

DAILY WORD

(Week 11 March 2019 – 17 March 2019)

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

Monday, 11th March 2019 **God Desires To Be With Us.**

2 Timothy 1: 9 who has saved us and called *us* with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,

We have done nothing to gain salvation but it is a gift from God. It is according to His purpose and grace which we received through Christ Jesus. This gift was prearranged before time began. God knew us before we were formed and had already desired to be with us. How great is our God? Today we see the fulfilment of God's plan in our life and it shows how much He loved us. He wants us to be with Him and therefore Jesus went through the suffering. Therefore let us be thankful and hold on to holy living because this will express and acknowledge our sincere gratitude for everything that God has done for us.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, I thank You for saving me although I did not do anything to deserve it. I want to live my life in thankfulness and in holiness because You are a great God. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

Jeremiah 29: 11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

(Contributed by Rev. Ebenezer David)

Read The Bible In One Year

Morning Mark 12 : 28-44

Evening Deuteronomy 14 – 16

Tuesday, 12th March 2019 **Move Out Of Your Comfort Zone.**

Proverbs 27: 7 A satisfied soul loathes the honeycomb, But to a hungry soul every bitter thing *is* sweet.

It is said that “Too much of the good things is not good.” Sleeping to rest is good but too much sleeping is bad. There are some kinds of food that is very good for the body but too much of it can cause problems. So in the same way we may have a lot of things but sometimes they may cause us to become ignorant and oblivious to the situation around us. We may begin to lose our appreciation because we never go through a time of lacking. Young ones who grew up with everything are not able to cope with hardship because they never worked for it. We always want to feel comfortable in every situation but that does not help us because we do not obtain the wisdom to handle crisis or traumatic situation. Sometimes we ignore God because we are so engrossed with our material possession until some tragedy happens and we are not able to cope with it. Therefore learn to move out of our comfort zone and feel some discomforts because it will train us for greater works.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me to learn to handle various situation in life and not to only desire “smooth sailing” situation. In all my ways, help me to acknowledge You. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

Proverbs 30: 8 -9 ⁸ Remove falsehood and lies far from me; Give me neither poverty nor riches— Feed me with the food allotted to me; ⁹ Lest I be full and deny *You*, And say, “Who *is* the LORD?” Or lest I be poor and steal, And profane the name of my God.

(Contributed by Rev. Ebenezer David)

Read The Bible In One Year

Morning Mark 13 : 1-20

Evening Deuteronomy 17 - 19

Wednesday, 13th March 2019

God's glory filled the temple.

2 Chronicles 5:11-14 ¹¹ And it came to pass when the priests came out of the *Most Holy Place* (for all the priests who *were* present had sanctified themselves, without keeping to their divisions), ¹² and the Levites *who were* the singers, all those of Asaph and Heman and Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, stood at the east end of the altar, clothed in white linen, having cymbals, stringed instruments and harps, and with them one hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets—¹³ indeed it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers *were* as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, *saying: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever,"* that the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud,¹⁴ so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.

Now, all the work that Solomon had done for the house of the Lord was finished. He dedicated the house of the Lord with great sacrifices. The elders of Israel, the heads of the tribes, the chief fathers, the priests, the Levites and all the people assembled for the dedication of the temple. All of them lifted up their voices with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, praising and thanking the Lord, saying :

“For He is good; For His mercy endures forever.

And the house of the Lord filled with a cloud, which is the glory of God. Their praise and thanksgiving was so powerful that God

was pleased with their worship and He came down filled the temple.

Today, we too serve the same God. When we truly worship Him in spirit and in truth, with all our heart, mind, soul and strength, God's glory will fill our church. He will also fill each and everyone of us.

2 Chronicles 7:1-4 When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. ² And the priests could not enter the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD's house. ³ When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD on the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the LORD, *saying: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever."* ⁴ Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the LORD.

(Contributed by Regina Ebenezer – church worker)

Read The Bible In One Year

Morning Mark 13 : 21-37

Evening Deuteronomy 20 - 22

Thursday 14th March 2019

Where does my help come from?

Psalms 121

I will lift up my eyes to the hills— From whence comes my help?

² My help *comes* from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.

³ He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴ Behold, He who keeps Israel Shall neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵ The LORD *is* your keeper; The LORD *is* your shade at your right hand.

⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day, Nor the moon by night.

⁷ The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul.

⁸ The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in From this time forth, and even forevermore.

We are all helpless people. We need each other. No one can say in this world, "I do not need anyone's help. I can manage everything by myself".

Our family members, relatives and friends can be a great help for us. But there will come a time in our life, where no one can help us. For example : When someone has a serious health issues or someone goes through marital problems or someone who is addicted to drugs and alcohol. Only Jesus can help in these kinds of situations. The psalmist faced a lot problems and challenges in his life. He lifted up his eyes to the hills to get help. But nothing could help him until he realized that there is God who is above the hills, and that God is the Maker of heaven and earth.

Let us focus on the Maker of heaven and earth. He is also our Maker. He can and will help us in all situation.

Psalm 46:1-3

God *is* our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.

² Therefore we will not fear,

Even though the earth be removed,

And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

³ *Though* its waters roar *and* be troubled,

Though the mountains shake with its swelling.

(Contributed by Regina Ebenezer – church worker)

Read The Bible In One Year

Morning Mark 14 : 1-26

Evening Deuteronomy 23 - 25

Friday, 15th March 2019

God will send angels to help you.

Acts 12:5-9 ⁵ Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church. ⁶ And when

Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison. ⁷ Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by *him*, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And his chains fell off *his* hands. ⁸ Then the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and tie on your sandals"; and so he did. And he said to him, "Put on your garment and follow me." ⁹ So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision.

Apostle Peter was put in prison, and God sent an angel to rescue him. Many people find it hard to believe. There are testimonies told, even now, of how strangers come and help in difficult situations, and then they disappear. The Psalmist tells us that God sends His angels to take care of us (**Psalms 91 : 11-12**). Dear brother / sister, in Jesus Christ, whatever your problem could be, remember this, because you love Him, God will send His angels to take charge of you. May God the Holy Spirit be with you throughout the week and bless you tremendously.

Psalm 91:11-12

¹¹ For He shall give His angels charge over you,
To keep you in all your ways.

¹² In *their* hands they shall bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Psalm 91:14

"Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him;
I will set him on high, because he has known My name.

(Contributed by Rev. Johnathan)

Read The Bible In One Year

Morning Mark 14 : 27-53

Evening Deuteronomy 26 – 27

Saturday, 16th March 2019

The reason for the miracle, “For it was borrowed”.

2 Kings 6:1-7 And the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, “See now, the place where we dwell with you is too small for us. ²Please, let us go to the Jordan, and let every man take a beam from there, and let us make there a place where we may dwell.” So he answered, “Go.” ³Then one said, “Please consent to go with your servants.” And he answered, “I will go.” ⁴So he went with them. And when they came to the Jordan, they cut down trees. ⁵But as one was cutting down a tree, the iron *ax head* fell into the water; and he cried out and said, “Alas, master! For it was borrowed.” ⁶So the man of God said, “Where did it fall?” And he showed him the place. So he cut off a stick, and threw *it* in there; and he made the iron float. ⁷Therefore he said, “Pick *it* up for yourself.” So he reached out his hand and took it.

In this passage we see that a great miracle has taken place, something beyond the ‘laws of gravity’ had taken place, the iron ax head floats. Our God does a ‘miracle’ even today, when there is a desperate ‘need’. The reason for the miracle in the above passage, was that, the iron ax head was “borrowed”. The wicked does not give back what he has borrowed (**Psalms 37:21**). Before God, we know that it is important to give back what we have borrowed, but sometimes it becomes difficult. This is when we sincerely ask God to help us, and, He will do a miracle for us. Dear brother/sister in Jesus Christ, believe in God for a miracle, and, He will do it for you. May God the Holy Spirit be with you, and bless you throughout the week.

Psalm 37:21

²¹ The wicked borrows and does not repay,
But the righteous shows mercy and gives.

(Contributed by Rev. Johnathan)

Read The Bible In One Year

Morning Mark 14 : 54-72

Evening Deuteronomy 28 – 29

Sunday, 17th March 2019

From my mother’s womb, You have been my God.

Galatians 1:11-16 ¹¹But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. ¹²For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught *it*, but *it came* through the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹³For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and *tried to* destroy it. ¹⁴And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother’s womb and called *me* through His grace, ¹⁶to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood,

Paul, the apostle of Jesus Christ, writes this letter to the churches in Galatia. He says that before he came to know Jesus Christ, he persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. But he couldn’t. Jesus Christ met him on his way to Damascus, and his life was transformed. God was pleased to choose him, separated him from his mother’s womb and called him through His grace. God revealed to him, His Son, Jesus Christ, so that he might preach Him among the Gentiles. When Paul knew of his calling, he did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, but obeyed God’s voice and started to preach about Him.

The same God has called you and me through His grace, separated us from our mother’s womb, to do His work. Let us be guided by God the Holy Spirit when we witness for Jesus.

We are born for a purpose and that purpose is to live for Jesus and continue to tell about Him to others.

Psalm 22:9-10

⁹ But You *are* He who took Me out of the womb;
You made Me trust *while* on My mother's breasts.

¹⁰ I was cast upon You from birth.

From My mother's womb

You *have been* My God.

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Morning Mark 15 : 1-25

Evening Deuteronomy 30 – 31

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