

DAILY WORD

(Week 14 Oct 2019 – 20 Oct 2019)

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Monday, 14th October 2019

Part 9. The Danger of Being Unloving.

2 Timothy 3: 1 – 4 ¹But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: ²For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

In the last days, there will be an increase of people who are unloving. This can mean parents who reject or refuse to provide shelter and care for a child. It can also mean children who neglect to take care of their parents. We see and hear many reports of this every day. Love is the fundamental ingredient of every relationship and without it, there will only be disorder. Children who grow up in an unloving home can also become like their parents and treat their own children in the same way. The solution to overcome unloving attitude is only found in God because “God is love.” Seeking Him in whatever condition is crucial and only in Him can there be true transformation.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me to overcome unloving attitude. If I was a victim of growing up in an unloving environment, help me to come out of the feeling of rejection and learn to forgive. In Jesus’ Name I pray. Amen.

1 John 3: 14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love *his* brother abides in death.

(Contributed by Rev. Ebenezer David)

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Morning 1 Thessalonians 2
Evening Isaiah 43 - 44

Tuesday, 15th October 2019

Life Is Sacred.

Proverbs 28: 17 A man burdened with bloodshed will flee into a pit; Let no one help him.

Human life is sacred in the eyes of God. It is He who breathed life into a person and no one has the right to take it violently. However, we hear every day the murder and massacre that takes place. This verse emphasizes that no one should protect or defend the sinful act of murder. Every nation will have their rules and to mete out the punishment accordingly. There are consequences to be faced for violent acts. Let us pray that those who commit these acts will be caught and there will not be any more violence.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, I pray that all those who are scheming to commit murder will be stopped. Please protect the innocent from such violence. In Jesus’ Name I pray. Amen.

Romans 12: 19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but *rather* give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance *is* Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord.

(Contributed by Rev. Ebenezer David)

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Morning 1 Thessalonians 3
Evening Isaiah 45 - 46

Wednesday, 16th October 2019

Do not displease the Lord.

2 Samuel 11:2-5 ² Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman *was* very beautiful to behold. ³ So David sent and inquired about the woman. And *someone* said, "Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" ⁴ Then David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her, for she was cleansed from her impurity; and she returned to her house. ⁵ And the woman conceived; so she sent and told David, and said, "I *am* with child."

David was a man after God's own heart. He loved God. He trusted God throughout his life. From a shepherd boy he became the king of Israel. He always inquired of the Lord whenever he went for war. And the Lord preserved David wherever he went.

But one day, David committed adultery with Bathsheba, Uriah's wife. He made her pregnant. In order to cover up his sin, he tried to be good to Uriah. He sent a gift of food to him. But nothing worked according to his plan. Then finally, David wrote a letter to Joab, the captain of the army saying, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retreat from him that he may be struck down and die". This time, David's plan worked. Uriah was killed in the battle. And David took Bathsheba Uriah's wife as his wife and thought he could live "happily ever after". But the Bible says, "The thing that David had done displeased the Lord".

Is there anything in our lives displeases the Lord? Let us examine ourselves.

2 Samuel 11:14-17 ¹⁴ In the morning it happened that David wrote a letter to Joab and sent *it* by the hand of Uriah. ¹⁵ And he wrote in the letter, saying, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retreat from him, that he may be struck down and die." ¹⁶ So it was, while Joab besieged the city, that he assigned Uriah to a place

where he knew there *were* valiant men. ¹⁷ Then the men of the city came out and fought with Joab. And *some* of the people of the servants of David fell; and Uriah the Hittite died also.

2 Samuel 11:26-27 ²⁶ When the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband. ²⁷ And when her mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. **But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.**

(Contributed by Regina Ebenezer – church worker)

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Morning 1 Thessalonians 4
Evening Isaiah 47 - 49

Thursday 17th October 2019

You reap what you sow.

2 Samuel 11:25 Then David said to the messenger, "Thus you shall say to Joab: 'Do not let this thing displease you, for the sword devours one as well as another. Strengthen your attack against the city, and overthrow it.' So encourage him."

2 Samuel 12:10 Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.'

'You reap what you sow' means you must eventually face the consequences of your actions.

When the messenger came and told David all that Joab had sent by him, "And the messenger said to David, "Surely the men prevailed against us and came out to us in the field; then we drove them back as far as the entrance of the gate. The archers shot from the wall at your servants; and some of the king's servants are dead, and your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also." Then David said to the messenger, "Thus you shall say to Joab: 'Do not let this thing displease you, for the sword devours one as well as another.

Strengthen your attack against the city, and overthrow it.' So encourage him."

What David confessed came upon his own life when prophet Nathan came to rebuke his actions. And the prophet said, "Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house because you have despised Me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife." And the child which was born to him through Bathsheba died.

Sin has its consequences. You reap what you sow.

Galatians 6:7-8 ⁷Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. ⁸For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

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Morning 1 Thessalonians 5
Evening Isaiah 50 - 52

Friday, 18th October 2019

Your good works will go before you.

Ruth 2:8-11 ⁸Then Boaz said to Ruth, "You will listen, my daughter, will you not? Do not go to glean in another field, nor go from here, but stay close by my young women. ⁹Let your eyes be on the field which they reap, and go after them. Have I not commanded the young men not to touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn." ¹⁰So she fell on her face, bowed down to the ground, and said to him, "**Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?"** ¹¹And Boaz answered and said to her, "**It has been fully reported to me, all that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband, and how you have left your father and your**

mother and the land of your birth, and have come to a people whom you did not know before.

Boaz showed kindness to Ruth because, he heard from others, how Ruth had shown kindness to her mother-in-law. We do not have to put to publicise the good things we have done for others, sooner or later, others will start talking about it, because news spreads. Ruth did not talk about her kindness to her mother-in-law to anyone, but everyone came to know about it. Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ tells that our good works, when seen by others will make them to glorify our Father God who is in heaven (**Matthew 5:16**). Dear brother / sister in Jesus Christ, be kind and do good to everyone, especially, to your family members. May God the Holy Spirit be with you throughout the week and bless you tremendously.

Ruth 1:12-16 ¹²Turn back, my daughters, go—for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, *if* I should have a husband tonight and should also bear sons, ¹³would you wait for them till they were grown? Would you restrain yourselves from having husbands? No, my daughters; for it grieves me very much for your sakes that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me!" ¹⁴Then they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵And she said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law."

¹⁶But Ruth said: "Entreat me not to leave you,

Or to turn back from following after you;

For wherever you go, I will go;

And wherever you lodge, I will lodge;

Your people *shall be* my people,

And your God, my God.

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

(Contributed by Rev. Johnathan)

Read The Bible In One Year

Morning 2 Thessalonians 1
Evening Isaiah 53 - 55

Saturday, 19th October 2019

The result of true repentance is a 'changed life'.

Luke 3:7-8 ⁷Then he said to the multitudes that came out to be baptized by him, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" ⁸Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as *our* father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.

As the people were coming to John the Baptist to be baptised, his message to them was that, true repentance must be followed with a changed lifestyle." That is why he said, 'bear fruits worthy of repentance. Apostle Paul tells us that the 'mind' need to be renewed for a changed life (**Roman 12:2**). He also tells us that the 'fruit of the Spirit' (**Galatians 5:22-23**), truly, helps us for this 'changed lifestyle'. Dear child of God, when you give the Holy Spirit full control of your life, He will produce the fruit of the Spirit in your life. May God the Holy Spirit be with you throughout the week and bless you tremendously.

Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. **Galatians 5:22-23** ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

(Contributed by Rev. Johnathan)

Read The Bible In One Year

Morning 2 Thessalonians 2
Evening Isaiah 56 - 58

Sunday, 20th October 2019

Choose your friends carefully.

Proverbs 12:26 The righteous should choose his friends carefully, For the way of the wicked leads them astray.

Friends are important. In the Bible we see many had friends. Some had good friends and some had bad friends. For example : Job had three friends who sympathized with him and comforted him in the times of great trouble. Daniel's friends – Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego who prayed and asked God's mercies to be upon them when they heard that the king would kill them if the dream was not interpreted. David had a good friend, Jonathan, who stood with David for truth.

Now Absalom the son of David had a lovely sister, whose name was Tamar, and Amnon the son of David loved her. Amnon was so distressed over his sister Tamar that he became sick of her. And it was improper for Amnon to do anything to her. But Amnon had a **friend** whose name was Jonadab. The Bible says that **he was a very crafty man**. He gave wrong advice to Amnon and misled him.

We need to choose our friends carefully. Ask God the Holy Spirit to guide you in choosing your friends.

2 Samuel 13:3-5 ³But Amnon had a friend whose name *was* Jonadab the son of Shimeah, David's brother. Now Jonadab *was* a very crafty man. ⁴And he said to him, "Why *are* you, the king's son, becoming thinner day after day? Will you not tell me?"

Amnon said to him, “I love Tamar, my brother Absalom’s sister.”
⁵ So Jonadab said to him, “Lie down on your bed and pretend to be ill. And when your father comes to see you, say to him, ‘Please let my sister Tamar come and give me food, and prepare the food in my sight, that I may see *it* and eat it from her hand.’ ”

1 Corinthians 15:33 Do not be deceived: “Evil company corrupts good habits.”

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Evening Isaiah 59 - 61

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