

## **DAILY WORD**

*(Week 13 September 2021 – 19 September 2021)*

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

**Monday, 13 September 2021**

**Be Watchful So That We Are Not Disqualified.**

**Hebrews 4: 1** Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it.

In sports or in any competition, there are rules that each participants have to follow. It can be as simple as being punctual, but no one should take things very lightly. Once the so called simple rule is broken, it can cause disqualification. The rules should not make us afraid or cause us to tremble but it should make us to be careful and disciplined. In the same way, this promise of entering His rest requires us to be watchful so that we will not get distracted or to treat it with contempt. Just like a sportsman and sportswoman, who are very careful with their diet, training, and has a set schedule so that they will not deviate from the routine, we as believers must also be very serious about our faith. Be watchful at all times and trust God to guide us daily so that we will not lose the reward.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, help me to be watchful and serious about Your calling. I want to attain the reward that You have prepared for me. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

**Revelation 22: 12** “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.

(Contributed by Rev. Ebenezer David)

**Read The Bible In One Year**

Morning        2 Corinthians 6

Evening        Proverbs 16-18

**Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**God Our Everlasting Strength.**

**Isaiah 26: 4** <sup>4</sup>Trust in the LORD forever, For in YAH, the LORD, *is* everlasting strength.

We are called to trust God forever. This means that we trust Him in all situations whether in good times or bad times, in afflictions or in blessings and even when we feel that we are alone because He will never leave us. This verse declares that God is omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresence. We need to approach Him with faith so that we can experience a glimpse of His awesome power working in us and through us. No matter how difficult or huge the problems we may face but He is much bigger than those problems. We have to respond in faith and there is no other way. Therefore always remind ourselves that our God is our everlasting strength.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, I believe that You are my everlasting strength and there is nothing that can take Your place. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

**Psalm 147: 3 – 5** <sup>3</sup>He heals the brokenhearted And binds up their wounds. <sup>4</sup>He counts the number of the stars; He calls

them all by name. <sup>5</sup> Great *is* our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding *is* infinite.

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

Morning 2 Corinthians 7

Evening Proverbs 19-21

### **Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

#### **Persistent Prayer.**

**Luke 11:5-8** <sup>5</sup> And He said to them, “Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves; <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; <sup>7</sup> and he will answer from within and say, ‘Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you’? <sup>8</sup> I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs.

Jesus was praying in a certain place. After His prayer, one of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.”

In the passage above, after Jesus taught them how to pray, He told them this parable. This parable teaches us how to pray persistently. The meaning of persistent is ‘continuing firmly or obstinately in an opinion or course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition. This person in this passage rose up and gave whatever the friend needed just because of his

persistence. His friend was practically bothered him and made him restless.

When we pray and ask God for our needs, be persistent in our prayer. We can ask Him as many times as we want because He is our Father in heaven. Our persistency in prayer determines our faith in God. Just hold on to God knowing He will answer our prayer.

### **Isaiah 62:6-7**

<sup>6</sup> I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem;

They shall never hold their peace day or night.

You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent,

<sup>7</sup> And give Him no rest till He establishes

And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

(Contributed by Regina Ebenezer – church worker)

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

Morning 2 Corinthians 8

Evening Proverbs 22-24

### **Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

#### **Prayer is the greater work.**

**Luke 11:9-10** <sup>9</sup> “So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

Oswald Chambers was an early-twentieth-century Scottish Baptist evangelist and teacher who said this statement :

**'Prayer does not fit us for greater work, prayer is the greater work.'**

Jesus said, "Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you." Asking, seeking and knocking – it is work. Jesus said, *"If you ask anything in My name, I will do it."* (John 14:14). Seek God and you will find Him – **Isaiah 55:6** *Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near.* Knock on heaven's door. He is waiting to hear our prayer – **Isaiah 30:18** *Therefore the LORD will wait, that He may be gracious to you; And therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; Blessed are all those who wait for Him.*

Jesus did everything with prayer. He prayed and chose His disciples. He prayed and gave thanks to God before feeding the five thousand. He prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. He prayed in lonely places. He got up very early in the morning, while it was dark, He prayed. He prayed before performing a miracle. Prayer was evident in the life of Jesus.

Prayer is the spiritual breath for us. Let prayer be evident in our lives as we follow the footsteps of Jesus.

**Luke 18:1** Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,

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**Read The Bible In One Year**

Morning      2 Corinthians 9  
Evening      Proverbs 25-26

**Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**Diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God.**

**Joshua 21:43-44** <sup>43</sup> So the LORD gave to Israel all the land of which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and they took possession of it and dwelt in it. <sup>44</sup> The LORD gave them rest all around, according to all that He had sworn to their fathers. And not a man of all their enemies stood against them; the LORD delivered all their enemies into their hand.

**Joshua 22:4-5** <sup>4</sup> And now the LORD your God has given rest to your brethren, as He promised them; now therefore, return and go to your tents *and* to the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you on the other side of the Jordan. <sup>5</sup> But take careful heed to do the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, to keep His commandments, to hold fast to Him, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul."

Joshua the servant of God addressed the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, to go back to their tents and to their land, because God had given 'rest'. The advice that Joshua gives to them is that, they keep the

commandments of God, to walk in all His ways, to holdfast to Him, and to serve Him with all of their heart and soul. This advice is significant for us during these days of lockdown and so much distress all around. Yet, the God whom we believe is faithful and kind to those who seek Him. Dear brother / sister in Jesus Christ, whatever you are going through, hold fast on Him, and let His Word to strengthen your faith and hope in Him. May God bless you and guide you in all that you do throughout the week.

**Joshua 22:1-3** Then Joshua called the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh,<sup>2</sup> and said to them: “You have kept all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you.<sup>3</sup> You have not left your brethren these many days, up to this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of the LORD your God.

**Deuteronomy 6:17-18** <sup>17</sup> You shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, His testimonies, and His statutes which He has commanded you.<sup>18</sup> And you shall do *what is* right and good in the sight of the LORD, that it may be well with you, and that you may go in and possess the good land of which the LORD swore to your fathers,

(Contributed by Rev. Johnathan)

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

Morning      2 Corinthians 10  
Evening      Proverbs 27-29

#### **Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

#### **The Holy Spirit helps us in our prayer life.**

**Romans 8:26** Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

For a Christian, prayer is very important, our faith in Jesus Christ is all about relationship, and we communicate in prayer. There are times in our prayer, when we are not able to express our deep thoughts and feelings. This is where God the Holy Spirit help us, “with groanings which cannot be uttered”. This is where the prayer language of ‘tongues’ helps us. In **1 Corinthians 14:2**, Apostle Paul says that when we speak in tongues, we speak ‘mysteries’ and only God understand it. This why we always need the Holy Spirit, so that He can help and build us in our prayer life. May God the Holy Spirit be with us and help us daily in our prayer life.

**1 Corinthians 14:2** For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands *him*; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.

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

Morning      2 Corinthians 11:1-15  
Evening      Proverbs 30-31

**Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**Good Father gives good gifts.**

**Luke 11:11-13** <sup>11</sup> If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if *he asks* for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup> Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

When a child asks for bread, will the father give a stone or when a child asks for fish, will he give a serpent instead? If an earthly father can give good gifts, how much more our heavenly Father gives His children good gifts? In other words, when we ask God for good health, will He give sickness? Or when we ask God for blessings, will He give us curses?

Our Father in heaven is a good Father. He always wants to give us good things. Even, from the time of creation, God created everything and He said every of His creation was ‘good’. Even though our situations sometimes look bad, but our heavenly Father is able to turn the bad into good. So, do not lose heart. We have a good, good Father who loves us and cares for us.

**James 1:17** Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

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Morning      2 Corinthians 11:16-33

Evening      Ecclesiastes 1-3

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