

## **DAILY WORD**

(Week 15 July 2019 – 21 July 2019)

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

**Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

**The Church Has All Types Of People.**

**2 Timothy 2: 20 – 21** <sup>20</sup>But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honour and some for dishonour. <sup>21</sup>Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honour, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

There are all types of people in a church. Although all can profess that they believe in Jesus but only some are genuine. Each person is like a vessel and there are two aspects which describe the vessel. The first is the material used to produce it and the second is the intended purpose of its usage. With regards to the material, a vessel made of precious material is more desirable. The material becomes more precious in proportion to how much Jesus becomes precious to the person. If Jesus is very precious then the person is like gold but if Jesus is not precious then they become like non precious material. The second aspect is the intended purpose of usage, which should be for honourable purpose and not for dishonourable purpose. Cleansing oneself from sinful desires and falsehood will make them honourable. God is able to use them for good works. With reference from verse 16 to verse 19, we can see that holding firmly to God's word and rejecting false teachings is one way of cleansing ourselves. There will always be people who are against God's word and trying to destroy the faith of many but we must become more attentive and not allow them to succeed by holding firmly to God's word.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, help me to be more attentive and discern false teachers who creep in to destroy the faith of many. I want to

hold firmly to Your word and not compromise. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

**Acts 20: 28 – 30** <sup>28</sup>Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. <sup>29</sup>For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. <sup>30</sup>Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.

(Contributed by Rev. Ebenezer David)

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

Morning      Acts 19 : 21- 41

Evening      Psalm 13 – 15

**Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

**Seek The Lord.**

**Proverbs 28: 5** Evil men do not understand justice, But those who seek the LORD understand all.

Evil men do not understand justice because there is always a self-seeking area in their life, which only looks out for own good and pleasure. They are willing to do anything in order to attain their target. Even to the level of killing someone. They ruin their life by continuing to pursue pleasure and their understanding will be narrow. However those who seek the Lord will become more prudent and they will understand the consequences of their actions. Life is not just about attaining temporal pleasure but achieving Godliness and eternal life. Every action has eternal consequences and therefore we need to manage our present life wisely. God will guide us and lead us in every step of our life when we seek the Lord.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, I want to learn to seek You in every moment of my life and not ruin my life with temporary pleasure. Reveal Your

ways and help me to recognise Your direction. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

**Hebrews 11: 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.

(Contributed by Rev. Ebenezer David)

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

Morning      Acts 20 : 1-16

Evening      Psalm 16 – 17

### **Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

#### **Prayer is very important.**

**John 17:1-3** Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You,<sup>2</sup> as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.<sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

Why do we need to pray? We need to pray because Jesus Christ prayed. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, prayed. How much more we need to pray? In the above passage, Jesus Christ prayed for Himself, prayed for His disciples and prayed for all the believers. Remember, today you and I are saved because Jesus prayed for us two thousand years ago. So, we need to pray for those who have not known Jesus yet. Pray for them name by name, family by family. Nowadays, people put their pictures or their family pictures as their profile picture. You may lay your hands and pray for them. This is one way I pray. You may have some other ways. But whatever the ways, we make sure we pray. When Jesus prayed for us, He already had us in His mind and in the palm of His hand. May God the Holy Spirit lead your prayer life.

**John 17:9-11** <sup>9</sup>"I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. <sup>10</sup>And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.

**John 17:20-21** <sup>20</sup>"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;<sup>21</sup> that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

**Isaiah 49:16** See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; Your walls are continually before Me.

(Contributed by Regina Ebenezer – church worker)

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

Morning      Acts 20 : 17-38

Evening      Psalm 18 – 19

### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

#### **Church – The House of Prayer.**

**Luke 19:45-46** <sup>45</sup>Then He went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in it,<sup>46</sup> saying to them, "It is written, 'My house is a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.' "

Coming together as a congregation to pray in the church is very very important because the church is called a House of Prayer. Jesus went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in it saying, "It is written, 'My house is a house of prayer but you have made it a 'den of thieves'".

There is power when the Church prays. When Peter was in prison, the Church prayed earnestly. God brought Peter out in a miraculous way. Peter and John were threatened by the religious leaders not to speak in the name of Jesus. They brought this matter to the Church and they prayed with one accord. The place where they assembled was shaken. When the early Church continued steadfastly

in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in prayers, the Lord added to the Church daily those who were being saved.

When the Church prays, whatever cannot be shaken will be shaken and whatever cannot be moved, will be moved in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Acts 2:42** And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

**Acts 2:46-47**<sup>46</sup> So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,<sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

**Acts 4:18** So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

**Acts 4:24, 31**<sup>24</sup> So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You *are* God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them,<sup>31</sup> And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

**Acts 12:5** Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church.

(Contributed by Regina Ebenezer – church worker)

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

Morning      Acts 21 : 1-17

Evening      Psalm 20 - 22

**Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

**Bought for a price.**

**2 Samuel 24:18-24**<sup>18</sup> And Gad came that day to David and said to him, "Go up, erect an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite."<sup>19</sup> So David, according to the word of Gad,

went up as the LORD commanded.<sup>20</sup> Now Araunah looked, and saw the king and his servants coming toward him. So Araunah went out and bowed before the king with his face to the ground.<sup>21</sup> Then Araunah said, "Why has my lord the king come to his servant?" And David said, "To buy the threshing floor from you, to build an altar to the LORD, that the plague may be withdrawn from the people."<sup>22</sup> Now Araunah said to David, "Let my lord the king take and offer up whatever seems good to him. Look, here are oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing implements and the yokes of the oxen for wood.<sup>23</sup> All these, O king, Araunah has given to the king." And Araunah said to the king, "May the LORD your God accept you."<sup>24</sup> Then the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God with that which costs me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

There was a plague, and many of the Israelites were dying, so God instructs David through the seer, Gad. Gad tells David to build an altar on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite, and offer sacrifices, that the plague will stop. Araunah wanted to give it for free to the King, but King David refuses, and pays a price, and then offers sacrifices. Apostle Paul tells us in first Corinthians chapter six verse twenty that we too were bought for a price, the price was the 'blood of Jesus'. We must always thank God because our salvation comes with a 'price', that is the precious blood of Jesus. May God the Holy Spirit be with you throughout the week and bless you.

**1 Corinthians 6:20** For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

(Contributed by Rev. Johnathan)

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

Morning      Acts 21 : 18-40

Evening      Psalm 23 – 25

**Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

**Great Joy.**

**Acts 8:4-8** Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word.<sup>5</sup> Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them.<sup>6</sup> And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.<sup>7</sup> For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed.<sup>8</sup> And there was great joy in that city.

Philip went to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. The people there listened to Philip preaching, and witnessed the miracles done in Jesus' Name. Many were delivered from evil spirits, and those who were paralyzed and lame were healed. It is interesting to know that whenever the word of God is preached, and those who are listening have the faith to believe, then miracles and healings take place, and there will be great joy among the people. Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ tells us that all the words that He has spoken gives us 'joy to the full'. Dear brother / sister in Jesus Christ have faith and believe in the word of God and you will witness miracles and healings in your life. May God the Holy Spirit be with you and bless you tremendously.

**John 15:11** "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full.

(Contributed by Rev. Johnathan)

**Read The Bible In One Year**

Morning      Acts 22

Evening      Psalm 26 – 28

**Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2019**

**Out of your own mouth, I will judge you.**

**Luke 19:20-23** <sup>20</sup>"Then another came, saying, 'Master, here is your mina, which I have kept put away in a handkerchief.<sup>21</sup> For I feared you, because you are an austere man. You collect what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.'<sup>22</sup> And he said to him, 'Out of your own mouth I will judge you, *you* wicked servant. You knew that I was an austere man, collecting what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow.<sup>23</sup> Why then did you not put my money in the bank, that at my coming I might have collected it with interest?'

We must be very careful with our words. The Bible says that life and death are in the power of tongue. In the above passage, the man told boldly to His master that he was an austere man that means he was a harsh man. He did not work out what he was given to him by his master. He kept it and gave it back to the master. Then the master said to him, "Out of your own mouth I will judge you".

Many times we are also like this man. Sometimes the words we speak bring trouble to ourselves. We use wrong words, negative words. Sometimes some people misuse God's word. When we continue to do this, we bring disaster to our own life. Let us be careful with our words.

**Matthew 12:36-37** <sup>36</sup>But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.<sup>37</sup> For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

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Morning      Acts 23 : 1-15

Evening      Psalm 29 – 30

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