

DAILY WORD

(Week 5 November – 11 November 2018)

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Monday, 5th November 2018

Allow God's Wisdom To Influence Our Opinion.

1 Timothy 5: 24 – 25 ²⁴Some men's sins are clearly evident, preceding *them* to judgment, but those of some *men* follow later. ²⁵Likewise, the good works of *some* are clearly evident, and those that are otherwise cannot be hidden.

Sometimes a wrongdoing is very obvious and we can take immediate steps to rectify the situation but sometimes they are hidden. There are hidden agendas and concealed schemes by some people that are not visible or realized in the beginning but they slowly emerge over time. These can lead to divisions and disharmonies in church. Therefore we need to be wise and not allow ourselves to slowly drift away from the truth. No matter how convincing a person may be but we should always be aligned to God's word. In the same way some good deeds may be clearly evident to all but there are some good deeds that are not understood in the beginning but only can be seen when the time comes. The teaching here is for us to be more careful when we give our opinion or endorse something based on pure feelings and perception without fully comprehending the issue. The good may not be evident or the bad may be concealed at the moment but the truth will eventually come out. Therefore allow God's wisdom to lead and influence us when we give an opinion or when we endorse a deed. Do not let the outward appearances to deceive us.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, fill me with Your wisdom so that I will not be lead astray by deception. I do not want to just decide based on my feelings but to be mindful of Your word. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

Proverbs 3: 5 – 6 ⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; ⁶In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

(Contributed by Rev. Ebenezer David)

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Morning Hebrews 2

Evening Jeremiah 34 – 36

Tuesday, 6th November 2018

Only God Can Heal A Heavy Heart.

Proverbs 25: 20 *Like* one who takes away a garment in cold weather, *And like* vinegar on soda, *Is* one who sings songs to a heavy heart.

In cold weather, putting on garments will bring relieve. No one will feel comfortable if the garment is removed. Also the two substances mentioned above cannot be mixed together as both will lose their usability. In the same way when a person is having a heavy heart, the solution is not just to ignore it and try to cover it with singing songs. The root cause of the heavy heart must be dealt with before a person can become joyful again. The pain and distress a person goes through cannot be fully understood by any person but only God understands. Trying to bring motivation or positive reinforcement may not also be helpful without God. Therefore we need God to bring that inner healing and relieve to a person before they can experience joy. Leading them through God's word and praying together with them will be helpful.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, I want to reach out to those who are broken and with a heavy heart. Teach me how to be helpful to them as I share about You to them. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen

Psalms 34: 18 The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit.

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Morning Hebrews 3

Evening Jeremiah 37 - 39

Wednesday, 7th November 2018

When Jesus comes into the house....

Mark 5:38-42 ³⁸ Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly. ³⁹ When He came in, He said to them, “Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping.” ⁴⁰ And they ridiculed Him. But when He had put them all outside, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those who were with Him, and entered where the child was lying. ⁴¹ Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, “Talitha, cumi,” which is translated, “Little girl, I say to you, arise.” ⁴² Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were overcome with great amazement.

When Jesus was on earth, He traveled to many places, preaching the good news of the Kingdom of God. Jesus is the Son of God. He is God. Wherever Jesus went, He performed great miracles. He came into the house of Peter and found Peter’s mother-in-law was down with fever. He touched her and healed her. He came into the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler, and brought his dead daughter to life. He came into the house of Zacchaeus and brought salvation to his life.

Today, when Jesus comes into your house, situations in your house will change. The presence of Jesus brings healing, deliverance, restoration, life, transformation, blessings, etc. Will you invite Him today?

Luke 19:5-9 ⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house.” ⁶ So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. ⁷ But when they saw *it*, they all complained, saying, “He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner.” ⁸ Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.” ⁹ And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham;

Matthew 8:14-15 ¹⁴ Now when Jesus had come into Peter’s house, He saw his wife’s mother lying sick with a fever. ¹⁵ So He touched her hand, and the fever left her. And she arose and served them.

(Contributed by Regina Ebenezer – church worker)

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Morning Hebrews 4

Evening Jeremiah 40 - 42

Thursday 8th November 2018

Church is important.

Luke 13:14-17 ¹⁴ But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, “There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day.” ¹⁵ The Lord then answered him and said, “Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead *it* away to water it? ¹⁶ So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?” ¹⁷ And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

The Bible says that Jesus Christ went to the synagogue every Sabbath. He taught the people the Word of God. There were always sick people in the synagogue and the Jews were not happy when Jesus healed the sick. For them, He was breaking the law. But for Jesus, life was so important. The Jews stopped the people from coming to Jesus for healing.

Today, we go to church on Sunday. After our worship services, we see people waiting in line for the pastors to pray for them. Some come with problems, some with sicknesses or some just need a word of prayer to sustain them for the week. Praise be to God, we don't see anyone stopping these people from coming for prayers. The believers encourage one another with kind words. It is so happy to see believers coming together to lift up one another in prayer. Church is where we come and be strengthened.

Matthew 16:18-19 ¹⁸And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Psalms 133

Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is*

For brethren to dwell together in unity!

² *It is* like the precious oil upon the head,

Running down on the beard,

The beard of Aaron,

Running down on the edge of his garments.

³ *It is* like the dew of Hermon,

Descending upon the mountains of Zion;

For there the LORD commanded the blessing—

Life forevermore.

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Morning Hebrews 5

Evening Jeremiah 43 – 45

Friday, 9th November 2018

JESUS LOVES PEOPLE.

Nehemiah 3:1-12 Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brethren the priests and built the Sheep Gate; they consecrated it and hung its doors. They built as far as the Tower of the Hundred, *and* consecrated it, then as far as the Tower of Hananel. ²Next to *Eliashib* the men of Jericho built. And next to them Zaccur the son of Imri built. ³Also the sons of Hassenaah built the Fish Gate; they laid its beams and hung its doors with its bolts and bars. ⁴And next to them Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Koz, made repairs. Next to them Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabel, made repairs. Next to them Zadok the son of Baana made repairs. ⁵Next to them the Tekoites made repairs; but their nobles did not put their shoulders to the work of their Lord. ⁶Moreover Jehoiada the son of Paseah and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah repaired the Old Gate; they laid its beams and hung its doors, with its bolts and bars. ⁷And next to them Melatiah the Gibeonite, Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon and Mizpah, repaired the residence of the governor *of the region* beyond the River. ⁸Next to him Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, one of the goldsmiths, made repairs. Also next to him Hananiah, one of the perfumers, made repairs; and they fortified Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall. ⁹And next to them Rephaiah the son of Hur, leader of half the district of Jerusalem, made repairs. ¹⁰Next to them Jedaiah the son of Harumaph made repairs in front of his house. And next to him Hattush the son of Hashabniah made repairs. ¹¹Malchijah the son of Harim and Hashub the son of Pahath-Moab repaired another section, as well as the Tower of the Ovens. ¹²And next to him was Shallum the son of Hallohesh, leader of half the district of Jerusalem; he and his daughters made repairs.

Today we see broken families and a broken society. But Jesus came to build the kingdom of God through the transformation of lives. As a multi-racial society we can help to rebuild our neighbourhoods by showing the Love of Jesus through us. Our testimonies as Christians are very important. The book of Nehemiah chapter 3 high-lights how people worked together. All of us have something to do. So let us work side by side, pray for our neighbourhoods, love them, whether big or small-create a community of love where people can find JESUS. Let's work together to build the Kingdom of God. JESUS loves people!!

Ecclesiastes 4:9 Two *are* better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor.

(Contributed by Vanitha Joseph – church worker)

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Morning Hebrews 6

Evening Jeremiah 46 – 47

Saturday, 10th November 2018

How's your FACE in a Mirror?

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

How's your face in a mirror when you are angry? When you worried? All these may reveal a miserable soul. On the other hand, kind eyes, a gentle look, a warm and welcoming smile – become the marks of inner transformation. The face we have will be there, but we can do something about the kind of person we're growing into. We can pray for humility, patience, kindness, tolerance, gratefulness, forgiveness, peace, and love (**Galatians 5:22-26**).

By God's grace you and I can grow toward an inner resemblance to our Lord, a likeness reflected in a kind, old face.

Have a loving heart, you will look beautiful.

JESUS my beautiful Saviour!

Galatians 5:22-26 ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. ²⁴ And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

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Morning Hebrews 7

Evening Jeremiah 48 – 49

Sunday, 11th November 2018

The Revealer God.

2 Kings 6:8-12 ⁸ Now the king of Syria was making war against Israel; and he consulted with his servants, saying, "My camp *will be* in such and such a place." ⁹ And the man of God sent to the king of Israel, saying, "Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Syrians are coming down there." ¹⁰ Then the king of Israel sent *someone* to the place of which the man of God had told him. Thus he warned him, and he was watchful there, not just once or twice. ¹¹ Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was greatly troubled by this thing; and he called his servants and said to them, "Will you not show me which of us *is* for the king of Israel?" ¹² And one of his servants said, "None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who *is* in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom."

Now, the king of Syria was making war against Israel. He had his strategic plans how to attack the army of Israel. But somehow, the Israelites would escape from the attack of the Syrians. This has happened few times and the king of Syria suspected that someone within his group was leaking his plans. But one of his servant said to him, “None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who *is* in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom.”

God was revealing this to Elisha the prophet. Our God is the Revealer God. He knows everything. We cannot hide anything from Him. He is an Omnipotent, Omnipresent and Omniscient God.

Amos 3:7

Surely the Lord GOD does nothing,
Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.

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Evening Jeremiah 50

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