as your Savior. If we confess with your mouth "Jesus is Lord" and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead you will be saved. He loved us first so let us love him.

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God and that is what we are. 1 John: 3: 1

*Bible Reading: 1 Samuel: 16, Jeremiah: 34, Hebrew: 11*

### **Day 216: Power**

Every one wishes to have power. When God gave power he expect us to use it in proper way. Some have financial power, positional power, ruling power, political power. There is no fault in having power. But if we are not using it according to the will of God it can disgrace the name of God.

Philip, the evangelist was preaching the word of God and doing many wonders in Samaria. Many who have evil spirit came to him and the evil spirit had come out them by the order of Philip.

Many who were crippled and paralytics were healed. Now Apostles John and peter also came to Samaria. Instead of thanking and believing God there is a Man named Simon, who practiced sorcery and wanted the same power.

When Simon saw the power the apostles Peter and John had, he tried to bribe them. He offered them money and asked them to give him the ability to do same thing. Peter answered “may your money perish with you, because you thought you can buy the gift of God with money. You have no part or share in the ministry because your heart is not right before God.

Everything we have is given by God. There is nothing in this world that we can boast. Everything given by God. The water we drink, the air we breathe, the food we eat, the parents we have, the children, the wealth, the education and everything. Be careful how we use them. Every day we have to realize that it is given to us as gifts from God.

For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as you did not? 1 Corinthians 4:7

Bible Reading: 1 Samuel: 17, Jeremiah: 35, Hebrew: 12

## Day 217: Train or teach our Children about Salvation

Our children are a gift from God. They are given to us. Do not forget that we are just stewards. He gave them to us that we should train them so that God can use them for the welfare of His country. There are many things we have to train them. One of them is we have to teach them about Salvation. It is not the duty of the pastor, or elder or Sunday school teacher to teach them about salvation. It is our duty so if we are able do the duty the first thing is we should know about the Word of God. Second thing is we should be saved. If we are not sure about Salvation then how can we teach our children about salvation?

The Need of Salvation – We are sinners so we need salvation. What is sin? Refusing to do God's will and also failing to do all God wants us to do is sin. God created man with dust in his own image and breath. He breathed his breath into us. But through disobedience, by accepting Satan's word and rejecting or disobeying God's word we became sinners. The wages of sin is death or in other word hell. Not only had we lost the fellowship of God we became the children of devil. So the punishment is that we will be sent with the father of sin that is the devil. In the lake of fire. Where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched. Everyone will be salted with fire. So as sinners we will go to hellfire so we need salvation.

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned—for before the law was given, sin was in the world. Romans 5: 12.

*Bible Reading: 1 Samuel: 18, Jeremiah: 36, Hebrew: 13*

## Day 218: Train or Teach them about Salvation (2)

We have seen that we are sinners and the wages of sin is death or eternal hellfire. And we will go to hell without doing anything. So we need a savior to help us so that we may not go to hell.

John the Baptist said Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of world. Yes Jesus came into the world to take away the wages of sin. Suppose we are coming with a load of grain and our son said mom I will take the load just give it to me. If you gave that load, then you have no load instead your son has the load and the burden. Just like that Jesus come to this world to takes away the sin in other word the wages of sin that is eternal death. So there is no need for you to go to hell.

WHAT I HAVE TO DO. We have to repent, then turn to God, so that your sins may be wipe out. Then believe in Jesus Christ. God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. Trust in Jesus Christ and confess with our mouth Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead you will be saved.

GRACE ALONE. One more very important thing ABOUT salvation, salvation is not by any works or any merits of us it is by GRACE ALONE —\_ YES BY GRACE, GRACE ALONE. So in order to have salvation we do not have to do anything Jesus Christ did everything. The only thing we have to do is by our heart accept Him as our Lord.

FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED, THROUGH FAITH — — AND THIS IS NOT FROM YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD — NOT BY WORKS, SO THAT NO ONE CAN BOAST. Ephesians 2: 8.

*Bible Reading: 1 Samuel: 19, Jeremiah: 37, James: 1*

### **Day 219: Do not be Afraid of**

God is continuously telling us do not be worried. Do not be afraid of the world, do not be afraid of Satan and his principalities. Do not be afraid of evil men and their evil deeds. Why we have asked not to be afraid of them even though there is every possibility to be afraid of them. God is with us and He will help those depend upon Him so there is no need to be afraid of.

In these days there is tendency that we are afraid of evil men and their deeds. Fearing men and afraid of men instead of fearing God and doing the will of God. The fear of men is tempting them to do evil deeds even though they know what they are doing is wrong. Fear God and His Commandments, and the rest is handed to Him because He is great and able to do the rest. Be careful otherwise we will be on the side of Satan and his evil men.

Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong. For like grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.

*Bible Reading: 1 Samuel: 20, Jeremiah: 38, James: 2*



## Day 220: I am with you Always

After the resurrection Jesus Christ appeared before His disciples and said I will be with you always. He is always with us. Many times when we have problems, hardships, sufferings, loneliness we think we are alone in this world there is nobody who really loves me or care me. But it is God's promise: I am with you always. We can believe on His promises. It is one of the Pearls He has given to us. There are many Pearls in the Bible you have to search and find it and you can keep them with you always.

Earlier in many African countries when a boy was mature he had to earn food for himself. He had to go to the forest and hunt animals for himself. When Madgu was mature his father told him to go to the forest and hunt a wild animals. Even though Madgu's father trained him well he was always afraid. He was not able to do anything properly because of his fear. But today no excuses he had to go. He went to the forest with bow and arrow. He decided that today he was not going to be afraid and he will kill some wild animals and bring it his father who had trained him with patience in the last years. He wanted to make his father proud of himself in front of other families. He went and in front he saw two eyes. He know it was the eyes of the tiger. His hand shook while he was shooting so it missed the tiger. He saw death in front of him. Then suddenly one arrow hit the tiger and in front of him the tiger was dead. He looked around to see who saved him. He saw his father standing behind him and smiling. His fear disappeared from him and he became a good skillful hunter.

And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.  
Mathew 28: 20

*Bible Reading: 1 Samuel: 21, Jeremiah: 39, James: 3*

## **Day 221: Unmerciful**

We all want mercy and enjoy mercy from others. When we are young and do some mistakes we want to have mercy from parents. In the office when we do mistakes we want compassion from our heads. When we sin against God we want mercy from God. We enjoy mercy from others. But are we willing to show the mercy that we desire from others.

Jesus Christ told a parable of an unmerciful servant. A king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. A man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought before him. As he was not able to pay, the king ordered him and his family and whatever he had to be sold to repay the debt. The man fell on knees and beg. The king felt pity upon him and forgive him and canceled his debt. Then when he went he saw a servant of him who owed him a hundred denarii. Even though that servant fell on his knees he was angry toward him and put him to prisons. So his friends told about it to the king. The king was angry and then put him also into prison. God has forgiven all our sins. So we should also forgive the mistakes of our brothers instead of blaming them. We have to show mercy and compassion to others.

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked. "Lord how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times. Jesus answered "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. Mathew 18: 21,22.

*Bible Reading: 1 Samuel: 22, Jeremiah: 40, James: 4*

### **Day 222: If one door is closed**

When we depend upon someone or something and when that help is removed we sometimes think everything is lost. We do not know what to do because we depend upon it too much. But from the Bible we can see from the experience of God's people that when one door is closed by man God opens 10 other doors for His children.

When Joseph was about to be sold he cried to his brothers but they did not hear his cry. They just closed the door. Joseph was alone and he was sent to Egypt as a slave. When the door is closed life is not easy. Much hardship and pain we have to suffer. But do not be discouraged about it God Almighty is able to open 10 doors for us. When your rich relative may just put you down do not be discouraged God is able to provide you through Crows, which is much better. God is powerful than anyone else and will be opening doors for you that you cannot even dream. So trust and lean on Him. Joseph's brothers closed the door for Joseph but God opened the door such way that these brothers have to knock on the door of Joseph for help.

You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing to you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever. Psalms 30:11

*Bible Reading: 1 Samuel: 23, Jeremiah: 41, James: 5*

## Day 223: Aroma of Christ

Paul was telling believers of Corinth that we should be aroma of Christ. We can be aroma of Christ or we can be a dead fly due to our sinful life and behavior. If we are able to spread the aroma then we will be able to live the way God wants us to be. Here Paul was telling and giving thanks God who always helped them to lead a victorious life and thus they are able to spread everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Him.

If we are leading a sinful life because of us others will mock at us and our God. They will not be able to see God's grace in us. So because of us instead of glorifying God they will not believe our God. So either we can spread the fragrance of God wherever we go for be a stumbling block to others.

In a church a person used to come and sit very quietly. But the whole building was filled with strong smell scent. The aroma was so strong for some people it was very difficult. They complained about him to the evangelist of that church. So Evangelist told him very kindly, please put very little scent and come to the meeting. The person said I am really sorry for the strong scent. Before coming to church I take bath 3 or 4 times so that the smell may go. I am working in a Scent Factory.

Morning till evening that I am working the scent will not go from my body. The church members understood. The Evangelist preached that day about the aroma for Christ. If we are close to God then we will also be able to spread the Aroma of Christ.

For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To the one we are the smell of death to the other the fragrance of life. 2 Corinthians 2:16.

Bible Reading: 1 Samuel: 24, Jeremiah: 42, 1 Peter: 1

### **Day 224: We are the Letters of God**

A letter is used to pass a message from one person to another. Today we can talk using phones, mobiles, through Facebook, Skype. Before that letter used to be the most important medium because through that only we could pass or send messages. The Bible says we are the letters that God put in this world so that the world can know the message from God. Just think for a minute what the message we are giving.

What do others get by reading our lives. Did they get comfort, did they get the knowledge of salvation, did they know our God. Or by reading us they are going away from God, or are they depressed while reading us, or they say that we have no God. God put us here as letters so the world can read. Not only the world when believers also read us do they get something. While writing this I asked God to forgive me because there are many times in my life when my children, my husband, my relatives, my friends, my church members and

the world read it was not the letter God wanted. May God help us to be letter which give what God wanted us to be.

You yourselves are our letter written on our hearts, KNOWN AND READ BY EVERYBODY. You show that you are letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the spirit of the living God not on tablets of stone but on the tablets of human hearts. 2 Corinthians 3: 2.

*Bible Reading: 1 Samuel: 25, Jeremiah: 43, 1 Peter: 2*

## **Day 225: We are the Light of the World**

Light is import thing that we all need. We cannot imagine a life without light. After creating the heavens and the earth. It was dark all over So God created Light. For us light is very important, so the first thing God created light even before creating man. Man sinned against God and sin came into this world. God so loved us that He gave his life for us sinners. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become righteousness of God. The moment we repent about our sins, and believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and accept Jesus Christ as our only God and our personal Savior we will be saved and become the children of God.

As God is our father he put us this world in order to represent him. We become the light of the world. The most important duty of light is to show the way. Jesus Christ the only way to heaven. We have to show around us the way. The second duty of light is helping people from dangers of pits, snakes, animals

and so on. We have to help around us from falling from sin. If we ourselves are living in sin then how we can show others from falling. Wherever there is Light there is happiness. We are supposed to give happiness to people around us through our words and good deeds. If so the people around us will see the good words and good deeds and praise our God. Instead of that if we cover the light then we will be stumbling block to unbelievers and a source of unhappiness for believers.

Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe. Philippians 2: 15.

*Bible Reading: 1 Samuel: 26, Jeremiah: 44, 1 Peter: 3*

## Day 226: Worry

Why we worry. There is no reason. Without any reason one can worry. Worry is a fatal Sin. There is no benefit out of worry. We cannot do anything about the thing we worry. I want to tell why we should not worry.

1. Worry is unnecessary because we have a master.
2. Worry is unnecessary because we have a father. The moment we repent about our sins and belief Jesus as the Lord who come to this to take away our sins. He died on the cross and resurrected. When we accept Jesus Christ as our only Savior and Lord we become His children.
3. Our father is Almighty. Then there is no reason for worry.

4. Our father is a loving father who cares for His children. His love we can see in the Cross.
5. For believers there is no need to worry about tomorrow because tomorrow is on the Lord hand

Solution: Think about Jesus and His place He is preparing for His children. Then work for that kingdom and our savior.

“But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well” Mathew 6: 33.

*Bible Reading: 1 Samuel: 27, Jeremiah: 45, 1 Peter: 4*

### **Day 227: Trust in God**

We can see two types of people. The people who trust God and people who trust man. Those who trust in the Lord are like mountains. Just as the mountains will not move Lord Jesus Christ will not move or change so we can trust Him whatever circumstances we are.

A mountain is strong and able to protect from storm and thunders. It will not change at any circumstances. Like that Lord is powerful, Almighty, and unchanging not only that He is creator of all things including us so we can any time depend upon him, and trust Him.

He gives strength and power to the weak. Those who trust in the Lord will never be put to shame even if they are weak, weary and old. Their trust was not on themselves or anything of these world but they trust in God so God will be with them and help them whatever, however they are.



Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord is my strength, and my song he has become my salvation. Isaiah 12: 2

*Bible Reading: 1 Samuel: 28, Jeremiah: 46, 1 Peter: 5*

## Day 228: Sanctification

Sanctification and holiness are the same in essence. It is a commandment from God is that we should be holy. Be ye Holy For I am holy (1 Peter 1:16). It is a commandment from God so we have to obey it. If we obey we will be blessed.

If a vessel is unclean and if we boil milk in it the milk become sour and useless. On the contrary if the vessel is clean and if we can boil milk and also he vessel it can be used for many purposes. Like that God cannot use an unholy vessel. If we want to be used by God we should be holy.

In the Old Testament times if a man wanted to dedicate a house or a field, or a family land, an animal, first he had to show that to the priest and the priest would judge its quality as good or bad. Everything God wants is good not bad. So if we want to be used by God we have to sanctify ourselves. God came into this world in order to die for us and to take away our sins. When we repent about sins and believe in Jesus Christ death and resurrection and accept him as our only savior we become His children. Not only that we become holy. Then we have to purify ourselves and have to live according to the standard that he had made us.

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred and you are the temple. I Corinthians 3: 16.

*Bible Reading: 1 Samuel: 29, Jeremiah: 47, 2 Peter: 1*

## Day 229: Great Throne

Jesus Christ is sitting in the Great White Throne. All who are dead is standing in front of the white throne. Books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done recorded in the books. Jesus is sitting now in the throne.

He had come into this world in order to save us. He has given His precious life for us. He had come to this world to take away our sins. If we repent about our sins and accept Jesus Christ as our only personal Lord and Savior we will be saved. Not only we will become His Children, not only that we have eternal life, not only that our name will written in the book life.

Today you can choose between Heaven and hell, eternal life and eternal death, God's child and Satan's child. Tomorrow is not for ours. If our name is not written in the book of life will be thrown to hell. No one will able to say on that day they do not get chance.

If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:15.

*Bible Reading: 1 Samuel: 30, Jeremiah: 48, 2 Peter: 2*

### **Day 230: Deaf and Dumb Girl**

One day a scholar came to a school of deaf and dumb. After his preaching he wrote in the board. I want to ask you one question. Why you are born deaf and dumb while we were born with speaking and hearing ability. Some moment there was complete silence. The teachers as well as the students were sad.

Then one girl with smiling came forward and wrote in the board, "Yes God that is the way you are pleased and thank you God". The hope she had in Jesus help her to write those words. She knew that one day she will be able to enjoy with her Savior and will be able to hear the sweet words that He is going to call her and she will be able to worship Him then. The scholar was dumbfounded.

Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven not built by human hand — — — — So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. 2 Corinthians 5: 1, 9.

*Bible Reading: 1 Samuel: 31, Jeremiah: 49, 2 Peter: 3*

### **Day 231: I am With You**

One day morning as usual Anand went out for cycling in the courtyard. Unusually he found a big stone there. He called hi dad. Dad said mon you can throw out the stone with your resources. Anand tried his best. He was not able to lift a side of

it, then how can I throw it out. Dad was looking. In his mind he was angry towards his father. Then he take a long wood and put it under and then tried to lift as he had seen others doing. He realize that he cannot do it. Then he told dad I cannot lift, then how can I throw it outside. His dad asked son have used all your resources. He said yes dad. Then dad said you are my son and I am your father. Have you used my strength? He realized his mistakes. He said dad help me. I forgot that you are there to help me please forgive me. Dad and son together lift that stone and throw it outside. He learned a lesson.

In the word of God, God is repeatedly telling us He is with us. We are praying, but are we using the promises for our needs. We usually depend upon our own strength. First we have to realize that we cannot do it ourselves, because we are just dust. Second we have to believe that God is Powerful. Third we have to realize that He is always ready to help. Fourthly we have to ask Him. "Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, he who seeks finds and to him who knocks the door will be opened. Fifthly we have to surrender ourself to Him. Then I and Jesus can do many things.

"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age".  
Mathew 28:20.

*Bible Reading: 2 Samuel: 1, Jeremiah: 50, 1 John: 1*

## Day 232: He is greater than them

There are times in our life we think we have no one and we are surrounded with problems and trials and difficulties. Even the dear one we think are with us are against us. Not only they are against, but they are trying to destroy us and even want to humiliate us without any cause.

They are trying in every way to destroy us. But the child of God should not be depressed or discouraged because the one who is with us is greater than them or their abilities or their doings.

In those circumstance we need to depend upon our Savior, who has given His love for us in order to save us from the eternal hellfire. If He has given you His life then believe Him He is able to give us what we want.

He who did not spare his own son, but gave him up for us all-how will he not also, along with him, graciously gave us all things. Romans 8:32

*Bible Reading: 2 Samuel: 2, Jeremiah: 51, 1 John: 2*

## Day 233: Touching the Apple of the Eye

When we are filled with pride our eyesight will be lost and we will become blind. Then without knowing that we will start to criticize others and try to destroy them telling all kind of lies and ill about them. Somehow we want to disgrace them and if possible want to annihilate them. There are times people

try hard to remove innocent ones, even to remove from fellowship. But do not be afraid, if you believe in Christ He is there to work miracles at the last minute so that you are saved from their treachery.

This year I was able to see many circumstances where God directly interfered at the last minute and protected us from tears. Trust in God commit, your ways to Him, Walk faithfully and then no one will be able to touch you with evil. Those who touch you touch the apple of the Lord eyes. He knows to protect His eyes from the people who are trying to please Satan and his people.

For this what the Almighty says, after he honored me and sent me against the nations that have plundered you — for whoever touches you touches the apple of His eyes — I will surely raise my hands against them. Zechariah 2:8

*Bible Reading: 2 Samuel: 3, Jeremiah: 52, 1 John: 3*

### **Day 234: Count Your Blessings**

The current year has almost left us. We will not have to live again in in this year. The time gone is gone forever. There are many problems, difficulties, tears, depression, threats, insult, diseases, and even death we had faced in this year. Many of our dear and near ones have gone to their Savior's blossom. Even with all these problems God has given us many blessings in this year. He has given food, shelter, dress, health to sustain us, fellowship, friends, spiritual food, help us to read the WORD OF GOD, to pray, to go for the meetings, to worship God in

truth and spirit, to share the Gospel, to share the word of God to others, God has given different types joy, happiness.

So It Is Our Duty to give thanks for the blessing. If we start counting the blessings day by day then we will not have a chance to criticize others or to murmur against God. We murmur and grumble because we are not able to see and count the blessing He showers upon the unworthy daily. The current year is almost gone just sit and think and then thank God for the countless blessing that he showered upon us.

How I can I repay the Lord for all His goodness to me?. I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Psalms 116:11,12.

*Bible Reading: 2 Samuel: 4, Lamentation: 1, 1 John: 4*

## **Day 235: We Are The Salt of The Earth**

With much effort I prepared a delicious food. In order to prepare it I worked harder than usual. Then with much joy we shared the food with the special guest. After eating them every one seemed unhappy. Then only one of the boys said Auntie there is no salt in this dishes it is tasteless please take it back from my plate.

This same thing may be said about us. We are put in this world in order to give taste to others. Our people around us, neighbors, relatives, classmate, coworkers, relatives, in our society and so on. Are we giving taste and safety for them or we are tasteless. God put us in this world with a purpose. He

came into this world and gave His life for us and saved us from the eternal hellfire with a purpose. If we repent about our sins and accept Jesus Christ as our Savior we become His children. Then our duty and purpose is to give tastes and safety to other. If we are not able to do our duty we will be useless and disgrace in front of God and man.

You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled by men. Matthew 5:13.

*Bible Reading: 2 Samuel: 5, Lamentation: 2, 1 John: 5*

### **Day 236: Thanking God**

Usually we thank and praise God when we get something or when we are happy. But God expects a child of God to thank and praise Him in all circumstances. This year is about to leave us. How much time did we take to thank God? Are we able to thank when he had given blessings and providence for us. Are we able to thank Him when we had lost anything or disappointment and problems strike us? God expect us to thank in season and out of season.

One day somebody stole from the pocket of Mathew Henry. He lost all the money. But instead of murmuring to God he thanked God By telling GOD I THANK YOU for that I am not the one to steal. I thank you for that. Can we thank God like that God expects us?



I will extol the Lord all times His praise will always be on my lips. My soul will boast in the Lord; let afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the Lord with me Let us exalt his name together. Psalms 34:1,2.

*Bible Reading: 2 Samuel: 6, Lamentation: 3, 2 John: 1*

### **Day 237: Pride Goes Before Fall**

When we are become proud, we think that people around will respect us. In our hearts we think that we are better than people around us. We sometime think oh I am more spiritual, I am more righteous, more efficient, lovelier, more holy the thinking goes on and in our heart we become proud and look down upon us.

One day in a forest a fir tree boastingly said to the bramble bush growing in its shade "you are useless, nobody wants you. I am everywhere used for roofs and houses. Men can't do without me". The fir tree continued to tease the bush. The bush was unhappy. He said I know you are great but do not tease me like this. It is true that I am just a bush so allow me to live peacefully. Again the Fir tree mocked the bush. Suddenly the bush said here is a man coming to you with an axe right now. Farewell! Then Fir tree said I am sorry. But without use.

Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall. Better to be lowly in spirit and among the oppressed than to share plunder with the proud. Proverbs 16:18.

*Bible Reading: 2 Samuel: 7, Lamentation: 4, 3 John: 1*

## Day 238: He Cares For you

A three year child got up in the morning and started to cry because of hunger. His mother was ill and his father had gone to fetch a doctor. The doctor came and gave medicine to the mother and the father went kitchen and prepared something for mother.

All these things happened in that family but the child did not know anything. The child knew one thing he needs food. All other things did not concern or worry him. There was no need for the child to worry because his father was there to look after everything. The child got food and started to play. Jesus is telling us that we should have the faith like that child to depend upon the heavenly father and put our every burden upon Him.

There is no need for us to worry or to be depressed because the father who cares for us is able to do everything for us. The only thing we have to do is to trust and depend upon on Him fully.

Casting all your care upon him for He careth for you 1 Peter 5:7

*Bible Reading: 2 Samuel: 8, Lamentation: 5, Jude: 1*

## Day 239: Peace Unto The World

Everyone is craving for peace. Nations, family, society even churches are trying for peace in the society and nations. We are living in a world where there is no peace at all. In this world we can have peace because someone paid the penalty for it and promised us peace. Promise peace to the whole world.

If you want peace you can have it. Jesus was born into this world to give peace for us. Do we have real peace? If not the purpose Jesus born into this world is not fulfilled in your life. To have real happiness is different from merry making. Anyone can have merry but to have real peace and happiness you should have Jesus. Jesus is not only born, he gave His life for us.

If we repent about our sins and accept Jesus Christ as our only Lord and Savior we will be born again, we will become the child of God. Then we will have the real peace and happiness.

An angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds and the glory of the Lord shone around them and the angel said to them Do not Be afraid I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. . Today in the town of a David a savior has born to you. And peace will be men on whom His favor rest. God came into this world to give peace and happiness. Do you have it? If not accept Jesus and have the everlasting joy that no man can take from you.

Jesus came and stood among them and said, Peace be with you.  
John 20:20

*Bible Reading: 2 Samuel: 9, Ezekiel: 1, Revelation: 1*

## **Day 240: Happy and Peaceful Christmas to all**

Jesus came into this world and suffer the death in order to give us a New birth. His birth for me would be a waste if we are not born again.

If we are born in Jesus then we will have a happy Christmas. Happy and peaceful Christmas. Let us enjoy the joy of salvation. If you are not born again, Jesus came into this world to give you a born again experience. Jesus born into this world so that we can be born in Him and become his children.

May God help you and Bless you all to have a peaceful and happy life because Jesus came into this world to take away our sins and to give us eternal salvation.

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save His people from their sins. Mathew 1:21.

*Bible Reading: 2 Samuel: 10, Ezekiel: 2, Revelation: 2*

## **Day 241: Different Talents – ANDREW The Introducer**

Peter and Andrew were brothers. Jesus selected them as his disciples. We can see many things about Peter. In one message about 3000 were come to Jesus, He was able to cure many and even able to raise Tabitha from dead. But Andrew did not have these talents. Andrew was a simple man yet he was used by God.

It is very interesting to know that Peter was introduced to Jesus by Andrew. Introducing Jesus to others is a very important ministry that God wants from His children. Are we able to do it? The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him “We have found the Messiah” (that is the

Christ) and he brought him to Jesus. Andrew's testimony was good and that is the reason his brother accepted him when he told about Jesus. Can others believe our words. They will hear us only if our words and deeds are good. Andrew was like that. So a great man Peter come to Jesus because of Andrew.

Some Greeks wanted to meet Jesus and they came to Philip and told their desire that they wanted to see Jesus. Philip did not go to Jesus instead he went to Andrew because he knew that Andrew was a good introducer. So Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

1. Andrew was person one can trust.
2. He is person who helps other so others can depend upon.
3. He is a good introducer. Let us be like Andrew for Jesus.

Yet when I preach the Gospel I cannot boast for I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if do not preach the gospel. If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward: if not voluntarily I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. 1 Corinthians 9: 18

*Bible Reading: 2 Samuel: 11, Ezekiel: 3, Revelation: 3*

## **Day 242: Different Talents — Andrew the Helper**

We all have talents given by God for the good of others. Our talents may be different from others. Do not worry about the talents that God had given to you according to His will. Andrew's talent is different from Peter's even though they were

of the same family. Andrew uses his talent well for the glory of God.

When Jesus saw the multitude in need of food He asked Philip where shall we buy bread for this multitude. Philip answered that eight months of wages is not enough for buying food for such a large crowd. But there is person there who trusted Jesus, as well as knew about the people around him. He knew about them. He knew who had bread and who did not have it. He is helper and an introducer.

Andrew is always introduced as peter brother. He had no problem about because he is a humble man. He said here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish. He was confident that the boy will give what he had to Jesus. Again he is an introducer for good works.

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ appointed it. Ephesians 4: 7.

*Bible Reading: 2 Samuel: 12, Ezekiel: 4, Revelation: 4*

### **Day 243: Worship**

If we want to have a true worship we want to know a few things about worship. Who I am worshiping, Who I am, Why should I worship him, How I worship.

For God so love the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Even if we have to suffer we will not want our children to suffer. We will do whatever we can to make them

happy. But God loved us so much that he gave His son for us. Even he did not act according to the cry of His only son "My God My God why have you forsaken me". Jesus Christ Who, being in very nature of God did not consider equality with God something to be grasped but made himself taking the very nature of a servant being made in human likeness and being found in appearance as a man He humbled himself and became obedient to death even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him the name that is above every name that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

I am a sinner. An unrighteous, dead in transgression and sin. Live according to the sins of the world. Gentiles by birth, without God, without hope. Sinned and fall short of the glory of God. For the wages of sin is death or in short eternal hellfire. That is me. Because of God I become free. The day I repent about my sins and accept Jesus Christ as personal Savior I became the child of God, have eternal salvation, heaven as my heritage, hope and freedom. So with thankful heart I should worship Him because He is the only one who is worthy to accept worship.

With thankful heart we can worship Him wherever we are at home, at church. The place is not important. Knowing who we are and realizing what God did for us we have to worship Him. God is Spirit and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in Truth.

"Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty who was, and is and is to come. Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor

and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever the twenty four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives for ever and ever. Revelation 4: 8,9.

*Bible Reading: 2 Samuel: 13, Ezekiel: 5, Revelation: 5*

## **Day 244: Creation of Man is to rule over the universe**

God Created everything needed for man and then created man. God said Let us make man in our image, in our likeness. We can see clearly the work of Triune God here. It is written let us make. Man was created to rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth and over all the creature that move along the ground. So it is very clear that man is above all the creature of this world, so for man there is no need to worship any of the things in the universe.

All the things in the universe have been created by God's words, whereas God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. He formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and the man became a living being. So man is above the all other creation of God and there is no need for man to worship the creatures of this universe. Man is only bound to his Creator.

“God blessed them and said them Be fruitful and increase in number, fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the



sea and the birds the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground. Genesis 1:28

*Bible Reading: 2 Samuel: 14, Ezekiel: 6, Revelation: 6*

## Day 245: Helper

We prefer to be the main person, than the helper. We usually heard this word in the construction of building. Usually we say there are this much mason and this much helper. Helper is always subordinate to the mason. But one thing is very clear without helper the work will not progress. For construction both the mason and helper is equally important. Without one, the other one becomes useless.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. Then God brought all the beasts of the field and the birds of the air in front of the man. He brought them to man to see what he would name them. Whatever the man called the living creature that was its name. So the man give name to all the livestock, birds of the air and all the beasts of the field.

But he found no suitable match for him. So the God caused the man to fall into deep sleep and he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man and he brought her to the man and the man said this is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh she shall be called woman for she was taken out of man. So he got a helper. It is very difficult to accept but do not forget we are only helpers not

mason. If we try to ignore our position and try to do the duty of main we become failures in front of God as well as in our family. Try to understand our positions and privileges and live according to it, then we will be successful and be blessed.

The Lord God said,“ It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a HELPER suitable for him. Genesis 2:18.

*Bible Reading: 2 Samuel: 15, Ezekiel: 7, Revelation: 7*

## **Day 246: Love is Giving not Receiving**

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.

I just want to ask few question. Who loved the world? What is the meaning of World here? Why He loves the World? Did he have to pay a cost for loving the World? What is the cost? What is the purpose behind giving? What the world have to do? What is Benefit of it or what one gets?

It is very clear that God so loved the World. God came into this world in order to take away the sins of the World. The meaning of the world here is us, we humans. We are sinners and are away from God. He created man in His own image. He loves his creation. His creation went away from the creator. So in order to save mankind He came into this World and gave His life for sinners. He paid the cost of the wages of sin in the cross. In order to give us eternal salvation in other words to make us His children he gave His live. If we believe Him we

will be benefited. We will be saved from the eternal Hellfire. We will become His children, we have eternal salvation and our name will be written in the book of life.

*Bible Reading: 2 Samuel: 16, Ezekiel: 8, Revelation: 8*

## Day 247: Discipline

Each parents' method of discipline is different. The method one parent uses is different from others. Some parent just look at the children and they obey. Some others scold, then others shout, then someone beat lightly, then some parent beat them severely with wires or belts or sticks. The method of disciplining is different. The method of discipline is different from children to children. But the purpose is the same. We parent want our children to achieve the best and live according to what they think best for them. We parent sometimes beat them without any reasons because we sometimes do not know what is best for them. Sometimes we discipline them because of our selfish motives.

God our father discipline us. He loves us so He rebukes us and discipline us when we are living in sin or living against the will of God. He discipline us only for the goodness of us. He will not destroy us. He will not annihilate us. That is not the purpose of His discipline. He discipline if it is needed, and also in order to make us better. So if we are getting the discipline from Him trust in Him and lean on Him because He is loving and caring. Surrender ourselves to His hands. We should not lose our heart when he punish us because he loves us and we are His sons.

Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by His father? If you are not disciplined then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. Hebrews 12: 7,8.

*Bible Reading: 2 Samuel: 17, Ezekiel: 9, Revelation: 9*

## **Day 248: Sin Entered into the World**

Adam and Eve were created in God's image and he was put him in the Garden of Eden and blessed him in order to be fruitful and increase in number fill the earth and subdue it. In order to rule over everything.

He gave Eve as a helper to rule the world. But now we can see Eve talking to serpent. The have to subdue everything. But now they were subdued by the snake. Everyday God was walking with them and there is no need for her to talk to a serpent. The serpent lied to her and she believed him and disobey the command of God not to eat that fruit.

They have given everything they want. But greed come to her mind and she obeyed Satan rather than God. If she had asked Adam before eating the fruit she will not have been cheated by the Serpent. She is not the head of the family she was only a helper. She forgot that and taken the decision which she should not have taken. And thus Sin entered into the world.

For Adam was formed first, then Eve. And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner. 1 Timothy 2:13,14

*Bible Reading: 2 Samuel: 18, Ezekiel: 10, Revelation: 10*

## Day 249: Eternal Death

When Adam and Eve heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day as usual, they hid from Him because they knew they had disobeyed God and had eaten the forbidden fruit. The first result of sin was that they were afraid.

Fear came into their mind. Because of sin the ground is cursed and because of that it will not produce as it used to be. So you have to work and with painful toil you will eat all the day of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles. Pains and diseases and death and eternal death came into man. By the sweat of your brow you will eat until you return to the ground that is death. The time he eat the fruit he did not died in his body but he died in his spirit. Eternal death came to man. So he was removed from the Garden of Aden.

Therefore just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned –for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses even over those who did not sin by breaking a command as did Adam who was a pattern on the one to come.  
Romans 5:12

*Bible Reading: 2 Samuel: 19, Ezekiel: 11, Revelation: 11*

## Day 250: Treacherous Questions

When we hear a treacherous question most of us find it difficult understand what is the meaning of that question. Without thinking we answer it and finally we will be trapped. Their questions are very craft and difficult to answer. When you hear such crafty, half-truth question just wait and think about where that kind of question first came and what was the outcome of it. Then only answer.

Now serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman Did God really say, you must not eat from any tree in the garden?. She was trapped.

Now she was protecting God. Eve said we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden and YOU MUST NOT TOUCH IT, or you will die. She was trapped and she told lies and fall into sin. She disobeyed God and obey Serpent in other words Satan. Who is crafty and the father of liars. Be careful when we heard words of treachery. It will lead us to telling lies and finally destroy us.

*Bible Reading: 2 Samuel: 20, Ezekiel: 12, Revelation: 12*

## Day 251: Eyes will be Opened

When we sinned against God sometimes our eyes will be opened for a few minutes. Usually when we find fault with our brothers, when we shout at our brothers, when we say and write evil about our brother for twinkle of time our face will

shine, our eyes will be opened and we think something good has happened. It is the pride in us caused these small changes in us. The people around who support evils, their eyes will also be opened.

The serpent told Eve when you eat this fruit your eyes will be opened and you will be like God. She did not think about the consequences in disobeying the Word of God. She ate and gave her husband also and he also ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened. Yes it is true that their eyes were opened. But see what happened to them next. They wanted to be like God.

When they heard the Sound of God they ran away instead of coming forward and meeting God because they wanted to be like God, here we see they hid from Him. This will happen to all who think that they become great by doing sin. They instead of being with God they will go away from God. They were not able to realize that they are away from God, because they think they are like God now. God is calling us today.

But the Lord God called to the man Where are you? He answered I heard you in the garden and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid. Genesis 3: 9

*Bible Reading: 2 Samuel: 21, Ezekiel: 13, Revelation: 13*

## Day 252: We are Experts in Blaming Others

Eve saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining she took some and ate it and given it to her husband and he also ate it. It was not at all an accident but she did it with a purpose. Then they

realize that they have sinned against God. They know it when their eyes were opened and they realized they were naked. Then When God came in the Garden of Eden they hid from Him. God called Adam and asked where are you.

He said I heard you in the garden and I was afraid because I was naked so I hid. Such an innocent answer. He did not tell God that He was sorry he had eaten fruit and disobey him. Instead he said He was afraid. God had asked him Have you eaten from the tree. Then Adam did not say that he has eaten and disobey Him. Instead of that he said the woman gave to me and I have eaten. Then God asked to woman why did she eat the fruit she said The serpent deceived me and I ate it. They were not ready to accept their mistakes instead they try to blame others and not even afraid to blame God himself. Adam blamed God telling God that you gave this woman and that is why I have disobeyed you. We are experts in blaming others and even God for our mistakes from the beginning onwards. So be careful about this Sin.

The man said, "The woman you put here with me – she gave some fruit from the tree and I ate it. Genesis 3: 12.

Bible Reading: 2 Samuel: 22, Ezekiel: 14, Revelation: 14

### **Day 253: Blessed**

When we get what we want we usually says we are blessed. If we are able to build a beautiful house, or able to buy an expensive car, or get good admission and job for us and our children, we as well as others will say what a blessed person is so and so.



But God's way of thinking is very different from man's thinking. If we get everything and if we are not saved then for that person there is no merit in having these worldly things. Jesus told disciples about His coming death. Peter as usual took Him aside and rebuked him. Then Jesus told You Satan You do not have in mind the things of God but you think only things of the world or men. Then Jesus Said What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul. Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul. What the world think about blessedness is different from what God thinks.

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit. Psalms 32: 1,2.

*Bible Reading: 2 Samuel: 23, Ezekiel: 15, Revelation: 15*

## Day 254: Though I Won But Failed Utterly

Cain was the elder brother of Abel. It was the duty of elder brother to teach younger brother and also to protect him. Here we see both had different Job. Cain worked in the soil and Abel kept flocks. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. He did not bring the best of it and his attitude was not correct whereas Abel brought fat portion from some of the firstborn of his flocks. He brought the best part. God favored Abel offering because it was the best. God did not favor Cain offerings because his attitude was not correct.

He should have been happy because at least God had favored his younger brother. It was his duty to protect, encourage, care, and love his younger brother. He did not do it instead he killed his brother. The protector become killer. There are times when we are supposed to help and care for our brothers, we try to blame them, say evil things about them and even try to excommunicate them.

When we think about this incident who is the loser here. Cain he is loser. He lose the respect of his parent, he lost his own younger, he lost the favor from God. In short he was loser not a gainer.

Cain said to the Lord my punishment is more than I can bear. Today you are driving me from the land of and I will be hidden from your presence and I will be restless wandered on the earth. Genesis 4:33

*Bible Reading: 2 Samuel: 24, Ezekiel: 16, Revelation: 16*

### **Day 255: Am I My Brothers Keeper**

God asks Cain where is brother Abel. He replied I do not know. We are also like this. When we really know that we are sinners and short glory of the God. We know that we are bound for the punishment still we are not ashamed to say that we do not know.

If we opened up our heart and say to God we sinned and need help from Him, He is ready to help us. But instead of revealing our sin we will try to hide it from God and others and we will

say that we do not know. But do not forget God is the Almighty and he will reveal if. Cain killed his brother and hid it in the ground.

Cain thought that nobody has seen it so he is safe. He forgets that there is God who is Almighty, All-powerful, Omniscient, omnipotent and Omnipresent and we cannot hide anything from Him. He knows our every actions, every thought and every move, and every word. So we have to be careful in our life.

The Lord is in His Holy temple; the Lord is on His heavenly throne, He observes the sons of men; His eyes examine them. Psalms 11: 4.

*Bible Reading: 1 Kings: 1, Ezekiel: 17, Revelation: 17*

## **Day 256: Nothing is Impossible with God**

A minimum of 12 Lakh people were in the wilderness. They wanted to have meat, because they said they were fed up with the honey-tasting manna. They approached Moses and said, 'It is better for us to be in Egypt as slaves of Pharaoh because at least we have proper food and meat'.

Moses told it to God and he complained how he could provide meat to these 12 lakh people. God said, 'you tell the people that they will have meat tomorrow'. True to His word, the 12 lakh people received meat — not for one day but for an entire month.

We might be praying for a job, a house, children's marriage, that dear ones would accept Christ, children, food, peace, restoration of backslidden ones, help from the attacks of others, or any other need. Nothing is impossible for God. Our God is a God of impossibilities.

"The Lord answered Moses, is the Lord's arms too short. You will now see whether or not what I say will come true for you" Numbers 11.23

*Bible Reading: 1 Kings: 2, Ezekiel: 18, Revelation: 18*

### **Day 257: My Mother And My Mother-in-Law**

Two important people in my life. Even though God is the supreme planner, but humanly speaking it is because of my mother Baby Kuriakose that I am what I am today. There are so many women in India who killed their babies just because they are girls. Even if the first born knowing that it is a girl they killed her. But our parent even though we are seven girls and only one brother they brought us educated us and help us so that we are what we now.

Even though God is the ultimate planner it because of the Mother-in-Law; Chinnamma Philip that what my husband is today. We usually forget this. The first day onwards to 10 months what our parent suffered for us is forgotten fact for many of us. They removed our urine and stool for more than 2 years in our infancy, but we are not ready to remove their urine and stool even once when they are old. Do not forget our parents. We are here and this position just because of them.

I just want to thank for one lesson midst of many lessons they both taught me. My mother got the gift of giving. Serving and sharing the things with God, God's servants and also to others. Whenever any God's servant came to our house after our father's death, if she did not have money with her she just sent one of us to near houses to borrow money. Only this purpose she borrows. She had given liberally to many purposes and God blessed her children because of her.

My mother-in-law also got the gift of giving, serving and sharing the things with God, God's people and to poor people. In and around my mother-in-law's house in Gwalior many poor people were there. If any one of them had any stomach ache they just came to her asking for (UPPUMANGA) Mango that has put in Salt water for more than six months is considered good for stomach. In order to give to them she will every year make this preparation and stock for them. Not only that vegetable is very expensive, even for us it was scarce but they will come frequently asking for subji and she will give to them. Giving to poor people was her God given talent and she was faithful for that. Her another enjoyment is distributing Gee to pregnant women and small children. In the house she will make Chapti with Dalda and made all ghee for the milk we have and then distribute.

“Honor your father and mother” — which is the first commandment with a promise — “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” Ephesians 6:2-3

*Bible Reading: 1King: 3, Ezekiel: 19, Revelation: 19*

## Day 258: In His Arms

Usually we carry very small children in our arms. But when one of our child is ill or need any special attention we carry even a big child in our arms. We are all children for Jesus Christ our savior. He knows which one is weak and need special care and protection. When a child cry for protection he cannot pretend that he did not heard. Others may ignore, rejects, say ill of you, insult, or say lies about you Do not worry there is hand always taking you in His arms. Being in the arms of Jesus is a special favor when we get when we are heart broken. If you are in that stage go to him lift up your hands He will take you in your arms and comfort you the ways a savior can do. Do not be ashamed of being in His arms. I wanted always in front of God as child so that I can get the enjoyment of being in His arms. There are many who do not know understand it but make sure there is hand stretching there willingly to carry you. We are safe in His hands. We are happy in His arms. We are satisfied in His arms.

We usually forgot who wanted to carry us. He is the Omnipotent, Omniscient, Omnipresent God. He is the God who stretches out the heavens like a canopy and spread them like a tent to live in. He is who measured the water in hollow of His hand, or with the breadth of his hand marked of the heavens who has held the dust of the earth in a basket or weighed the mountains on the scales and hills in a balance. Oh this God want us and is willing you to take you in His hands. We can submit ourselves and enjoy the protection He only can give.

He tends his flock like a shepherd; He gathers the lambs in His arms and carries them close to His heart; he gently leads those that have young. Isaiah 40: 10.

*Bible Reading: 1 King: 4, Ezekiel: 20, Revelation: 20*

### **Day 259: Cursed**

When I was reading this word yesterday I was really shocked to see this word. I read this portion may be more than 100 times but it never struck me the way it struck me yesterday. God's say if we curse the blessed one we will be cursed. Let me explain it.

Those who repent about their sins and believe in Jesus Christ and accept Him as their personal Lord and Savior become the children of God. And they are blessed one. If we curse any one of them, in other words if we say against them, if we want to destroy them, if we say lies about them, if we curse them we will be cursed.

It is word of God so we have to be very very careful in our life. We have to live without finding fault against our brothers or to say anything against them because they are very important for God because they were purchased by His own blood.

The Word of God says we will be blessed if we bless the blessed. See how easy it is to get blessings from God. Instead of cursing and saying ill of brothers learn to bless them so that we will be blessed.

I will bless those who bless you and whoever cursed you I will curse. Genesis 12: 3.

Bible Reading: 1 King: 5, Ezekiel: 21, Revelation: 21

## **Day 260: Green Pastures**

We wanted to be in the green pastures We wanted to lie down there and enjoy the green pastures. But we are not ready to follow the Shepherd who leads us there. We wanted to go the way we like and at the same time enjoy the pastures. It is impossible if want to follow the way we like we can go but we will not enjoy the green pastures God wanted us to enjoy. We have to follow the shepherd where he leads us.

The way may be difficult and filled with stones and thorns. May be our feet will bleed and we have to suffer pain and problems in the way. But be sure the shepherd is with us and He is leading us and He will not lead us the way that He did not walk.

Even if we have to face difficulties, pain and diseases, problems, loneliness, want lacks try to follow Him and Him only. He leads us into Green pastures then we can enjoy the pastures. We will be happy where He is and Where He leads us because he gave His life for us in order to save us. Be sure and follow Him.

*Bible Reading: 1 King: 6, Ezekiel: 22, Revelation: 22*



## Day 261: Blessed (2)

We all want to be blessed. The word of God says if we want to be blessed we should not stand in the way of sinners. What will happen if we stand in the way of sinners. They tempt us so that we may fall into their words and then we will sin against the Lord who saved us. If we stand in their way we automatically sit in the seat of mockers. After falling into sin our attitude changes and then we started to mock others. Mockery became a part of our life. We can see some people they will mock at anything in front of them. They do not mind to mock at any one. They became talented such like that hearing them one cannot feel that they are mocking and others will fall into their words and likewise they can make life miserable for others. So the word of God says we will go away from them.

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. Psalms 1:1,2

*Bible Reading: 1 King: 7, Ezekiel: 23, Psalms: 1, 2*

## Day 262: Quiet Waters

We are bought with a price. We are purchased by the blood of Jesus Christ and we become the children of God, the moment we repent about our sins and believe in Jesus Christ and accept Him as our Lord and Personal Savior.

God gave His life for us not to make us suffer but to give a peaceful life in the peaceless world. We will have the peace which the world or the man of this world cannot give.

The Lord is our Shepherd and He leads us to quiet waters. If we follow the shepherd then He will lead us to quiet waters. Many times we are not ready to follow the shepherd that is the reason why we are restless and peaceless.

If we willingly follow Him even though there may be pains, death, sufferings, obstructions tears in the path He is able to carry us to Quiet waters.

If we live away from Him then we will not be able to enjoy the peace He wants us to enjoy. We should not forget who our shepherd is and who wants to be with us always.

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me besides quiet water. Psalm 23:1,2.

*Bible Reading: 1 King: 8, Ezekiel: 24, Psalms: 3, 4*

## **Day 263: To Forgive**

With human effort it is impossible for man to forgive others who hurt them. Who had said continuously lies about them? Not only telling lies to near ones but also to others by using the media. They think that they can disgrace and destroy others through this. One thing they forget is that those who dig a pit will fall into the pit. It is the word of God. They may think and enjoy others slipping. But before they realize that they had fallen deep into the pit.

So the word of God say you have to forgive others. Even though it is difficult knowing that it is a commandment of God we have to obey it. Knowing us God gave this commandment. When we obey any commandment we will be blessed. God would be pleased. If we are ready God give His grace so that we will be able to do it. So with help of God and His grace we can forgive those who hurt us and try to destroy us.

Our example in this matter is Lord Jesus Christ. He has forgiven all those not only mocked Him, beat him, spat on Him, lied about Him, and finally killed Him. We should know that nothing will happen to us without the knowledge of our loving father. So with God's grace forgive others who tries to destroy you.

When they came to the place called Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on His right, the other on His left. Jesus said, "Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing" Luke 23:13

*Bible Reading: 1 King: 9, Ezekiel: 25, Psalms: 5, 6*

### **Day 264: Jesus Asked for water**

Jesus was thirsty and he was resting near a well. Jesus works through us. He is able to work otherwise but he usually works through us who are willing to share. He asked Moses what was in his hand, and then used it. He took the bread of the boy and blessed and give it to the multitude.

A woman came and Jesus asked for water. He knew that she was a Samaritan, untouchable for Jews but still he asked. She wondered and asked Him, why do you ask me. Then Jesus said if you ask me then I will give something better than water, I would give you living water. He cared for the woman knowing who she was. And He gave eternal life, to her and also He worked through her and whole village accepted Him.

If we are ready, even if we are nothing, even if we do not have many thing but, even if we are not talented, able, but if we are ready then He can perform wonders through us and we as well as others will be blessed through us.

They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the World”.

*Bible Reading: 1 King: 10, Ezekiel: 26, Psalms: 7, 8*

### **Day 265: Never Ever Give up**

When we pray about our needs sometimes we may not get an answer from God immediately. Do not think He did not hear it. He heard it and waiting to give us in the appropriate time. For us getting a thing is always important. We want to get it immediately after we asked. So God is asking us to continue in asking until he gives in His time and according to His will. Toffee is good but if a small one cries for it we will not give because we know the danger of the child if he swallow it. If we know how to give the needed thing according not to the interest of the child how much more our God and savior knows

our needs and He will give it according to His time table. So let us wait for His time patiently.

Winston Churchill, the prime minister of England and the later years of his life visit his childhood school. He has to give speech. Enthusiasm was high and expectation was great the moment finally came. He stand among the audience of cheerful hands. His speech was short — very short. Never — Never — Never Never — never give up.

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. Luke 18:1

*Bible Reading: 1 King: 11, Ezekiel: 27, Psalms: 9, 10*

### **Day 266: God's Rod Makes No Sound**

There are times we think why God is not seeing this or why this is happening. Why He is allowing this to happen. Be careful when you try to blame God. His eyes are looking into everything. He knows when to act and when to be silent. There is a saying that God's Rod had no sound.

Yes He will act in unexpected time. We may plot against others and trying to destroy others silently. We think we are smart and are going to win. Then we suddenly realize that God has acted in the unexpected time, unexpected method, and unexpected sources. The result is our utter failure. So be careful when we plot against our brothers and spread all the lies about them. You are going to be defeated because God is at work.

If you open your eyes and then look you will be able to realize that God has already worked many times in the the last hour and the plot is failed. This time also the God is powerful and He is on throne and working for the powerless so that they will not be defeated but you will be utterly defeated by God' hand. He is a God of truth. The righteous will not be put to shame instead the wicked will be punished.

The wicked plot against the righteous and gash their teeth at them; but the Lord laughs at the wicked for he knows their day is coming. Psalms 37: 12.

*Bible Reading: 1 Kings: 12, Ezekiel: 28, Psalms: 11, 12*

### **Day 267: The righteous will win**

The enemy is at work. He has no rest or sleep. He is looking for every opportunity to destroy God's Children. He is trying his best. There are times God's Children knowingly or unknowingly help the enemy of God. Helping him to destroy God's children. Satan usually forget that even though he is trying he will not win because he himself is defeated. Then how can he win. But still he has no rest and he is working. The main thing Satan is doing now is to distort God's word and teach them. We have to be very careful about them.

Jesus Christ told a parable to the crowd. The kingdom of heaven is a like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleep his enemy sowed weeds. The one who sowed the good seed is Jesus and the good seed is His children. The enemy who sows the weed is Satan and the weeds are sons of

the evil one. Both will grow up to the end. There are times the weed may try to destroy the seed. The weed can trouble them but cannot destroy them because the owner of the good seed is Jesus. The weed will not be pulled immediately. God will allow them also to grow. But in the end The Son of Man will send His angels and then collect the weeds and then throw them to the furnace. His children will be rewarded at the end. So let us be happily and glorify God because he is at throne looking at us.

Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears let them hear. Mathew 13:43.

*Bible Reading: 1 Kings: 13, Ezekiel: 29, Psalms: 13, 14*

### **Day 268: Safe In His Hands**

Sometimes we are afraid. We do not know what to do. We are walking in the steps of our father teaching the word of God correctly without adding or subtracting anything from the Word. Still are afraid. But God is telling us do not be afraid. If someone else said we have to be afraid but if God the Almighty said then there is no need for us to worry.

Even His disciples were afraid many times. They have seen the wonders of Jesus with their own eyes. Still when some problems came they are afraid. During the fourth hour of night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw it they were terrified. They cried out in fear. Jesus did not scold them. He said "Take courage It is I, Don't be afraid. Then peter as usual asked Jesus to allow him to come to Jesus on the water. Jesus said come.

He started to walk on the water and come towards Jesus. Then he looked at the wind, then he was afraid. Not only afraid but started to sink. He cried out Jesus save me. Lord saved him. If we look at the wind—at the surrounding then there is every possibility that we will be afraid. But if we look at Him. We will not be afraid. We will be safe in His hand. So look at Him always and never look around. Peter was safe in Jesus hand.

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith He said. Why did you doubt” Matthew 14:31

*Bible Reading: 1 Kings: 14, Ezekiel: 30, Psalms: 15, 16*

### Day 269: Can we be Sure of Eternal Safety

This question is asked by Queen Victoria. The Queen heard a message of salvation. She asked one of the chaplain this question. Can we be absolutely sure of eternal safety in this life? The chaplain said No. We cannot be sure of eternal safety.

This was published in the Court News and John Townsend saw it. He knew if he answered the correct answer some time his head would be removed. But he knew that he should be faithful to the God and His Word. He thought about it and then prayed about it and then sent a letter to Queen Victoria asking her to read the following verses from the Bible.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16.”



“That if you confess with your mouth “Jesus is Lord” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10: 9.

These verses clearly says we can have eternal salvation. We are saved from eternal hellfire. For those who believe and accept for them it is finished work. Townsend and his friends were praying after sending this letter to the queen. He is ready to accept the consequence for the one who saved him.

But he got a letter from the queen saying that she has read the verses and she accept it and she was saved. She said I believed the finish work of Christ for me. And trust by God’s grace to meet you in that Home of which He said I go to prepare a place for you.

*Bible Reading: 1 King: 15, Ezekiel: 31, Psalms: 17*

## Day 270: Right or Wrong

Sometimes teenagers ask a question. How can you distinguish between Right and Wrong in some matters of life. In many things it is easy – like in stealing. We will say it is wrong. But in some other aspect of life we will be confused about what is wrong and what is right. For example some parent do want their children to wear the dress they want keeping in mind about the proper dress code. But children may not agree with it they want to have the new fashionable clothing according to their taste. In many such circumstances it is difficult to distinguish between what is right and what is wrong.

But by testing and asking few questions to ourselves most of the time we will be able to know what is right and what is wrong.

- 1 Is it pleasing to God.
- 2 Am I doing it according to what is written in the word of God.
- 3 What I am doing is not a stumbling to my brother.
- 4 It will not affect when I am sharing the Gospel to others. Others will show there finger at me saying what right you have to say about Christ when you are not obeying His commands.
- 5 Is it benefit others or Is it destroy others.
- 6 Is it destroy my body and my reputation. For example drinking will gradually destroy our body.
- 7 Is it glorify God.
- 8 Does it glorify God's name.

If you examine in front of God, and also if you really examine according to the above standard, then we will be able to decide what is wrong and what is right. For example, in the second point above we have to do according to the Word of God. Obey your parents is a commandment of God. So if your parents want you to wear a particular cloth then you have to obey your parents because it is said in Scripture that you are blessed by obeying your parents.

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10: 31.

*Bible Reading: 1 Kings: 16, Ezekiel: 32, Psalms: 18*

## Day 271: Searching

I have a small garden. Whenever I go there I will see and count how many colors of flowers I have today. There may not much flowers in a plant. The flowers may not very good still I am happy when I see flowers, and many colors of flowers in my small garden. Actually I am not doing anything for my garden. Not giving proper care, proper manure and even many times not sufficient water. Still When I see the flower I am so happy.

My father, my redeemer, my Savior, provider, my Sustainer has given me everything. He has given His precious life for me, in order to save me from hell fire and in order to have fellowship with a wretched like me. He is searching something. He is searching some flower. Are you able to make Him happy. Some time we are producing weeds rather than flowers If so we you are making Him disappointed. Irrespective of your condition he is searching. Do not waste your time. Do not waste your precious gems for picking up the waste of this world which is not useful for you or for your family or for your Savior. Next time when he search in you make Him happy rather than Sad.

What more could have been done for my vineyard, than I have done for it?. When I looked for good grapes why did it yield only bad?. Isaiah 5:4

*Bible Reading: 1 Kings: 17, Ezekiel: 33, Psalms: 19, 20*

## Day 272: Why Should We PRAY

God knows everything we want. He will give to us according to His wishes. Even if we ask he will give only if He wants to give. God is giving even to atheist and worldly people without asking. They are also receiving from God if so then why should we, His children should pray. Recently in a house visitation a sister asked me the above questions. She asked me also. Are you getting everything you are praying for. She said she is a believer and she will not pray for anything for her because she knows God will give, provide for her without asking.

The first and important thing about Prayer is it is Gods commandment that we should pray. Even Jesus prayed. It is also important that God delights in those who obey His commandments than offering burnt offerings and sacrifices. To obey is better than sacrifices. If so our duty is to pray to God what we want. We may not know what we want. But God knows it and will give to us according to His desire.

What he gives is best for us. Many times we are like children who ask for dangerous things. As parents we know that they are dangerous for them and we will not give. Usually when we are in the kitchen when we cut with a knife they will cry for the knife knowing the danger we will not give. Some children seeing the fire want to catch the fire without knowing the danger. If we parent will not give what the child ask then what about our heavenly Father? He gives us what we want.

“For everyone who asks receive, he who seeks find; and to him who knocks the door will be opened. Which of you, if his son

asks for bread will give him stone? Or if he asks for a fish will give him a snake. If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your FATHER IN HEAVEN GIVE GOOD GIFTS to those who ask him. (Mathew 7: 9,10).

*Bible Reading: 1 Kings: 18, Ezekiel: 34, Psalms: 21*

### **Day 273: Creator and Prayer**

God created everything in the universe except man with His own word. Then the Lord created man in His own image, in the image of God from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living being. God loved His creation. So he is always hearing the cry of His creation. He is giving what is needed for His creation.

God saw all that he made, and it was very good. He made everything good. But because of one man sin entered into the world. With sin death also entered into the world. Physical as well as spiritual death.

When his creation prays to him he answers them and gives them according to His wishes. He gave water and sun for all his creation. He has given wisdom for his creation so they were able to sustain in this world. When we pray we should realize that there is a God who likes to hear our prayers. If he hears the prayer of his creation which was made by His words how much more He will heard the prayers of man.

He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call. Psalms 147: 9.

*Bible Reading: 1 King: 19, Ezekiel: 35, Psalms: 22*

### **Day 274: Man and Prayer**

God created man in His own image. Sin came into this world and man became sinners. The creator lost the intimate relation with man. Still the creator loved his creation especially man whom he made with His own hands. But when man prays to God He hears the cry of man and gives what is needed for the man. He hears not only the prayer and request of His children but also the cries and request of man a believer or a non-believer. God's love for His creation is very clear. Man wanted to please God and he offered many kind of sacrifices to Satan thinking that they are offering to God. God loves the world so he sent his one only begotten Son into this world in order to save the world from the bondage of sin and Satan.

When man pray for water, sun food, protection God hears the pray and give Him. It is God who decide what man needs and gave according to His wish and purposes. When man as whole disobey God he send famine, flood, and earthquake so that man will turn to God. In the time of Noah we see God sent flood and the whole world is under flood, all were destroyed except Noah and His family. But God was not happy in that so He gave a covenant to Noah that now onwards He will not destroy the whole world with flood. But flood earthquake, famine, calamities were sent to teach man and make him understand that He is in control.

He causes His sun to rise on the evil and good and sends rain on the righteous and unrighteous. Mathew 5: 45

Bible Reading: 1 King: 20, Ezekiel: 36, Psalms: 23, 24

### **Day 275: Child of God and Prayer**

What is prayer for a child of God? When we repent about our sins believe in Jesus Christ and accept Him as our one and only Lord and Savior we become His children and He becomes our father. Then prayer is a conversation with a father by His child. In other words a son is talking to His father for help, advice, needs, wisdom, food, shelter, job wisdom to study guidance and also asking forgiveness for what he did against his Father or in other words say sorry for disobedience in his life. If he is living a life which is pleasing and according to the will of God then he had confidence. Even though the father discipline when we go astray still He hears our prayers and answer it according for the good of us. He will give only what we need.

The prayer of a child of God is different from the prayer of other creation and other men. This is purely a talk between a father and son. So you can talk anything and everything to Him. We cannot talk many things even to our wife, or husband or even to friend, or father or mother. But we can talk everything to Him because He is our creator, our sustainer, our father and also our Savior.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your request

to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4: 6,7.

*Bible Reading: 1 King: 21, Ezekiel: 37, Psalms: 25*

### **Day 276: Prayer Life Our Model**

When he was in this world, when he was in the human form Jesus prayed. If Jesus prayed then we should also pray. He put a model in front of us to follow. He is God still he prayed because in order to show us that prayer is very important for a child of God.

There are many times in the bible to show that Jesus prayed. In Mark 1: 35-38, We see Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up left the house and went to a solitary place where he prayed. This is nice model for us.

- 1 Early morning
- 2 Alone with God
- 3 For that separated a place is needed without the disturbance of others. A solitary place.
- 4 We have to got up. When you are still sleeping or when your heart is busy with other things you will not be able to pray effectively.
- 5 (materials) It is good to have list of things for people who easily forgot about the list of prayer matters.



This is the model except no,5 God has given us a model in this portion. In Matthew 4:1, Mark 6: 46, 14: 32,35,39, Luke 5:16, 9:28 11:1 John 12: 28 John 17. In many place in the Bible we see what is prayer, how He prayed, and his teaching about prayer and His prayer.

There are times we think I am praying for this (about house, plot, job, money, education, about a suitable spouse, grandchild, child and so on) God is not hearing nor answering me then why should I pray. We should think like that he knows what is best for us when it is best for us so without ceasing continue to pray

Four point we have seen:

1 Prayer is a conversation between a son to his father

2 prayer is direct commandment from God

3 Jesus is model for us.

4 He has given us pattern- when where how we should pray

For everyone who asks receives, he who seek finds, and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. Mathew 7:8.A

*Bible Reading: 1 King: 22, Ezekiel: 38, Psalms: 26*

## Day 277: A Model How to Pray

After giving few condition for prayer Jesus gives a model of how to pray. It is not a verse for memorization and mere repetition. Rather, it is good model where everything is for a model of how to pray. (Mathew 6: 9-13)

- 1 Whom to pray. To Father
- 2 Praise and worship in prayer
- 3 Supplication for the daily needs.
- 4 Asking forgiveness of Sin
- 5 Asking God to help to resist temptation.
- 6 Asking God to save us from Evil men
- 7 Condition for hearing the prayer.

We can see at least 7 important things we should know when we pray to God the Father.

*Bible Reading: 2 King: 1, Ezekiel: 39, Psalms: 27*

## Day 278: A Model How to Pray (1)

We have seen 7 points let us see in detail about them. Let us see the first one whom we should pray.

- 1 In that chapter we have seen we have to pray to Father, who is unseen. In John chapter 17 we can see after Jesus said this he looked toward heaven and prayed; Father the

time has come. He know about the time and then He prayed to God the father. When He teach the disciple how to pray then also he said Our Father in Heaven. (Mathew 6: 9)

- 2 Jesus told the disciple in John 14 that if you asked anything in Jesus name He will give. If anyone has faith in Jesus and with that faith if we ask in Jesus name it will be given to Him. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. (John 14:13). In chapter 16:24 we can see Jesus said I tell you the truth My Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.
- 3 We should pray in spirit on all occasion. Pray in Holy Spirit. Jude: 20.

We learn from these verse that we have to pray to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ with the help and power of Holy Spirit.

*Bible Reading: 2 Kings: 2, Ezekiel: 40, Psalms: 28, 29*

## Day 279: A model of How to Pray (2)

We have seen the first point, which is, to whom to pray. Today we can see about praise and adoration, confession and supplication in the model of prayer.

Praises and adoration — When we realize what God has done to us we will praise Him. When we look at David life we can see him praising and adoring and worshiping God. When we

realize that God has shown us His mercy and saved us from the eternal hellfire. We cannot sit without praising Him.

When Jesus show the disciples the first sentence we can see Hallowed be your name. God is giving us everything we want to live in this world-food, shelter, water, house, job, health, education, but also he has given eternal salvation to those who believes in Him. So as a child of God it is our duty to praise and adore and worship Him. In psalm 95: 1 Come let us sing for joy to the Lord let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation. Come let us bow down in worship let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. Psalm 95:6.

Confession: When we repent and believe we became His children. We are justified by God. In our daily life sin may come, so daily it is our duty to ask forgiveness and try to live a Holy life, because we are brought with that purpose.

Supplication for the daily need. We can see here that give us today our daily food. We are not supposed to worry about tomorrow. Our needs should only of today and for that we can ask God and he will give it. So do not worry saying what shall we eat or what shall we drink or what shall we wear. For the pagans run after all these and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. Matthew 6: 31,32.

*Bible Reading: 2 Kings: 3, Ezekiel: 41, Psalms: 30*

### **Day 280: Model of Prayer (3)**

We have seen about whom to pray, praising and adoring God, asking forgiveness of sins, supplication and now we can see about asking God to help us from temptation, asking God to save us from evil and evil men and condition of hearing prayer.

Like Eve there is every possibility that we may also fall into temptation. Satan and evil people are always there to tempt us so that we may fall into sin. When we are tempted we cannot say that we are tempted by God. God will not tempt us. He sometime test us. But temptation came from Satan. So we have to pray to God as in the model: lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil one. So it is our responsibility is to pray continuously to God to help us to conquer temptation and able to lead a victorious life for Christ. God is able to help us. So we will be able conquer temptation and from the influence of evil men.

When tempted, no one should say “God is tempting me For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each one is tempted when by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. James 1:13

Bible Reading: 2 Kings: 4, Ezekiel: 42, Psalms: 31

### **Day 281: Broken Hearted**

In our life there are times we are broken hearted. The God does not say because we are His children we have no problems or suffering or tears or famine or thirst or hunger or loneliness.

We may have to pass through many problems. We may have to face many hardship. We may be passing through a situation where we do not know what to do or how to handle this. Our hearts are broken.

In that condition we have to realize the first thing is God did not say that we will not have to face problems which may broke our heart. Second thing we have to learn that our Savior, our Redeemer, our Father had already passed through these before us. Third thing we have to realize that He will not leave us alone in this. The fourth thing we have to realize that He will be with us. The sixth thing is He will give us peace, His peace. So whatever problems are trust God and lean not into our own understand.

The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles, The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and save those who are crushed in spirit.  
Psalms 34: 17, 18.

*Bible Reading: 2 Kings: 5, Ezekiel: 43, Psalms: 32, 33*

## **Day 282: Suffering Result Hope**

Suffering makes us closer to God and His kingdom. When we are passing through tribulation it help us to taste the breast of our Savior. Like John the Apostle" we will also able to lean on Jesus heart and enjoys the warmth of the relation of God our Savior. Then is the time we really know how much God loved us. When we are passing through suffering it gives hope in our life. When we have hope then we will be:

1 We will try to live holy. Because we realize that if we wanted to have fellowship with God we should live a holy life. God Said "Just as He who called you is holy so be holy in all you do for it is written "Be holy, because I am holy" 1 Peter 1: 16.

2 We will surely spread the gospel. If we have hope then we cannot sit ideal. We will spread the gospel to others. Paul the Apostle said "Yet when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast for I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel.

3 Our attitude will be like Paul when he say For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain.

4 Our aim should be heaven. We will work for eternity rather than this world. Our treasures will be in heaven rather store in this world. We come realize that if we put all our treasures here we will lose. So we try to put our treasure in heaven.

When we have hope we will do and try to at least the above mentioned things. So brothers and sisters, do not waste our sufferings. Turn to God and work for the welfare of His kingdom which is everlasting.

Not only so but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance, perseverance, character, and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy spirit whom He has given us. Romans 5: 3,4

*Bible Reading: 2 Kings: 6, Ezekiel: 44, Psalms: 34*

## Day 283: Be Still

Being still is very difficult when we know many things about the one who wants to destroy us. They are wicked in their ways and deeds and they are plotting and almost succeed in their schemes. At that we as man think just put the bomb which is with you and just blast him into pieces. Yes with some bomb one can do it.

Do not do evil against evil but wait upon the Lord and handle the problems to him and then wait and see how God the Almighty is going to handle it. But if a person is guided with the Holy Spirit God will spoke silently and ask us be still and wait and allow God to Work.

Saul who was the king of Israel without any reason wanted to destroy David the shepherd. David feared God and his people and lead a life glorifying to God. David got a chance, a golden opportunity to kill Saul. Suppose that chance was given to Saul he should have immediately kill David. But David said I will not lay my hands upon Saul. Even his servants wanted to kill Saul but David did not allow it. For a long Saul was a headache but God asked David to be Still.

David was still so God the almighty had taken the sword in his time and struck Saul so that he was not able to destroy David.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him, do not fret when men succeed in their ways when they carry out their wicked schemes. Psalms 37: 7.

*Bible Reading: 2 Kings: 7, Ezekiel: 45, Psalms: 35*



## Day 284: You Must Be Born Again

In reply to Nicodemus Jesus declared “I tell you the truth, no one see the kingdom of God unless he is born again. John 3:3

Nicodemus was a Pharisee, a member of the Jewish ruling council. Pharisees means a person separated from the world for God. To him Jesus said unless you are born again you will not even see God.

In order to go to heaven even if we do so many things we will not go to heaven unless we are born again. To born there is a time. A person cannot be born many times. That will happened only once. In the same way we cannot born many times. Only once.

When we repent about our sins and believe fully in Jesus Christ and accept Him as our only Lord and Savior we became His children. Before we were the children of Satan when we accept Jesus as our Savior we became God’s child. And thus we are born again

*Bible Reading: 2 Kings: 8, Ezekiel: 46, Psalms: 36*

## Day 285: Condition for Prayer (1)

In Matthew 6 we can see many things about prayer and also a Model of How to pray. From verse 6: 5 onwards He gives three condition:

1 Whom to Pray. Pray to God the Father

- 2 A place for prayer. A place where we can alone with God. Where we are not disturbed by others. He said when you pray go into your room and close the door
- 3 Prayer should not be show. Sometimes we pray to show others that we are spiritual and we are praying. God does not want it. If we are doing it then we are hypocrites.
- 4 Do not babble. The pagans babble because they are not sure of the God they serve. We are praying to our Father, Savior so there is no need to babble. Before we pray he knows our need and are ready to give it according to His will and desire. So there is no need for babbling.

Before giving us a model how to pray God give this condition for prayer

“Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.—Do not like them for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Mathew 6: 8.

*Bible Reading: 2 Kings: 9, Ezekiel: 47, Psalms: 37*

## Day 286: Condition of Prayer (2) Forgiveness

It is very difficult to forgive those whose who persecute us. But it is commandment from God so we have to obey commandment so that we will be blessed by Him. If we want God to forgive our sins and hear our prayers then we have to forgive others. It is very important. If we are not ready to forgive other, even those who even persecute us, cheat us, try

their level best to destroy us, try their level best to excommunicate us still if God want to hear your prayers you have to forgive them. That is the model Jesus showed and ask us to follow. It is not easy but it not impossible because, if we desire for it God is there to help.

When Jesus teach a model how to pray he taught that we have to forgive others if we want to get forgiveness from God and also if God wanted to hear our prayers.

Before our country was ruled by regional kings. At that time fighting and killing is usual thing. Henry's father the king fight with Singh's father the King, It resulted in the death of sing's father. After few years Henry's father died. One day Henry heard the Gospel and open his heart and accept Jesus as his personal Savior.

In spite of being a believer Henry hatred against sing and his family did not end. He somehow want to take revenge upon sing even though his father is dead. One day Henry heard Sing's son was sick and they were going to take him to a doctor. The only way to go to the doctor is through Henry's country. He thought he is going to have a golden opportunity. He decided to kill Sing when they are passing through his country. The Evangelist who shared the Gospel know about it and told him not do it because he is a believer so he has forgive him and also Singh is innocent. Henry did not agree. At last Evangelist said let us pray and he asked to pray with him the Lord's Prayer. They started praying together until the verse which says forgive. Henry stopped there. Then after a long time he said I will pray.

The next day When Singh, his son and his people passed through the country Henry went to him not to kill or shout but to give hands and to share the good Gospel to him. Singh knowing the past has seen the change in Henry and accept Jesus as his personal Savior. They became good friends.

For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. Matthew 6:14,15

*Bible Reading: 2 Kings: 10, Ezekiel: 48, Psalms: 38*

### **Day 287: Condition of Prayer (3) Faith**

Pray with Faith. We all pray a lot but often without faith. We are just like the old woman. In front of her house there was a huge rock. She had a road at the backside of her house. But she wanted a road in front of her house to fulfill her ego. She heard that God will hear our prayer and will give whatever we ask. She went to her room and prayed to God to remove that big rock. Then she went outside and look to rock, it was still there. Then she said I knew that the rock will not be moved. I am just like that woman in many circumstances. I prayed with half trust in God and so I make arrangement so that I will not be ashamed even if God will not hear my prayer.

Our prayer should always be with faith. We have to believe that the God whom we are asking is able to give and He is willing to give if we ask according to the will of Him. There was a woman name Hannah. She had no children. Not only

that her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her. Then she wept and prayed to God. When the high priest saw her prayer he thought she was drunk. She told him that I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I was pouring out my soul to the Lord. The high priest told her to go in peace. Afterward we can see that she was happy because she believed God.

Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast. I Samuel 1: 18.

*Bible Reading: 2 Kings: 11, Daniel: 1, Psalms: 39, 40*

### Day 288: Condition of Prayer (4)

3 Pray in spirit. When we are living according to the will of God, according to the Plan of God and according to guidance of the Holy Spirit then the Holy Spirit will help us to pray. There are times we do not know what to pray but Holy Spirit help us so we will be able ask to God what is really we are in need. Not only that the Holy spirit will intercede for us. "In the same way, the spirit help us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express" Romans 8: 26.

4 Abide in Jesus and pray. John 15: 7

5 Pray together with other believers Luke 1: 10

6 Praying always. Ephesians 6:18

7 Pray according to the will of God. Romans 8:27

8 Pray After obeying Jesus commandments. John 14:14

9 Pray with Humility.

10 Pray by giving Glory and Honor to God. Jude 25

*Bible Reading: 2 Kings: 12, Daniel: 2, Psalms: 41, 42*

## Day 289: Condition of Prayer (5) Without Ceasing

After praying for a subject for few years we stop praying for that. We think that God is not answering the way we want so there is no use for praying. Our human tendency is to stop praying or to murmur to God. We do not know the timing of God or the will of God in that matter. So God through the word is asking us to pray without ceasing.

Jesus when he was on the earth told the disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, Grant me justice against my adversary. For some time he refused but afterward he said because this widow bothering me I will heard her plea and give solution to it. Here Jesus Christ is telling us to pray and continually.

And the Lord said Listen to what the unjust says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice. Luke 18: 6.

*Bible Reading: 2 Kings: 13, Daniel: 3, Psalms: 43, 44*

## Day 290: Why Should We Suffer

Tribulation creates hope. When we pass through suffering of any kind, may be famine, lack of dress, death, food, shelter, diseases, threats, loneliness like any tribulation if we look to Jesus and trust and depend upon him then it will help us to grow in Christ and give us more hope.

One day a hunter lost his way in the forest. When he was wandering he heard a beautiful song from somewhere. He went hear it and found that someone inside the cave is singing. He called please come out. I want to see the face of the beautiful singer.

From Inside the man spoke no, I will not come outside. And I do not want you to come inside also. The hunter urged, requested him to come out. The man inside said I am leper who has already lost many parts of my face, hands and other parts of the body. You will afraid to see me. The hunter asked then if so how can you sing so happily such a sweet song. The man said I know I am going to lose this body and then I will get a new body and also only few days left for me to meet my master so I can not sit here without singing. Yes when we have hope we will be able to sing in tribulation also. So do not waste our suffering instead of look to God and His kingdom and work for it.

Now we know that if the earthly tent we live is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven not built by human hands. 2 Corinthians 5:1.

*Bible Reading: 2 Kings: 14, Daniel: 4, Psalms: 45*

## Day 291: Light has Come

Condemnation is not because they are sinners but because they reject the Light that has come into this world in order to save them. In other words by rejecting Jesus Christ as our Savior we are condemned. If we want to receive the light we have say good bye to evils deeds and evils. Those who love evil hates the light and they will not come to the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

After accepting Jesus Christ as Savior because of temptation of Satan they fall and they love dark and follow the path of darkness. Then they love evil and evil deeds instead of good deeds. If we are not careful we will not be able to know when we have fallen. We have to live a life glorifying our father who is light. If we are filled with the Holy Spirit then we will be able to live in light. For it shameful for a believer to do what the evil do. So do not disobey God instead obey God and walk in light because we brought with a price so that we may walk in light.

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord, live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness rather expose them, Ephesians 5: 8.

*Bible Reading: 2 Kings: 15, Daniel: 5, Psalms: 46, 47*



## Day 292: Obey Your Parents

Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother – which is the first commandment with a promise – that it may go well with you may enjoy long life on the earth. Ephesians 6: 1.

Sometime parents are not educated, they may not know many things of the modern world like internet, Facebook etc. They may not know about the modern science and technology. Then why should I obey my parents. Children have to obey because:

- 1 It is commandment from God
- 2 It is because they are your parents,
- 3 It has got a promise with it
- 4 It is pleasing to God
- 5 It gives long life to you.

So as children it is your obligation to obey your parent whatever and how ever and whoever they are. They will prosper if they listen and obey the parents. They will be wise and a wise son brings joy to his father but foolish son grief to his mother. To obey to parents is God commandment and if he obey he will be wise and able to live a successful life.

My Son, keep your father's command and do not forsake your mother's teaching. Bind them upon your heart forever; fasten them around your neck, when you walk they will guide you when you sleep; they will watch over you when you awake they will speak to you. Proverb: 20,21.

*Bible Reading: 2 Kings: 16, Daniel: 6, Psalms: 48, 49*

## Day 293: Problems

When we have little problems we will grumble against God and worry about it. We think everyone is against us. But there are so many believers ready to face the problems with happiness. They wanted to suffer for God's work. Like Paul for them also to die is better than life if God wants in that way. They are not afraid of others. They are not afraid of others insults or abuse. They will stand for the truth and the Word of God until they are removed from this world. They are ready for the consequences they have to face. They are not super man. They are just like us. The only difference is they dedicated their life for who gave His life for them. They have faith and commitment.

Taylor Smith wanted to go to Pacific. His friends mocked at him saying why, are you mad. You will die of cold. You do not have anything to protect you from the severe cold. He Said friends, For God's work if my cot become one alter and my body become sacrifice I will be happy. I dedicate everything for the one who gave His life for me and he happily went to Pacific and served the God there.

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body this will mean fruitful labor for me. Philippians 1: 21.

*Bible Reading: 2 Kings: 17, Daniel: 7, Psalms: 50*

## Day 294: Joseph was put into the Pit

Joseph was put into the pit by his own brothers. There are times in our life that our own brothers will push us into the pit. Do not worry about it when we know that we are innocent. Joseph was innocent, he said what God wanted him to say. But his brothers were jealous of him and thinking that it is the end of him just put him into the pit. Do not forget that God allows that so that his name will be glorified in the end. The brothers thought they have won but they failed utterly. God will act in time when others are thinking that Joseph is almost finished.

First thing is God was with him in the pit. So when we are put into pit by our own brothers do not be discouraged because God Almighty is with you. Second thing is He will be taken out of the pit in His time. Third thing is God's name will be glorified through Him. Fourth thing God will make a time when those who put Joseph in to the pit has come and bow down before him. They will be a shame to their family, their house, their church and even in the society. Our God is God of wonders. So trust and obey Him and put your burden upon Him.

So Joseph came to his brothers they stripped him of his robe—the richly ornamented robe he was wearing — and they took him and threw him into the cistern. Now the cistern was empty; there was no water in it. Genesis 37:22

*Bible Reading: 2 Kings: 18, Daniel: 8, Psalms: 51*

## Day 295: Feeding the Monster

When we repent about our sins and believe in Jesus Christ and accept Him as our only and one Lord Savior we will become God's children. Then we have two natures. The Old sin nature and the New nature. Old sin nature is envy, malice, jealousy, hatred, evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. These are the things which make a man unclean.

If we feed the old sin nature, in other words if we are encouraging and meditating and spending time and energy on these things there came time we will be under the control of Satan himself and doing his will. When Judas was controlled by Satan he planned to destroy Jesus Christ. When we are controlled by Satan we will be vessel for destroying our fellow believers and church. But we have to realize that Even Judas was not able to do anything against Jesus Christ. Like that God is there to protect His children and His church. The one who feeds their Old nature will have to suffer the consequences. There comes a time they were not able to control themselves because they are doing the will of Satan even though they are brought with a prize. We have to daily examine ourselves so that we will not feed the Old nature rather feed the new nature by reading the Word of God, praying, doing good rather than destroying, walking with God.

So I say, live by the spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the

sinful nature. They are in conflict with other so that you do not do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit you are not under law. Galatians 5: 16, 17.

*Bible Reading: 2 Kings: 19, Daniel: 9, Psalms: 52*

## Day 296: Where is our Strength

When problems come to our life usually on what will we depend? Do we depend upon the strength, in money, in politicians, in people around us? Sometime we forget about our reservoir and depend upon other things. Then we will be frustrated and depressed and want to take revenge. But if our eyes is on Jesus who is the source of strength we will not be depressed or we do not have any anxiety. We have to learn it.

Once a boy was going to his house on a hill on a bicycle. There was a strong wind coming towards him. He was cycling but he was not able to move forward. He was pulled down by the wind. At that time a car came. The boy was asked to tie his cycle at the back of the car. Without any difficulty he was able to go to hill where his house was.

It is not he but the car pulled the cycle. Just like that think about our life that we were struggling very hard to go high. But we are pulled down. Why? We just put ourselves to the hands of the almighty so that He will able to pull you up without any problem.

Then you will know that I am the Lord those who hope in me will not be disappointed. Isaiah 49: 23.

*Bible Reading: 2 Kings: 20, 21, Daniel: 10, Psalms: 53, 54*

## Day 297: I have Decided to Follow Jesus

When little problems comes into our life we sometime criticize God and try to go away from Him. If the suffering is great we even did not bother to say if God is there then why I have to go through all these problems and hardships and insults.

There was a little child who heard about Jesus Christ from her friend. Her father was drunkard as well as a cruel person. Her mother died so she did not have anyone to help her. But knowing about Jesus and His love for her she accepted Him as her Lord and Savior. She was very happy.

Her father asked her the reason for her happiness. She told him about Jesus. He was very angry. He scolded her and then beat her. He said she should have nothing to do with Jesus. Then realizing that she did not leave her faith he beat her more and wounded her. Knowing her faith he said if you wanted to believe in Jesus she had to leave her home. He asked her what is your decision. She said I have decided to follow Jesus.

*Bible Reading: 2 Kings: 22, Daniel: 11, Psalms: 55*

## Day 298: Playing with Sin

Man thinks that he has power so that he can play with sin. For example he can watch a dirty film and control every bad thinking coming into his mind. Or he can control himself when he is sitting and enjoying with friends who are drunkard and smokers adulterers mockers, slander, criticizer, and say ill and lie of everything in others life.

This is not possible If we are with them we will adopt their way of life and gradually if we are not careful we will become worse than them. That is the reasons in Psalm 1 God is asking us not to have part with any wrongdoing one. We are not supposed to walk in the counsel of wicked nor are we to stand in the way of sinners or to sit in the seat of mockers.

Do not allow our children also to have company with these kind of people so that they also become one among them. The Word of God says not to stand and see what is happening but to run away from this kind of circumstances.

Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace along with those who call on the Lord with pure heart. 2 Timothy 2:22

*Bible Reading: 2 Kings: 23, Daniel: 12, Psalms: 56, 57*

### **Day 299: Gun on Another's Shoulder**

He who carelessly takes up security for another will surely suffer, but whoever refuses to strike hands in pledge is safe. Proverb 11: 15.

Man is born with sin nature. If we do not suppress our nature we will become tools of Satan. There are some people who are very smart when they want to do or get anything they will not dirty their own hand but are experts in making others hand dirty. They will be at the back encouraging and giving ideas and even help, money, encouragement in order to do the dirty work for them. According to others they are very nice

and spiritual persons because others do not know they are good at keeping their hand clean at the same allowing the friend dirty.

They are just like a person putting his gun on the shoulder of his friend and then shoot and kill. The gun is in other's shoulder so the other person will be caught and punished. The actual criminal will go without the punishment. But he forgets that there is a God looking all the time the deeds of the people and will punish when times comes. So be careful in putting the Gun in the shoulder of your friend. You will be caught in the right time. The person who is having Gun in the shoulder is stupid and innocent, and a fool and an ignorant helping the culprit. That is why we have read Proverbs so that we shouldnot be trapped by this kind of people.

My Son, if you have put up security for your neighbor, if you have struck hands to pledge for another if you have been trapped by what you said ensnared by the works of your mouth then do this my son to free yourself since you have fallen into your neighbors hand. Go and humble yourself. Proverbs 6:1.

*Bible Reading: 2 Kings: 24, Hosea: 1, Psalms: 58*

### **Day 300: God's Way**

God's way is perfect but sometimes painful for those who fight against God.

God gives dreams to Joseph. So it has to be fulfilled. There are times in our life God gives guidance to speak and write about



a subject. Write and speak do not worry what others say about it. If God gave it then He will see to it that it will not put to shame.

In order to fulfill the dreams of Joseph there was famine. Famine not only in Egypt but also famine was severe in all the world. So Jacob's sons also came for grains because of the famine. They did not know that this is Joseph. They bow down and taking the name of their parent also they bow down before Joseph. We can study many things from these portion.

- 1 God wanted Jacob to see Joseph before his death. The care, love and the kindness of God towards his children.
- 2 God gave the dreams to Joseph and it has to be fulfilled.
- 3 God wanted to teach Joseph brothers about love, care kindness towards brothers.
- 4 To teach him that everything is controlled by God not by individuals.
- 5 To teach that those who trust Him will be win in the end.
- 6 Gods timetable is different from man. God's way is different from man's way.
- 7 Everything that happens in the life of Child of God works for good for those who love Him.
- 8 God's name will be glorified through their life.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28.

*Bible Reading: 2 Kings: 25, Hosea: 2, Psalms: 59*

## Day 301: Three Looks of My Life

When we accept Jesus Christ as our Saviour we become the child of God. We become the citizen of heaven. God want us to live in this world as a citizen of heaven. If we are still thinking, doing, working and living in the old ways, then our Saviour will not be happy about us. As a believer we should have a new vision. We have to do all the duties entrusted us. We should be faithful in little things of this world. We should be good citizen, good daughter or son, good father or mother, good father-in-law or mother in-law, at the same our aim should and goal should be of heaven where we are going to live for ever. If so even if we have pains, problems, sufferings, death, illness, threat and curse from others we will be able to live happily in Jesus. The problems will not be removed, but we will have peace, everlasting peace in our life.

Daisy was a believer. She got so many problems and pains in her life. Still she lived a peaceful life. Others wondered about her and so many asked how can you live peacefully when you have so many problems. She was not only happy but she was able to comfort lot of others even though she herself have so many problems. One day someone asked her Daisy Chechi how you are able to live peacefully. She replied I do not do anything for that but I am very particular that my look should be right.

First I am looking at heaven. I know I am a citizen of heaven and I am living and working hard for my eternal home. My treasures are in heaven where moth and rust do not destroy nor thieves steal it. Secondly I am looking to the world. In others word I am looking to my body. I know that when I

leave this body I cannot take anything with me. I only need little of this world to bury my body. I know this body will destroy one day so I am not depending on this body. Thirdly I am looking around me and I am seeing the pains and problems they are having. I wanted to help the people around me who are suffering more than me. So because of these I am able to live a life glorifying to God and able to live a peaceful life. If we are able to look life like this we will be able to do much for the glory of God and for the kingdom of God.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Mathew 6: 21.

*Bible Reading: 1 Chronicles: 1, Hosea: 3, Psalms: 60, 61*

### **Day 302: When God Works**

Israel, God's children were on their way to Canaan. Adoni-Zedek the king of Jerusalem heard about it and he called 4 other kings around him. The five powerful kings with their powerful army joined together and attacked God's children. God said do not be afraid I will be with you. God said they are handed to you. You will be able to win them with my help. For those who trust in God their help will come from above. Israel attacked their enemies. The Lord threw them into confusion. Israel defeated them. As they fled before Israel, the Lord hurled large hailstones down on them from the sky, and more of them died from the hailstones than were killed by the swords of the Israelites. The five kings fled for their life. But they were found and brought back to Joshua and five of them were killed.

When God is with us, then who can be against us. He care and protect His children. Those who trust in Him will not be ashamed. He will be provider and protector of them. He is God of impossibilities. Many things we think that it is not going to happen, it is impossible, but if we handed that impossible thing to God, God is able to make it happen. He is mighty God who controls everything. Only we have trust and obey Him.

Surely the Lord was fighting for Israel. Joshua 10: 14.

Bible Reading: 1 Chronicles: 2, Hosea: 4, Psalms: 62, 63

### **Day 303: Give What You Have to the Master**

We usually think we have no talents, no money, not much education or much health, much circumstances to work for the kingdom of God. I do not have anything special. How can I do things when I do not have the talents to do.

God never looks for what you do not have. He looks at what you have and also He looks are you willing to give what you have. May be you have little. If you give the little to your master, He is able to take the little and use to for big things. When Moses rod was given to God, God took it and use it for doing many wonders including separating the red sea into two. We have got omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresence and all powerful God. So give our little to God.

Bull was a great harpist. He had a habit of traveling widely. One day he lost his way and went into lonely place. There he did not see any houses. He walked long. He found some light in the distance. He went towards it and find a small hut. A old

man is there. There Bull saw a old harp. Bull asked the old man if he is able to play the harp. The old man took the harp and make some sounds and told Bull that this harp is very old and the strings are broken and it is useless. Only this much can be done by this harp.

Bull took the harp and tied the strings and cleaned it and then he started to play. He is able to play beautifully with that old, and useless harp. The old man was astonished and asked how he was able to play such beautifully. Bull said I am a harpist and I am the trainer in other words master so I can play. Like the useless harp we may be. But if you can surrender our lives to the master he will clean us and use us for his glory.

Then the Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand. A "Staff",," he replied. But take this staff in your hands so you can perform miraculous sign with it. And He took the staff of God in his hand. Exodus 4: 2, 17, 20.

*Bible Reading: 1 Chronicles: 3, Hosea: 5, Psalms: 64, 65*

### **Day 304: A Six Year Old Child's Heartaches**

Lulu is six year old boy. He stays 15 days with his father and 15 days with his mother. Just see the heartache of Lulu: When my friends are enjoying life with both of their parents why I have to suffer like this. I think both mummy and daddy do not like me that is why they are living separately. Why they cannot adjust at least for me if they really love me. They act as though they are loving me but I know they do not love me. I do not want their love if they are dividing me into two. It is better for me to die than to live a life like this. Living 15 days with father

and then 15 days with my mother is not at all easy. How cruel are my parents to divide me.

I cannot show my love because they both wanted that I love them more than other. My daddy if he loves me he should learn to love, provide for the needs of me and my mom. Otherwise what is love? If my mummy loves me then she should learn to love, obedient and to do the domestic works. She should know also how to cook for me, how to manage the house and how to look after me and make the home happy.

If daddy and mummy are not able to live then why I am here to suffer for their mistakes. They think they love me. But I know if they had love for me then they will not even think about a divorce. If they want to enjoy their life then why they even planned to have a child. What I have done to them. God have mercy upon me and tie my parent so they will not even think about a divorce. If anybody plans to have divorce then please I request them not to have children to suffer life like me. Why make innocent like me to suffer all through life.

When I become old I will show them I neither have love nor respect for either of them. They do not love me nor care for me so then how can they expect love nor respect from me. I have a word for my grandparents. I at least think they love me. If you love me put my dad and mom together so that I will be able live like my friends and enjoy life with my parents. Oh my grandma's you do not know the teasing and questions I have to face from my friends because you all think that I was a property to be used by dividing. Have mercy upon me.

I hate divorce says the Lord God of Israel Malachi 2:16

*Bible Reading: 1 Chronicles: 4, Hosea: 6, Psalms: 66, 67*

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**Day 305: Tomorrow is not for Me**

I will do it tomorrow. Most of us say these words. We even dream many things we are going to do tomorrow. We may plan for next year. Next year I am going to give to God more. I am going to read the Word of God more. I am going to pray more, I am going to share the gospel more. Not only these things but we will even say I am going to say less, fight less I will forgive others and make others happy, I will be an obedient wife, daughter, son and so on. We forget that only today is for us. Forgive others today. Make others happy today. Share the gospel today. Be friendly with others today. Care and love our spouse, in-laws, children today. We do not know if we are alive tomorrow. If God is going to take our life where will be our tomorrow? So be happy and do the duty for today.

Sometimes great people will also make mistakes for planning for tomorrow, The great man, preacher, teacher, organizer D.L MOODY was preaching in Chicago on Sunday. His subject was about Jesus Christ and Salvation. He preached about birth of Jesus Christ, the life of Jesus Christ, His wonder, His miracles and then His death and also about His resurrection. Then He said next Sunday I will preach about how one can be saved.

On that at night there was big fire in town. So many died because of the fire. People who attended the meeting also died. Moody was heart-broken on hearing about the fire in the town. He was very sorry for not preaching about salvation on that day. He cried and cried but he can return. What had happened. He think he will get a chance to preach about salvation tomorrow. Tomorrow was there, moody was able to preach

about salvation but the people were not there. They died without hearing about the salvation of Jesus. How about us. We will also have to give account one day. Are we waiting for tomorrow. Tomorrow if not for ours.

If anyone of us has not saved, then do not wait for tomorrow. Repent about your sins. Believe in Jesus Christ life, death and resurrection. Accept Jesus Christ as your only Lord and Saviour. The moment we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour we will be saved, we will have eternal life and we will become Lords children. Then live for today. Do not try to dream for tomorrow. Tomorrow is not ours. We have only today to live.

Now is the time of God's favour, now is the day of Salvation. 2 Corinthians 6:2.

*Bible Reading: 1 Chronicles: 5, Hosea: 7, Psalms: 68*

## **Day 306: Jealousy Destroys Peace and Happiness**

If we are under the sin of jealousy, then we will not be able to lead a happy life. 24 hours this sin will controls us and then we want to destroy the person or the organisation which is above us.

A champion named Goliath who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp and shouted to the ranks of Israel. He was over nine feet tall. He said choose a man from your side and fight with me. The winner's side will be considered as victorious. On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified. None had the guts to



fight Goliath. But when David hear about it, even though he was young, he was ready to fight. He said to Saul with the help of God I will kill Goliath. He killed Goliath an saved Saul and His kingdom. When the men were returning home women came out from all the town of Israel to meet the king. They dance and sang as “Saul has slain his thousands and David his tens of thousands. Instead of being thankful to God and David Saul was angry because they credited the person who deserved it. He was jealous of David. He was the king. But just because of the words of the people Saul wanted to kill David. Jealousy destroys all the happiness of the victory.

There is story of a jealous bird. When the other birds of his kind fly higher than him, he somehow wanted to kill that bird. One day he approached a hunter and told him that he wanted to kill that bird. The hunter said he can kill if he can give me lots of feathers. This bird give his feather to the hunter, knowing that after he gives his feathers, he will not be able to fly at all. Still he wanted to kill the bird who flew higher than him. The hunter after getting all the feather try to kill the bird who fly very high. The hunter fired the arrow. But somehow it missed the bird. The hunter was not able to kill. Then bird was angry with the hunter. The hunter fire his arrow to the bird. As the bird has no feathers it was not able to fly. So bird died because of his jealousy. Jealousy can destroy us.

Saul was very angry; this refrain galled him. “They have credited David with tens of thousands, he thought, but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom. And from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David. 1 Samuel 18: 7

## Day 307: The Lord is Preparing for Us

By His words God created the whole universe. It only takes six days to create the whole universe. He created man with His own image. The man was sinless when created. But because of disobedient he become a sinner. But God loves man. In order to save man, to give him salvation, to make him his own children, God gave his life for Him. In order to create the Universe he only had to command it to come into existence. But He gave himself for them. For his children he gave everything according to their needs and according the will of God.

He is preparing a place for His children. Just imagine the place He is preparing for us. In order to make the universe He just have to say. But now He is preparing a place, a home for us. He has gone to prepare a place for us. After preparing the place He will come back and take us to be with Him, so that we will be with Him for ever. We will live with him where He is. John the Apostle in Revelation says about the beauty of New Jerusalem. It shone with the glory of God and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. Even the wall was made of jasper and precious stones. The city was of pure gold, as pure as glass. It has twelve gates and the gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of single pearl. The great street of the city was of pure gold, like the transparent glass. We will not be able to imagine what God is preparing for us.

Solomon was a great king. God gave him wisdom, discerning heart, riches, long life and honour. When the queen of Sheba

heard about the fame of Solomon and his relation to the name of the Lord, she came him to test him with hard question. She arrived Jerusalem with a great caravan with camels carrying spices, gold and precious stones. She was also a rich queen. She asked question and she got all the answers. When queen of Sheba saw all wisdom of Solomon and the palace he had built, the food on his table, the seating of officials and everything Solomon had she said to king The report I heard in my own country about your achievements and your wisdom is true. BUT I DO NOT BELIEVE THESE THINGS UNTIL I CAME AND SAW WITH MY OWN EYES. If queen of Sheba said like this what about us. The place the God is preparing for us we cannot even imagine. So Let us prepare some thing and live according to the will of God and work for the furtherance of the Kingdom, so that we may be able to put at His feet something and worship Him. May God help us to be faithful.

However as it is written “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him. 1 Corinthians 2: 9.

*Bible Reading: 1 Chronicles: 7, Hosea: 9, Psalms: 70, 71*

### Day 308: Trust in God

The wife of a man from the company of the prophet has to suffer a lot. Why she has to suffer, we do not know. When she is suffering in various ways. Her husband was a man of God and also close to a prophet. Why then she has to suffer. When

again problems came into her every chance is there that she depend upon other men, other sources than God or prophet.

But this woman went to Elisha and told her problem. She believed that Her God can solve all the problems. She told the prophet that her husband who is godly man dead and his creditors is coming to take my two boys as slaves. Elisha asked her what she had and she told she got little oil. Elisha told her to ask vessels from the neighbourhood and then enter into your and closed the door and pour the oil. When all the jars are filled sell the oil and pay your debts and the rest you can and your son can live. She did as she was told. The trust in God and the prophets saved her life and her children from creditors. The God is also glorified through her.

O Lord Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you. Psalms 84: 12.

*Bible Reading: 1 Chronicles: 8, Hosea: 10, Psalm: 72*

## **Day 309: Tending the Sheep in Good Pastures**

The sheep were scattered because there was no shepherd, and when they were scattered they became food for all the wild animals. Not only that they were scattered all over the nations.

The Lord loved them, so He said I will bring them back. I will search for my sheep and look after them. As a good shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so I will look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where

they were scattered. I will pasture them on the mountains. I will tend them in good pastures. They will not be hungry or thirsty. They will lie down in good grazing land and they feed in rich pastures.

He will not allow us to suffer. He will look after us and give us what we want. We are privileged to have a good Shepherd. In order to save us the Good Shepard gave His life. When we repent about our sins and believe the death and resurrection of Jesus and accept Jesus Christ as our only Lord and Saviour we become His children. His sheep. Then he will tend us in good pastures.

One day a shepherd was taking his sheep to higher mountain. The sheep were not ready to go. The shepherd was with much difficulty leading them to the mountain. A man who was seeing the struggle of the sheep and the shepherd asked the shepherd why he was leading them to the mountains in such a hot climate. The Shepherd said during the hot season the ice of the mountains melts and because of the hot climate low lying areas will become dry and all the grass will be dried and become useless for sheep. Then grass will be only in high places. So now I am taking this flock from the lower places to the higher places so that they can have green pastures. The changing is difficult but when we reached there we can have rest.

The Lord is my Shepherd , I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters. Psalms 23: 1,2.

*Bible Reading: 1 Chronicles: 9, Hosea: 11, Psalm: 73*

## Day 310: Praising God with Your Heart

Praising God with your mouth is different from praising God with your heart. There are times when we are amongst people, we just sing and praise God with our mouth, whereas our heart will be somewhere else. We may be thinking about our children, thinking about the dress of others, thinking about the character of the church members, thinking about the hypocrisy of others and we with loud voices praise God and sang for Him. But it will not go outside the room which we are sitting. God want us to worship and praise Him with our heart.

Pagagini was a well-know, famous singer. He was invited in a meeting to sing. Auditorium was filled with people. He came to the stage with his violin. Audience received him with clapping. He started to play with the violin. He then realized that while he went for refreshing himself his violin was stolen and replaced with an inferior one. One minute he was worried and depressed. Then he with great confidence taking that violin he said today I am going to prove that singing does not depend on any instrument but singing is the song of heart.

He started to sing with that violin. The song was marvellous. There was pin drop silence in the audience. People were so happy. The singing was marvellous. Better than before. Yes we praise and adore God with our heart. Sometimes we may be having many problems, many diseases, many heartahce, pains, but if we surrender our unworthy body to God and sing with our heart God will be praised. Let us praise, adore and worship God who is our creator, father, sand saviour.

I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever. For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the depths of the grave. Psalms 86 : 12, 13.

*Bible Reading: 1 Chronicles: 10, Hosea: 12, Psalm: 74*

### **Day 311: When the Name is Called**

There is a great white throne and Jesus was sitting in the throne. All who are dead great and small will be standing before the throne. A book will be brought and it will be opened, which is the book of life. The name will be called. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. Then there will be no choice. Today we can have choice. If we want to accept Jesus Christ as our saviour, we can do it. We are free to reject the salvation of Jesus which is given to us. We can wash our sins through the blood of Christ. We can reject Him also. God gave His life for us, in order to save us from the death of penalty He gave His own life. So salvation is free. We are saved by the grace of God. Today we can choose between life and death. If we repent about our sins and belief in Jesus Christ life, death and resurrection and if we accept Jesus Christ as our only Lord and Saviour we will be saved and our name will be written on the book of Life. But on that day we cannot choose. Those name which is not in the book of life will be thrown to hellfire.

In New York there lived a man called James Milton Black. He was an active Sunday school teacher. He was the president of

young people society. One day he met a girl in front of a small hut. Her father was a drunkard. She did not have of necessity of life. She told Black that she wanted to go to school and Sunday school. If she got some dress she will be able to go at least to Sunday school. James Black arranged everything for her. She started to go to Sunday school as well as school. Days passed she was very regular in the Sunday school. One day a guest came and He preached about the judgement of man and also about how we can be saved from the judgement. When the preacher said Jesus came into this world in order to save sinners she accept Jesus Christ as her saviour and she was very happy.

Black was a business man. He went abroad for his business. After returning back. He as usual called the attendance of the Sunday school students. She was not there. Black asked about her and found that she was not absent for few weeks. He went to her home and met the father, who told her that because of fever and the negligence of proper treatment she was dead. The drunkard father was not able to look after her. Black was very sad. He was not able to control his emotion. He thought if he was here he could have taken her to the hospital and was able to give proper attention.

He went home then he sat in front of the Lord to read the word of God and to pray even though he was very sad. Suddenly he realised that even though she is gone, he will be able to meet her someday because she is a child of God. Then sitting there God gave words and he wrote a song. We all enjoy that song. The song is "When the trumpet of the Lord shall ... When the roll is called up yonder, When the roll is called up



yonder I will be there. Yes he was happy that when roll is called yonder she also will be there. What about you? When the roll is called are you be there?

If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:15

*Bible Reading: 1 Chronicles: 11, Hosea: 13, Psalm: 75*

## **Day 312: How to be Saved**

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3: 16. We can learn 5 things from here.

- 1 God loved us. It means God loved each and everyone in this world.
- 2 He gave His only begotten Son for this world. Means — Jesus Christ came into this world and gave his life for us sinners.
- 3 Whosoever believeth in Him — means those who believe in Jesus Christ death, burial and resurrection and repent about their sins and accept Him as their personal Saviour.
- 4 Will not perish — will not go to the eternal hell fire.
- 5 Have everlasting Life. Means they have eternal life, they become the child of God and their name will written in the book of Life

*Bible Reading: 1 Chronicles: 12, Hosea: 14, Psalm: 76*

## Day 313: How To Worship God

In order to worship God we should know who He is and what He has done for you. God told to Apostle John that “I am the Alpha and Omega Says the Lord God, “who is who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”. When John the Apostle heard a sound like the voice of trumpet, When he turned around to see, he saw seven golden lampstands, and among the lampstand was someone like a son of man ,dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. In his right hand he held seven stars and out of His mouth came a sharp double edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. This is our Lord and Saviour. When we really see who He is we will bow down our head and worship Him.

In order to save us, human he left his glory and came into this world and die on our behalf. He gave his life for us so that we should have eternal life, so that we will become His children. When we realize this then there is only one thing we can do that is to bow down before him and pour our heart and thank him for saving our life from the eternal hell fire.

When John saw him he just fall down before Jesus. He worshiped Him. Let us bow down before him and worship and adore Him for who is and what He has done for us.

When I saw him, I fell at His feet as though dead. Then He placed his right hand on me and said, "Do not be afraid I am the first and the Last. I am the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever; And I hold the keys of death and Hades. Revelation 1: 17.

*Bible Reading: 1 Chronicles: 13, Joel: 1, Psalms: 77*

### **Day 314: Our Treasures, is it a Help or a Burden**

We usually are worried about tomorrow. So with great hardship we accumulate things for tomorrow. We do not even mind to sacrifice our enjoyment of today for tomorrow. We are not sure if we are able to use it or not. Sometimes the things we treasure will not be of any use for us or for our children or for anyone.

A ship with full of passenger and their things were about to reach the shore. At that the ship struck with unknown thing and was about to sink. The passengers were asked to throw away their things. Some did some others still hold to their things. Then boat were arranged and the passengers were asked to travel on it. The rest of passengers were instructed to throw away the things and jump and swim until someone will come and pick up them. One of the passenger was very greedy. He collected the precious things of even others and at the end he with that treasure jumped into the water thinking that he will be able to swim because he was good swimmer. But as soon as he touched the water he was down because of weight

of the treasure. He was not able to swim. His treasures destroyed him.

Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Hebrew 12: 1.

*Bible Reading: 1 Chronicles: 14, Joel: 2, Psalm: 78: 1-36*

### **Day 315: Three Pillows**

We usually worry about many things. If we are able to put our trust completely on God then we can live happily. The God whom we believe has come to this world and gave His life for us, for us sinners. The moment we repent about our sins and believe in Jesus Christ dead burial and resurrection and accept Jesus Christ as our one and only Saviour we become the children of God and our name will be written on the book of life and we will have eternal life. If God is able to give us eternal life then He is able to give us everything we needed. So put our trust on Him and live peacefully and happily and enjoy the life God has given to us. All is given and it is by Grace. So there is no need for us to worry.

One day Spurgeon went to the hospital to see Benjamin Parson. Spurgeon asked How are you today? Benjamin told Oh today my head is resting on three pillows. Infinite Power, Infinite Love and Infinite Wisdom. Benjamin was able to know the power, love and wisdom of God and he was able to rest in it. That is freedom from all bondage. We are called to live in freedom.

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free, Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. Galatians 5:1.

*Bible Reading: 1 Chronicles: 15, Joel: 3, Psalms: 78: 37–72*

### **Day 316: God does not Sleep**

We are safe in the hands of God every day of our life. Even though we love our children very much when they are ill we will look after them with all our effort. Still we will sometime sleep even though in our minds we do not want to sleep. We are humans there is limitation for our love and care. But there is our God, our saviour, our father, our husband, our redeemer who will not sleep and looking for our welfare all through our days and years until we are safe in the hands with him. Let us live in this world without fear trusting in God.

In Africa two missionaries were travelling through a forest. There are wild animals, insects, darkness and also dacoits and murders, looters. There is every reason for the missionaries to be afraid of. They heard the sound of roaring. The darkness was very much.

Then immediately one of the missionary opened the Bible and read with the help of candle the verses from the bible. Then he closed the Bible and prayed. God we are going to sleep. Give us sleep. We read from your word that you will not sleep. So we are going to sleep, protect us. They slept and got up in the morning and went to the other village for spreading the love and gospel of Jesus.

He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed he who watches over Israel will neither slumber or sleep. Psalms 121: 2.3.

*Bible Reading: 1 Chronicles: 16, Amos: 1, Psalm: 79*

### Day 317: Testing

God will not tempt us but he will test us in order to make us better vessel for Him. We do not like testing but he will give to us because he loves us and He wanted to use us for His glory. The testing may come in various forms like famine, wants, diseases, hurts, death, lack of cloth, food and shelter. It can be in any form. But if God is testing us we will become better for His kingdom. His testing will always results for the goodness of us. After each testing we will be used better for His glory. So when we get testing do not be discouraged. God loves you. Submit yourselves to Him He will use you for His glory.

Philip was the King of Macedonia. His son passed with high rank. His teacher was very happy. The Guru has to give one more test to make sure he was fit for the ruler when his turn come.

He has to hold a vessel filled with Fire until the guru asked to put it. His mother who was the queen of Philip said please king do not allow it because the hand of my son will burnt. The king said tomorrow he has to rule.

The son came with the vessel with fire. At that fire parts went out and fall in his feet. His feet burned still he hold the vessel.

Then his palm. He had severe pain, but still he held the vessel until his Guru said to keep it aside. He became the next king of Macedonia. He was known by the whole world as Alexander the Great. Without testing one cannot be used.

He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Malachi 3: 3.

*Bible Reading: 1 Chronicles: 17, Amos: 2, Psalm: 80*

### **Day 318: Before Habits Become Character**

We parents have to train a child so that his bad deeds will not become his Habits .We have to teach, scold sometime beat them so that they will leave their deeds. For example some of us may have the habit of finding fault with others. Most probably they may be having the same fault they are finding in other people. When they are small they might have find fault on their friends. Instead of asking the child to mind his own business the parent may have encouraged him thinking that their children are the best. So gradually that habit become his character. Then it is very difficult to leave that habit. But we can control our habit with the help of God if we are willing to change it. Otherwise they will spend their whole life finding fault of others instead of finding fault of their own. Then they will not useful neither for themselves, nor for their family, nor their church, nor for their neighbors. They will be a headache to all.

One day a very rich man approach a Guru and said my son have many bad habits. Please help me and him so that he will be able to abandon his habits. The guru asked the father to

bring him and to leave him for few days. The boy did not want to stay with the guru leaving the comfort of home. But he was forced to. The guru take him to a garden full of shrub, plants, and trees. The guru asked him to pull out a small plant. He pulled out small plant with much easiness. Then he pulled many small plants. Then the guru asked to pull a tree. He looked at the guru. He said I cannot. The Guru looked into his eyes. The intelligent boy was able to understand the meaning of that. He promise guru that he will try to abandon his bad character before it become Habits. Then he was sent to his home. He was a different boy.

He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm ... He who spares the rod hates his sons but he who loves him is careful to discipline him. Proverbs 13: 20, 24.

*Bible Reading: 1 Chronicles: 18, Amos: 3, Psalm: 81, 82*

### **Day 319: Old and New Nature**

Jesus came into this world to make us free and new. We are in the bondage of Sin, Satan. When Jesus was in this world he told to the Jews that You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth. If the Jews are then what about us the gentiles. In order to make us His children he came into this world and gave His life for us the sinners. The day we repent about our sins and believe in Jesus Christ death, burial and resurrection and accept Him as our



Only God and Saviour we became His children, our name will be written in the Book of Life and we have eternal life. Not only that we will have a new nature.

It is then our duty to enrich the new nature we got by his grace. Then in us there is two nature. One old Sin nature and New Nature. There is always a fight between the two natures. We have to sacrifice the old sin nature and to feed continuously the new nature by reading the Word of God and talking to our father, in other word by praying and living according to the will of God which is possible only if we are filled with Spirit. In other word a Spirit filled Life.

In a house there are two dogs. One is black. He is very cruel, disobedient, with a killing nature to destroy the masters own people. He is always against the master. He is happy when his master is rebuked in front of others. He always try to attack the white dog. Sometimes the white dog get hurt. The other one is white dog. Obedient, kind, loving, caring, sharing. He is happy when his master is praised. He will not attack anyone He will attack only when someone attack his master and his masters people.

The master has to keep the two dogs. What the master used to do is he will starve the black dog so that it will become very weak and was not able to attack the white one. Then He will feed the white one with nourishing food so that he will be useful for the master and can easily defeat the Black one.

The black one is our old sin nature. If we starve it then it will not be able to attack. It will become so weak that it will live silently until death. Then White dog is our new nature if we

able to feed it with the word of God and have continuous contact with our father then it will produce fruit for the master and will glorifying the master.

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5: 17.

*Bible Reading: 1 Chronicles: 19, Amos: 4, Psalm: 83, 84*

### **Day 320: Jacob Stayed in Shechem**

Jacob was able to meet Esau without any problem. Jacob was afraid to meet Esau. But for God everything is possible. Esau went back. Jacob said he will also come slowly. Then instead of going to Bethel he wanted to settle in Shechem. He forgot the care and protection of God. He think he is safe in Shechem. So he brought some of land and he build a tent. He thought now he can live here peacefully. But problems struck him through his daughter. His daughter was taken by the Shechemites. That should not have happened because they are non-Jews. So the brothers killed shechemites. Problems after problems came because of his selection. Selection has consequences. If we select according to God's plan then we will be blessed. If not we have to pay for the consequence. God will forgive sins but every sin have consequence that we have to pay. Then God asked him to go to Bethel. He obeyed and God and he was blessed because of obeying God and his words.

Then God said to Jacob, "Go up to Bethel and settle there and build an altar there to God, who appeared to you when you were fleeing from your brother. Genesis 35: 1. He went to

Bethel. But before he was going he purify himself and his children and ask them to “Get rid of the foreign gods you have with you and purify and change your clothes”. Then let us go to Bethel and let me build an altar. He called that place El Bethel. He and his family was blessed.

*Bible Reading: 1 Chronicles: 20, Amos: 5, Psalms: 85*

### **Day 321: Set Apart for a Special Purpose**

God selected few for special purposes. God only know who are fit and who are not. The child of God is set apart to live a holy life. That is for all. But for few God selected for them to do special purposes. When looking at them we will not be able to understand why they are selected for this. Few may think they are better than those selected by God.

For example God selected few as elders or in others words shepherd of church in order to lead and care and rule the sheep. If others think they are better then ask God instead of man. God knows who is good and who is bad. He selected because of His wisdom, who are we to question God. When we are pointing the finger at them remember we are pointing the finger against God. We will have to pay for the consequence.

Bezalel and Oholiab were selected to build the tabernacle. They are not only selected God gave them special wisdom to do it. If someone is selected for some purpose do not be jealous about them but understand that it is not because of any credit they are doing it. They are given special wisdom to do it so they are just doing God directs to them to do. So try to respect them

because their wisdom is not theirs but God's. If you question then do not forget that you are questioning God.

"So Bezalal, Oholiab and every skilled person to whom the Lord has given skill and ability to know how to carry out all the work of constructing the sanctuary are to do the work just as the Lord has commanded. Exodus 36: 1.

*Bible Reading: 1 Chronicles: 21, Amos: 6, Psalms: 86, 87*

### **Day 322: It was God Who Sent Me Here**

When Joseph was put into the pit he requested and cried to his brothers not to put him into the pit. But they put him in the pit where there was no water. When he was taken from the pit he might have thought now his own brothers will help him. Instead of that he was sold as slave. All these days he might be wondering why I am here. God was silent in all those years. But one thing he knew God was with him. Then in Potiphar's house also though he was innocent still he has get the punishment as well as others must have laughed at him. Then they sent him to the prison. God was with him all these years. He was able to experience it all through his life. He silently waited upon God. He trusted God completely. He know nothing will happened to without the knowledge of God his master. When the time come God lifted him up and put him above all his brothers. Now he was second to the King.

Then when the brothers bow down before him and requested him to forgive him. He said it is not you who sent me here but it was God. By faith he realize that whatever happened in his

life was happened according to the plan of God. But it does not mean that his brothers are innocent. They paid the cost. Sin is sin. If we sin at any cost today or tomorrow we will have to pay the consequence of it. In every deed, every talk, every thought against our brothers we have to pay back. But realizing that God sent him he was able to live peacefully and happily without grudging or murmuring or envying, hatred, so that he was saved from spoiling from his mind and body.

But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. Genesis 45: 23.

*Bible Reading: 1 Chronicles: 22, Amos: 7, Psalms: 88*

### **Day 323: God With Us**

It is very difficult for a person to be with others all the time. Even mothers sometime do not want to be with their son or daughter if the children are in a fighting mood. Sometimes when our dear ones are angry or shouting, or scolding we just slip from their presence because at that time we do not want with them. Whoever may be mother, father, husband, wife, son, daughter, sisters, brother and neighbors we do not want to be with them all the time. When I think about myself there are many occasion other did not want to be with me. But there is God who is always with me irrespective of what I am and what I am doing. There may be times He did not want to be with us

still He will be with us. There are times in our life we are paining Holy Spirit. That is the reason why it is written that we should not grieve the Spirit of God. Ephesians 4: 30.

The day we repent about our sins and believe in Jesus Christ and accept Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour he will not only save us from the bondage of Sin but also He will be with us.

The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will give birth to son, and they will call him Immanuel “which means “ God with us. Mathew 1: 23.

*Bible Reading: 1 Chronicles: 23, Amos: 8, Psalms: 89*

### **Day 324: Jesus is Coming Soon**

If we open our eyes and look around the things that are happening we can know that our lord's coming is very near. He can come at any time. A thief can come and take away things at any time. They will not announce when they are coming. So what we should do is to be alert always and keep our things and be ready. We will not open our door and go saying that today the thief will not come. Just like that we do not know when our Lord is coming to take us with Him. So we have to alert always and should be ready for His coming that can happened any time.

What all things we have to do to be ready for Jesus coming:

1 Be joyful

2 Encourage the timid

- 3 Live in peace with each other
- 4 Respect those who are over you.
- 5 Respect those who work hard among you.
- 6 Respect those who admonish you
- 7 Warn those who are idle
- 8 Do not pay back wrong for wrong
- 9 Kind to Each other
- 10 Give thanks to God in All Circumstances.
- 11 Pray continually
- 12 Test everything
- 13 Hold on to the good
- 14 Avoid every kind of evil
- 15 Be Holy

If we are able to do all these things that are listed above then we will have not worry about when our Lord is coming. We are ready at any time for the coming of Jesus. When He comes if He sees us doing His will he will be happy and we will get rewards from Him.

Then we can also say as John the apostles. He who testifies to these things says "Yes I am coming soon. Amen Come, Lord Jesus. Revelation 22: 20.

*Bible Reading: 1 Chronicles: 24, Amos: 9, Psalms: 90*

## Day 325: Worship of Wise Men

We think many a times that we are worshiping God. We usually worship God without any pain. Salvation is free so many think that there is no need to spend anything for worship also. That is not correct. We have to pay if we are really worshiping God.

After Jesus was born Magi from the east came to Jerusalem. Today it is easy to travel from a place to place. But in those days going to far away place was not easy. They had to leave everything they had and also there is no guarantee that they will be able to return to their home. Still they left their home and the luxuries of home in order to see and worship the King who was born in Jerusalem. What is my position I am able to leave something in order to Worship Him. We have to leave our ego, pride, enmity, revenge, jealousy, and other sins then only we will be able to worship Him the way God wanted to have. If we are leading spirit filled life then we can really worship our Saviour.

When they saw Jesus they bowed their head and worshiped Him. When we realize that we are nothing then only we can truly worship Him. Humility is needed for a true worship. They have got something to offer to Jesus. They came with preparation so that they can give something at His feet. We have to give ourselves and our things to God. Without giving we cannot worship Him. He gave himself for us. In order to save us from the bondage of sin He came into this world and gave His life for us. If we repent about our sins and believe in Jesus Christ and accept Him as your only and one Saviour



then you will be saved. So as saved person it is your duty and obligation to worship Him in truth and spirit and surrendering you and your treasure in His feet. So therefore let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise —the fruit of the lips that confess his name.

On coming to the house they say the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and incense and of Myrrh. Mathew 2: 11,12.

*Bible Reading: 1 Chronicles: 25, Obadiah: 1, Psalms: 91, 92*

### **Day 326: Fear**

Fear comes to us without we invited it into our life. In one word we fear everything. But the word of God gives us direction for what and whom to fear and whom not to fear. We are fearless about whom we should fear and we are feared about those and whom that we should not fear. Satan and his disciples makes people to fear them. So usually fear Satan, his angels, his disciples and his helpers that includes even believers. But God says we should not fear these things because we are protected by the blood of Jesus Christ and he is the mediator who is protecting us.

Sometimes we fear what others think about us, our talk, our dress, our status, our wealth, our car, our house, our children and their education and even the marks they are getting. Then we fear about others and act according to what others think about us. There were a time when all the children were sent to

tuition. That become a trend. Not sending to tuition is something not up to the standard. So needed or not children were sent to tuition. The same about the marks of the child. Without even knowing the capabilities of the children mothers want high marks and not getting it beating the children and even comparing them with other children. All these we are doing because of the fear of the man and society.

But a child of God should not fear all these instead he should fear God. God holds the future of us and nobody can do nothing against that. We do not know about tomorrow so fear God and obey His commandments.

Fear of man will prove to be a snare but whoever trust in the Lord is kept safe. Proverb 29; 25.

*Bible Reading: 1 Chronicles: 26, Jonah: 1, Psalms: 93, 94*

### **Day 327: If You Look at the Cross**

There are times when evangelist will think and say I left my well paid job and my pleasures in life for God's work. But I got only insults and abuse and misunderstanding and curses from others. Whatever I do for the God is become a insult for me. Why I should suffer like this. It would have been better if I haven't left my job. At least my children should not suffered because of that. They were able live like their other cousins. They should not have suffered these kind of insult and abuses if I was in my Job. These kind of thinking comes to one mind because of their eyes have turned from God. Like Peter they

are looking into the water instead of looking into the face of Jesus. If your eyes are on the Cross and on Jesus then you got answer for all the stupid question that is coming into your minds. Do not look into the water. Always look unto Him then you will always be victorious.

If you look at the cross earnestly then you can see Jesus not appreciated by the people. Instead of appreciation and encouragement we can see all are insulting and accusing him. Not only that they are beating and cursing Him. His head is not with crowns of flowers but with crown of thorns. He is not carrying presents but he is carrying a Cross. If you look at Jesus then you cannot expect more than that. You will be ready for the accusations and curses others are pouring on you without reason. If you look at the cross all you question will have answers. Jesus suffered for us. Our suffering is nothing in front of His suffering because we are sinners and we deserve punishment but Jesus who is sinless gave His life for us sinners so he has to suffer for us.

They put a purple robe on Him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. And they began to call out to him Hail king of the Jews. Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees they paid homage to him. AND WHEN THEY HAD MOCKED HIM, THEY took of the purple robe and put his own clothes on Him. They led him out to crucify him. Mark 15: 17

*Bible Reading: 1 Chronicles: 27, Jonah: 2, Psalms: 95, 96*

## Day 328: Fools Says There is no God

When some got education they think they have everything. Then pride comes into their life and they forget about God and his doings. They think that they know better than God. So they ask If God is there then why so and so have to suffer like this. Some will ask If God is there just appear before me then I will believe. Saying these stupid question they are thinking that they are bigger, so God have to appear before them. How foolish man can be. They are just dust in front of God. If the breath is taken then they are no more. Still they think about themselves great and ask question to God. Any fool can ask question. Asking question is not a big thing in any field of life.

One day a man was traveling in a train. He opened his Bible and started to read. Some student saw him reading the Book and they started to tease him. They are talking about him, mocking, saying he is an uneducated fellow that is the reason why he is reading this old book. In this scientific world who believe in a person called Jesus who died 2000 years ago. There mocking continued. A passenger sitting beside him asked why you are not answering there question. Doctor said I was hearing these kind of question for a long time. The passenger said I did not follow what you are saying. The person said I am doctor. I am doctor who is working in a mental hospital. I have seen many there who is talking just like these young student. The students were shocked, astonished and they bow there head with shame.

The fool says in his heart there is no God “They are corrupt, their deeds are vile there is no one who does good. Psalms 14: 1 (53:1)

*Bible Reading: 1 Chronicles: 28, Jonah: 3, Psalms: 97, 98*

### **Day 329: Light of the World**

God’s word says we are the light of the world. Means we are here to show others the right path. In order to show the right path first we have to know what the right path is. Jesus said I am the Way, the truth and the Life. So we have to know Jesus in order to show the right path to others. By repenting about our sins and believing in Jesus Christ and accepting Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour we become the Children of God and we are saved from the eternal hell fire and thus we know the right path to salvation. We have to show the path to others is our duty.

If we have no light or our light is not sufficient then those around us will fall because they are not able to see the path clearly. Just think how much light we are showing in our life. How many have stumbled and fallen because of us.

In olden days there are lighthouses to show the way for the ship. Seeing the light of the lighthouses they are able to reach the shore safely. Always there are workers appointed in order to see the light houses have light all the time. In spite of rain or thunder, or wind or anything the light house has light. One day the man kept for the job overslept and there was no light in the light house. A ship was coming because the captain do

not know the shore he hit a rock and the ship was ruined and so many lost their life.

A man was appointed, Light house was there, lamp was there but there was no light. So many lost their life. I can be also like the lighthouse. I am in this world to show light to others. If I have no light so many will lost and will go to eternal hellfire. May God help us to be shine in this world of darkness.

‘You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Mathew 5: 14.

*Bible Reading: 1 Chronicles: 29, Jonah: 4, Psalms: 99, 100*

### **Day 330: Greed**

Greed can destroy us, our husband, children, family. When greed comes into our mind we will take it lightly. When a lady sees a beautiful saree she wants to acquire it even though there is no need for it even if she does not have the money to buy it. But the greed for it she even fights with her husband and thus destroy the peace and happiness in the family.

Gradually many men in-order to please his wife starts to acquire illegal money. Some will take bribe in order to satisfy the wife. So greed in a woman is more dangerous than greed in men. Not only for dress, house, Car, wealth. Having such things is not sin. But if we use any illegal method to get these things it is sin. Sin will destroy the peace and happiness. It will also destroy the relationship with our Saviour. Either we can love

God or money. Both will not go together. Greed will destroy us and our family.

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many grief. 1 Timothy 6:10

*Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles: 1, Micah: 1, Psalms: 101*

### **Day 331: Forgiveness**

We all desire to get forgiveness from God and also from others. But actually we do not want to forgive others those who have done evil against us. After telling all the evils and lies against others one can easily say 'forgive me'. By saying forgive me does not clear all the things they have spoken, did against innocent ones. By saying forgive does not give back the tears the innocent one pour and the sleepless night they have spent. There tears have dried now it cannot be taken back. After beating and abusing a person then saying sorry does not remove the pain. Destroying the sleepless cannot be back by saying a sorry. The insult and evil cannot be removed by saying a sorry. When a preacher is preaching and if you turn your face and sit then feeling sorry will not heal the wound the preacher had.

But in spite of all the above written things God commanded us to forgive. It is not easy. There is in our mind to return back, to take revenge came but in spite that God wanted us to forgive. Jesus practices in his life and he is saying us to do it. If somebody asked without practicing then we can just deny it.

But our Saviour suffered everything then he said forgive. He is asking us also the same thing just forgive.

Jesus said, "Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing. Luke 23:34.

*Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles: 2, Micah: 2, Psalms: 102*

### **Day 332: Goliath The Philistine**

Goliath never thought he would be defeated by David. But today or tomorrow Goliath had to be defeated. God wanted it. The Philistines worshipped idols. For them their God was Dagon. They not only worshipped Dagon but they wanted to give all the credit to Dagon. For few days Goliath and Dagon may win. But God will not allow it for long. Strange Gods have to be removed from the midst of Israel.

Today also strange gods and their messengers want to destroy believers. They think they have power like Goliath so they will win. But God is looking at them and laughing. Strange gods should be removed from the midst of God's children. For that God will not use people like Goliath but people like David who may be less in the sight of man. Goliath was not not only defeated but destroyed so that His people would be saved from the worshipping of idols or strange god. People who are introducing strange gods be careful, because the time is near that you, and your strange god will be removed from the midst of God's children. We should be very careful otherwise unknowingly strange gods will come into our midst and gradually we will be worshiping them unknowingly. God does



not even want us to take the names of other gods except to warn each other about them.

Who is this uncircumcised from Israel that he should defy the armies of the living God? What will be done for the man who kills this Philistines and removes the disgrace from Israel? 1 Samuel 17:26

*Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles: 3, Micah: 3, Psalms: 103*

### **Day 333: I am AFraid**

There are times we all are afraid. But If we look at the past times when you are afraid and God had shown who He is then we will not be afraid. In our life there are many instance we are afraid of others threat, abuses, evil doing, lies, then we will think why God allows it to us. But after few days we will realize that God has taken control and He himself has taken the lead and has destroyed the enemy. One thing we will have to be sure is that we should only be defending God's Word and doing the will of God. Then there is nothing in this world that we should be afraid of.

God allows many things in our life so that we will be closer to Him and also we will understand that God works not with sword but with His power he will be able to conquer and destroy not with sword but by His power and will protect us from evil and evil people. When God almighty is with us there is no need for us to be afraid because with our own eyes we will be able to see the power of God and the destruction of enemy.

All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give all of you into our hands.' 1 Samuel 17: 47

*Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles: 4, Micah: 4, Psalms: 104*

### **Day 334: What We Think**

Many of our problems come from our thinking. We are worried and depressed and afraid because of our thinking habits. Many things we have worried and cried about is things that never happened. We have to think only things which God wanted or instructed us to think. We who are brought by the blood of Jesus Christ has code in every aspect of our life. God wanted us to follow that code so that we can live peacefully and happily enjoying the life that God has given us to enjoy.

We have to think about:

- 1 Whatever is true
- 2 Whatever is noble
- 3 Whatever is right
- 4 Whatever is pure
- 5 Whatever is lovely
- 6 Whatever is admirable
- 7 Whatever is excellent
- 8 Whatever is praiseworthy

If we think about these things then we will not be discouraged or unhappy or depressed or afraid. Instead we will be able to live a life giving glory to God. We will be able to lead a peaceful and enjoyable life giving all glory and honor to who saved us from the hell fire.

Whatever you have learned or received from me or seen in me — put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4: 9

*Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles: 5, Micah: 5, Psalms: 105*

### **Day 335: Son of Man is Standing**

Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people. Many came to know God because of Him. Opponent also arose. They started to argue with him. But they could not stand up against his wisdom or the Spirit whom he spoke. So instead of hearing and obeying what he spoke they started to plot against him and they produces false witness against him. They even said they heard Stephen spoke Blasphemy. Just think about that incident — the one who stands for the truth of God is blamed and he was brought before the law. Finally they dragged him out of the city and stoned him death. Do not think Jesus was silent. He allows it so that they were able to stone Stephen. Yes there are times God allow others to stone us. Not only that they may say we are blaspheming against God. But Believers do not forget at that our God is not sitting He is standing for us.

When we are passing through pain, struggles, diseases, sufferings, stoning, abuses, insults, etc., do not ever think God is not hearing or God is not acting. The first stone others are aiming at you he has seen it and looking at it and He is with you. Do not ever think that God is with those who are throwing stones at innocent. First they think and others also think like that. But God is not only seeing He is with us and He is paining also when the stone hit us.

But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. Look he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God. Acts 7: 55,56.

*Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles: 6, Micah: 6, Psalms: 106*

### **Day 336: Thankful Heart**

God wants us to have a thankful heart. If we are having a thankful heart then we will be satisfied with what we have. We will be able to praise and adore God. We will be able to see what God had done for us in order to save us sinners. He gave His life for us. When we think about that we will be able to thank God.

Daily He is giving us everything we want. He is giving light, air, water, darkness, food, clothes, shelter, health, sleep everything we want. But we are not usually thankful for what we have. We usually think about the things which we do not have and then we murmur and worry about those things.

One day someone stole from Matthew Henry. They took all the money from his pocket. He lost all his money. Then after praying and thanking God he wrote on his diary like this: God I thank you because I am not the one who is thief and has taken the money. Oh God thank you because I am not the one who took the money. I am not the thief so I am grateful to you. Yes he realized that it is by the grace of God he became a child of God and it is by grace he is able to lead a life according to the will of God. So he was able to thank God in that circumstances.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition with thanksgiving present your request to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4: 6,7.

*Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles: 7, Micah: 7, Psalms: 107*

### **Day 337: Approach the Throne of Grace**

In the Old Testament ladies were not even able to see the Holy place of Tabernacle. They as well as gentiles were able to enter only the outer courtyard. Gents were able to enter into the inner courtyard and were able to see when the priest offer sacrifices. Only the High priest was able to enter into the most holy place once a year. But today because of the sacrifice of Jesus our Lord we are able to enter into the Most Holy place. Jesus gave Himself for our sins and made us His children and gave the permission to approach Him at any time because we are His children.

He was the High Priest who gave himself for us. He is holy and he wants us to be holy. If we want to have a close relationship with Him we have to walk according to the will of God. A person who is not living according to will of father, or not obeying the commandment of God for Him it is not easy to approach the throne. Only those who love God and live according to the wishes and desires of the father will be able to enjoy the close relationship.

Those who are living according to the will of God can always approach the Throne and see the love of Jesus. Even though the throne of Grace is open for all others will not able enjoy the fellowship and love of God.

Let us then approach the throne of Grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrew 4: 16.

*Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles: 8, Nahum: 1, Psalms: 108*

### **Day 338: Still Drinking the Milk**

After one year if a child is drinking only milk then his parents start to worry. If after 4 years if the child is only able to drink milk we can imagine the condition of the parents. If the 5 year child started vomiting when he is given the cereals which is usually give to 3 month old child then we can imagine the worry of the parents.

When we repent about our sins and believe and accept Jesus Christ as our Only Lord and Saviour we become God's children. God wanted us to drink the milk of the Word of God and grow

so that we will be able to digest the doctrines of the word of God properly. But if we are still be able to digest only the milk, then we are also like the 4 year boy who drinks milk only. We may be saved and a child of God now for 30 years. Still we are drinking the milk only. Food will not digest. God does not want this. So we have to grow. If we are not able to eat food then if false teaching comes we not only fall for it but we will fight against the true teachers.

Anyone who lives on milk is still being an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil. Hebrews 5: 13, 14.

*Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles: 9, Nahum: 2, Psalms: 109*

### **Day 339: What Jesus did for You**

There were many who were appalled at him his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred beyond human likeness Isaiah 52: 14.

A young man of 33 become like this: His appearance was disfigured beyond imagination because of the beating and abuses he got in his body. He could not be identified as a human. All His appearance was lost. He was just a heap of flesh. He suffered all this because of you. He gave His life for sinners, so he Had to pay the penalty of sin of our life. He was sinless, took our sins into His body and paid the penalty of sin. He suffered for us and gave Himself for us. Now what will we do for Him.

Today those who have not accept Jesus Christ as your personal saviour please accept Him as your Saviour and be saved from the penalty of hell fire. He suffered all these for you. And those who are His children let us worship Him and adore Him and bow down before Him because he suffered for us and gave us the privilege to worship Him.

They put a purple robe on Him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on Him. And they call upon to Him, "Hail King of the Jews" Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on Him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to Him. And when they had mocked him, they took of the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led Him out to crucify Him. Mark 15: 17-20.

*Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles: 10, Nahum: 3, Psalms: 110, 111*

### **Day 340: Do Good for Evil**

Do good for Evil that is God's Character. Do good for good that is man's character. Do evil for good that is Satan's Character. It is not easy to do good for evil. But when we have got the character of Jesus we will be able to do good for evil. When we are living a Spirit filled Life then we will be able to do good for evil because then we are under the control of Holy Spirit and we will be able to do according to his will. The more we are able to abide in Him the more we will have His character. Otherwise it will not easy.

One day an old lady was selling some Mango. One boy came and asked her for 1 kg mango. She gave him and told the price.



He was not ready to pay that much even though her rate was the lowest. She said please give me this much because I have to pay the money back from where I got the mango. I have no other means to live. He gave less and went. But suddenly his feet hit a stone and he fell down. This old lady went to him and helped him to get up and she collected all the mangoes that fell down. The boy asked why you came. Are you not angry. The old lady said I forgave you, but you have to get forgiveness from God. He understood the value of forgiveness he asked forgiveness for her and also he paid the full money for the mango.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12: 17, 21.

*Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles: 11, Habakkuk: 1, Psalms: 112, 113, 114*

### **Day 341: Fruits**

When we plan a garden of fruits first we select which plant we wanted to have. If we wanted to have Mango fruit we will plant a mango tree. Suppose if we plant a thornbush and pour milk for water and then pray for mango, its fruit never will we get mango from thornbush — in spite of how much we pray and how much faith we have.

Here the word of God says no good tree bears bad fruit nor a bad tree bear a good fruit. Just examine ourselves what fruit we are producing. Are we able to produce the fruit of the Holy Spirit or Are we producing the fruit of the evil spirit. As each

tree is recognized by its fruit. We are also recognized by our words and our deeds. Others are looking at what we are doing and what we are saying. By the help of God we will be able produce the fruit of the spirit in our life.

The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks, Luke 6: 45.

*Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles: 12, Habakkuk: 2, Psalms: 115, 116, 117*

### **Day 342: Self Confidence**

One of the duty of the parent is to create self confidence in our children. Self-confidence is different from Proud. Pride is a sin so we have to remove it from our children so that they may glorify God for the talents they have. But if we do not teach self confidence in our children then they will be depressed in small matters of their life.

One day a child come to his mother after school and just cried and told Mom Am I an Idiot? My teacher told me so. Then the mother asked her what the class-teacher told about you. The child said she said I am a talented girl and a brilliant girl. The mother asked her do you think who is right. The girl said I do not know. The mother said you are a talented girl. But the girl said you love me so you will say I am Idiot.

Then the mother said shall we toss. If the head of the coin comes then the class teacher said is correct that is you are a

talented and brilliant girl. If the tail of coin comes then the teacher is correct that you are an Idiot. The child immediately said Ma do not be silly. How can one know by tossing? How can a coin decide what I am? Then the mother said how we can find the truth. The daughter said by going to a person who knows the truth. Mother said is it me. Then the child said you are biased.

Then the mother said let us ask God. Everything is there in the Word of God. Let us see what the word of God said about us. "For you created my inmost being you knit me together in my mother's wombs. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful I know that full well. Psalms 139: 13. Yes we are wonderfully made. We have to teach the children that they are special. Something, special and great.

*Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles: 13, Habakkuk: 3, Psalms: 118*

### **Day 343: Jesus Reached out his Hand**

One day my daughter Asha when she was very small said today I will make chapati. I allowed her. She took little flour and salt in a vessel and then little water in a glass. Then I said mole, I will help you to mix it. She said no mommy I wanted to do it alone. She mixed the flour and was going to make chapatis, it is sticking to the vessel, she was not able to make chapati. She again put some water the dough become worse. Then she said mom I need help. I just helped her a little and she was able to make chapati. When children ask us to allow them work

independently, we need to permit them to do so, so that they get confidence in you and also in themselves. Now she is making chapatis as well as cooking much better than me. If they will not start working then it will become difficult for them as well to us.

God also sometimes ask us to do things which we think very heavy for us. But if we are still sitting and thinking we will not be able to do anything. Instead if we start then even if difficulties come, or we do not know how to proceed then we also have a father to ask for help. If we do not start what we wanted to start for the furtherance of God's work then we will not be able to do nothing. Do not forget there is hand stretching out to hold us whatever position we are.

The disciples are on the boat going to the other side. Because of the wind and waves it has not reached the shore. They were trying hard to reach the shore. In the fourth watch of the night they saw someone walking in the lake. They were terrified. They think that it is Ghost. They cried out in fear. But Jesus said, do not be afraid it is me. Then peter had an idea he also wanted to walk on the water.

Unless one gets out they cannot do anything. Others may think peter is foolish, proud but he just wanted to walk in the water just like Jesus walked. So he got out of the safety of the boat in the water. It is not easy. But he was able to do. Then he look into the water instead of the face of Jesus then he started to sink. But he knew there is someone stretching his hand so He cried Lord save me. No other disciples were able to walk in the lake. Stepping out is risk but in order to achieve something we

have to take the risk so that we will be able to do something for the Saviour who gave himself for us and saved us from the hell fire.

Immediately Jesus reached out His hand, and caught him 'you of little faith He said why did you doubt 'And when they climbed into the boat the wind died down. Matthew 14: 31.

*Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles: 14, Zephaniah: 1, Psalms: 119: 1—48*

### **Day 344: Worrying and Doubting**

Worry comes from doubt. Doubt comes from unbelief in God. Some of our habits is to worry for everything anything and even for nothing. Without any reason one can worry. Most of the things we worry never happens. We worry when the children went to school. Instead of worrying we forget to put them the mighty power of God. We worry for dress, shelter food and almost for anything. Worry brings nothing except misery. But still we worry because we doubt the power of God.

If we really look at our past there is no reason for us to worry. We are saved from the bondage of sin and hell fire because of the grace of God. Our children were saved because of the grace of God. They got scholarship not because of their might but because of the grace of God. They passed just because of the grace of God. They got jobs just because of the grace of God. They are alive just because of the power and grace of God. They are protected from death in accidents just not because of our anything but only because of the power and grace of God. We are able to share and preach the word of God just because

of the grace of God. We are in fellowship with and God and the saints just because of His grace. Still today we worry about everything. We worry about how we are going to preach. We worry about how I am going to stand in front of others. How can I do this and that?

Our worry never ends until we put our trust in God. Believe in Him and remember all the things he had done to you and your family in past. Just trust and obey Him. Then worry will go and you will have rest and peace and enjoyment, happiness in your life.

It was not by sword by their sword that they won the land nor did their arm bring them victory. You are my king and Lord. Who decrees victory for Israel Psalms 44:3

*Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles: 15, Zephaniah: 2, Psalms: 119: 49—96*

### **Day 345: Rest**

We all love rest. God also wanted to give rest. We can only get rest and peace if we are the child of God and if we learn to put our trust on Him. Then we have to put our burden on Him then we will get peace and rest in our life. First thing is to repent about our sins that is the burden of sin. Jesus came into this world to take away our sins. So believe in Him and put the burden of sin unto him and accept Jesus Christ as our only personal Lord and Saviour then we will become the child of God.

Daily we have to abide in Him. Instead of going after sinful ways we left we have to go Him by praying and reading the

word of God. We have to live a spirit filled life so that we will living according to the will of God then we will have rest and peace in our life. We can enjoy life. We can enjoy the peace, love and rest God wanted us to enjoy. Saved one will go to heaven but they will not able enjoy the love peace and rest that one can enjoy in Christ if they are still after the pleasures of the world. Sin and rest cannot go together.

The Israelites left Egypt and they are on the way to Canaan. They have no rest because they always want the things of Egypt. Even though they left Egypt their heart does not left the pleasures and sins of Egypt. So they continuously rebelled against God and Moses. The disbelieve God and murmur against God. Because of that except Caleb and Joshua all were dead in the wilderness. They are not able to enter Canaan for which they started their journey. Because of Sin even though they had everything wanted for the journey and the direct protection from God the Almighty still they did enjoy the rest God wanted them to enjoy.

Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. Hebrews 4:1

*Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles: 16, Zephaniah: 3, Psalms: 119: 97–136*

### **Day 346: Why Suffering**

When little problems comes to our life we ask why I have to suffer like this. Why others are saying lies about me, why I have pain all over the body, why these disease from childhood,

why my children are like this, why they do not get good job, why they are not getting admission in good institution. We have one hundred and one questions.

But for spirit filled man for his sufferings he always finds a way to please God more than what he is doing before. He considered sufferings as a gift from God and he utilized the suffering the most possible way. Suffering for one to be closer to God for others away from God. For one thankfulness and for other murmur and grumbling.

Dr Moon was a believer in England. Because of some illness he became blind. Being blind is not a little thing. But he did not grumble neither he murmur instead he praise God for his blindness. He said God MAKE MY BLINDNESS USEFUL FOR THE FURTHERING OF YOUR KINGDOM. God heard his prayer. God gave guidance to him and he was able invent a special language code for blinds. Because of that so many blinds were able read the bible and accept Jesus as their personal Saviour and become child of God. Yes his blindness help him to invent something useful for the blind people. He was able to make a special language code for the Blind. He did not pray for vision of his eyes but pray for the vision of many unbelievers and helpless. God answered his prayer and use him for glory of God. Dr. Moon is known among the blinds as well as he is dear in front of God.

Who comfort us in all our trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just us the sufferings of Christ flow over lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.  
2 Corinthians 1:4

*Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles: 17, Haggai: 1, Psalms: 119: 137–176*



## Day 347: Purpose of a Child of God

God gave his life for sinners. By God's grace we are able to believe in Him and able to become His children. As children of God there are many duties. God has brought us with a purpose. One of the purpose of a child of God is to declare the truth we have received. We have received a good news as well as warning news. Are we able share the good news to others? If not lots of people will not be able to see the warning news and save themselves from the danger. They do not know the danger and they will be destroyed because of that we are not sharing the news with them.

For example suppose an electric line has fallen in the road just in front of our house in the evening. We do not bother about it and did not bother about it. We think other might have seen it so why should I inform the office or why should tell to other, or why should I inform the responsible person. Then without knowing the danger a person passes over it and because of the shock he falls and dies. Who is responsible for the death of that person? It is he who have seen it and had not told it other is responsible for the death of that person.

Every day so many are dead in sins around us. They do not know the good news about Jesus Christ the Saviour. Without knowing it they are going to the hell fire. They are dead in their sins and go to eternal hell fire. But not telling we are responsible for their death. If we tell and if they do not accept then we are not responsible. Are we doing our duty? Are we able to fulfill the purpose of our life?

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful lights.  
1 Peter 2: 9.

*Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles: 18, Haggai: 2, Psalms: 120, 121*

### **Day 348: Everything for Good**

According to the Word of God whatever happens in our life, if we are living according to the will of God and pleasing God then whatever happens in your life God will make it good for you. The Word of God does not say everything is good but God will allow that thing at the end for good. Sometimes it is very difficult for us to understand. Our money is lost, we have severe pain, failed in the examination, drought, harvest is lost, and accident has happened, untimely death. How can God make all these things good for the child of God who loves God?

One day a king and minister went for hunting. The king was a godless person and the minister was godly believer. Whatever happened in the minister's life he will say it is for good only it has happened. The king usually tease him. On that day king was about to put his sword in the sheath. The sword slipped and the king's hand was wounded and one finger was lost. Immediately the minister said whatever happens it will lead to good. The king got angry and put him into jail. After a few days, again the king went for hunting. This time the King was caught by wild people of the forest. The king was very fat. The leader said we can offer him to our God. We can sacrifice him. Then they searched him and found him that one of his finger

was lost. The priest said we cannot sacrifice him because he has no finger. He was set free.

He rushed to his kingdom and then went to the jail where the minister was put and not only released him and asked forgiveness for putting him into the jail. But the minister said whatever happens will turn to good for those who love Him. Then he said if the king did not have put him into the jail he should have accompany the king and they should have sacrificed him instead of the king. Then the king said today onwards I will serve the God of the minister and now I understand what is the meaning of what he usually said.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him who have been called according to His purposes. Romans 8:28.

*Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles: 19, Zechariah: 1, Psalms: 122, 123*

### Day 349: Trust in Jesus Saved the Thief

In order to save from the bondage of sin, the wages of sin, the penalty of hell-fire Jesus came into this world. Jews did not accept Him. He was mocked, they spat Him in the face and struck Him with their fists. Others slapped Him, They made crown of thorns and put Him in head and struck Him on head and mocked Him. Carrying His own cross He went out to the place of skull here they crucified Him and with Him two others one on each side and Jesus in the middle. One of the thief mocked him. He said are you not Jesus save yourself and save us.

The other one rebuked him and said we are crucified because we are sinners and we deserve the punishment. Don't you fear God? We are punished justly. He believed in Jesus. He believed that Jesus is able to forgive his sin and is able to save him from the punishment of hell fire. He believe that Jesus will rise again. So he said remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus answered him, 'I tell you the truth today you will be with me in paradise'. Jesus is telling the same thing to all of us if we believe in Him we will be saved from the eternal punishment.

I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. John 11:25

*Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles: 20, Zechariah: 2, Psalms: 123, 124*

### **Day 350: Jesus is Risen**

After the burial of Jesus because of Sabbath they had to wait. Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome had brought spices so that they may be able to anoint Jesus. After the Sabbath very early on the first day of the week just after the sunrise they were on their way to the tomb of Jesus with the spices. They are not afraid of the tomb. They are not afraid of darkness. They are not bothered about any rest. Early morning when there is still darkness they went to the tomb because they loved Jesus. They had a big problem in front of them. They were feeble ladies and tomb was covered with a big stone. They were asking each other who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb.

Even though the problem was big they did not wait in their home. They started their walk to the tomb. Problems come but we are not supposed to wait for the problem to be gone. We have to do our duty. They went over there and they found that the stone was already removed from the entrance of the tomb. They entered the tomb and they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side and they were alarmed. They had come to the tomb thinking that there will be a big stone and they were not expecting to see the angel. The angel told them that the Jesus who is crucified is not here He is risen See the place where they laid Him. Even though they are not able to anoint him with spices they were able to see the angel and the word of the angel that Jesus is risen. They were the first to know that Jesus is risen. They are really blessed.

Don't be alarmed, "he said, "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him, Mark 16: 6

*Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles: 21, Zechariah: 3, Psalms: 125, 126*

### **Day 351: Satisfaction**

Satisfaction is very important in every aspect of life. We should have job satisfaction. If we do not have it then we always think others job is better than us and we will not be able to do what we can do if we have the satisfaction. Satisfaction in spouses is very important. Otherwise we will look here and there and think the other one is better than what God has given us.

When we preach the Word of God also we should have satisfaction. But this satisfaction is different from all other job satisfaction. How can we get this satisfaction? This satisfaction we will not get if 100 people come and tell that your message was good. We will not get the satisfaction if with the help of our knowledge able to deliver a good message. We will not get the satisfaction if all the people listen to us.

We will get the satisfaction if we are able to deliver the message according to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. And if we are able to do the work according to the will of God and according to the guidance of God. We will get the satisfaction if we are able to glorify God and able to put God first and not taking any credit of ourselves. God will not want us to take any glory to ourselves. All glory belongs to God. Then we can be satisfied if our messages give glory to God. We will have the real satisfaction which others are not able to take or others are able to destroy.

I am the Lord; that is my name I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols. Isaiah 42: 8.

*Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles: 22, Zechariah: 4, Psalms: 127, 128*

## **Day 352: Why Should We PRAY**

God knows everything we want. He will give to us according to His wishes. Even if we ask he will give only if He want. God is giving even to atheist and worldly people without asking. They are also receiving from God if so then why should we, His children should pray. Recently in a house visitation a sister

asked me the above question. She asked me also, are you getting everything you are praying for. She said she is a believer and she will not pray for anything for her because she knows without asking God will give her.

The first and important thing about Prayer is it is Gods commandment that we should pray. Even Jesus prayed. It is also important that God delights in those who obey His commandments than offering burnt offerings and sacrifices. To obey is better than sacrifices. Jesus Himself told an example to teach them that they should always pray and do not give up. In a town there was a widow she went to judge and ask first he did not give. He was a man who neither feared God nor cared about man. She was persistent. In the end he said this widow is bothering me so I will see she get the justice. The Lord said if this man hear and do if so what about God. "And the Lord said: "listen to what the unjust judge says, and will not God bring about justice for His chosen ones, who cry out to Him day and night? Will He keep putting them off? I tell you, He will see that they get justice, and quickly. Luke 18: 8.

The second thing I want to tell is God will give to everyone including an atheist because God is the creator of everything. As we have love and possession for anything we made, even if it is a simple thing like a salad, or a curry, or a drawing, or an article God also loves His creation when He created it all was good. He made man from mud with His own hand, breath his own breath into man. So we can know how much He loves his creation especially man. So He give everything they want, even without asking.

The third thing God will hear all our prayers and give what is good for us. Many times we do not know what we are asking for. But our Saviour knows what is best for us and give according to his wishes and for our good.

“For everyone who asks receive, he who seeks find; and to him who knocks the door will be opened. Which of you, if his son asks for bread will give him stone? Or if he asks for a fish will give him a snake. If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your FATHER IN HEAVEN GIVE GOOD GIFTS to those who ask him. (Mathew 7: 9,10).

*Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles: 23, Zechariah: 5, Psalms: 129, 130*

### **Day 353: How to be Happy**

Any discontentment in any member of the family cause unhappiness in the family. To be happy in a family as well wherever we are contentment is necessary. Contentment does not mean that we have all we want. But knowing that wherever we are God has put us there with a purpose and understand that purpose and be happy in it. It is not easy but God want like that so we have to obey Him. To obey God is better than offering sacrifices to Him.

Discontentment in family can cause Debt by purchasing whatever one see for example if my neighbor buy a new type of necklace I will also buy even if I will have to take loan from the family and thus we can destroy the happiness of family as well the family altogether.



But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. 2 Timothy 6:6

*Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles: 24, Zechariah: 6, Psalms: 131, 132*

### **Day 354: How to be Happy**

Everyone wanted to have a happy life. The first thing we wanted to know is we are special. We are not made just like that. We are precious in front of God. God has created us in HIS OWN IMAGE and breathed His breath on us. Not only that He loved us so much that he came into this world for us. He suffered for us. They stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on His head. They mocked Him. They spit on Him and took the staff and struck Him on the head. They mocked Him as much as they can. Jesus suffered all this because he loves me. Those who believe Him, and then repent about their sins and accept Him as our only Saviour have eternal salvation. They became His children. We are very precious for our Saviour because he gave Himself for us. Knowing this we can have a happy life in spite of many hardships. Thinking about the day we will be with Him forever make us happy. Jesus also was happy because of us.

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart, Hebrews 12: 2

*Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles: 25, Zechariah: 7, Psalms: 133, 134*

### **Day 355: How to be Happy**

Learning to forgive and forget we can be happy. If we try to remember about all the episode of the past we can never be happy. Others may have say ill about you, criticizes you, rebuke you, mocked you, did good for bad, If we try to think about all these things we can never be happy. We have a tendency to forget important things and remember useless things. We may remember the time when so and so criticized you. If you want to be happy try to forgive and then forget bad incidence that happened to you.

While they were stoning him Stephen Prayed: "Lord Jesus receive my spirit. Then he fell down on his knees and cried out "Lord, do not hold this sin against them. When he said this he fell asleep. Acts 7: 59.

We all want to be happy people. For that Try to GIVE rather than to GET. We also want to get things, care, protection and love from others. We often say that nobody knows me and no one loves me. I am worthless. Self-Pity is a sin and it will destroy us as well as those who are near us and even destroy the

happiness of the family. So if you want to be happy give – GIVE rather than expecting to GET. Give love, care, protection and things to others you be astonished how much happiness we will get through it.

So start giving than expecting to Get. That is key to happiness. Jesus Christ also did the same. He did not expect anything from us. We are sinners yet He loved us and gave Himself for us. If we believe in Jesus and repent about our sins and accept Jesus Christ as our only personal Saviour we will be saved and become the children of God. Our name will written in the book of Life. Since we are His children He wants us also to be giver rather than received.

“Do good to them and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great and you will be sons of the Most High, because He is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

*Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles: 26, Zechariah: 8, Psalms: 135*

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## Day 356: Doubts

Israelites were passing through the wilderness. There was no water to drink for the 6,00,000 men and women and children. God told Moses to strike the rock. From the rock water was produced and they were able drink and satisfy. Not only that, they were able to see the power of Lord Jesus once more. They had seen how the red sea had divided into two and they were

able to pass through sea in dry land. Still they doubted God. They said it is true that God divided the red sea. It is true that God was able to produce water from the rock when Moses struck the rock for these men. But when they needed food instead of depending and trusting on God they started to murmur against God and Moses. We may think that Israel has no faith. What about us? God has done so many wonders in our life. He had given us everything I need. But still when we do not get anything I think is necessary for us instead of trusting God start to murmur and grumble against God.

Put trust in God He is able to give you whatever we need and whatever we ask according to the will of God. He is a loving and caring God. You can always trust him. But do not doubt Him. Doubt is a sin God hates. When the Lord heard the murmuring of Israel He was very angry and His fire broke out against them even though He gave food and meat for them.

They willfully put God to the test by demanding the food they craved. They spoke against God, saying "Can God spread a table in the desert? When he struck the rock water gashed out and streams flowed abundantly. But can he also give us food. Can He supply meat for His people? Psalms 78: 19,20,21

*Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles: 27, Zechariah: 9, Psalms: 136, 137*

### **Day 357: All Surpassing Power**

When we accept Jesus Christ as our Saviour we become His children and we received Holy Spirit. Then we are not alone Holy Spirit is with us. We got the power. If we are able to live

according to the guidance of the Holy Spirit then Holy Spirit will guide us and we may be able to live a powerful life. We have this treasure in our body which is clay. This clay has no value. It can be broken at any time. But in this clay the All Surpassing Power is living. And with that power we may be able to live :

- 1 Even though hard pressed on every side but not crushed.
- 2 Perplexed but not in despair.
- 3 Persecuted but not abandoned.
- 4 Struck down but not destroyed.
- 5 Mocked but not depressed.

Their life is full of problems, difficulties, sorrows, pains, threat, crushed. Even though they are passing through all these they are able to live in peace because the all surpassing power is with them. Their strength is not with them but the God they believe. The all mighty God is with them and helping them daily.

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. 2 Corinthians 4:7.

*Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles: 28, Zechariah: 10, Psalms: 138*

### **Day 358: Power of Prayer**

We usually think the power of prayer, the answer to the prayer, depends upon our own merits and our own faith, our own good works, our own righteousness. All these help. But the power of prayer depends upon the one to whom we are praying. The answer to prayer depends upon the God whom we are

praying. All around everyone is praying but not getting answer because they are not praying to the right person.

Prayer is a weapon. The weapon itself is divine. If we are not using the divine weapon then our fight will be useless. We have to learn to use this weapon also. If we are using this weapon without following the rules then this weapon will be useless. God said do not keep on babbling. God hates babbling. We have to pray in sincerity and with faith and also we should know the power of God whom we are praying. Prayer is powerful not because of us but because of the God who is the source of Power.

And pray in spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all saints. Ephesians 6:18.

*Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles: 29, Zechariah: 11, Psalms: 139*

### **Day 359: Worry is Unnecessary**

When we are not depending upon God and His power and His care and love upon us we worry. Worry is unnecessary.

- 1 Worry is unnecessary because we have a Master.
- 2 Worry is unnecessary because our Master is all powerful.
- 3 Worry is unnecessary because our Master loves us.
- 4 Worry is unnecessary because our Master cares for us.
- 5 Worry is unnecessary because our Master gives us everything we want according to his will.

- 6 Worry is unnecessary because our Master is not only a master but our Saviour who gave His life for us sinners.
- 7 Worry is unnecessary because God is our Master, Provider, Caretaker, our Saviour, our Father, and sustainer.
- 8 Worry is unnecessary because we are the bride of Jesus so He will look after us. We can live in this world putting everything upon our bridegroom.

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear, Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes. Mathew 6:25.

*Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles: 30, Zechariah: 12, Psalms: 140, 141*

### **Day 360: The Lord is My Banner**

Amalek came and attacked the Israelites. Moses said to Joshua you and few people go and fight with them, I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God. Not with sword or any other weapon he will stand in the hill with staff of God. The fight is not done by men but the fighting will be done by God. Men will be just vessel for the fight. They cannot win because they are not powerful. But with God, with the staff of God they will win. The victory will be not because of their credit but because of God. Do not be discouraged when you think you are going to fail, to be destroyed by the enemy, mocked by the enemy depend upon God, he will do the fighting for you. Then you will be victorious. The weapon is not of sword, spear but the weapon is the staff of God. Our God is God of wonder.

We can see in our lives the way He works if we depend upon Him.

Joshua fought the Amalekites. As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning but whenever he lowered his hands the Amalekites were winning. When Moses hands grew tired they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up one on one side one on the other. So Moses hands remained steady till sunset and the Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword. With the staff of God they were able to defeat the enemy.

Moses built an altar and called it THE LORD IS MY BANNER. He said, "for hands were lifted up to the throne of the Lord. The Lord will be at war against the Amalekites from generation to generation. Exodus 17: 15.

*Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles: 31, Zechariah: 13, Psalms: 142, 143*

### **Day 361: Our Weapons**

God has given us weapons. But we usually do not use the weapons God has given. We normally use the weapon of Satan. So we fail in our Christian Life. If we want to win then we have to use the weapons God has given us to use. If we use those weapons then there is no need to be afraid of failure because the victory will be won. God guidance will be there when we use the weapons given by God.

God has given us weapon. From this we can understand that we have enemies and we have to fight the enemy. But we



usually think that our enemy is man. No not at all. Men are not our real enemies. Our enemy is much stronger than that. If we think that men are our enemies then we will not prepare for the fight and then we will fail. Our enemy is stronger than men, our enemy is Devil, Satan himself. Of course Satan uses men as his tools. He uses worldly men as well as Gods children. So we have to be very careful. Do not allow ourselves to be used by our enemy Satan. He is always a liar. So he has many ways. Be careful so that we will not be used by Him. At the same time knowing that He is our enemy we have to prepare ourselves and learn to use the weapons that the Almighty has given us. There are many weapons that God has given us.

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground. Ephesians 6; 12,13.

*Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles: 32, Zechariah: 14, Psalms: 144, 145*

### **Day 362: Weapons (Belt of Truth)**

We have seen that we have struggles and our struggle is not with men but with the power of the dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil. So our weapons are also different from of this world.

One of the weapons is the BELT OF TRUTH. If we are able to tie that belt properly then there is no reason for us to be afraid

of anyone. We will be able to stand firm, not bending down, God said in order to stand firm we have to buckle this belt to the waist. Otherwise it will loose and we will have problem.

Satan used this weapon of lies in Eden itself. He said to the woman, did God really say 'you must not eat from any tree in the garden. The first lie started there She said we are not allowed even to touch it or you will die. God did not say. Because of that lies and disobedience, we become sinners and the wages of sin is death or eternal hell fire. The consequence of Satan weapon of lies is great. When one is able to talk a little lie then others also unknowingly talk lies that is the weapon of Satan. He is the father of lies. If we start using the weapon of Satan then unknowingly we will follow him and please him even though we will not able to know that we are pleasing him.

Here God is saying that our weapon is the belt of truth. If we lie and live in lies then we will not be able to live a successful life. We will be a failure. In this world with lies one can acquire many things. They can acquire wealth, position, they can insult people, they can try to destroy others, they can say lies against others They can do many. But remember the belt of lies will be one day broken and their nakedness may be revealed to everyone. When we are bounding the belt of lies we should realize that it is the weapon of your enemy. God is powerful enough to reveal you one day.

So this weapon is very important. If we do not have this weapon then we are utter failure. Let me tell you an example. One day there was a anniversary in the school. A twelve year girl had to dance. She was the first prize candidate. Someone in the group wanted to get that post. This girl was sweet as

well as innocent. They had to wear saree for the dances. While dressing up the other girl was able to manipulate dresser and while dressing did not bind the skirt properly. When she started to dance the skirt started coming down with the saree she was not able to dance properly she did not get the first prize which she used to get always. She was not disappointed because she is clever girl she learned a important lesson.

Therefore put on the full armor of God so that when the day of evil comes you may be able to stand your ground. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist. Ephesians 6: 13,14.

*Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles 33, Malachi: 1, Psalms: 146, 147*

### **Day 363: Worry Keep you from Enjoyment**

God continuously commanded us not to worry. He says not to worry because worry can destroy our life, our spouse life and our children life. Where worry is there is no happiness nor enjoyment. Worry eats all joy and happiness of a house. God want us to live a happy and enjoyable life. So he did not want us to worry. Worry is sin. Disobeying the commandment of God that is not to worry. There are many things we should know about worry:

- 1 Worry we do not gains anything. It is a complete waste of time and energy. Mathew 6:27
- 2 Worry make us forget that who we are. We forget about our abilities and our worth. We are created in the image of God. Mathew 6: 25

- 3 Worry make us forget that we have a Saviour who not only saved us but also ready to help us and give whatever we wants. Mathew 6: 26
- 4 Worry as we have seen keep you from enjoying life which God has given to enjoy
- 5 Worry is not from God it is from Satan. Mathew 6: 24
- 6 Worry destroy faith of God. We will forget to trust in God rather spend our time worrying. Mathew 6:32

With the help of God let us learn not to worry and depend upon our Saviour and trust Him for our needs and necessities. Our Saviour knows us and our needs and He is powerful enough to fulfill our desires. Trust and obey Him. He will give in time and according to His wishes. Let us enjoy our life which is given by God. Instead of worrying let us spread the good news so that others may know about our Saviour and master, father.

Look at the birds or the air, they do not sow or reap or store away in barns and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? Mathew 6: 26,27.

*Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles: 34, Malachi: 2, Psalms: 148*

### **Day 364: Thankfulness**

God wanted His children to have a thankful heart. Usually we think about what we did for others. In our mind we think that we have done many things to others. Then we think that

we are not getting back from them as we have given them or help them. But if we really calculate then we will be able to realize that what we receive from others is greater than what we give to others.

Jesus Christ on His way to Jerusalem. Ten men who had leprosy came to Him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice Master have pity on us. Now they are lepers so they are not allowed to come near to the people. When he saw he did not tell them that their leprosy is because of their sin. Instead he said go and show yourself to the priests in other words he said be healed. They were healed

Only one returned back shouting in loud voice praising God. Now he can come near Jesus and he came and threw himself at Jesus feet and thanked Him. The other nine before they were not allowed to come near Jesus now they are allowed but they do not want to come to Jesus or to bow before Him or to thank Him.

Now also there are two groups in all ways of life. One to thank God as well as others who help them and save them. The second ready to get the blessings and privileges but always thankless for what they receive from God as well as others.

Jesus expects from us to thank God what he has done for us. He came into this world and gave Himself for us sinners so that we can have eternal salvation. If we repent about our sins and believe and accept Jesus Christ as our only Saviour we will be saved.

Jesus asked, “were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner? Then He said to him. “Rise and go, your faith has made you well. Luke 17: 17.

*Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles: 35, Malachi: 3, Psalms: 149*

## Day 365: I Know Everything

There are periods of life when one thinks that they know everything or they know better than their brothers, their parent, and others. Our enemy Satan enjoys it and he always encourages it. But actually one is a fool to think like that. One may know about his studies, or about business or about something that he is doing more than others. But there is none other than God the Almighty who knows everything of man and everything in the universe. He is the creator of the man, universe and everything in it. Do not allow pride of any form in our life. Pride will destroy us. When pride of any form come into our life, it grows and multiply and then gradually grow and then will destroy us.

There was a man named Lalson who thought he know everything and he wanted to show to others. One day a magician came there was a magic show. Everyone went and enjoying the show. But Lalson kept making stupid comments about how the magicians was doing things. The magicians was fed up. He called that man. Lalson was asked to give his watch to the magician. He willingly give. Then the magicians put the watch over a stone. In his hand there is another stone.

He asked Lalson if he has any problem if he struck the watch with the stone and divided it into many parts. Lalson said you can do it. Magicians asked his permission a second time Lalson agreed because he felt he knows everything. The magicians in order to take the revenge struck the watch and it was divided into several pieces. Then the magicians give the peace of the watch to Lalson. First he shouted and then he argued but of no use. He had given permission, and he lost his watch. Some time when we open our mouth we will also become fools. Do not allow pride of any forms in our life.

The light of the righteous shines brightly but the lamp of the wicked is snuffed out. Pride only breeds quarrels, but wisdom is found in those who take advice. Proverbs 13: 9,10.

*Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles: 36, Malachi: 4, Psalms: 150*