

## **DAILY WORD**

(Week 3 December – 9 December 2018)

**All Bible references are taken from New King James Version (NKJV) of the Holy Bible.**

**Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018**

**Flee From The Love For Money.**

**1 Timothy 6: 9 – 10** <sup>9</sup>But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all *kinds of* evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

The Bible verse for today is not denouncing a person for attaining wealth but it is the love for money that is denounced. Once the feeling of love is for money then God becomes secondary. This causes a person to lose their focus and everything that is important is ignored. This also includes abandoning the responsibility to family and friends. The person becomes self-seeking and every choices made will be based on profit. This is not good because it will lead to destruction and perdition. Therefore do not come to God only to gain possessions but come to attain salvation.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, teach me to put You first in my life and not be influenced by wealth. Help me to realize that there are more important things in life than money. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

**Proverbs 11: 28** He who trusts in his riches will fall, But the righteous will flourish like foliage.

(Contributed by Rev. Ebenezer David)

## **Read The Bible In One Year**

Morning 1 John 2

Evening Ezekiel 45 - 46

**Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**Have Strong Discipline With God's Help.**

**Proverbs 25: 28** Whoever *has* no rule over his own spirit *Is like* a city broken down, without walls.

In ancient times and even in our present day, a wall represents defence for the occupants inside. So during war if the wall is broken down then the city becomes vulnerable and easily captured. In the same way if the spirit of a person is not under discipline, then it will lead a person to fall into temptation without much resistance. In other words, the inner passion for sin will dominate and will not restrain the outburst of anger, the inclination for lust or the influence of pride. The person will be fully given into wickedness. However when the spirit, which includes feelings and thoughts, is put under strict discipline, then the person will display inner strength to govern their actions and words. They don't easily react foolishly to situations and always will make a good choice in difficult circumstances. This inner strength is not attained by own achievement but with the help of God. Therefore if you want to grow in wisdom and self-control, then you need to submit to God and obey His word.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, help me to have a good discipline in my life so that I will not be easily given into sin. Give me strength and guide me every day so that I will stand as a good testimony. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen

**Hebrews 12: 11** Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

(Contributed by Rev. Ebenezer David)

## Read The Bible In One Year

Morning 1 John 3

Evening Ezekiel 47 - 48

### Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018

#### Do not give up! Pray!

**Luke 18:1-5** Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,<sup>2</sup> saying: “There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man.<sup>3</sup> Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, ‘Get justice for me from my adversary.’<sup>4</sup> And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, ‘Though I do not fear God nor regard man,<sup>5</sup> yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.’ ”

Jesus told his disciples a parable that we always ought to pray and not lose heart. In this parable the widow in that city came to the judge of that city for justice from her adversary. The Bible says that this judge was a man who did not fear God nor regard man. But this widow was continually coming to him until she got her answer.

In the same way, when we cry out to God, day and night in prayer, He will answer us.

**Luke 18:6-8**<sup>6</sup> Then the Lord said, “Hear what the unjust judge said.<sup>7</sup> And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?<sup>8</sup> I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?”

(Contributed by Regina Ebenezer – church worker)

## Read The Bible In One Year

Morning 1 John 4

Evening Daniel 1 - 2

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018

#### Hold on to Jesus.

**Matthew 15:21-23**<sup>21</sup> Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon.<sup>22</sup> And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed.”<sup>23</sup> But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, “Send her away, for she cries out after us.”

This Canaanite woman was waiting patiently for Jesus’ answer. She came to Jesus with a need. Her daughter was severely demon-possessed. The disciples told Jesus to send her away. But she did not bother. She was waiting and holding on to Jesus. She knew that Jesus was the only one who could heal her daughter. She faced many challenges but all these challenges built her faith upon Jesus. Her waiting did not go in vain. Jesus commented that she had great faith. Her daughter was delivered completely.

In your life, are you waiting for something? Wait upon the Lord in prayer. You will never be disappointed.

**Matthew 15:24-28**<sup>24</sup> But He answered and said, “I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”<sup>25</sup> Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, “Lord, help me!”<sup>26</sup> But He answered and said, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw *it* to the little dogs.”<sup>27</sup> And she said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.”<sup>28</sup> Then Jesus answered and said to her, “O woman, great *is* your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

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## Read The Bible In One Year

Morning 1 John 5

**Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**The Lord looks at the heart.**

**1 Samuel 16:6-7** <sup>6</sup> So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, “Surely the LORD’s anointed *is* before Him!”  
<sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For *the LORD does* not *see* as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

God sends the Prophet Samuel to anoint one of the sons of Jesse, to become the King. When Prophet Samuel looked at Eliab, the son of Jesse, he thought in his heart that Eliab could be the person that God wants him to anoint. This is when the Lord tells Prophet Samuel, that the way that God sees is different from the way that man sees. Man looks at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart. Dear brother / sister in Jesus Christ, it is the same today, God looks at the heart, How is your heart? How much do you love and obey Him? May the Lord God bless you and keep you throughout the week and the days ahead.

**1 Kings 8:38-40** <sup>38</sup> whatever prayer, whatever supplication is made by anyone, *or* by all Your people Israel, when each one knows the plague of his own heart, and spreads out his hands toward this temple: <sup>39</sup> then hear in heaven Your dwelling place, and forgive, and act, and give to everyone according to all his ways, whose heart You know (for You alone know the hearts of all the sons of men), <sup>40</sup> that they may fear You all the days that they live in the land which You gave to our fathers.

(Contributed by Rev. Johnathan)

**Read The Bible In One Year**

Morning 2 John

**Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**Like the Good Samaritan, be merciful.**

**Luke 10:30** Then Jesus answered and said: “A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead.

**Luke 10:33-36** <sup>33</sup> But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup> So he went to *him* and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave *them* to the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’ <sup>36</sup> So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?”

Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ tells us by this illustration, that it is so important to show ‘mercy’ to someone who is in need. The man who fell among thieves was left half dead, nobody can forced to come and help him, but the Samaritan’s heart was ‘moved with compassion’, seeing the condition of the man. Our Lord Jesus is telling us to show mercy in situation like this, and we will be blessed (**Matthew 5:7**). May God the Holy Spirit be with you throughout the week and bless you tremendously.

**Matthew 5:7**

<sup>7</sup> Blessed *are* the merciful,  
For they shall obtain mercy.

(Contributed by Rev. Johnathan)

## Read The Bible In One Year

Morning 3 John

Evening Daniel 8 – 10

### **Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

#### **Whatever He says to you, do it.**

**John 2:1-4** On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine.” <sup>4</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come.”

Jesus and His disciples were invited together with Mary to a wedding in Cana. When the wine was gone, Mary brought the matter to Jesus immediately. But Jesus told her, “My time has not yet come.” Mary was not afraid or panic after hearing what Jesus said. She knew very well that when a matter brought to Jesus, He will look into it. She told the servants, “Whatever He says to you, do it”. When servants did whatever Jesus told them, there was a miracle.’ The water changed into wine.

In our lives too, when things go wrong or when we face a problem or when we are in need, we need to bring the matter to Jesus. He is the perfect person who can help us. And when we do whatever Jesus tells us to do, we too can experience miracles in our lives!

**John 2:5-10** <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, “Whatever He says to you, do *it*.” <sup>6</sup>Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them, “Fill the waterpots with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>And He said to them, “Draw *some* out now, and take *it* to the master of the feast.” And they took *it*. <sup>9</sup>When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and

did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. <sup>10</sup>And he said to him, “Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the *guests* have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!”

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## Read The Bible In One Year

Morning Jude

Evening Daniel 11 - 12

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