

DAILY WORD

(Week 13 May 2019 – 19 May 2019)

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

Monday, 13th May 2019

Follow God's Word Wholeheartedly.

2 Timothy 2: 5 And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.

Our Christian walk is likened to athletics. Usually the contestant will represent a nation or a club. We represent Jesus and we must strive to always bring Him a good name. Winning a race is never a one day process. It requires strict discipline and endurance. This race has a long term goal and we need to prepare ourselves as one that is resolute to win. At the same time we also need to be aware of the rules. In athletics, no one is allowed to use rules pertaining to a car race or any other sports. In the same way, our life must be in accordance to God's word and we cannot compromise or change the rules according to our liking. We must follow God's word wholeheartedly.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me to discipline myself in accordance to Your word. I want to have perseverance in all circumstances and not give up easily. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

Matthew 7: 21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

(Contributed by Rev. Ebenezer David)

Read The Bible In One Year

Morning John 3 : 19-36

Evening 2 Kings 17 – 18

Tuesday, 14th May 2019

Be Receptive To God

Proverbs 27: 19 As in water face *reflects* face, So a man's heart *reveals* the man.

The water is like a mirror that can reflect exactly the outward look of a person. In the same way a person's inward motives and desires can be known by the outward actions or speech. We need to examine our feelings, conscience, thoughts and intentions. Many times we will come across someone having the same reaction like ours. This will immediately remind us off our actions. It is good for learning. If someone does something either good or bad, we can learn from their experience and choose our ways. In the same way, we can also be a help to others by sharing our experiences so that the others will not make the same mistake or continue in doing good. As a Christian, we need to work extra hard to have a heart that is receptive to God the Holy Spirit. Daily check the spiritual condition of our heart.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, teach me daily to be receptive to You. I want my heart to be sincere and right before You. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

Matthew 12: 34 – 35 ³⁴Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. ³⁵A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things.

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Read The Bible In One Year

Morning John 4 : 1-30

Evening 2 Kings 19 - 21

Wednesday, 15th May 2019

God's peace.

Matthew 9:2-6 So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. ²Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." ³And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" ⁴But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? ⁵For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? ⁶But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

When we are sick, we lose our peace. There is a great battle in our mind. What is the cause of the sickness? Where it will lead? We can give medication, we can take vitamins, we can take good and healthy food, but deep within us there is no peace. I am sure the paralytic in the above passage would have gone through the same feelings. There was no peace in his heart. He did not have peace because his communication with God has been cut off. He had sin in his life. Sin has separated him from God. He needed forgiveness for his sin. That was why Jesus said to him, "**Son, be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven you**". The first thing Jesus did was He restored his relationship with God. When the relationship with God was restored, he received his healing.

In our lives, we can have money, property, etc....but if we don't have God's peace, we are lost. We can buy everything but we cannot buy peace. We need God's peace. In order to get God's peace, first we need to restore our relationship with God. How is our relationship with God? Let us examine ourselves. Put our lives right before God. Put God first in our lives. When our relationship

with God is good, we have God's peace all the time even though we go through trials and tribulations.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid..

(Contributed by Regina Ebenezer – church worker)

Read The Bible In One Year

Morning John 4 : 31-54

Evening 2 Kings 22 - 23

Thursday 16th May 2019

Salvation is kept by loving God.

Matthew 22:37 Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'

No questions in loving God. Jesus said that this is the greatest commandment. When we love God, our relationship with Him will grow stronger. Jesus restores relationship because our salvation is hanging on that. We cannot come to God with our own terms and conditions. Our salvation is confirmed with signs, wonders, miracles and healings. Without forgiveness there is no salvation. Salvation is kept by loving God. Come back to the first love. Come in repentance, ask forgiveness everyday. Continuity of confession is very important. Our God is a good God. He is not hard. He is not legalistic. Do not hide from Him. He loves you and me. Let us also love Him sincerely.

Hebrews 2:1-4 Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. ²For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, ³how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard *Him*, ⁴God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

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Morning John 5 : 1-24

Evening 2 Kings 24 - 25

Friday, 17th May 2019

You are not alone, God has reserved seven thousand believers.

1 Kings 19:9 And there he went into a cave, and spent the night in that place; and behold, the word of the LORD *came* to him, and He said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

1 Kings 19:13-15 So it was, when Elijah heard *it*, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice *came* to him, and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴ And he said, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life.” ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him: “Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael as king over Syria.

1 Kings 19:18 Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

Elijah was a great prophet, yet he ran and hid in a cave, because King Ahab’s wife, Jezebel threatened to kill him. God meets prophet Elijah and instructs him to do some work for Him.

Meanwhile, prophet Elijah was thinking that he was the only one left, but God tells him that He had reserved seven thousand believers who have not worshipped Baal. God always has a ‘remnant’, (**Joel 2:32**) that is, people who will call upon Him and totally believe in Him. Dear brother / sister in Jesus Christ, there are times when you feel that you are alone, remember, you are not alone there are so many that God has reserved, and they are

standing together in faith with us. May God the Holy Spirit be with you throughout the week and bless you tremendously.

Joel 2:32

³² And it shall come to pass

That whoever calls on the name of the LORD
Shall be saved.

For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance,

As the LORD has said,

Among the remnant whom the LORD calls.

(Contributed by Rev. Johnathan)

Read The Bible In One Year

Morning John 5 : 25-47

Evening 1 Chronicles 1 – 3

Saturday, 18th May 2019

A long time sickness.

John 5:5-9 ⁵ Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been *in that condition* a long time, He said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” ⁷ The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me.” ⁸ Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your bed and walk.” ⁹ And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath.

Jesus saw a man who had an infirmity for thirty eight years. Our Lord Jesus Christ knew that he was in this condition for a long time. The man never expected an immediate healing, to his surprise, he got healed by Jesus. Whether it is a long time sickness or a short time sickness, Jesus is always the Healer and Deliverer (**Matthew 8:16-18**). Dear brother / sister, remember, this Jesus can heal you of your ‘long time’ sickness, nothing is impossible with Him (**Matthew**

19:26). May God the Holy Spirit be with you throughout the week and bless you tremendously.

Matthew 8:16-18 ¹⁶ When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, ¹⁷ that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

“He Himself took our infirmities
And bore *our* sicknesses.”

¹⁸ And when Jesus saw great multitudes about Him, He gave a command to depart to the other side.

Matthew 19:26 But Jesus looked at *them* and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

(Contributed by Rev. Johnathan)

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Morning John 6 : 1-21

Evening 1 Chronicles 4 – 6

Sunday, 19th May 2019

Listen and obey.

2 Chronicles 36:14-16 ¹⁴ Moreover all the leaders of the priests and the people transgressed more and more, according to all the abominations of the nations, and defiled the house of the LORD which He had consecrated in Jerusalem. ¹⁵ And the LORD God of their fathers sent warnings to them by His messengers, rising up early and sending them, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place. ¹⁶ But they mocked the messengers of God, despised His words, and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against His people, till there was no remedy.

Zedekiah the king reigned in Jerusalem eleven years and he did evil in the sight of the Lord. He did not humble himself before the prophet Jeremiah who spoke the word of God. All the leaders, the priests and the people sinned more and more. They even defiled the house of the Lord. But God was compassionate towards them. He sent warnings to them through His messengers but they did not listen to them. Instead they mocked them, despised His words and scoffed His prophets. So God’s wrath arose against His people till there was no remedy.

When we rebel and go the wrong way, God will send His servants to give us warning. God loves us. He does not want us to be destroyed. He wants to help us. So when the servants of God give us advice, let us listen and obey. Do not go against the servants of God.

1 Corinthians 10:11-12 ¹¹ Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

Hebrews 13:17 Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

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Morning John 6 : 22-44

Evening 1 Chronicles 7 – 9

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