DAILY WORD

(Week 27 November 2023 – 3 December 2023)

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

Monday, 27th November 2023 Wisdom From Above.

James 3: $17 - 18^{17}$ But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. ¹⁸ Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

The wisdom from above brings purity to the mind, which is bombarded daily with unethical and immoral thoughts. With this wisdom, the person will be influenced to live in holiness and purity. When the thoughts in the mind is refined, it will promote peace. This peace is not from the world but from God. Having peace with God and with others will make a person to be gentle, teachable, and merciful. Once the mind is at peace and free, the outward actions will bear good fruits, which does not show favouritism and it is genuine. The fruit of righteousness means the righteous actions, speech and thoughts that are evident in the life of the person. It will promote peace and this is a godly life. We should not bring division or discord among people but always have the wisdom from above to bring solutions and healing into the lives of people.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, teach me to receive Your wisdom so that I will have peace and bring peace to others. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

Isaiah 32: 17 The work of righteousness will be peace, And the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.

(Contributed by Rev. Ebenezer David)

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Morning 1 Peter 4 Evening Ezekiel 30-32

Tuesday, 28th November 2023
The Church Brings Restoration.

Isaiah 58: 12 Those from among you Shall build the old waste places; You shall raise up the foundations of many generations; And you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In.

After the Israelites were taken captive to Babylon, the land was left uncultivated and in ruins for 70 years. The promise given by God to them was that they will rebuild their city again. Today, we as the Church have a ministry of repairing and restoration of people's life. The foundation is not physical but spiritual and there is only one firm foundation and that is the foundation in Jesus. It is a foundation that lasts for many generations and cannot be destroyed. We are called to repair the breach. A breach is a gap in the wall and it must be repaired otherwise the devourer will come in to destroy. Relationships need to be repaired in Jesus' Name and the devourer must be stopped from exploiting the weak souls. The church should also bring restoration for the people so that they can find peace. There are many who do not know Jesus and their life is broken and in turmoil. Only Jesus through the church can bring healing and strengthen the person. This is the reason we encourage everyone to come to church and have fellowship. God begins a work of repairing and restoring during our gatherings.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me to be a part of the church by attending and working together to bring restoration to others. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

1 Peter 5: 10 But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle *you*.

(Contributed by Rev. Ebenezer David)

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Morning 1 Peter 5 Evening Ezekiel 33-34

Wednesday, 29th November 2023

Loving the Lord and obeying His commandments will give you a Prolonged life.

Deuteronomy 6:1-5 "Now this *is* the commandment, *and these are* the statutes and judgments which the LORD your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe *them* in the land which you are crossing over to possess, ² that you may fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. ³ Therefore hear, O Israel, and ^[a]be careful to observe *it*, that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the LORD God of your fathers has promised you—'a land flowing with milk and honey.'⁴ "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD *is* one! ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

There is a saying which goes like this: 'Health is wealth' which means that your physical and mental well-being is far more important than wealth in the realm of life satisfaction. It's saying, "Yes, money is great. It can solve many problems and lead to a fantastic quality of life. But in the absence of good health, it means very little". People want good health in order to live longer.

The Bible says in order to have good health and to have a prolonged life, we need God and His word. In the passage above, God gave these instructions to Moses to tell the people to observe His statutes and His commandments and to teach their children and their children's children all the days of their life so that their days be prolonged. God also told them, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength".

Even today, when we love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and obey His word, we can have good health and a prolonged life. We may take vitamins and all kinds of supplements but remember life comes from God. Above everything else, God must be the number 1 in our life. We do not depend on them but on our God.

Deuteronomy 7:12-15 ¹² "Then it shall come to pass, because you listen to these judgments, and keep and do them, that the LORD your God will keep with you the covenant and the mercy which He swore to your fathers. ¹³ And He will love you and bless you and multiply you; He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your land, your grain and your new wine and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flock, in the land of which He swore to your fathers to give you. ¹⁴ You shall be blessed above all peoples; there shall not be a male or female barren among you or among your livestock. ¹⁵ And the LORD will take away from you all sickness, and will afflict you with none of the terrible diseases of Egypt which you have known, but will lay *them* on all those who hate you.

(Contributed by Regina Ebenezer – church worker)

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Morning 2 Peter 1 Evening Ezekiel 35-36

Thursday 30th November 2023 Teach them, talk of them, bind them and write them.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 ⁶ "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

It is so beautiful to see the Word of God written and framed in beautiful frames. We hang the frames full of God's Word in our houses, some of us put beautiful stickers on our cars. We can have all these things but it is more important to take the Word of God into our hearts and our lives. We also must teach the Word of God to our children diligently. God said, "You shall <u>teach them</u> diligently to your children, and shall <u>talk of them</u> when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall <u>bind them</u> as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall <u>write them</u> on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

When God says teach the Word of God and talk of them to your children when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down and when you rise up, it does not mean to harass your children with His Word. It means that they will be saturated with God's word so that in every situation they face in life, they would remember that God is with them and He would guide them with His Word. God's word will protect them from the evil one. As the saying goes, 'An apple a day keeps the doctor away'. More powerful than that is 'A verse a day keeps the devil away'.

Psalm 119:114

You *are* my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word.

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Morning 2 Peter 2 Evening Ezekiel 37-39

Friday, 1st December 2023 The Holy Spirit will guide you.

John 16:13-14 ¹³ However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you.

Our Lord Jesus will never leave us alone, just as how He was with the disciples, guiding them. He gave us the Holy Spirit so that we too will not be alone, but have the Holy Spirit, who will guide us. the Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth and prepare us to handle things as they come. The Holy Spirit will teach us and lead us to glorify Jesus, because He Himself glorifies Jesus. The Holy Spirit instills integrity in our character so that we will be more like Jesus, and He moulds us to be a worshipper of the Lord. May the Holy Spirit be with you throughout the week and guide you in all that you do.

Galatians 6:8 For 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.

(Contributed by Rev. Johnathan)

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Morning 2 Peter 3 Evening Ezekiel 40-41

Saturday, 2nd December 2023 Jesus Christ being the Son of God, yet suffered.

Hebrews 5:8-9 8 though He was a Son, *yet* He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. 9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

What the first man Adam failed, by his disobedience, our Lord Jesus learned and displayed obedience by the things which He suffered. Suffering is never an isolated entity coming to us without God knowing about it. The suffering perfected Jesus to become the 'Saviour of our souls', and the passage to eternal life for all those who obey. If you are suffering as a Christian, don't be ashamed but glorify God, because you are walking the same path Jesus walked. May God the Holy Spirit guide and lead you in your 'Faith Walk'.

1 Peter 4:16 Yet if *anyone suffers* as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.

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Morning 1 John 1 Evening Ezekiel 42-44

Sunday, 3rd December 2023

The testimonies, the statutes and the judgments of of the Lord.

Deuteronomy 6:17-24 ¹⁷ You shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, His testimonies, and His statutes which He has commanded you. ¹⁸ 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, ¹⁹ to cast out all your enemies from before you, as the LORD has spoken. ²⁰ "When your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What *is the meaning of* the testimonies, the statutes, and the judgments which the LORD our God has commanded you?' ²¹ then you shall say to your son: 'We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, and the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand; ²² and the LORD showed signs and

wonders before our eyes, great and severe, against Egypt, Pharaoh, and all his household. ²³ Then He brought us out from there, that He might bring us in, to give us the land of which He swore to our fathers. ²⁴ And the LORD commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as *it is* this day.

God says, "When your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What is the meaning of the testimonies, the statutes and the judgments which the Lord our God has commanded you?, then you shall say to your son : 'We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand'.

Sometimes our children ask us, "Why do I need to read the Bible?" Tell them how God has been good to you. And when we obey His word, it is always for our own good. By His Word He might preserve us alive.

Psalm 119:93

I will never forget Your precepts, For by them You have given me life.

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Morning 1 John 2 Evening Ezekiel 45-46

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