

DAILY WORD

(Week 25 May 2020 – 31 May 2020)

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

Monday, 25th May 2020

Having An Exemplary Lifestyle

Titus 1: 5 – 6 ⁵For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you— ⁶if a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused dissipation or insubordination.

This is a good advice for everyone to follow today although at that moment it was given as a criteria to choose a leader. Being blameless is an outward demonstration of an inward sincere faith. It is required so that the ministry will not be affected by a person with a loose character. Marriage must be guarded from the sin of adultery and fornication. Children must be brought up in godly manner and they must love God, otherwise they will become a great hindrance to the ministry. They must not overindulge in sensual pleasures and abandon righteousness. Today we are facing great challenges to the faith because there is a lack of people with an exemplary lifestyle. Let us pray for our leaders and at the same time obey God's word in our life.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, teach me to be sincere and blameless in Your sight. I want to have an exemplary lifestyle that will influence the younger generation to live in righteousness. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

1 Peter 2: 12 ¹²having your conduct honourable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by *your* good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

(Contributed by Rev. Ebenezer David)

Read The Bible In One Year

Morning	John 9:1-23
Evening	1 Chronicles 25-27

Tuesday, 26th May 2020

Listen To The Counsel of the Lord

Proverbs 29: 17 ¹⁷Correct your son, and he will give you rest; Yes, he will give delight to your soul.

The purpose that we parents are required to bring up our children in righteousness is that they will have a good life and at the same time we can rejoice in their accomplishments. If we ignore their mistakes and allow them to grow in falsehood, they will grow up believing in lies and eventually it will affect us. There are parents who laugh when their young child throws tantrums because they may look adorable at that age but they will grow up thinking that it is fine to throw tantrums. Yet these parents become furious when their children show the same attitude when they are teenagers. This is just one example how some children are brought up in wrong ways without correcting their wrong behaviour. God's word is given to teach us the right way that we should obey and therefore do not ignore God's counsel.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me to always listen to Your word and not depart from it. Help me to bring up my children in the right ways. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

Ephesians 6: 4 ⁴ And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

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Read The Bible In One Year

Morning	John 9:24-41
Evening	1 Chronicles 28-29

Wednesday, 27th May 2020

Is Covid-19 the end time pestilence?

Luke 21:10-12 ¹⁰ Then He said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. ¹² But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute *you*, delivering *you* up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My name's sake.

This Covid-19 virus is quite different. It has affected the whole world. In the passage above, Jesus mentioned about the signs of His coming – that is nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, there will be earthquakes, pestilences,

famines, etc.. Because of this many daily paid workers will be affected and we can see that happening now.

The question is, "Is Covid-19 is the end time pestilence?" Is the coming of the Lord Jesus near? Many people know the world is coming to an end but they do not know what is going to happen after that. As Christians, what are we doing about this? We can only pray, read His Word and prepare ourselves for His second coming. Let us commit our lives to God. Watch and pray. Our protection is only in Jesus. Pray according to the written word. Accept what is written in the word of God. Obey His Word.

Luke 21:22 ²² For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

(Contributed by Regina Ebenezer – church worker)

Read The Bible In One Year

Morning	John 10:1-23
Evening	2 Chronicles 1-3

Thursday 28th May 2020

Our God is still in control

Acts 8:1-4 Now Saul was consenting to his death. At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. ² And devout men carried Stephen *to his burial*, and made great lamentation over him. ³ As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every

house, and dragging off men and women, committing *them* to prison. ⁴ Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word.

After the death of Stephen, a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem. Saul made a havoc of the church, entering every house and dragging off men and women, putting them into prison. The apostles were scattered and went everywhere, preaching the Word.

God has allowed this MCO to happen. In a way, it is like a persecution for us. We are not allowed to go to church. Everyone has been locked down in our homes. But this is not a defeat to the church. In the midst of chaos, God has a plan. This is the time we need to rise pray continually. Individual prayer, family prayer and congregational prayer must increase. We need God at this moment. Whatever happens, God is still in control of every situation. Bad situation does not mean it will be a bad ending. Trust in Jesus.

Job 8:7 ⁷ Though your beginning was small, Yet your latter end would increase abundantly.

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Read The Bible In One Year

Morning	John 10:24-42
Evening	2 Chronicles 4-6

Friday, 29th May 2020

King Saul did not perform God's commandments.

1 Samuel 15:7-11 ⁷ And Saul attacked the Amalekites, from Havilah all the way to Shur, which is east of Egypt. ⁸ He also took Agag king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. ⁹ But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep, the oxen, the fatlings, the lambs, and all *that was* good, and were unwilling to utterly destroy them. But everything despised and worthless, that they utterly destroyed. ¹⁰ Now the word of the LORD came to Samuel, saying, ¹¹ “I greatly regret that I have set up Saul *as* king, for he has turned back from following Me, and **has not performed My commandments.**” And it grieved Samuel, and he cried out to the LORD all night.

God sent Samuel the Prophet to anoint Saul as king, and to punish the Amalekites, because they ambushed the Israelites when they came out of Egypt. Instead of utterly destroying all that they had, king Saul and his men spared the king and all that was good. For God, ‘total obedience’ is very important, but, what king Saul did was ‘half obedience’. There are many Christians today who do not practice ‘total obedience’ but rather practice ‘half obedience’ and feel justified that they have performed ‘total obedience’. The Psalmist tells that he will perform the ‘vow’ that he has made to God (**Psalms 65:1**). May God the Holy Spirit help us to totally obey and fulfil the task given to us. May God bless you and give you a wonderful week ahead.

1 Samuel 15:1-3 Samuel also said to Saul, “The LORD sent me to anoint you king over His people, over Israel. Now therefore, heed the voice of the words of the LORD. ² Thus says the

LORD of hosts: ‘I will punish Amalek *for* what he did to Israel, how he ambushed him on the way when he came up from Egypt. ³ Now go and attack^[a] Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them. But kill both man and woman, infant and nursing child, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.’ ”

Psalms 65:1 Praise is awaiting You, O God, in Zion;
And to You the vow shall be performed.

(Contributed by Rev. Johnathan)

Read The Bible In One Year

Morning John 11:1-29

Evening 2 Chronicles 7-9

Saturday, 30th May 2020

King Saul justifies himself.

1 Samuel 15:17-21¹⁷ So Samuel said, “When you *were* little in your own eyes, *were* you not head of the tribes of Israel? And did not the LORD anoint you king over Israel? ¹⁸ Now the LORD sent you on a mission, and said, ‘Go, and utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.’ ¹⁹ Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD? Why did you swoop down on the spoil, and do evil in the sight of the LORD?” ²⁰ And Saul said to Samuel, “**But I have obeyed the voice of the LORD**, and gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me, and brought back Agag king of Amalek; I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. ²¹ But the people took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal.”

King Saul was so sure in saying, “But I have obeyed the voice of the Lord,” but later, we see him confessing and saying, “I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord and your words because I feared the people and obeyed their voice (**1 Samuel 15:24**).

Before God and Prophet Samuel, this was an unacceptable excuse. We as believers in Jesus Christ must know, how to listen to instructions, and fulfil it, and not cover ourselves by giving excuses.

1 Samuel 15:22-24 ²² So Samuel said: “Has the LORD *as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, *And* to heed than the fat of rams.

²³ For rebellion *is as* the sin of ^[a]witchcraft, And stubbornness *is as* iniquity and idolatry.

Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from *being* king.”

²⁴ Then Saul said to Samuel, “I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice.

Luke 10:25-29 ²⁵ And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the law? What is your reading *of it*?” ²⁷ So he answered and said, “ ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’ ” ²⁸ And He said to him, “You have

answered rightly; do this and you will live.”²⁹ But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

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Read The Bible In One Year

Morning John 11:30-57

Evening 2 Chronicles 10-12

Sunday, 31st May 2020

Cheer up, Jesus has overcome the world.

John 16:33 ³³ These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you ^[a]will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

We can have all kinds of systems in this world but this pandemic is affecting all the systems of the world. Jesus said that He has overcome the world. How did Jesus overcome the world? Jesus focused on the Father’s business. His focus was on the Kingdom of God. Jesus went through all the physical agony and humiliation. People called Him a glutton and a drunkard, He was out of mind, He has a demon, etc... Jesus went through everything for us.

Today, are we able to overcome the world? Yes, we are able because greater is He who is in us than the one who is in the

world. We need to surrender our lives totally to Him. He will be always with us. He will never leave us nor forsake us.

1 John 5:4 ⁴ For whatever is born of God overcomes the world.

And this is the victory that has overcome the world—^[a]our faith.

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Read The Bible In One Year

Morning John 12:1-26

Evening 2 Chronicles 13-14

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