



Volume: 01 | Issue: 12 | February 2025 | Mohan C. Lazarus | Annual Subscription: ₹ 100 | Single Copy: ₹ 10

<u>(</u>

#### Inorder to embrace every blessing and goodness God has in store for you



The purpose of Jesus Redeems Youth Ministries is to enlighten the hearts of the youngsters with the Word of God to make them the light of the world and to shine in the midst of darkness as a disciple of Lord Jesus Christ.





SMS or WhatsApp: Send your feedbacks, blessings and the article that was useful to you with your name and place to this number



9750955547



You can become a subscriber of our 'Youth Trends' magazine by paying your subscription at all Jesus Redeems branch offices. You can also subscribe online through the website youth.jesusredeems.com



#### Jesus Redeems,

Nalumavadi, Tuticorin - 628211. Phone: 04639-353333 | Cell:9750955547 E-mail: youth@jesusredeems.org www.jesusredeems.com | youth.jesusredeems.com

# FOREWORD

### My Beloved Young Son/Daughter, Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I praise God for the mighty ways He is using you in these days of revival. As you run this race of Revival, keep three vital principles etched in your heart: intensity, rapidity, and determination. Revival has begun, and it is our mission to spread its fire far and wide. Therefore, let intensity be your goal for this year, 2025.

petermination It is crucial that your entire heart remains steadfastly aligned

intensit

Rapidity

with and devoted to revival. Guarding your heart is not optional but essential. As you race forward with revival as your aim, you must be doubly vigilant. Why? Because Satan knows that if your heart is led astray, stained by sin, or defiled, your direction and purpose will falter. He will relentlessly attempt to attack your heart, aiming to divert you through subtle and fiery darts of temptation.

3

The wise king Solomon wrote, "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it" (Proverbs 4:23). If you fail to guard your heart, the thief-Satan-will sneak in, stealing your good thoughts, godly virtues, divine talents, holy aspirations, and burden for ministry. He will corrupt and pollute the life-giving springs flowing from your heart, replacing them with evil desires and destructive thoughts.

Young people, be watchful! Even Solomon, who prayed for wisdom and pleased the Lord, fell into Satan's trap (1 Kings 11:4–10). His foreign wives turned his heart toward other gods. Unlike his father David, Solomon did not remain wholeheartedly devoted to the Lord. He chose to do what was evil in God's sight and failed to follow Him completely. Despite God appearing to Solomon twice and commanding him not to follow other gods, Solomon disobeyed, turning his heart away. This angered the Lord deeply (verses 9-10).

> Young man! God has penned this portion in the Scriptures as a warning and a reminder for you to guard your heart with utmost diligence. God has included this account in the Scriptures to caution us. So, guard your heart with all diligence, for you belong to the Lord! May His grace always be with you as you walk steadfastly in His path!

> > In Christ's Mission Mohan C. Lazarus

Youth Trends February 2025



#### Could you share about your childhood and family background?

I was born and raised in a Christian family in Neyyoor, a small town in Kanyakumari district. Later, due to my grandfather's job, our family relocated to Tirunelveli. When I was four, we moved to Kovilpatti because of my father's work.

Although I was born into a Christian family, our connection with God was not personal or deep. As a child, I attended Sunday school more out of fear of my mother's scolding than genuine interest. The allure of snacks and juice at Sunday school often became my motivation to go. Vacation Bible School (VBS) was a must-attend for me, as it promised an exciting one-day picnic. These experiences defined my early years, driven more by obligation and enticements than by a heartfelt connection with God.

#### Can you tell us about your education journey?

I wouldn't say I was a bright student in school; I was more of an average one. Thanks to government regulations that ensure all students pass until Grade 9, I somehow managed to get through. However, everything changed when I reached Grade 10.

One day, my school's principal called my father for a meeting and said, "You should take your son's Transfer Certificate (TC) and enroll him elsewhere. If he continues here, our school's results will drop, and our reputation will suffer." My father pleaded with the principal, saying, "Please give him one last chance; I assure you he will succeed." Moved by his persistence, the principal allowed me to continue my studies in the same school.

It was around this time that our family began praying together earnestly. Before every

exam, I would visit our pastor for prayer and then head to the examination hall. Despite all odds, I cleared my Grade 10 exams with modest marks. Everyone had written me off, convinced I would fail, but Jesus gave me a breakthrough victory.

My father, being a civil engineer, dreamt of seeing me follow in his footsteps. But until I completed Grade 10, I had no vision or ambition for my future. I neither aspired to be an engineer nor had any other career goals. When my Grade 10 results came out, my marks were too low for engineering. Feeling lost and unsure of what to do next, someone suggested that I pursue a diploma. But even for a diploma program, my marks were barely sufficient, leaving me at a crossroads.

#### After completing your 10th grade by God's grace, it is disappointing that you couldn't secure admission to pursue a diploma. Were you able to continue your studies after that?

I approached a polytechnic college, requesting admission to the Computer Science group. However, my father insisted on the Civil Engineering group. To accommodate both preferences, we applied for both groups. Unfortunately, due to my low marks, I was humiliated during the admission process. They mocked me, saying, "Do you think you deserve this group? Go outside and write these group names on paper first." Deeply embarrassed, I returned home. Eventually, I secured admission to a college in Sivakasi in the Civil Engineering group. Initially, I had no interest in the field, but since my father worked in the same domain, he guided me, and gradually, I developed a liking for it. I completed the threeyear diploma program, but I couldn't pursue a degree immediately. Everyone suggested I start working, but my father was adamant that I pursue a BE. Following his advice, I joined a college in Tirunelveli. Even there, I couldn't excel in all subjects.

# How did you experience a turning point amidst these challenges?

As I sought the Lord earnestly, He began to pour His blessings into my life. After completing my diploma, I started accompanying a brother who served in children's ministry and visual media ministry. In those projects, I initially took part in small roles like performing actions to songs and acting in skits. Gradually, my life began gravitating toward music. I



learned to play the pad and started playing at small gatherings. I also volunteered for ministry work in various places while continuing my college studies. However, until then, my faith was superficial. I was a nominal Christian—attending church, reading the Bible, and playing the pad—yet my personal connection with the Lord was minimal.

#### When did your relationship with Jesus begin to deepen?

It was during the COVID-19 pandemic that my life took a transformative turn. My entire family—my father, mother, brother, and I—were struck by the virus. With no choice

#### Youth Trends *February 2025*

but to stay confined within our home, an overwhelming fear of death gripped me. Around that time, we began following the "Let's Pray" program. During one of those prayer sessions, I felt God speaking directly to me, saying, "All this time, I've been working in your life. But what have you done for Me?"

That moment pierced my heart. I poured out my soul to the Lord and prayed, "Yes, Lord, it's true that I've lived a life that didn't honor You. But now, I surrender myself completely to You." Looking back at my old ways, I realized how far I had strayed. Even my church

friends distanced themselves from me.

One day, at the same church, I knelt in the back pew, confessed my sins, and cried out, "Lord, I want You to change my life." That heartfelt prayer marked a pivotal moment. Until then, I had only been a musician and a backing vocalist. But when I surrendered my life to God, He opened doors for me to lead worship.

Through a close friend, God gave me the opportunity to conduct worship every Wednesday in a local church, a ministry that continues to this day. God's grace also allowed me to serve alongside my father, who is actively involved in ministry. Surrendering to Him not only changed my life but also brought forth new opportunities to glorify Him.

#### How is your life going now?

My life is a testimony to God's faithfulness. I make it a priority to dedicate my time to the Lord, giving Him the honor and attention He deserves. Alongside this, my civil business has been thriving, a clear reflection of His blessings. Whenever I am presented with an op-

portunity to serve in ministry, I embrace it with all my heart. Putting God first in my life has been the foundation of my success. As a result, He has lifted me to places I never imagined. In His abundant grace, last year, I was able to start a business named Five Star Chicken, a venture that has been flourishing under His favor.

#### What would you like to say to the youth?

To the young generation, I urge you to trust the Lord even when He leads you out of your comfort zone. It might feel unsettling, but never question His ways. God's plans are al-

ways for your good, and every step He takes in your life has a divine purpose. I speak from experiencethere were moments when I doubted and questioned Him. But looking back, I realize He was orchestrating something far greater than I could comprehend. Instead of questioning, choose gratitude. Praise Him in all situations. When you stay close to the Lord,

He will walk beside you, bless you beyond measure, and elevate you to heights you could never reach on your own. Trust Him, and you'll see His extraordinary plans unfold in your life...!





Achievement: Suma

Dear young achievers, my heartfelt greetings to you all! Dear young achievers, my heartfelt greetings to you all! Time and seasons are racing by at an incredible pace. While many seize these fleeting moments to achieve success, others waste them, leaving them vulnerable fleeting moments to achieve success, others waste them, leaving them vulnerable fleeting moments to achieve success, others waste them, leaving them vulnerable if et ing moments to achieve success, others waste them, leaving them vulnerable fleeting moments to achieve success, others waste them, leaving them vulnerable if et ing without using to failure. If you find yourself lamenting, "I've wasted my time without using it wisely," then this message is specifically for you.

7

0

Todd Graves was born in

1972 in the United States and graduated from the University of Georgia. During his college years, he nurtured a dream of opening his own restaurant. However, Graves lacked the financial resources to turn his dream into reality. Determined to make it happen, he worked tirelessly, clocking 90 hours a week at an oil refinery in California. Yet, even with such relentless effort, the income fell short of what he needed. Undeterred, he moved to Alaska, where he took on the grueling task of salmon fishing under extreme conditions and worked up to 20 hours a day.

With the support of his friends and family and by investing his own savings, Todd Graves brought his dream restaurant to life, naming it Raising Cane's. Despite having no prior experience in the food industry, he worked tirelessly, seven days a week, to establish his venture. His relentless hard work transformed Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers into one of the fastest-growing companies, now valued at \$3.7 billion. Thanks to his dedication, this special fast-food chain, known for its chicken fingers, boasts over 800 branches in more than 40 locations.

Every Noment

is Ours!

Before starting his company, Todd Graves faced numerous challenges but never lost faith in himself. From a young age, he worked 20hour days to save up for his dream restaurant. Today, his name shines bright on the list of America's billionaires.

Canes ONE LOVE Dear readers, how often do we find ourselves complaining, "I don't have enough time," and using it as an excuse to achieve nothing? If we reflect honestly, we'll realise we are the ones wasting our time. Like Todd Graves, if we make the most of every moment, time itself will one day proudly speak our name!

Youth is a fleeting season that comes only once in a lifetime. The decisions made during this phase often set the course for one's future success. Unfortunately, many young people make poor choices in their hearts during this pivotal time, leading to misguided paths. Only a few choose wisely, enduring challenges to achieve lasting victories. As the Bible says, "As he thinks in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 23:7). What we think in our hearts carries far greater significance than what we merely speak aloud. Our thoughts shape our lives, and therefore, guarding the

8

meditations of our hearts is crucial.

In every situation, you must be vigilant to ensure your heart does not lead you astray. Many today blame their circumstances for their missteps and end up taking wrong turns in life. Consider the life of Daniel, who was taken captive from Jerusalem to Babylon. His circumstances were undoubtedly dire. For Daniel and his companions, the king's delicacies and wine would have



seemed like incredible blessings and privileges amidst their plight. Yet, even in such a tempting situation, Daniel made a resolute decision in his heart.

"But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself" (Daniel 1:8). Despite the enticement to compromise, Daniel guarded his heart and made the right choice-to honor God. He resisted sin, remained firm in his convictions. and walked in a way that pleased the Lord.

No matter how appealing or beneficial something may seem, if it is displeasing to God, we must firmly resolve in our hearts to reject it. Today, it has become commonplace for many of God's children to fall into love easily, much like the youth of the world, or to be tempted into such situations. Therefore, guard your heart diligently so that it remains untainted by

the world. The Bible clearly warns us, "Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12).

Samson, chosen by God to deliver Israel and uphold justice, failed to guard his heart against temptation. He fell into the trap set for him, was captured by the Philistines, and ultimately forfeited the divine vision and purpose God had for his life. Similarly, God has placed a great plan and calling upon your life. To see this fulfilled, you must protect your heart with unwavering vigilance.

"Are you wondering, 'How can I guard my heart from the trials brought on by the world?' Remember, 'No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind' (I Corinthians 10:13). Such trials inevitably arise in the hearts of every young person during their formative years. The only way to overcome them is by connecting your heart to God every single day.

Take Daniel, for instance. Though he lived in Babylon, his heart remained steadfastly united with God. Despite being surrounded by countless temptations, God delivered him. Similarly, you must not think or act like the world around you. Instead, follow the wisdom of Scripture: 'Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it' (Proverbs 4:23). When you surrender your heart to God, He, in His power, will shield you from the stains of this world.

Beloved young friend, heed this divine instruction: "Therefore remove sorrow from your heart, And put away evil from your flesh' (Ecclesiastes 11:10). If your thoughts are misaligned during this tender age, you risk destroying your own future. Your heart is the compass of your life—keep it aligned with God's truth, no matter the circumstances. Therefore, in every situation, guard your heart diligently, ensuring it never strays from God. the start

ALL ANT

1. 221

10



# CODOF MULTIPLICATION!

"Surely blessing, I will bless you, and multiplying, I will multiply you." (Hebrews 6:14)

My dear son/daughter, the Lord is speaking directly to you today: "I will bless you and make you flourish!"

When God created Adam and Eve, He blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and every living creature that moves on the ground" (Genesis 1:28).

After the great flood, God blessed Noah and his sons with the same command: "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth" (Genesis 9:1).

During the famine, in the home of the widow of Zarephath, "The jar of flour was not used up, and the jug of oil did not run dry until the Lord sent rain on the land" (1 Kings 17:16).

When a prophet's widow stood distressed, saying, "The creditors are coming to take my sons as slaves," Elisha asked her, "What do you have in your house?" She replied, "Nothing but a small jar of oil." The Lord multiplied the oil, turning her lack into abundance (2 Kings 4:1-7).

Jesus blessed five loaves and two fish, and they multiplied to feed a crowd of over 5,000 men (Matthew 14:17-21).

The God who blesses and multiplies is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Trust Him to bring His supernatural multiplication into every area of your life!

## What Blessings Does God Multiply in Our Lives?

#### THE GOD WHO MULTIPLIES GENERATIONS

"I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore" (Genesis 22:17). This was God's promise to Abraham, and we see its fulfilment in Deuteronomy 1:10, where it is written that Abraham's descendants had indeed multiplied greatly. In Genesis 26:24, God appears to Isaac and reaffirms, "I will multiply your descendants." The same God who fulfilled His promise to Abraham also extended it to Isaac, declaring His intent to multiply his lineage. Similarly, God blessed Hannah by multiplying her descendants.

Just as He blessed them, God is ready to multiply your generations when you pray for your family. It is God's desire that your lineage be blessed. The God who kept His word to Abraham will fulfil His promises in your life as well.

#### THE GOD WHO MULTIPLIES THE WORK OF OUR HANDS

"Have You not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land" (Job 1:10).



This testimony from Satan about Job highlights God's protective hand over Job and his family. God had surrounded them with a hedge of protection, safeguarding them from harm.

When you declare daily, "As for me and my household, we belong to Jesus," God's protection will surround your family as well. He will bless the work of your hands and multiply your efforts.

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap" (Luke 6:38). When you give generously, God blesses you abundantly.

The more you give, the more He will multiply your blessings. Be liberal in giving to God and to those in need, for it is the generous giver whom God blesses and prospers.

# How did God bless those who did good deeds?

Scripture also exhorts us, "Always abound in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8). When you excel in acts of kindness and charity, God will multiply the fruit of your labor and cause you to flourish.

Tabitha, a disciple, generously helped widows and the poor in her locality. However, one day she suddenly passed away. No one wanted to bury her (Acts 9:36) because she had done so many good works. They called Peter to pray for her, believing that the Lord could raise her



benefits others.

#### GOD, WHO MULTIPLIES THE CHURCH

On the Day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit was poured out, 3,000 people were saved in a single day. The church, which started with 120 people, grew to

3,120 by evening. In Acts 4:4, we read that 5,000 people in Jerusalem were saved and added to the church. Acts 5:14 mentions that a multitude of men and women grew in faith. By the third chapter, countless souls were added to the church, leading to its significant growth. Large groups of people were continually joining the church, and the number of disciples multiplied greatly. The church that began in Acts 2 grew remarkably by Acts 4.

back to life. The women told Peter that if Tabitha

were alive, she would continue to do much good

for others. The Lord extended her life because

her presence brought blessings to many. Why did the Lord perform such a great miracle? It was be-

cause she benefitted many people. If you want

your days on earth to be prolonged, live a life that

Dear young people, the Lord desires that you flourish and grow in all areas of your life. However, God expects certain qualities in you to make this happen. When you fulfil what He expects, He will bless you and help you to flourish in your studies, work, and family!



9750955547





STEPHEN

Under the theme "Steadfast Disciples of Christ," let us reflect on the lives of a few remarkable individuals. First, we will explore the inspiring life of Stephen. Despite being entrusted with a humble role in the ministry of food distribution, Stephen embraced it with profound humility and carried it out faithfully (Acts 6:3, 5). Filled with the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, he performed great wonders and signs among the people (Acts 6:8). Stephen was a man wholly devoted to God, living a life entirely surrendered to His purpose.

As Stephen faithfully carried out his ministry, opposition arose against him. Enraged by his bold proclamation of Christ, certain individuals began to argue with him. Yet, Stephen, unmoved by their hostility, addressed them calmly and respectfully, saying, "Brothers and fathers, listen to me!" (Acts 7:2). Without fear for his life, he proclaimed the truths of Scripture with unwavering conviction. This angered his adversaries, leading them to stone him to death. Remarkably, even in his final moments, Stephen forgave his merciless attackers and, like Jesus Himself, cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." With this prayer, he surrendered his spirit (Acts 7:60).

Stephen was a disciple who stood firm for Christ until his last breath. His martyrdom laid the foundation for the transformation of Saul, who later became the Apostle Paul. Knowing this, let us dedicate ourselves to live as steadfast disciples, like Stephen. Whether we face rejection from friends or family or miss out on worldly benefits, we must never deny our allegiance to Jesus Christ, no matter how challenging the circumstances. Let us resolve to stand firm for Christ, unwavering until the very end!



12



We have all read the Old Testament in the Holy Bible many times. Yet certain aspects might have remained unclear for us. One such profound subject is the Tabernacle of Meeting. God instructed Moses to construct a tabernacle, providing him with detailed specifications—how it should be built, the materials to be used, and the exact dimensions (Exodus 25–27).

The Tabernacle served as a shadow of the heavenly things. But why was this Tabernacle created? How was it constructed? What is its significance? What does it symbolize? What are its various components? What deeper spiritual truths lie behind its design?

In this section, let us uncover some astonishing truths about the Tabernacle that you may not have known.

#### The Construction of the Tabernacle

The Tabernacle was built with an outer court, enclosed by curtains suspended on pillars placed five cubits apart. A total of 60 pillars surrounded the four sides. These curtains, forming the walls, were skilfully crafted and provided a sacred boundary for the holy enclosure.

#### **DIMENSIONS OF THE TABERNACLE**

• The northern and southern sides were 150 feet long.

• The eastern and western sides measured 75 feet each.

• The height of the curtains was such that no person could see inside, emphasizing the sanctity of the space. The inner area was referred to as the court.

#### FEATURES OF THE OUTER TABERNACLE

The entrance to the Tabernacle was located exclusively on the eastern side and measured 30 feet in width. The entrance curtain was beautifully embroidered with fine linen threads in blue, purple, and scarlet, showcasing intricate needlework.

#### THE BRONZE ALTAR

Inside the Tabernacle's court stood the Brazen Altar, made of acacia wood and overlaid with bronze. This altar measured 7  $\frac{1}{2}$  feet in length and width and stood 4  $\frac{1}{2}$  feet high.

Offerings were continually burnt on this altar, symbolizing atonement and the pathway to God. It served as a foreshadowing of Jesus Christ's ultimate sacrifice on the cross for the redemption of humanity (1 Timothy 2:5–6).

#### THE BRONZE LAVER

The bronze laver was placed in the courtyard, referred to as the Outer Court, between the bronze altar of sacrifice and the entrance to the Tabernacle. Crafted entirely of bronze, it held water that was used by the priests and Levites to cleanse their hands and feet. Failure to perform this cleansing would result in death, as it was a divine command.

# What does this signify, and what spiritual lesson does it convey?

The bronze laver symbolizes the Word of God, while the water within it represents the purifying power of Scripture. As we fill our hearts with the Word, the sins within us are washed away, leading to spiritual renewal. It is noteworthy that the Levites were permitted only as far as the Outer Court, underscoring the sanctity of the Tabernacle.

Next month, we will explore the Holy Place, one of the most significant parts of the Tabernacle.



TH

Second controlSecond control

14

and hear about the mighty work our Lord is doing to spread revival across nations. This great revival that we see today stands on the sacrifices of countless men and women of God who sowed themselves as seeds. To inspire you during this season of revival, each month, we will explore the lives of those who became seeds for this divine movement.

In 1781, in the town of Truro, Cornwall, England, a boy named **Henry Martyn** was born into the home of a wealthy merchant. Raised amidst great comfort and privilege, Henry excelled in academics and became the top scholar in mathematics at Cambridge University. However, in his youthful years, he lived a life distant from God. It was only after the death of his father that Henry began to seek the Lord earnestly.

The fervent prayers of his sister, the counsel of a pastor, and a book written by David Brainerd profoundly impacted Henry, leading him to surrender his life wholly to God. As he grew in his spiritual walk, the lives of missionaries like David Brainerd and William Carey deeply inspired him. Their stories ignited in him an unquenchable desire to serve as a missionary.

Preparing himself for this call, Henry devoted hours each day to prayer and meditation. He resolved to renounce the world and live solely for the glory of God. With unwavering determination, he set out to become a beacon of revival, offering his life as a seed for God's kingdom. Upon realizing that Lydia, the woman he desired to marry, was unwilling to join him as a missionary, he renounced the idea of marriage and submitted to God's call. In 1805, he was ordained as an Anglican minister under the British East India Company. At the age of 24, after enduring a gruelling nine-month sea voyage, he arrived in Calcutta, India, as a missionary and partnered in ministry with David Brainerd.

Missionary Biography: William

A few weeks later, while sitting in his garden one day, he witnessed a shocking scene—a large crowd pulling a chariot, during which a young boy fell under its wheels and was crushed to death. On another occasion, he observed the harrowing sight of a widow being burnt alive on her husband's funeral pyre. Deeply disturbed by these horrifying practices, he sought counsel from William Carey, asking how such entrenched traditions could be transformed. Carey responded, "Only through the Word of God."

Determined to make a difference, he began learning Bengali, Sanskrit, Persian, Hindustani, and Arabic. In Patna, he divided his time between mornings



spent preaching as a minister and evenings translating the Bible into Hindustani, Persian, and Arabic. Driven by a vision to empower the people of India, he also established schools to teach the locals how to read and write, ensuring that they could access and understand the Scriptures.

Burdened by the spiritual needs of the 60 million people in the region, he worked tirelessly through the nights to translate the New Testament—each chapter taking him up to 10 hours. In Dinapur, he established five schools, giving countless impoverished children the opportunity to gain literacy and access education. Through his relentless efforts, the light of the Gospel reached many lives, paving the way for transformation in a land gripped by darkness.

Through his relentless hard work, the New Testament was published in the Hindi language. But his efforts didn't stop there—he mastered Arabic and Persian in just 18 months to translate the New Testament into these languages as well, reaching not only Indians but also Arabs, Persians, Syrians, Chinese, large parts of Africa, and the people of Turkey. His ministry among various sects and even Muslims led to the transformation of many into devoted workers for the Lord.

However, the toll of his tireless labor, combined with India's harsh climate, began to wear heavily on his health. The dust-filled air damaged his lungs, and the extreme heat left his body frail. Medical experts advised him to return to his homeland for recovery, but Henry Martyn had a different resolve. He chose instead to head to Persia. When warned that the searing temperatures there could prove fatal, he remained unshaken, declaring, "My purpose is to accomplish great things for God."

With unwavering determination, he arrived in the Persian port city of Bushehr. Yet the blazing heat posed significant risks to his already fragile health. Relocating to the cooler mountain town of Shiraz, he persisted in his mission. In just nine months, his diligence bore fruit as he completed a refined translation of the New Testament into Persian.

Dear young reader, visionaries may not live long, but the legacy of their work continues to impact generations, drawing countless hearts closer to Jesus. Henry Martyn's translation of the Bible not only sparked a great revival in its time but even today stands as a beacon, proclaiming the call of Christ. Does the love of Christ not compel you to follow in the footsteps of someone like Henry, who forsook comfort and dedicated his life to God's mission?

The call of the Lord resounds even now, reaching out to you. Are you prepared to rise and carry the torch of revival wherever He leads you? 🔳

# Pernambut



Venue: Revival Prayer Tent, Jesus Loves You Prayer Group, V.Kotta Road, Pernambut. Time: 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

# Message : Bro. Avinash

For more details. contact: 99408 54125







A Heart Stirred by Lust

King David was abundantly blessed by the Lord, who granted him victory in all his endeavors. With God's Favor, David's army triumphed over its enemies. However, during a season when kings went to war, David remained in his palace. One FateFul evening, he saw Bathsheba, a beautiful woman, bathing. Overcome by lust, Satan stirred David's heart, leading him into a grievous sin. Driven by lust, he orchestrated the death of her husband, Uriah, and took Bathsheba as his wife (2 Samuel 11).

When David Fell into sin, his connection with God was severed (2 Samuel 12:1-13). Yet, through the prophet Nathan, God confronted David with his transgressions. Stricken by conviction, David repented earnestly, crying out to the Lord: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me" (Psalm 51:10). His heartfelt prayer and repentance restored his relationship with God, leaving behind a lesson on the dangers of an unguarded heart and the redemptive power of genuine repentance.



# JUDAŠ ISCA BIOT A Heart Stirred by Greed

udas Iscariot was a disciple personally chosen by the Lord Jesus for ministry. He walked with Jesus for three and a half years, actively serving in the Kingdom of God. Entrusted with the responsibility of managing the money bag (Luke 12:4-5), Judas allowed his heart to be swayed by Satan's prompting, ultimately betraying Jesus for thirty pieces of silver. Succumbing to temptation, he distanced himself from the fellowship of Jesus and the other disciples, falling

into despair and destruction. Judas, whose heart became a tool in the hands of Satan, serves as a cautionary example of the tragic end that awaits those who fail to guard their hearts. Called to serve God, he lost his purpose and met a bitter end, hanging himself in regret (Matthew 27:5).

16







**S**olomon built a magnificent temple to honor God—a sanctuary so glorious that God Himself approved it, declaring that His eyes and heart would always be there. However, God forewarned Solomon that disobeying His commandments would result in the expulsion of this temple from His presence. Despite this solemn warning, Solomon chose to defy God's commandments by associating with numerous foreign women. These relationships

led his heart astray from the Lord (1 Kings 11:3). The man who once built a glorious temple for God eventually constructed altars for foreign gods. Allowing other pursuits to occupy God's sacred place in our lives leads to separation from Him. These distractions can become idols, standing between us and God, ultimately leading us away from His path.



# NEBUCHADNEZZAH The Haughty Heart

The set & grade the first

Rithough King Nebuchadnezzar knew that the Most High reigns over the kingdoms of men and grants authority to whomever He chooses, his heart was filled with pride. With a sense of self-exaltation, he proclaimed, "Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?" No sooner had these words left his mouth than God's judgement fell upon him, reducing him to the state of a beast.

Even today, some may boast like Nebuchadnezzar, taking credit for the prosperity of nations and the success of

their reigns. They may glory in their achievements, declaring them the fruits of their strength and wisdom. But the Sovereign God, who sits enthroned above, examines the thoughts and intentions of every heart. He is fully aware of human pride and arrogance.

After the appointed days of God's judgement passed, Nebuchadnezzar's understanding was restored. Humbled, he lifted his eyes to heaven and praised the Most High, glorifying the One who lives forever (Daniel 4:34).

Christian News: Jenifer



Hello friends! How are you all doing? Warm greetings to everyone in the precious name of Jesus Christ!

So, do you all love surprises? Well, this New Year holds a grand surprise for each one of you! Curious to know what it is? Not just in the Bible, but even in this very era we live in, God continues to perform mind-blowing, supernatural miracles that defy human understanding. And we're about to explore these wonders under the theme, "Sensational News."

Are you fascinated? Ready to dive into this month's amazing story? Let's get started!

The village of Cana, located 7 kilometers northeast of Nazareth in Israel, is renowned for its abundant beauty and charm. This pretty village is adorned with breathtaking vineyards that stretch as far as the eye can see. According to Jewish traditions, wedding celebrations in this village would last for seven days.

At one such wedding, a close relative of Jesus was getting married. The event was filled with joy, music, and dance as friends and family gathered to bless the newlyweds. However, amidst the lively festivities, a disaster struck—the wine served to the guests began to run out. This posed a major embarrassment for the hosts and threatened to overshadow the celebration.

When this crisis was brought to Jesus' attention, He waited for the right moment. Then, in a miraculous act that transcended nature, He transformed plain water into wine of the finest quality—better than any they had ever tasted before. It was an extraordinary miracle, showcasing His divine power and grace.



Friends, take a moment to reflect on this! It takes at least 5 to 6 days to produce grape wine. But Jesus, in an instant, turned plain water into high-quality wine, transforming lack into abundance and shame into joy.

While marvelling at such miracles from Jesus' time, I recently heard an inspiring story from Coimbatore that moved me deeply.

In Tamil Nadu's Coimbatore district, a young woman from a humble background, who had accepted Christ, lived with her mother. Despite severe hardships, she managed to complete her higher education. When the time came for her marriage, she and her mother faced an uphill battle. Their relatives, who didn't know the Lord, refused to support them. Yet, this young woman and her mother clung steadfastly to Jesus, praying earnestly for a godly life partner.

In due time, God revealed the right person, and the wedding date was fixed. However, they had no money to meet the wedding expenses. Their relatives showed no willingness to help. Even so, they did not lose heart. With unwavering faith, they wrote down all their needs on a sheet of paper, placed it before God, and prayed daily with their hands laid on it. They didn't

18

approach anyone for help or share their struggles with others.

With just a week left for the wedding, the mother fell ill. The young woman was overwhelmed, unsure of what to do. But they continued to trust Jesus with all their hearts. Then, something extraordinary happened. One day, friends from her prayer group visited her home and brought a wedding gift. When she opened it, she was stunned—it contained gold jewellery. Not only that, but the money required for the wedding expenses was also miraculously provided!

What's even more astonishing is that they didn't borrow a single penny or ask anyone

for help. God moved the hearts of a few people to extend their support, fulfilling every need. Just like a loving Father, Jesus stood by her side and ensured that her wedding went ahead smoothly. Witnessing this incredible miracle, even their unbelieving relatives were awestruck. They recognized Jesus as the true, living God.

See, friends, the same God who performed a miracle at Cana continues to do such wondrous works even today, proving that He is alive and active. Are you in need of a miracle today? Don't be disheartened. God will work wonders for you too. It may seem delayed, but if we persist in faith and prayer, we will witness His miracles at the perfect time! ■



Jesus Redeems Youth Ministries, Nalumavadi, Thoothukudi Dist - 628 211. S : 9750955547 | Tel: 04639- 353535. eMail: youth@jesusredeems.org

Send your

Answers to

Your answers are expected to reach us on or before 15th of Every Month

Prayer : Esther

Prove Cuice Petruary 2025

20

1. Since the beginning of the Gaza war, approximately 45,028 lives have been lost, and 106,962 individuals have been injured. In the most recent attack, 52 people lost their lives within 24 hours. Let us pray for this situation to change and for the war to cease entirely.

2. Pray for the cessation of hostilities between the two nations and for the easing of tensions among the people.

3. Pray for an end to the famine affecting Gaza and for the uninterrupted provision of food supplies.

4. Let us pray for the government to address the struggles of people suffering due to the rise in food prices.

5. Pray for comfort for the families of the 79 individuals who lost their lives in airstrikes and for an end to these attacks.

6. Reports indicate that over 44,000 people have died thus far. Pray for the war to come to an end.

7. Pray for the safety of innocent civilians caught in ongoing attacks between the two nations and for their needs to be met.

8. Pray for young people who have completed their studies and are waiting for employment opportunities, that they may be blessed with suitable jobs.

9. Pray for youth to remain steadfast in their connection with God and to rise as His servants.

10. Pray that no sin would defile the youth and that they may uphold their purity.

II. Intercede for the deliverance of young people trapped in sin and curses.

12. Pray for the presence of truth, love, and unity among God's people in churches.

13. Let us pray for the destruction of all the works of the enemy that oppose God's servants and His people.

14. Pray that every servant of God and believer may sanctify themselves and worship God in holiness, as He is holy.

15. Pray for God, who promised to pour out His Spirit on all flesh in the last days, to pour out His anointing without measure.

16. Let us pray for God to pour out His fire anointing upon all who earnestly seek Him, to fill them with gifts and fruits, and for a powerful revival to arise in churches during these end times.

17. Pray for the eradication of false teachings spreading across India and for an awakening among the people.

18. Globally, 800,000 people commit suicide annually. Every 40 seconds, one person ends their life. Pray for these deaths to be prevented.

19. More people die from suicide than accidents. Let us pray for the binding of the spirit of suicide.

20. Pray for the binding of spirits that incite suicide due to reasons such as family problems, relationship issues, stress, and academic failure.

21. Let us pray for the destruction of the works of the devil that bring suicidal thoughts and for everyone to experience God's love.

22. Approximately 3.5 million people in India work in textile shops, 80% of whom are women aged 21 to 25. Pray for their safety.

23. Pray for the improvement of living standards for all workers.

24. Pray for India's economy to thrive through all industries, from large factories to small businesses.

25. Let us pray for the nullification of the evil works and plans of enemies who aim to shed innocent blood and destroy human lives.

26. Pray that the blood of people may not be shed on earth through wars, accidents, or natural disasters, entrusting the matter into God's hands.

27. Pray that students studying for public exams will gain wisdom and that the lessons they learn will stick in their minds.

28. Pray that no illness may affect the children and that God would protect them during the examination period.





Greetings to all dear friends in the name of Jesus Christ! The Bible invites us to learn a profound lesson from the fig tree. What does the fig tree symbolize in Scripture? What is the message it conveys to the world? In this section, we will delve into these auestions with clarity and insight.

"Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, you know that He is near, right at the door" (Matthew 24:32-33). Friends, the fig tree in this biblical parable is often regarded as a representation of the nation of Israel.

As the prophet Jeremiah writes, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'Like these good figs, I regard as good the exiles from Judah, whom I sent away from this place to the land of the Babylonians. My eyes will watch over them for their good, and I will bring them back to this land" (leremiah 24:5-6). According to this verse, if the figs symbolize the lewish people, then the fig tree represents the nation of Israel. Through this imagery, the Bible conveys a timeless message of restoration, hope, and the faithfulness of God to His chosen people. Let us reflect on these truths and draw closer to Him as we recognize His unfolding plans.



## What is the significance of Israel (the Fig Tree) in God's plan?

The Holy Bible we hold in our hands was given to the Israelites. It was first delivered as the Ten Commandments and the Laws during the time of Moses, and these formed the foundation of the Scriptures we have today.

The Bible contains the chronicles of the Israelites: their history, battles, failures, victories, and the divine instructions God gave them for living. Remarkably, over 90% of the Bible revolves around Israel and its people. This clearly underscores the importance of Israel, symbolized as the fig tree.



22



• Furthermore, Israel is the land promised to the patriarchs—Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—and their descendants. It is not just a land of inheritance but a central stage for the unfolding of God's eternal plan, from the beginning of creation to the end of time.

• Most significantly, it was in this land that the Lord Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world, was born, crucified for the sins of humanity, buried, and resurrected on the third day. It was also in Israel that the Holy Spirit was poured out during the early rain of Pentecost, igniting the spread of the gospel of God's kingdom across the world.

THIS RICH HERITAGE AND DIVINE PURPOSE AFFIRM THE UNPARALLELED IMPORTANCE OF ISRAEL IN GOD'S GRAND NARRATIVE.

#### **CHOSEN AND TREASURED**

"The Lord has chosen Jacob for Himself, Israel as His treasured possession" (Psalm 135:4).

"You did not choose me, but I chose you..." (John 15:16).

According to these verses, God Himself chose Israel to be His own people. Therefore, the Israelites are those who have been divinely chosen by God.



As the Scripture says, "Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham" (Galatians 3:7). Dear friends, we, too, who believe in God, are the spiritual descendants of Abraham. You are chosen by God. You are precious in His sight. You belong to Him, His own special possession.

ISRAEL HOLDS A UNIQUE PLACE IN GOD'S PLAN
The Israelites are God's chosen people.
Israel is the Lord's land.
Israel is the land of promise.
Israel is the land flowing with milk and honey.
Israel is the land of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



Israel is often referred to as the "timepiece of the world." But how was this nation formed? How did it fall? How was it restored? And what does the future hold for Israel in the days to come? Stay with us as we journey through these profound truths in the days ahead..!



Hello dear friends! I'm thrilled to connect with you through a spanking new article this year. Looking at the title, you might be wondering, "What's this all about?" In today's world, everything revolves around the trend. But as Christian youth, we are called to stand apart. not conforming to the patterns of this world or living by its standards. God desires us to live differently. As Scripture commands, "Do not learn the ways of the nations" (Jeremiah 10:2).

Paul echoes this instruction in his counsel to the young Timothy in 1 Timothy 4:12:

#### "Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

Taking inspiration from this verse, we will explore these six aspects—word, conduct, love, spirit, faith, and purity—in the coming months. As followers of Christ, we are called to be role models in these areas so that others may be inspired by our lives, not stumble because of us.

This month, let's begin by understanding how we can be exemplary in our words.

#### WORDS HOLD POWER

It's often said that words carry immense power. The Lord desires that every word we speak be "good, edifying, and beneficial for spiritual growth." However, we sometimes speak carelessly, without pausing to reflect on whether our words are right or wrong, useful or harmful, pure or impure. Because those around us speak recklessly, we too fall into the trap, thinking, "This is the trend," and join in without a second thought.

Take a look at today's world—using foul language has become a public trend. Many young people consider it a mark of confidence. A few years ago, uttering vulgar words was deemed shameful, even in private. But now, people freely use such words in public, brushing it off as normal and trendy.

Dear young brothers and sisters, the world may see this as a trend, but for us, who worship a holy God (I Peter 2:21), this is no trend. Such behaviour grieves the heart of our Lord. The Bible clearly instructs us: "Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers" (Ephesians 4:29).

#### WORDS REFLECT CHRIST

Beloved youth, remember that every careless word we utter will be accounted for on the Day of Judgement (Matthew 12:36). As followers of Jesus Christ, who is majestic in holiness, we are called to glorify Him through our words, not bring dishonour to His name.

Let us, therefore, be mindful of our speech, ensuring that our words bring glory to God and serve as an example for others. May our words reflect the beauty of Christ, leading others to Him rather than away from Him. This month, let's strive to be intentional with our words and set a godly example for those around us..!





Hello, dear brothers and sisters! 🤾

As we step into this New Year, let's embark on a journey through the months ahead, exploring the theme: "Christianity Then Vs. Now." Together, we will take a closer look at the transformation that has occurred between the Christians of the early church era and those of today.

Our God is one who does new and marvelous things, yet He also commands us to seek out the ancient paths and walk on them. Let's heed His Word, rediscover those ancient paths, and choose to walk in them!

"Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls." (Jeremiah 6:16)

The New Testament revealed the name "Christ" for the first time. Following the advent of Christ, those who chose to follow Him were called "Christians," a term that came into use around AD 40. While Christianity has existed from the beginning, this marked the first usage of the term "Christianity."

• The early Christians were martyred for their faith, considering all worldly gains as loss for the sake of Christ.

Today, as Christians, while we may not be called to give our lives, can we at least give our time to Christ?

• The early Christians strengthened themselves in their relationship with God first and then stepped into ministry.

Today, as Christians, we struggle to build a strong relationship with God.

• The early Christians gathered in one accord, united in spirit, and prayed for 40 days in one place.

Today, we are divided into countless denominations—CSI, Pentecost, Protestant, and more—splintered and apart.

How can we expect the latter rain to pour down if we, living in the latter times, fail to embody even the devotion of the early church?

## Young people who long to spark revival, Let us rise and shine for Jesus! Let us dedicate ourselves wholly to Him!

## EVERY 1ST SUNDAY (2ND FEB.)

26

#### MUMBAI - DHARAVI (5PM - 7:30PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, 2nd Floor, Above Balakrishna Farsan Mart, Opp. Apna Restaurant, Near Kamarajar School, 90 Feet Road,9004882470

#### VELLORE (3PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, Ajantha Mahal, # 3, 6th West Cross Road, Gandhi Nagar 9442885315 | 9442979556

#### TIRUPUR (4PM - 6:30PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, #62, 2nd Floor, Benny Kumaran Main Road. 9442885315

#### TUTICORIN (3PM – 5:30PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, Jehovah Jireh Towers, 51/8D/3, 1st Floor, Tiruchendur Road, Muniasamypuram LAND MARK: SOUTH POLICE STATION TO KAMARAJ COLLEGE RD. 9442885315 | 9786212103

#### TIRUPATI (3PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, Unlimited Show Room (Opp.) 7989295442 | 9488938305

### EVERY 2ND SATURDAY (8TH FEB.)

#### **BANGALORE (3PM-5PM)**

Telugu Church, #21, Nethaji Road, Railway Line, Pulikeshi Nagar, Frazer Town.Opp: BWSSB Office. 9962085523 | 9591077110

#### MADURAI (3PM -5:30PM)

Devanukae Mahimai Church,Nearby MGM Plaza, [Theekadir Busstop] 41, K.Salai pudur Byepass Road, Madurai 9750955548

### EVERY 2ND SUNDAY (9TH FEB.)

#### SANKARANKOIL (2:30PM - 5PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, Sekihnah Mahal, Mullai Nagar. 9750955548 | 8344949555 Igniters Youth Fellowship is a place where young people ignite their spiritual lives, discover the profound truths of the Bible, and find strength in praying for the country as a group. You are welcome to join in on this fellowship and grow stronger. Come on! Strengthen yourself, and get ready to fortify others!

#### AMBUR (3PM-6PM)

Concordia Hr.Sec. School, Opp Rly.Station 9597927799 | 9442885315

#### THANE (5PM - 7:30PM)

R.P. Mangala High School (Near Railway Station), Room No.10, Opp. Bank of Maharashtra, Thane (East) 9004882470

#### THANJAVUR (3PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre,Near Balaji Nagar Bus Stop, 18B, TPS Nagar, MC Road 9489775075 | 9444381971

#### KOVILPATTI (2:30PM -5:30PM)

St. Paul's Matriculation School (Parking area Building) 9677858766 | 9787322334

#### ALANGULAM (2:30PM)

D. No. 5/2, Vaanjinathan Street,North side of TPV Mill, Thuththikulam Road, 9750955548 | 9965377427

#### THENI (2:30PM – 5PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, #203, Madurai Road, Opp. Anantham Silk, Dr. Kamaraj Hospital, 1st Floor 9750955548 | 9976766422

#### SURANDAI (2:00PM)

Jawaharlal Middle School 9443962141 | 9750955548

#### SATHANKULAM (3PM -5:30PM)

Hendry Matric Higher Secondary School, Mela Sathankulam. 9442885315 | 9786212103

#### CHENGALPET (3PM – 5:30PM

Reheboth Church, Near old bus stand, 9710809626 |9488475315

#### Namakkal (3PM -5:30PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, 16B Naveen Nest Apartment, Podhigai Nagar, 1st street, Salem Road, Namakkal-637001 9962085523 | 94886 18305

#### POLLACHI (3PM TO 6PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, Grace Auto Ist floor, 163, Raja mill road, Pollachi, 9486037586 | 9487856205

#### VILLUPURAM (3PM – 5:30PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, HH Complex, Namnadu Textiles, Opp., Shanthi Theater Rd 8870517324 | 834411022

#### ERODE (4PM - 6:30PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, #216, 1st Floor, Near Fire Service, Gandhiji Road 9750722000

### EVERY 3RD SUNDAY (16TH FEB.)

#### TIRUNELVELI (2:30 PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, Shah Complex, #43/R4, Rajendra Nagar, Trivandrum Road 9750955548 | 9047480484

#### SIVAKASI (3PM -5PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, HOREB Complex, Ist Floor, P K N Road, (Near Rathna vilas Bus Stop) 9677858766 | 9442906567

#### **COIMBATORE (4 PM)**

World Revival Prayer Centre, #90, 1st Floor, Arts College Road, Near Charan Tower, 9894399599 | 9442885315

#### TRICHY (3 PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, 22A, 1st Floor , Thennur High Road, Near KMC Bus Stop, Thennur. 9489775075 | 8344119000

#### JEBAMALAI (2 PM)

Keelamathapuram, Kadaiyam (via), Tenkasi Dist. 8300131000 | 9750955548

#### CHENNAI (3 PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, Prince Kushal Towers, 7th Floor B-Wing, Adjacent to LIC Metro, Mount Road, 9488475315

#### NALUMAVADI (3PM -5:30PM)

Tabernacle of God, Nalumavadi 9442885315

#### TIRUVARUR (3:30PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, IS.A. Rice Mill Complex, TTP Main Rd, 9976766322 | 7373374733

#### RANIPET (3PM-6PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, Railway Station Road, Zion Nagar, Near Scudder Memorial Hospital 9500283179 | 9442885315

#### NAGERCOIL (3PM TO 6PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, NO: 1055 K.P ROAD, Milk Depot Junction, Nagercoil 7598155503 | 9442885315

#### PONDICHERRY (3PM TO 6PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, Kottupalayam Lawspet, opp. Latha Steel, E C R Road. 8344433800 | 9442885315

#### CHITTOOR (3PM TO 6PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, Kamlambal Street, Readspet, Kangareddy palli, 9487734603

## EVERY 4TH SATURDAY (22ND FEB.)

#### PERAMBALUR (5PM -8PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, M K Complex, 71, Venkatesapuram, Near Bank of Baroda, Trichy Main Road. 9788788512

#### EVERY 4TH SUNDAY (26TH FEB.)

#### THIRUVALLUR (3PM -5:30PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, H S R Tower, 2nd Floor, Near CSI Gowdi Church 9488475315

#### KARUR (3PM-5:30PM)

CSI Boys High schools, Jawahar Bazzar, Bunglaw Street, Karur. 9489775075

#### MUMBAI-MALAD (4PM - 6PM)

Bethel Ground Floor, 305/E, Mith Chauky, Marve Road, Malad (W) 9664050567 | 9619996976

#### PERNAMPET (3PM TO 6PM)

Revival Prayer centre, VK Road. 9442885315

JOIN US EVERY MONTH WITHOUT FAIL; BECOME CATALYSTS OF A MIGHTY REVIVAL!



Event: Jayaseelan

*I AM A PRAYER* WARRIOR

#### Dearest brothers and sisters in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Saviour, Jesus Christ! As we step into this New Year, let us joyfully praise the King of Kings, who lovingly guarded, provided for, nourished, clothed, carried, upheld, and delivered us through every moment of the past year, bringing us to this brand-new chapter. This year, we will embark on a spiritual journey through this segment, focusing on various aspects of prayer, meditating on its profound truths, and striving to practice them in our daily lives.

# Intercessory Prayer

The term "intercede" appears in Nehemiah 1:4, 6. In Hebrew, the word for intercession is Paga, which means "to plead on behalf of another." It refers to earnestly appealing to someone on behalf of someone else. The book of Nehemiah is a beautiful composition that includes 14 prayers. In Nehemiah 1:4, we see his heartfelt response: "When I heard these words, I sat down and wept. For some days, I mourned, fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven."

**Nehemiah** was a royal official serving as the cupbearer to King Artaxerxes of Persia—a privileged position that brought him close to the king himself. Yet, instead of settling into the comforts of his esteemed role, he chose to weep, fast, and intercede fervently for nearly four months. But why? What compelled Nehemiah to forsake his royal privileges and persist in such intense prayer? For what cause did he intercede so earnestly?

Let us delve deeper into his remarkable story to uncover the power and purpose of intercessory prayer.

When the Jewish exiles were released from Babylon and Persia and returned to their homeland of Judah, Nehemiah learnt from his brethren that his people were in deep distress. The walls of Jerusalem lay in ruins, and its gates had been consumed by fire. Burdened by the plight of his people and his nation, Nehemiah fervently sought the God of Heaven in prayer, pleading for restoration and deliverance.

The wall of a city is not merely a structure; it is a symbol of security and strength. It protects a nation from invading enemies and ensures the safety of its inhabitants. When the wall is broken down and its gates are burnt, the nation is left vulnerable and exposed. In such a dire situation, Nehemiah stood in the gap, interceding with God to rescue and restore his people and their land. This passage of Scripture teaches us the power of intercession in times of national crisis.

A similar burden gripped the heart of a 15-year-old youth named **Evan John Roberts** in Wales, England, during a time when sin had taken deep root in his nation. The scourge of alcohol abuse spread rapidly, public houses multiplied, and people descend-

ed into drunkenness and moral corruption. To Evan, it was as though the wall of holiness had been shattered and the gates of salvation burnt down by sin.

Working in the coal mines during the day, Evan would fall to his knees at midnight and cry out to God until the early hours of the morning—"Lord, deliver my nation. Purify my land. Redeem my people. Send revival to my country."

For nearly 11 years, this young man persevered in prayer, weeping and interceding for the sins of his nation. God heard his cry and moved powerfully among the people, convicting them of their sins. A deep sense of repentance struck many, causing them to fall prostrate in tears, confess their wrongdoings, and turn back to God.

The results were astonishing: alcohol consumption dropped, brothels and public houses shut down, and theatres were abandoned. Young men smashed their liquor bottles and turned their hearts to God. The nation witnessed a profound transformation, all sparked by the fervent prayers of a single young man burdened for his homeland.

#### Dear Young Warriors,

We find ourselves in a crucial time where we, too, must intercede for our nation and our people, just as Nehemiah the devout and Evan Roberts the revivalist once did. In our vast nation of India, with its 1.44 billion population, there are approximately 420 million youth. The future and progress of a country lie in the hands of its young generation. Yet, tragically, the very youth who are meant to stand as protective walls for our nation have become enslaved by destructive habits.

The young generation is drowning in the mire of sinful practices—addictions to harmful substances

as casually as one sips tea or coffee, indulgence in toxic relationships, the lure of intoxicants, obsession with mobile phones, immodesty in attire, materialism, and moral degradation. This moral collapse knows no gender divide, pulling both young men and women into its abvss. To make matters worse. the elders who ought to guide and inspire the youth are often seen competing with

them in this race toward decadence.

The Bible aptly states, "Whoever has no rule over his own spirit is like a city broken down, without walls" (Proverbs 25:28). It is high time for young people, burdened with a divine calling, to rise up as intercessors like Nehemiah and Evan Roberts, standing in the gap for the lost and broken.

#### Young generation, wake up!

One Nehemiah prayed, and the walls were rebuilt. One Evan Roberts interceded, and a nation was sanctified. Dear brother, dear sister, will you rise today as a Nehemiah, as an Evan Roberts, to intercede for our nation? Will you offer yourself to be a vessel of God's purpose for such a time as this?

The call is now. The choice is yours. Will you answer? 🔳



# NEWS

# NATIONWIDE PENDING CASES ON CHEQUE BOUNCE REACH 4.3 MILLION



The central government has revealed that across India, 4.3 million cheque bounce cases remain pending in various courts. As of December 18 last year, Rajasthan leads with 640,000 cases, followed by Maharashtra, Gujarat, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal.

Among the significant contributors to court backlogs nationwide are traffic challans and cheque bounce cases. While traffic challans are now being addressed through virtual courts, cheque bounce cases still require regular judicial hearings due to their criminal nature and evidentiary needs.

Inadequate case monitoring, frequent adjournments, and the absence of defined timeframes cause delays in resolving these cases. Additional challenges include insufficient infrastructure, a lack of adequate court personnel, and the complex nature of associated facts, further burdening the judiciary.

- Hindu Tamil Thisai, December 29

# INDIAN ECONOMY SET TO IMPROVE IN 2025: RBI GOVERNOR



Reserve Bank of India's newly appointed Governor, Sanjay Malhotra, in his address during the release of the Financial Stability Report yesterday, expressed optimism for 2025. He cited growing business confidence among industrialists and the rising consumption trends across the country.

Global uncertainties caused a slowdown in economic growth during the first half of the 2024–25 fiscal year, but we anti cipate a robust recovery in the second half. The country's GDP growth for the current fiscal year is estimated at 6.6%. The RBI report also highlights a significant drop in non-performing assets, which have fallen to 2.6%—a record low in the past 12 years.

- Dinakaran, December 31



In alignment with the vision given by the Lord to our beloved brother, from 2021 to 2024, Revival Igniters camps were conducted exclusively for youth across Tamil Nadu. These camps were held in four phases, drawing nearly 5,000 young participants. Rooted in the prophetic word that "seven generations of youth will rise," God has faithfully raised a vibrant new generation.

Four specific groups—Evangelistic Generation, Warrior Generation, Prophetic Generation, and Mighty Generation—from these seven prophesied youth generations received special invitations to a transformative three-day camp on December 13th, 14th, and 15th, 2024. Around 700 participants attended and were filled with spiritual gifts, divine power, and fresh anointing. God accomplished glorious works through His servants Bro. Mohan C. Lazarus, Bro. Vincent Selvakumar, and Bro. Sam Jebaraj. All glory be to God!





## In Annur - Coimbatore

Date: February 9 (Sunday) Time: 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Venue: CSI Sabha Hall, near Ambal Petrol Bunk, Sathi Road, Annur

Message: Bro. Sathish Kumar Contact: 99944 14424 | 86082 82082

## In Trichy

Date: February 23 (Sunday) Time: 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Venue: YMCA Hall, Opp GH, Trichy

Message: Bro. Avinash Contact: 94897 75075

# In Chennai

Date: February 16 (Sunday) Time: 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Venue: World Revival Prayer Center, Prince Kushal Towers, 7th Floor, B-Wing, Mount Road, Chennai

Message: Bro. Avinash Contact: 94884 75315 | 044-4501 6562

# In Cuddalore

Date: February 23 (Sunday) Time: 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Venue: World Revival Prayer Center, Opp Clock Tower, Manjakuppam, Cuddalore

Message: Bro. Sathishkumar Contact: 99651 44000

# In Chittoor

Date: February 16 (Sunday) Time: 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

> Venue: St. Luke Telugu Church, Near BV Reddy Colony, Chittoor

Message: Bro. Sam Jebaraj Contact: 94877 34603

## In Puthur

Date: February 23 (Sunday) Time: 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Venue: Good Shepherd Compound, Puthur

Message: Bro. Sam Jebaraj Contact: 88867 39633

Bro. Sam Jebaraj

Bro. Avinash

Bro. Sathish Kumar,