

## **DAILY WORD**

(Week 20 JAN 2020 – 26 JAN 2020)

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

**Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**Have A Relationship With God.**

**2 Timothy 3: 5** having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

This verse implies the formation of a religious system, which is noticeable by others but the relationship with God is non-existent. Many like to admire and speak about architectural designs of buildings and historical wealth of religious systems but God is taken out of the conversation. Christianity should be about our relationship with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who gave His life for the forgiveness of our sins so that we will be reconciled back to Him. Today there is a detrimental inclination to showmanship rather than faith. It is time to come back to genuine faith and establish a sincere relationship to God so that we can experience His true transforming power and healing in our life. A person that is changed and empowered by God the Holy Spirit in the heart will radiate a life full of joy and peace.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, I thank You for saving me and I pray that You will help me to maintain a strong relationship with You daily. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

**Psalms 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. Ebenezer David)

**Read The Bible In One Year**

Morning Matthew 13:31-58  
Evening Genesis 49-50

**Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020**

**God Blesses The Generous Person.**

**Proverbs 28:27** He who gives to the poor will not lack, But he who hides his eyes will have many curses.

God is the owner of everything and it is not impossible for Him to provide for the poor directly. However He has asked us to be the human representative to carry out this work of providing. Providing finance alone to the poor is not enough but there must also be impartation of good stewardship and words of comfort. God has provided to us the resources that are needed to be a blessing. Therefore, do not turn away but obey God's word and He will sustain us.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, please help me to not turn away from those who need help. I want to obey Your word and become a generous person. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

**Hebrews 13: 16** But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

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**Read The Bible In One Year**

Morning Matthew 14:1-21  
Evening Exodus 1-3

**Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020**

**Surrender to the Lord.**

**John 6:8-14** <sup>8</sup>One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, <sup>9</sup>“There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?” <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. <sup>11</sup>And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed *them* to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>So when they were

filled, He said to His disciples, “Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost.”<sup>13</sup> Therefore they gathered *them* up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten.<sup>14</sup> Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, “This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.”

The above passage is about the feeding of the five thousand men. This was miracle. Just with five loaves and two fish, Jesus blessed them, multiplied them and fed the five thousand men, excluding women and children. The secret to this miracle was “surrendering” your needs to God. They surrendered to Jesus, and He performed a miracle.

Today, when we surrender our lives to Jesus, He will bless us and do great things in us and through us. All to Jesus I surrender!

**1 Peter 5:6-7** <sup>6</sup> Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, <sup>7</sup> casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

**Psalm 55:22**

<sup>22</sup> Cast your burden on the LORD,  
And He shall sustain you;  
He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.

(Contributed by Regina Ebenezer – church worker)

**Read The Bible In One Year**

Morning Matthew 14:22-36  
Evening Exodus 4-6

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020**

**Preparing to cross the Jordan – “Changes”**

**Joshua 3:1-5** Then Joshua rose early in the morning; and they set out from Acacia Grove and came to the Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they crossed over.<sup>2</sup> So it was, after three days, that the officers went through the camp;<sup>3</sup> and they commanded the people, saying, “When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests, the Levites, bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and go

after it.<sup>4</sup> Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you must go, for you have not passed *this* way before.”<sup>5</sup> And Joshua said to the people, “Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you.”

We have come to a new decade, the year 2020. Let us prepare to go to the next level. The above passage is about Joshua – a great leader, a conqueror, who took the leadership after Moses. God told Joshua to lead His people, the Israelites, to the promise land. So, He told Joshua how to prepare himself and the people, to go to the next level, to the promise land.

**1. Joshua rose early in the morning.**

This shows that we need to act immediately after receiving instructions from God. Getting up early and have the intimate time with the Lord is very very important.

**2. Joshua and his people lodged there before they crossed over the Jordan.**

Lodged means waited. Waiting in patience. Waiting in expectation. Wait in prayer. What God is going to do next? What is God’s plan? We need to wait in prayer.

**3. The ark of the covenant went before them.**

The ark of the covenant represents God’s presence. The priests, the Levites went before the people. We have pastors, leaders that we need to follow.

**4. They acted fearlessly.**

They were fearless because they knew God was with them. God led them. Today, we must allow God the Holy Spirit to lead our lives. Journey with God the Holy Spirit.

**5. Anticipate miracles.** Expect great things from God. In order to receive miracles, we need to sanctify ourselves. Keep ourselves pure and holy. Pray and read the Word of God always. God is going to take us into the next level of growth in our faith, next level of growth in the church. Great things are going to happen.

**Isaiah 30:21**

<sup>21</sup> Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying,

“This *is* the way, walk in it,”  
Whenever you turn to the right hand  
Or whenever you turn to the left.

(Contributed by Regina Ebenezer – church worker)

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

Morning Matthew 15:1-20

Evening Exodus 7-8

### **Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

#### **The Spirit of the Lord came upon Othniel.**

**Judges 3:9-11** <sup>9</sup>When the children of Israel cried out to the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer for the children of Israel, who delivered them: Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb’s younger brother. <sup>10</sup>The Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he judged Israel. He went out to war, and the LORD delivered Cushan-Rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand; and his hand prevailed over Cushan-Rishathaim. <sup>11</sup>So the land had rest for forty years. Then Othniel the son of Kenaz died.

When the children of Israel cried out to the Lord for help, God sent them a deliverer named Othniel, who defeated Cushan-Rishathaim king of Mesopotamia. This was possible, because the Spirit of the Lord, the Holy Spirit, as we call Him today, came upon Othniel. In the day of Pentecost, Apostle Peter explains that it was Jesus, having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, poured out the Holy Spirit upon everyone (**Acts 2:32-33**). Today, through our baptism, we are baptized with the Holy Spirit (**Mark 1:8**), therefore as you obey God and put into practice God’s Word, proclaim victory, because the Holy Spirit is with you in all that you do. May God the Holy Spirit be with you throughout the week and bless you tremendously.

**Acts 2:32-33** <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God,

and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

**Mark 1:8** I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

(Contributed by Rev. Johnathan)

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

Morning Matthew 15:21-39

Evening Exodus 9-11

### **Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

#### **What shall we do?**

**Acts 2:37-39** <sup>37</sup>Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?” <sup>38</sup>Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

After the Holy Spirit had come on the day of Pentecost, the people marvelled and were in awe, this is when Peter stood up with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd (**Acts 2.14**). After hearing Peter the crowd were ‘cut to their heart’ by the message and, this is where they said, “what shall we do?” An answer like this is a voluntary one, coming from the depths of one’s heart. We find a similar situation in the life of apostle Paul, who was earlier known as Saul (**Acts 9:4-6**). When the word of God convicts one’s heart, this is the response, “Lord, what must I do?” When you are convicted by God’s Word’, do not hold back the spontaneous response that comes, “Lord, what must I do? Say it in faith and ask God the Holy Spirit to help you. May God the Holy Spirit be with you throughout the week and bless you tremendously.

**Acts 2:14** But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words.

**Acts 9:4-6** <sup>4</sup> Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?” <sup>5</sup> And he said, “Who are You, Lord?” Then the Lord said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads.” <sup>6</sup> So he, trembling and astonished, said, “Lord, what do You want me to do?” Then the Lord *said* to him, “Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”

(Contributed by Rev. Johnathan)

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

Morning      Matthew 16  
Evening      Exodus 12-13

### **Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

#### **Pray with love.**

#### **Psalms 18:1-6**

**To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David the servant of the LORD, who spoke to the LORD the words of this song on the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. And he said:**

I will love You, O LORD, my strength. <sup>2</sup> The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. <sup>3</sup> I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies. <sup>4</sup> The pangs of death surrounded me, And the floods of ungodliness made me afraid. <sup>5</sup> The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; The snares of death confronted me. <sup>6</sup> In my distress I called upon the LORD, And cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, And my cry came before Him, *even* to His ears.

Prayer is communicating with God. It is a communication of love. We need to pray to God with love. We cannot pray just to fulfil the requirement of a Christian. King David loved God. When we read the Psalms, we know how much he loved God. He prayed to God with love. He sang songs of love to God. He remembered all the things God has done in his life. This is prayer. Remembering all the good things and the miracles God did in our lives and giving thanks to Him. Declaring in faith that God has done in the past, He will continue to do in the present and in the future.

Let us come to God, our Heavenly Father, in prayer with love. Let us declare our love to Him. He longs to hear how much we love Him.

#### **Psalms 116:1-2**

I love the LORD, because He has heard  
My voice *and* my supplications.

<sup>2</sup> Because He has inclined His ear to me,  
Therefore I will call *upon Him* as long as I live.

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Evening      Exodus 14-15

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