

DAILY WORD

(Week 15 April 2019 – 21 April 2019)

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

Monday, 15th April 2019 **Faithful To The End.**

2 Timothy 1: 15 – 18 ¹⁵This you know, that all those in Asia have turned away from me, among whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes. ¹⁶The Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain; ¹⁷but when he arrived in Rome, he sought me out very zealously and found *me*. ¹⁸The Lord grant to him that he may find mercy from the Lord in that Day—and you know very well how many ways he ministered *to me* at Ephesus.

Paul was in the midst of a trial before the Roman emperor as we can read about his appeal to stand before the emperor in the book of Acts. It is during this period that some decided to abandon Paul and move away. However there were some who were faithful to the end. One of them is Onesiphorus. Everyone can have our own preferences and expectations but are we willing to be faithful to the end? The reasons for falling away can be the unwillingness to endure persecution, loss of love for God's work, some scandals or even weaknesses that hinders our progress. Whatever the reasons may be but let us realise that God will not abandon us and He will always be faithful to the end. He will give the grace that we need to endure every situation. Therefore be faithful to the end.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me to be faithful to the end no matter what the situation may be. Teach me to be more watchful and to stand firm in the midst of trials. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

Hebrews 3: 14 For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end,

(Contributed by Rev. Ebenezer David)

Read The Bible In One Year

Morning Luke 13 : 1-22

Evening 1 Samuel 27 – 29

Tuesday, 16th April 2019 **Be Prudent In Our Actions.**

Proverbs 27: 12 A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself; The simple pass on and are punished.

A prudent man is one who listens to God's word and obeys them. Wisdom comes to those who daily read and obey God's word. They become more vigilant and able to discern the situation. They prepare themselves so that they will not incur losses or danger. It is becoming more pro-active rather than just reacting to situation. Many people are just very hasty and impulsive. They just do or say something and later regret their actions. There are many who are hurt and disappointed because of their own hasty actions or the actions of others. People are going through broken relationships, joblessness, infirmities and many other problems because they were not prudent in their choices or behaviour. Let us therefore be prudent in our actions by always learning from God's word.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me to be prudent and wise as I read and obey Your word. Help me to discern the situation and prepare to solve problems. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

Ecclesiastes 2: 26 For *God* gives wisdom and knowledge and joy to a man who *is* good in His sight; but to the sinner He gives the work of gathering and collecting, that he may give to *him who is* good before God. This also *is* vanity and grasping for the wind.

(Contributed by Rev. Ebenezer David)

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Morning Luke 13 : 23-35

Evening 1 Samuel 30 - 31

Wednesday, 17th April 2019

A loyal heart.

2 Chronicles 25:1-2 Amaziah was twenty-five years old *when* he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.² And he did *what was* right in the sight of the LORD, but not with a loyal heart.

King Amaziah, the king of Israel, did what was right in the sight of the Lord **but not with a loyal heart.** He did some good things but not whole heartedly. Because Amaziah's heart was not loyal to the Lord God, he started to worship other gods. He brought the gods of Edomites, set them up to be his gods and bowed down before them and burned incense to them.

Our heart is very important. We can do everything right in the sight of God and in the sight of people, but God sees our heart. He sees the deep things of our heart. He sees the intention and the motives of our heart. If our heart is not loyal to the Lord our God, we can also easily compromise the Word of God and the things of God. And we too can turn away from the Lord and follow the ways of the world.

2 Chronicles 25:14 Now it was so, after Amaziah came from the slaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the people of Seir, set them up *to be* his gods, and bowed down before them and burned incense to them.

(Contributed by Regina Ebenezer – church worker)

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Morning Luke 14 : 1-24

Evening 2 Samuel 1 - 2

Thursday 18th April 2019

We need true servants of God.

2 Chronicles 26:1-5 Now all the people of Judah took Uzziah, who *was* sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father Amaziah.² He built Elath and restored it to Judah, after the king rested with his fathers.³ Uzziah *was* sixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jecholiah of Jerusalem.⁴ And he did *what was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done.⁵ He sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God; and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him prosper.

Uzziah was sixteen years old when he became king and he reigned 52 years in Jerusalem. He did what was right in the sight of the Lord. He sought God through His servant, the priest Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God, and as long as he sought the Lord, God made him prosper.

It is so important in our Christian lives to seek the Lord. We need the servants of God who has understanding in the visions of God. We need the servants of God who truly teach the word of God. As long as we listen and obey the word of God, our lives too will be prosperous.

2 Chronicles 20:20 So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the LORD your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper."

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Morning Luke 14 : 25-35

Evening 2 Samuel 3 - 5

Friday, 19th April 2019

John the Baptist prepared the people for Jesus Christ.

Mark 1:6-8 ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. ⁸ I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The ministry of John the Baptist was very unique, he did not promote himself but rather highlighted Jesus Christ to the ones who came to him. He exalted Jesus, by telling that, He is mightier than himself, and he humbled himself by saying that he is not worthy to stoop down and loose His sandal. By this act of John the Baptist, we are challenged to do the same. Every opportunity that comes, share the greatness of Jesus Christ, even if, it is a testimony in your own life tell it, and it will prepare someone to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. May God the Holy Spirit be with you throughout the week and bless you tremendously.

John 3:25-28 ²⁵ Then there arose a dispute between *some* of John's disciples and the Jews about purification. ²⁶ And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified—behold, He is baptizing, and all are coming to Him!" ²⁷ John answered and said, "A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from

heaven. ²⁸ You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ,' but, 'I have been sent before Him.'

(Contributed by Rev. Johnathan)

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Morning Luke 15 : 1-10

Evening 2 Samuel 6 – 8

Saturday, 20th April 2019

The existence of Angels.

Numbers 22:27-31 ²⁷ And when the donkey saw the Angel of the LORD, she lay down under Balaam; so Balaam's anger was aroused, and he struck the donkey with his staff. ²⁸ Then the LORD opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?" ²⁹ And Balaam said to the donkey, "Because you have abused me. I wish there were a sword in my hand, for now I would kill you!" ³⁰ So the donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your donkey on which you have ridden, ever since *I became* yours, to this day? Was I ever disposed to do this to you?" And he said, "No." ³¹ Then the LORD opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw the Angel of the LORD standing in the way with His drawn sword in His hand; and he bowed his head and fell flat on his face.

This is the first time in the Bible, where God permitted a donkey to speak. God allowed this to happen, because Balaam was about to do a 'perverse' thing before the Lord (**Numbers 22:32**). We do not worship angels, but we do know that they exist, even children have 'angels' to take care of them (**Matthew 18:10**). There are times, when they can come like strangers and help us in a difficult situation, and then disappear. May God be with you, and send His angels to protect you (**Psalms 91:10-12**). May the presence of the Holy Spirit be with you and bless you.

Numbers 22:32 And the Angel of the LORD said to him, “Why have you struck your donkey these three times? Behold, I have come out to stand against you, because *your* way is perverse before Me.

Matthew 18:10 “Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven.

Psalm 91:10-12

¹⁰No evil shall befall you,

Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;

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

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

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Morning Luke 15 : 11-32

Evening 2 Samuel 9 – 11

Sunday, 21st April 2019

He is risen as He said.

Matthew 28:5-6 ⁵ But the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

There are sayings which says : Words carry weight and words carry power. There are words of encouragement, words of inspiration, words of motivation, words of success, etc. Those who

have spoken these words, many of them are no longer alive but the words they have spoken left an impact in the lives of people.

I know of a person whose words are more powerful. His words are spirit and are life. His words are living and active. He lived, He died and He was buried and on the third day, He rose again. Yes, He is our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. His words bring salvation, healing, deliverance, restoration and hope. His words stand forever. Today, we are celebrating His resurrection because He is risen as He said.

The words of Jesus Christ can bring greater impact in our lives because He is alive.

John 6:63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life.

Psalm 33:4-9

⁴For the word of the LORD *is* right,
And all His work *is done* in truth.

⁵He loves righteousness and justice;
The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

⁶By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.

⁷He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap;
He lays up the deep in storehouses. ⁸Let all the earth fear the LORD;
Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

⁹For He spoke, and it was *done*;
He commanded, and it stood fast.

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Morning Luke 16

Evening 2 Samuel 12 – 13

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