

DAILY WORD

(Week 11 February 2019 – 17 February 2019)

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Monday, 11th February 2019

BELOVED.

1 John 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

1 John 4:11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4:19 We love Him because He first loved us.

We were created by love. When God calls us His beloved, we must know He is referring it to us. No doubt about that! We argue, fight and fuss saying we are not Beloved. (Taken from Becoming Whole, being the beloved).

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1 John 4:19 asserts, We love Him because He first loved us.

In a world of hatred, anger, lies, selfishness and bitterness we need our Heavenly Father to be our real Father. Then you see how our lives are guided and changed for the best. We will enjoy blessings, joy, peace and laughter. We are the Beloved of God (Heavenly Father). Hebrews chapter 11 is about the Bible's greatest heroes / heroines. They were all **The Beloved** of Heavenly Father. We are one of them. Nurture this blessing by Faith! Receive the full Love and blessing of our Heavenly Father through Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 11:1-11 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.² For by it the elders obtained

a good testimony.³ By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.⁵ By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.⁶ But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.⁷ By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.⁹ By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as *in* a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise;¹⁰ for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God.¹¹ By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised.

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Read The Bible In One Year

Morning Matthew 26 : 1-25

Evening Leviticus 11 – 12

Tuesday, 12th February 2019

Watch, Wait and Pray.

Romans 12:9-12 *Let love be* without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.¹⁰ *Be* kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;¹¹ not

lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; ¹² rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;

Watch, wait and pray! Is the power of answered prayer. Every Christian is on a personal journey with Jesus. We ask for prayers for our family members and friends facing challenges or illness. Somebody struggling with an addiction for years, a mental problem, very difficult marital problem, sicknesses, finances, family conflicts and list goes on.... It is only through prayer you and me can find comfort, and strength from our relationship with Jesus. Watch, wait and pray, pray, pray! Be assured that Jesus does **care** and He does **hear** all our requests. He urges us to continue to walk closely with Him, being **rejoicing in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer** (Romans 12:12). We can lean on Jesus.

Prayer : Heavenly Father, Your Word urges us to pray continually. Help us to be persistent in prayer, and enable us to be faithful partners in prayer with others. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Hebrews 10:22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

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Morning Matthew 26 : 26-50

Evening Leviticus 13

Wednesday, 13th February 2019

Hide me under the shadow of Your wings....Psalm 17:8

Psalm 17:1-9

Hear a just cause, O LORD,

Attend to my cry;

Give ear to my prayer *which is* not from deceitful lips.

² Let my vindication come from Your presence;

Let Your eyes look on the things that are upright.

³ You have tested my heart;

You have visited *me* in the night;

You have tried me and have found nothing;

I have purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.

⁴ Concerning the works of men,

By the word of Your lips,

I have kept away from the paths of the destroyer.

⁵ Uphold my steps in Your paths,

That my footsteps may not slip.

⁶ I have called upon You, for You will hear me, O God;

Incline Your ear to me, *and* hear my speech.

⁷ Show Your marvelous lovingkindness by Your right hand,

O You who save those who trust *in You*

From those who rise up *against them*.

⁸ Keep me as the apple of Your eye;

Hide me under the shadow of Your wings,

⁹ From the wicked who oppress me,

From my deadly enemies who surround me.

I grew up near the sea and the river which was beside my house. This river led to the sea. (My beautiful Malacca). My house was surrounded by coconut trees. Near the river there were a lot of palm trees. The villagers would come into my house compound and park their bicycles, to collect palm leaves in the jungle. They used this for their house roofs. The palm trees were called (pokok nipah in Bahasa Malaysia).

I grew up in this very fertile landscape. My friends and me were very adventurous. We would swing from tree to tree like Tarzans or build palm leave houses. Pretending we were safe from attacks. That is how our faith is upon God wherever we live, we are

protected by God. **Psalm 17:8** asserts, God keep me as the apple of your eye, hide me in the shadow of your wings. King David faced constant threats in his life. But the amazing thing about him, the level of confidence in God. (**Psalm 17:6**).

In spite of those threats, he was convinced his true safety was found in God.

We must have the same confidence. The God who promised to never leave or forsake us (**Hebrews 13:5**) is the One we trust with our lives, everyday. Although we live in a dangerous world, our God gives peace and assurance – both now and forever. He is our **Safe Place**.

Prayer : Heavenly Father, the world around me is increasing in danger. Protect me and my family in Jesus' Name. I claim peace, strength and help. Amen.

Psalm 17:8

Keep me as the apple of Your eye;
Hide me under the shadow of Your wings,

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Morning Matthew 26 : 51-75

Evening Leviticus 14

Thursday 14th February 2019

Let us glorify God and be thankful.

The word of God tells us that the existence of God is undeniable for the invisible attributes of God are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made. That means when we see the sun, moon, stars and all creation, there is an order of creation which was not accidental but carefully planned by a supreme Being.

Whether we like it or not we were created according to God's will and we are called to obey Him. However we are given the choice to obey or not to obey.

We cannot be perfect but we can obey. Let us glorify God and be thankful.

Romans 1:8-25 ⁸First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world. ⁹For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers, ¹⁰making request if, by some means, now at last I may find a way in the will of God to come to you. ¹¹For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established— ¹²that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me. ¹³Now I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that I often planned to come to you (but was hindered until now), that I might have some fruit among you also, just as among the other Gentiles. ¹⁴I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise. ¹⁵So, as much as is in me, *I am* ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also. ¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. ¹⁷For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith." ¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. ²⁰For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, ²¹because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²²Professing to be wise, they became fools, ²³and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. ²⁴Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to

dishonor their bodies among themselves,²⁵ who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

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Read The Bible In One Year

Morning Matthew 27 : 1-26

Evening Leviticus 15 - 16

Friday, 15th February 2019

You make the choice.

Our stay on earth is temporary. It is our transit point to Heaven. While we are on the earth, we are taught about Our Heavenly dwelling which is under the Rule and Reign of God. The Bible teaches us how to live in the Kingdom of God. Jesus taught the Bible so that everyone will know and make the choice. We are told to make the choice by believing in God and to willingly obey His teachings. Believing and obeying God not only takes us to Heaven it also promises us the blessings of God on the earth.

Matthew 6:30-34³⁰ Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, *will He* not much more *clothe* you, O you of little faith?³¹ “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’³² For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day *is* its own trouble

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Morning Matthew 27 : 27-50

Evening Leviticus 17 – 18

Saturday, 16th February 2019

Live like Jesus is coming today.

The early believers in the Book of Acts believed that Jesus Christ was coming anytime and realize that they will have to leave their properties when the Rapture takes place. They removed their selfishness and obeyed the teachings of Jesus Christ to love others by sharing what they had.

Acts 4:32-37³² Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common.³³ And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.³⁴ Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold,³⁵ and laid *them* at the apostles’ feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need.³⁶ And Joses, who was also named Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated Son of Encouragement), a Levite of the country of Cyprus,³⁷ having land, sold *it*, and brought the money and laid *it* at the apostles’ feet.

They could have died with the disappointment that the 2nd coming of Jesus Christ did not take place. It may have looked like they were losers, but in truth they had their salvation confirmed through faith and obedience.

Philippians 2:12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

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Morning Matthew 27 : 51-66

Evening Leviticus 19 – 20

Sunday, 17th February 2019

Prayer and visitation.

We are called to pray for one another. We normally pray for people whom we know. Let us widen our prayer to pray for others who are in sickness, in need, orphans, etc.

We may not know them personally but when someone who knows them is willing to take us to visit them, let us take this opportunity of a door being opened to share the love of Jesus to them. They may not be Christians or they may be Christians who have left Jesus. Whatever the situation maybe, let us share the love of Jesus with care. Let us bring those who love Jesus into the Kingdom of God.

James 2 My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, *the Lord* of glory, with partiality. ²For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes, ³and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, “You sit here in a good place,” and say to the poor man, “You stand there,” or, “Sit here at my footstool,” ⁴have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world *to be* rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you and drag you into the courts? ⁷Do they not blaspheme that noble name by which you are called? ⁸If you really fulfill *the* royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you do well; ⁹but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one *point*, he is guilty

of all. ¹¹For He who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment. ¹⁴What *does it* profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what *does it* profit? ¹⁷Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ¹⁸But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ¹⁹You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! ²⁰But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? ²¹Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? ²²Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? ²³And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” And he was called the friend of God. ²⁴You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only. ²⁵Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent *them* out another way? ²⁶For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

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Morning Matthew 28

Evening Leviticus 21 – 22

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