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Dear young people!!!

I greet you in the matchless name of Jesus Christ. It is indeed a great pleasure to meet you again through this Youth Life Magazine. This month we are going to meditate and learn many things focusing on the word "Mould".

A potter seeks to take clay, knead it and mould it into a useful vessel. Any clay can become a useful vessel in the potter's hands.

But the clay has to go through various processes. First the dross has to be removed from it. Then it must be well trodden. Only then the nature of the clay becomes soft and it can be formed into the shape desired by the potter. Sometimes the clay is not workable and it gets marred. That's how the lives of many teenagers get deteriorated when they don't submit themselves in the hands of the potter.

This is how a teenager had a dream. A dream to study well, progress and achieve. He worked towards his dream until class 10, but family environment and society were not favorable for him. During his eleventh standard, along with his friends, he started disobeying the teachers, made friends with wrong people, then became a hooligan, involved in crimes like murder, robbery, etc. and became a threat to the society.

We too may have many dreams about our lives. If it has to be fulfilled, we must surrender ourselves into the hands of the potter. Only then we can be moulded into a beautiful vessel. If you fail to give it up, you may end up marred and useless to anyone.

Every vessel (person) who are shining in this world today are gleaming because they patiently and humbly surrendered themselves into the hands of the potter.

In this world where we live a temporary life, teachers are the sculptors who create great scientists, doctors, achievers, artists and art experts. Teachers are the shapers who create future leaders and achievers. Some do it out of obligation, but many consider it as their prime duty and serve faithfully and sincerely.

Even today, when you surrender yourself to your Supreme Potter, He can perfectly shape you in the best way and use you to do His Supreme Work. **Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work (2 Timothy 2:21).**

Foreword

**ARE YOU READY
TO COMMIT YOURSELF...**

*He is waiting to mould,
transform, refine and bless you.
Surrender!! Submit!!
to Serve Him!!*

**In Christ's Mission,
Avinash**

God's suitable Vessel



Sister Nirmala Mary

Testimony: Jishya

Sister Nirmala Mary's father was saved and her mother was a Roman Catholic. Let us listen from Sister Nirmala Mary on how Jesus Christ has saved her who was born in such a family and is using her as a useful vessel for many people today.

Tell us about your childhood and family...

I was born to Mr. Samuel Manohar and Mrs. Dominic Sorna Arokkiyam as the second daughter of the couple, in Palayamkottai, Tirunelveli district. I have a brother named Jose Isaac. He is working in Chennai. My father was a member of the C.S.I. congregation. My mother belonged to the Roman Catholic Church. Since childhood my mother took us to the R.C. church and brought us up in that tradition. I would go to the church regularly every week. But I lived without any connection with



Jesus. I was living a worldly life where I did not read the scriptures and did not pray. My childhood was spent watching movies and listening to cinema songs. As my father was saved, he would ask me to read the scriptures and pray. But I never listened to him then.

Well... you told us about your childhood... now tell us about your studies...

I would always be one among the top three in school. I have won prizes in essay writing,



poetry and painting competitions. But I had no peace in my life. It was full of problems and suffering. I used to long for friends and friendship. But there were only disappointments and tears. I have no friends since childhood. No one would ever befriend me because my qualities do not match theirs.

You were good at your studies and that's wonderful...!! You said you had no friends since childhood... How did you come to know about Jesus?

Since my father was saved and belonged to a CSI church he says that Jesus is the only God and idols should not be worshiped. My father prays every day since I was a child. Ever since I was in 6th grade, a sister who was our neighbor would take me to spiritual meetings and youth meetings. I was very surprised to see them praying there. I started praying and reading the scriptures from 8th standard. But I know nothing about salvation. I lived a worldly life. My spiritual life was going like this till class 12th.

Okay... You knew Jesus since childhood... When were you saved? How did the Lord change your life after that?

I have been watching the show 'Jebikkalam Vanga' since its inception in March 2020. I

would listen carefully to every word that Mohan uncle says. I accepted Jesus as my personal saviour in April. I got saved at the time, when I finished 11th standard and was entering 12th standard. I was confused as to which group should I choose and study in 11th standard. I started studying by joining Maths-Bio group as suggested by my relatives. I scored 515 marks in 11th standard. I was thinking that I would fail in class 12th, but God raised me to be the first student in the class by scoring 563 marks. I got the happiness and peace that I had lost.

From the day when I accepted Jesus as my friend, He gave me spiritual friends too. I never had any friends before. He blessed our family. God gave us the grace to pray for the nation and for others. He also changed my bad temperaments like anger and irritability.

That's Wow!! A lot has changed... How is your spiritual life after being saved?

I was saved in 2020. I learned to know God's will and pray. In the year 2021, I participated in the 'Revival Igniters' Camp and got anointed. Later, God gave me a desire to serve Him.

Now I am doing tracts ministry, evangelism ministry, village ministry and youth ministry every week.



God reveals me certain things and gives the burden to pray for those. I am evangelizing my fellow students. Since the early days of being saved, I and my ten friends, who did not know Jesus would pray for 15 minutes every day during lunch break at school.

Fantastic!! You say that you are evangelizing...What are you doing in studies now?

I am currently in my second year B.Sc Physics in Xavier College, Tirunelveli. I wanted to take up Physics after completing 12th standard. But on the advice of my relatives I applied for Maths. I also wrote NEET exam and surrendered to God's will.

By the grace of God, I enrolled in B.Sc Physics in the college of my choice according to His will. My medium of education from 6th to 12th standard was Tamil. It was said that everything in college should be studied in English. It was a bit scary. If I have any doubts about the lessons, I would ask Jesus. Jesus teaches me in a way that I could understand. The Lord is providing me wisdom and is guiding me to score good marks in college and stand first in the class.

Okay... The Lord gave you the grace to study well... How did you overcome the sinful things that you were doing before you were saved?

Initially there were many temptations like inappropriate thoughts and the desire to watch movies. I would confess all my sin

and pray. Right from the day when I was anointed, the Holy Spirit helped me to overcome these things. My spiritual life got strengthened by praying early in the morning every day. If I fail to pray for a day, it feels like I've lost something. The Lord is giving me the grace to pray every day, to be strengthened and also to grow in my spiritual life. Now no sinful struggles can approach me, because God is washing me with His blood and protecting me.

Super... What do you want to say to the teenagers who are struggling with various sins?

There may be a lot of problems in life. Don't look at them, just look at Jesus. If you are enslaved to worldly things, when you confess it to Jesus, the Lord is able to change everything. Just as Jesus changed my temperament, He will change the unwanted things in you. When you submit yourself to the will of Jesus, He will do what is good for you.

If I fail to pray for a day, it feels like I've lost something.

Dear young people! Jesus has saved sister Nirmala who was devoid of happiness and peace in her life and has lifted her. Perhaps, you are struggling to get out of some kind of sinful addictions, without joy and peace in your heart. If so, confess your sins to God today. God will mould you and use you as a suitable vessel for Him! ■



AMOS

(JUDGMENT FOR MISUSING OFFERS)

Dear youngsters! This month let us have a brief look at the third book among the Minor Prophetic books, "The book of Amos".

Introduction

Although Amos's first message was about judgment, he ends it with a message of hope. Lord is the ruler of the whole world. He will come as a warrior to judge those who opposed his authority. He will punish the Israelites who broke His covenant. During the time of Jeroboam, who was full of worldly desires, sins abounded in the northern kingdom. Amos teaches that the only way to escape judgment is to repent.

Author: Amos

Time period: 755-760 BC

Chapters: 9

Verses: 146

Words: 4217

Key characters:

Amos,
Uziah king of Judah,
Jeroboam king of Israel.



Summary of Amos

- ⏏ Author's theme (1:1, 2 verses)
- ⏏ The 8 Judgments of Amos
 - ✓ Judgment over Damascus (1:3-5 verses)
 - ✓ Judgment over Gaza (1:6-8 verses)
 - ✓ Judgment over Tyre (1:9-10 verses)
 - ✓ Judgment over Edom (1:11, 12 verses)
 - ✓ Judgment over Ammon (1:13-15 verses)
 - ✓ Judgment over Moab (2:1-3 verses)

✓ Judgment over Judah (2:4, 5 verses)

✓ Judgment over Israel (2:6-16 verses)

⏏ Sermons of Amos

- ✓ Judgment of Israel (Chapter 3)
- ✓ Downfall of Israelites (Chapter 4)
- ✓ Lamentation over the Israelites (Chapter 5, 6)

⏏ Five Visions of Amos

- ✓ Vision of the devouring locusts (7:1-3 verses)
- ✓ Vision of fire (7:4-6 verses)
- ✓ Vision of the Plumb line (verses 7: 7-9)

⏏ History: Protest of the priests at Bethel (7:7-10 verses)

- ✓ Vision of the fruit basket (Chapter 8)
- ✓ Vision of the Lord's judgment (9:1-10 verses)

⏏ Promises of Redemption for the Israelites (9:11-15 verses)

Christ in Amos

In this book, Amos portrays Christ as the person who rebuilds the fallen tabernacle (9:11) and restores his people in their land (9:11-15). Amos ends the book with a word of hope that Israel would be built again and the fallen David's tabernacle would be restored.

Amos was not born into a royal family like Isaiah. Neither was born into a priestly family like Jeremiah. Even though he was a poor shepherd, he was never hesitant to bravely share the words God gave him to the people or to the court. Amos is an example to us that God can use anybody from any position.

Submit...

I am working in the Accounts Department in a Sales Company. My owner gave me a job promotion, as I have been very diligent and faithful in work; and now I am working as a Cashier. While, I am faithful and diligent in my work on one side; I am doing village ministry on the other side on Sundays, because of the fear and love that I have for God.

Now, I have taken a decision to get married to a girl who is my colleague. But, my parents and the brother who guided and led me into Christ, forbid this marriage. Reason, the girl is two years older than me. Hence, I am very much dismayed. Why should they forbid the marriage, citing the age factor? I am not able to accept this reason. Therefore, problems and chaos are prevailing every single day at home. The village ministry which I do on Sundays have been stopped. My concentration at work is declining. I don't know what to do. Why is it happening for me who is faithful? Many people live a life of their own accord. There is no obstruction for them. But, why these obstructions in my life and for me who wants to be faithful to God and to live a disciplined life for Him? – **Sudhakar, Surandai.**

Beloved Brother Sudhakar! It is delightful to see your faithfulness and uprightness in job.

Moreover, your progression with faithfulness and diligence gives much delight. It is indeed a great work and effort to do part time ministry for God on Sundays, where many youngsters always think



men must be two or three years older than women.

only on how to progress in their jobs. Through this, your love for God and commitment to Him is fathomable.

At the same time, kindly mull over, why everyone is forbidding your decision regarding this marriage. Why do they give such importance for age? In marriage, the bride must be of a younger age than the groom. It is our society's norm, that

The reason for that is, only then, men can lead the family in a perfect manner. There will be high chances of disputes to occur if both are of the same age or if the husband is younger than the wife. Hence, they say that women must be younger than men. That's when, the thought of obeying their husbands will appear for women. If they are elder in age, they feel that they are more experienced and knowledgeable compared to their husband. It will cause disruption of the state of oneness within the family. Besides, it causes a huge hindrance to obey and to be submissive.

Today's culture and environment, doesn't deem these age limits. People speak of equality, modern thinking, new culture and many such things. But, all these things never work out in reality. Love and peace will disappear within the family and instead contentions like 'Am I great, or are you great?' and words like 'I am right and you are wrong', will be echoing.

In case, if you get married to this girl not minding the age difference, these are the consequences.

- ✓ High chances of not getting the blessings and love of the parents.
- ✓ Because of the relationship breakup with your spiritual brother, the village ministry might be stopped forever and the relationship which you have with God might be affected.
- ✓ There are possibilities that the girl whom you expect to obey your words today, might be disobeying you in the future, and her talks and acts might cause heartbreaks to you.

- ✓ Since she is older to you, she might argue with you saying that only, her facts and elderly counsels are true.
- ✓ This rift might increase with days, and there are chances that the girl you liked may leave you.
- ✓ Because of this separation, you might grow weary



and there will be a significant decline in concentrating in work; therefore, your job might be affected and you might lose your job.

In case, if you say no to this marriage considering the age difference, the benefits are...

- ✓ There are chances of you getting affected for a little while with pain and sorrow for not getting married to the girl whom you liked.
- ✓ However, since you have given yourself for the marriage life that God likes, God might give you a girl according to His desire.
- ✓ Since the marriage life is happening perfectly, there might be diligence in work and an intensity in doing ministry.
- ✓ As you have obeyed your parents, there will be happiness and joy in their hearts.
- ✓ Moreover, you will get the contentment that you are building a Christ-Centred family that God desires.

Therefore, think and act. Your clear decision holds accountability for your entire life. To change any decision is in our hands. However, the decision of marriage is unalterable after it is taken. Therefore, think, pray and then act accordingly! ■

The 2019 World Cup semi-final will not be easily forgotten by the Indians. A huge shock awaited the Indian team who started their game with a target of 240 runs. The team had lost 3 wickets within 5 runs, making the chances of lifting the world cup very thin. Wickets continued to fall and the score was 92-6, leaving no hopes for redemption. The partnership of Dhoni and Ravindra Jadeja for the 7th wicket turned the tables

to a great extent, because it was our M.S. who took the Indian team to the brink of victory several times. So they still had a dream that Dhoni would win the World Cup for India this time. But to everyone's disappointment Dhoni got out at 216 and the world cup dream was shattered.

Dhoni, who dreamed of becoming a great football player, excelled as a goalkeeper in his school's football team during his school days. He grabbed the attention of everyone by excelling in goalkeeping, in district matches. His soccer coach,



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the Indian cricket team to the international level and bringing great success to India. From 2004 to 2019, he played as the best player in international cricket and won everyone's

who was observing him all the while said, "If you try wicket keeping in Cricket, you'll have a bright future!" Dhoni, who had ambitions to succeed in football, allowed his coach to shape his dreams and future. In 1998, he joined the Bihar State Cricket Team and started playing for the Indian cricket team from 2004. Dhoni played a vital role in taking

hearts. Apart from this he is the only Indian player to win the "ICC One Day International Player of the Year award" twice for 2008-2009. He also won Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna, Padma Shri and Padma Vibhushan Awards. Though Dhoni had a dream of becoming the best goalkeeper in the world of football, he yielded him to his coach's advice and allowed him to shape his future. Hence, he was able to achieve such a rise.



again?" 'Can my marred life be rebuilt?'

A good potter doesn't throw away the marred clay, instead he takes it in his hand and turns it into a useful vessel. Likewise, the Lord can restore your broken life. When David sinned and marred his life, God didn't leave him to perish. He sent Nathan to David to point out his mistakes. David realized his mistakes and said, "**I have sinned against the Lord.**" (2 Samuel 12:13) Once David repented for his mistake, God rebuilt his marred life. When you stop worrying about your past sinful life, realize your mistakes like David and yield yourself to the Lord to mould and make you, he can rebuild your life!

If yielding oneself to the advice of a man in the world can bring about such a massive elevation, when you yield your life to the counsel of the Lord who created you, he will make you as a useful vessel for everyone. You might have ambitions as big as Dhoni, but struggling to achieve them, or maybe broken and faint-hearted. No matter what, surrender your life to him and he will mould and make you. Are you worried thinking, 'Will my fallen life flourish

My dear youths! When you give yourself into the hands of the Lord to be moulded according to his will, not setting a self-aligned goal and running towards it, not worrying about your ruined life, just as a clay yields itself to the potter's hands, He will mould you as a vessel of great use and honor!! ■



Things that Please God

“Teach me to do your will.”

(Psalm 143:10).



Many times, we ask unto God all that pleases us. God listens to our prayers, takes heed of our wishes and grants our requests. But David prays a beautiful prayer to God ‘Teach me to do your will’ which means ‘I would love to do what is pleasing to you’. In every instance of David’s life, we see that David inquires of the Lord like, ‘Can I do this battle?’ ‘Shall I go to the war?’ Can I undertake a particular endeavour?’ and acts accordingly by knowing God’s will and wish. That’s why God acknowledged him as ‘a man after my own heart (Acts 13:22).’ We too should focus on doing what pleases him. Let us meditate on four things that God expects of us.

HAVING FAITH

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him (Hebrews 11:6).” Faith is pleasing to God and it makes Him happy. When we read in Matthew 8 about the Centurion, he came to Jesus and prayed to Him about his servant who was at home suffering terribly due to paralysis. When Jesus said that He would come and heal him, the Centurion replied, **“Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed”.** When Jesus heard this, he was marvelled and said to those following him, **“Assuredly, I**

say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!” Do you have that kind of faith?

PRAYING FOR OTHERS

“Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men (1 Timothy 2:1).”

Not only that, the scriptures tell us to pray for those in power so that peace, tranquillity and virtue can be found in the country. It is a thing that pleases God. **“For kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, (1 Timothy 2: 2, 3).”** How many of us are praying for our Chief Minister, Cabinet ministers, Collector, Thasildar, S.P and Judges in judiciary? Most of us are focussed 99% on self-centred prayers for our job, families and grandchildren. Do you pray for your classmates? Do you pray for the salvation of your colleagues? Do you pray for the residents of your neighbourhood and your district? God urges us



to pray for everyone. Since we, Christians failed to pray, God's plan of salvation for all His people is getting delayed. When every saved Christian prays according to this verse, great revival will come upon our nation. We have failed to do what pleases God. It is because you and I have done something does not please God that we are facing such a big impact today.

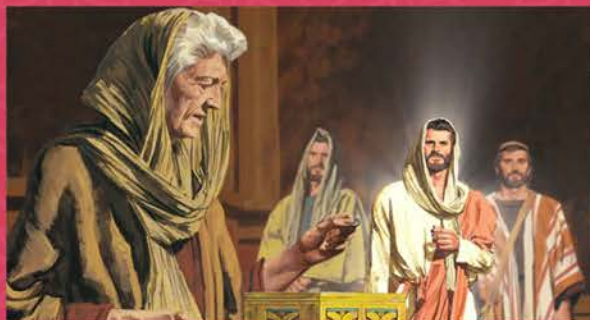
GIVING CHEERFULLY

"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:7)."

When Jesus went to church, he sat by the temple treasury and watched the people put their offerings. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. Calling His disciples to Him, Jesus said, "Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; When they asked how Lord? He said, for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood." It's like offering ten rupees while having ten thousand rupees in hand. But this widow just had 2 coins and she put in whatever she had. She put everything away. She made the offering out of love for her Lord, who had kept her alive and protected her till now. She did not give out of obligation, or for fame but out of love. How do we give to God? The Lord sees whether we give out of love for him or out of obligation. God watches our motives behind our giving. God blesses us according to how we give.

DOING GOOD DEEDS

But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. (Hebrews 13:16). Jesus went around doing good. He helped people who were in need. We who follow Christ should also do good and benevolently help others. We read of a man named Cornelius in the



Bible. ***"A devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always (Acts 10:2)."*** But Cornelius was not yet saved. He only knew that there was a God.

He was making all his household walk with the fear of God, always praying and doing a lot of charity. But one day, his prayers and charity to the poor done from the city of Caesarea reached heaven to the sight of God. God was mindful of him that he should be saved and anointed. Hence, He sent an angel to Cornelius to fulfil the purpose. Cornelius stared at him in fear and asked "What is it, Lord?" The angel answered, ***"Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God (Acts 10:4)."*** There are 2 things which reach heaven as a memorial offering – Firstly, the prayer that you pray. It should be a prayer that comes from a clean heart. It should be a prayer that we pray according to the verse. Secondly, generous giving. When we extend a hand to help a widow, a poor child, a person who is suffering in the society, it comes as a memorial unto God in heaven.

Dear young people! Like David, we can find success in all our endeavours, when we pray and do things that are pleasing to God according to his will. Since David enquired of the Lord before he ventured into any action, he was called 'a man after God's own heart'. Can God testify about you in the same manner as 'my beloved child who is after my heart?' Try doing what pleases God. God will testify about you! ■

Let us pray and conquer!

Model prayer: **The prayer of the Levites**



Event: Getzie Clarwin

As we continue to learn the importance of prayer, this month we are going to learn the special prayer that the Levites offered in the book of Nehemiah. If we take the time to meditate on Nehemiah 9:38, there are many wonderful words that can be incorporated in our prayers.

❖ ***“You alone are the LORD; You have made heaven, The heaven of heavens, with all their host, The earth and everything on it, The seas and all that is in them, And You preserve them all. The host of heaven worships You.” (Nehemiah 9:6).*** All these words of the Levites remind us of who our Lord is.

❖ Also, He is the one who nourishes and sustains us; and when we declare that all things are under the rule of the Almighty humbles us before Him.

❖ But are we, like the leeches asking God to “give...give...” everything that we desire?

When we read the following notes regularly and incorporate them in our personal prayers, our prayer will definitely change.

1. He who chose us (Nehemiah 9:7)
2. He who recognises the faithful heart (Nehemiah 9:8)
3. He who makes a covenant with us (Nehemiah 9:8)
4. He who sees the poor and the needy (Nehemiah 9:9)
5. He who hears our cry and helps us (Nehemiah 9:9)
6. He who performs signs and wonders (Nehemiah 9:10).
7. He who shows the way to walk (Nehemiah 9:12)
8. He who gives just ordinances and true laws, Good statutes and commandments. (Nehemiah 9:13).
9. He who also teaches the same (Nehemiah 9:14)
10. He who fulfils the needs of this world (Nehemiah 9:15)

11. He is a forgiving God who forgives even the backslidden, God who is

ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abundant in kindness,

and who never forsakes His people (Nehemiah 9:17)

12. A companion who never leaves us (Nehemiah 9:19)

13. He has given us the Holy Spirit who rebukes and instructs (Nehemiah 9:20)

14. The One Who Specially Cares (Nehemiah 9:21)

15. He who bestows favour towards us from others (Nehemiah 9:23,24)

16. Even when we fall again and again, He lifts us up. He who has already delivered us many times according to His mercies (Nehemiah 9: 28)

17. He who reproves but remains patient. (Nehemiah 9:30)

18. He pours out His unlimited grace upon us so that we may not perish (Nehemiah 9:31)

19. He is a mighty and awesome God who graciously keeps his covenant with us. Therefore, none of our sorrows are counted as trifles before Him (Nehemiah 9:32)

20. He who never allows our labour to go in vain (Nehemiah 9:37)

There are many such things in this prayer. Today our aim is to incorporate them into our prayers as supplications, praises, humility and thanksgiving.

Dear young people!! Are you guys ready to pray like this just as the Lord desires?

YIELD TO BE MOULDED

Special Article: Ravi

My beloved brothers and sisters! As children of God, have you ever wondered, 'What is going on in my life? Why do I live like this? Why do I fall into sin from time to time? Why doesn't God answer my prayer?' Have you asked yourself many more questions like these? I have asked such questions in my heart many times. Yes friends, there are certain situations in our life that arise automatically. There are situations that are created by the decisions of others. More specifically, there are situations that are caused by the decisions that we ourselves make, drawn by the lust of the flesh. When we encounter such situations, the above-mentioned questions arise in us and sometimes we even doubt whether the Lord is with us by our side or not.

Let us see with some examples from the scriptures, what God does in us when we go through such a difficult path.

"And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make." (Jeremiah 18:4). Potter refers to God. Vessel refers to us. The

Scripture says that the pot was marred in the potter's hand. Yes, many times we use the freedom that God has given us to fulfill our fleshly desires. When we do so, we create some uncomfortable situations for ourselves. Then we

start raising questions to God. Apart from the wrong decisions we make, sometimes we are put in uncomfortable situations by others. For example in the Scripture, Joseph had to suffer a lot because of the bad counsel of his brothers.

My dear young people, if you are currently suffering in life perhaps because of the wrong decisions you have made, repent and humble yourselves and come near to Lord Jesus Christ. He does not cast away anyone who comes to Him. God shapes you through your circumstances. At times, we may not even realize that He is working within us. **"But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive (Gen. 50:20)."** Some day, we might be able to say as Joseph said to his brothers.



The Bible says, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, who are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28)." When we yield ourselves to His will and love Him, no matter whatever tough

situations we go through, deeply remember that he is moulding and shaping us into a good vessel of honor and glory. Trust Him and move forward. The Lord will mould and use you as a suitable vessel for Him! ■



Hello friends! My greetings to you all. In this fast-paced world, you might be preparing yourself to be successful or to prove yourself. To encourage you up on your journey to victory, here is a story of an achiever. I hope the life of this achiever will greatly inspire you.

Phil Knight was a track athlete in the United States of America. At the University of Oregon, he came into contact with Coach Bill Bowerman. Bowerman had a fascination to optimize his runners' shoes, constantly tinkering with different models after learning from a local cobbler. Bowerman took one of Phil's shoes and fixed them up with his custom design. Phil very much liked the customized design, and, the shoes worked so well that his teammate Otis Davis took them and ended up winning gold in the

**WALK
VICTORIOUSLY...**

400-meter dash in the 1960 Olympics.

After the University of Oregon, Phil graduated with a Master's degree in Business Administration from Stanford.

During his Master's degree, he wrote a paper theorizing that the production of running shoes should move from its current centre in Germany to Japan, where labour was cheaper. He even got a chance to put this theory to test with a trip to Japan, shortly after his 1962 graduation. He struck a deal with a group of Japanese businessmen to export the country's popular Tiger shoes to the U.S.

Combining his love for running and his newly acquired business skills, along with his coach Bill Bowerman, Phil launched his shoe company called Blue



Ribbon Sports (BRS) to import high-quality and low-cost running shoes from Japan into the American market.

The company initially operated as a distributor for Japanese shoe maker Onitsuka Tiger (now ASICS). It was a 50-50 business deal between Phil and Bowerman.

They tried to sell their shoes through the existing shoe stores in the US. But no shop came forward to buy their imported shoes. They visited several stores,



but their efforts were only in vain. They spent all their money. Thinking about what to do next, an idea struck their mind and they began to implement it. Phil and his coach loaded all the shoes they had into a car and rushed to the stadiums where sporting events occurred. They put all the sports shoes neatly in the trunk of the car and put them up for sale. This idea was warmly welcomed by



the people and it had a great reception. In 1964, in its first year in business, BRS sold 1,300 pairs of Japanese running shoes grossing \$8,000.

In 1966, BRS opened its first retail store. In 1967, due to rapidly increasing sales, BRS expanded its retail and distribution operations. By 1971, the relationship between BRS



and Japanese shoe maker Onitsuka Tiger was nearing an end. BRS prepared to launch its own line of footwear. They started making their own athletic shoes that were lightweight and in sizes that athletes wanted. Phil Knight chose a shoe factory in Mexico to manufacture his shoes.

The company changed its name from Blue Ribbon Sport (BRS)

to Nike in 1978. The Nike Company has now grown to become a favourite sports material company. Persistence, hard work, and a relentless mind are all the reasons why Nike has become such a great company.



Dear young achievers! If you want to be victorious, you must be ready to face the struggles that come against you. Only then you will be able to progress. If you can't stand up to the problems that come your way, you won't be able to succeed. You need to tear through the sea as a ship does. Only then you can reach the shore. So, when you resist all the fears and disappointments, you can walk victoriously! ■

People who committed to be moulded!

Elisha



Thought drops: Rebekah

Before God called Elisha to his mission through Elijah, no one knew much about Elisha. All we know is that he was a farmer. The Lord told Elijah to raise up a prophet in his stead. While Elisha was with his servants plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he was with the twelfth, Elijah passed by him and cast his mantle upon him. Elisha therefore knew the call he had received and made a feast for the people. Elisha was not an ordinary man, but may have been a very wealthy man who owned many lands. When he received the call to serve God, he did not just go away. He informed his parents, kissed them and bid goodbye, left everything behind and followed the Lord, knowing that God is mighty to lead him. When he stepped into the ministry, he first served Elijah. Elisha learnt to minister from Elijah. Elijah had Elisha stay with him and was the reason behind molding of Elisha. Elisha who followed Elijah, after him received double fold spiritual gifts and did double fold miracles than Elijah did. Every time as Elijah travelled to different places, he asked Elisha to stay there, but Elisha said he will not leave him and he followed Elijah wherever he went. When they came to Jordan, Elijah asked Elisha "What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?" Elisha said, "Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me." Elijah said if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so." And as they continued to walk, suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. (2 Kings 2:1-18)

Dear youngsters! Elijah obeyed God's instructions and moulded Elisha to be a prophet. Elisha committed himself to be molded as per God's plan to perform miracles twice as great as Elijah's. Would you commit yourself to be moulded like Elisha as per God's plan?

Joshua

As Moses neared his death, Moses asked God to create a leader after him so that the Israelites would not be like a flock without a shepherd. And God told him to appoint Joshua, in whom is the Spirit and asked him to set before the congregation and appoint him as the leader.

The Lord recommends for Joshua by asking Moses to give some of his authority to him so that all the congregation of Israel may be obedient. (Numbers 27: 15-20). Knowing that he would face many challenges when assuming leadership, Moses encourages Joshua to be strong and courageous and that the Lord will be with him (Deuteronomy 31:6-8). When the Lord called Moses to come to the mountain to give the law and commandments that He has written to teach the people, Moses took Joshua along with him. Moses went up the mountain and stayed there for 40 days and 40 nights. Joshua must have stayed in between the mountain for 40 days because when Moses came down after 40 days with the tablets of Testimony, Joshua was there (Exodus 24:1,2,9-18; 32:15-17). After the Israelites made the golden calf and indulged in idolatry, Joshua continued to minister with Moses in the tabernacle outside the camp. There the Lord spoke with Moses, face to face. Even when Moses returned to the camp, Joshua did not depart from the tabernacle. Joshua was very careful with his responsibilities (Exodus 33:7, 11)



Dear young people! You got to know that Joshua had to face many challenges and had to do many sacrifices to become a leader. If you want to be useful to Jesus, commit your life like Joshua and the Lord will mold you as a useful vessel! Would you surrender to be moulded according to His will?

**People who failed to
commit, to be moulded!**



Lot's wife

Lot and his family stayed at Canaan along with Abraham's family. There was not enough room for Abraham and Lot because the livestock they both had were increasing in numbers. Therefore, Abraham said to Lot that they cannot stay together at the same place. He permitted Lot to choose whichever direction he wished to go and he said he will take the other direction. Since the city of Sodom was beautiful and prosperous, Lot took his family and settled down there. The people of Sodom and the neighboring city Gomorrah were very sinful. Therefore, the Lord decided to destroy those cities. As the Lord thought to save Lot and his family, He sent two angels to warn them about the destruction and asked them to leave the city immediately. But Lot was delaying and did not leave immediately. Therefore, the angels held the hands of Lot, his wife and his daughters and quickly led them out of the city. They left them there and asked them to escape from there without turning and looking back. Lot and his daughters obeyed the Lord's words and fled out of Sodom. Lot's wife did not have the heart to leave Sodom and so after a distance she longingly turned and looked back. The moment she looked back she was turned into a pillar of salt. Lot and his children knew that whatever the Lord does, He would do it for good and allowed themselves to be moulded but Lot's wife did not allow herself to be moulded and so she became a pillar of salt (Genesis 13:10-13; 19:15-19,30).

Dear youngsters! When you surrender to be moulded according to the Lord's will, He makes you into a beautiful vessel useful for His purpose. If you don't allow God to mould you then you would be useless to anyone like Lot's wife. Would you surrender yourselves to be moulded by God?

Aaron

Aaron, the brother of Moses was sent to speak the words of God. Since then, Aaron's journey was dependent on the journey of Moses. When the people of Israel left Egypt, Aaron was one of the main ones who went with them. Moses went up the mountain and stayed there for 40 days in the presence of the Lord.

When the people at the foothills of the mountain lost patience, they came to Aaron and asked 'what happened to Moses' and said, **"You will make us a god."** Aaron agreed and collected their gold earrings and made a gold calf and gave them. People celebrated it as their deity, danced and feasted and indulged in fun. Right there, Aaron was making the people to sin against God. When Moses came down with the tablets of law and commandments, he was furious knowing what had happened (Exodus 32:1-6). As Aaron and Moses did not obey the Lord's words at the waters of Meribah, Aaron was unable to inherit the land that was promised to Israel (Numbers 20:22-24)

Dear youngsters! Aaron committed his whole life to serve the Lord. But when the people wanted a God for themselves, he heeded to their voice but failed to guide them in the right way. Do you as well are not waiting for God's command like Aaron did, but doing according to your own will?



Petra

A Journey with Peter

Part-8

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHURCH AND THE FIRST SERMON OF PETER!

The word 'Pentecost' means 'the fiftieth day'. It is the second major festival celebrated annually by the Jews. It is a festival of harvest, where people offer the first fruits of their land to God (Leviticus 23:15,16). After the resurrection of Jesus, this day marked the first baptism involving the Holy Spirit. Like the first fruits of the land, for the Church, Pentecost marks the beginning of the harvest of souls to God in the world.

Where did the church originate? Which day? Who is the head of the church? The answer to all these questions can be found in the first chapter of Acts. The first church was started in the upper room of Jerusalem, on the first Pentecostal day, with Christ as its head and leader. The statement that Jesus told about Peter, **"On this rock, I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it (Matthew 16:18)"** was fulfilled that day. The number of people

gathered in the first church was 120 and the first preacher was Peter, the main pillar of the early church. Peter's preaching was surprising to the people who had only seen Jesus preach until then. Peter, who denied Jesus as he was afraid of the servant girl, who could only cut the ear of Malchus with a sword when Jesus was captured by the evil men, who was illiterate and unwitty, on the day of Pentecost, when they worshiped the Lord, after being filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4) boldly preaches in front of the people, the authorities, and the elders of Israel;

In his first sermon, he preached about repentance, baptism and leaving the wayward generation. Many accepted his message at that time. **"They were steadfast in the doctrine, fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers of the apostles. (Acts 2:36-47)"** Peter, who had received the keys of heaven from



Jesus, added 3000 people to the church that day, including the ones who had crucified Jesus on the cross. Another day, 5000 people believed in Jesus because of his sermon (Acts 4:1-4) If the repentance of one sinner can cause so much joy in heaven, can words describe the joy of heaven caused by Peter when 3000 and 5000 people repent? The entire heaven would have rejoiced and celebrated Peter as the hero of the day.

PETER AND ANANIAS - SAPPHIRA (Acts 5:1-11)

The early believers comprised of both economically weak and strong people. Many children of God willingly brought their wealth to the feet of the apostle. Annania and Sapphira were the couple who were eager to use such a well-intentioned plan for their fame. They were caught lying in the presence of God and were immediately suffered punishment.



Obedience to husband is necessary, but when a woman supports him to do things that are against God, it will never end well. Sapphira's life is an example for this. While God praised the widow who gave all of her two coins as an offering, instantly reveals his judgment by a lie of the couple who sold their hereditary land and came to pay a large amount of it as offering. The root cause of Anania-Sapphira's sin was the lust for money and fame. How did Peter know the thoughts of others' heart? Both Anania and Sapphira considered Peter as an ordinary man looking at his face. Since Peter was gifted

with the spirit of revelation by the Holy Spirit who was within him, discerned the thoughts of other men's hearts. God's judgment was immediately fulfilled because Peter boldly condemned their sins with the gifts of the Spirit he had. **“Great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things (Acts 5:11)”**

PETER AND SIMON THE SORCERER (Acts 8:5-25)

The sermon of Philip made many Samaritans accept Jesus. When Peter and John heard of the Samaritans' repentance, they came to Samaria to pray for them and lay their hands on them to receive the Holy Spirit. Many were filled with the Holy Spirit because of this. Though a sorcerer named Simon believed in Jesus and was baptized, he did not seek to receive the Spirit, but desired to buy God's gift and become a wholesale merchant. As a result



of that he was cursed. Though the youths and elders of Samaria believed that Simon is the biggest form of God's power, in Peter's view he was poisoned by bitterness and was bound by iniquity. Once Peter told everything about Simon, the sorcerer got afraid, humbled himself and asked Peter to pray for him. Since the power of the Holy Spirit revealed the hidden secrets to Peter, here a sorcerer repents with fear.

A journey with Peter will continue with many more important events...

1 Let us pray for the availability of food items for the 63 lakhs people who are suffering without food in Sri Lanka.

2 Let us pray that this economic crisis doesn't get worse.

3 Let us pray for peace in Sri Lanka and an end to these riots.

4 Let us pray for the formation of a new government in Sri Lanka and for the recovery of the nation's economy.

5 32,873 people have died in national highway accidents across the country. Let us pray that these accidents should be prevented.

6 Let us pray that motorists do not neglect the traffic rules but obey the rules.

7 Accidents are caused due to drunken driving and talking on mobile phones while driving. Let us pray that people follow the rules of the road and act accordingly.

8 1,31,714 people have died in 3,66,138 road accidents in 2020. Let us pray to prevent such deaths from happening again.

9 18 lakh students have written NEET exams across the country. Let us pray for the peace of the students who wrote the exam.

10 Let us pray that every student must be protected from taking wrong decisions.

11 Let us pray for the removal of fears about exam results and they should be self-confident.

12 Let us pray for hope in students who tend to feel that their life is over if they fail in their examination.

13 Let us pray for the safety of school and college going students.

14 Let us pray that the sexual assaults, rapes and kidnappings against school and college girls should be stopped completely.

15 Let us pray that violence and riots against students in schools and colleges should be eradicated and better education should be imparted.

16 Let us pray that corona virus in the country should be completely eradicated and peace and happiness should prevail in the country.



PRAYER GUIDE

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17 Let us pray for the speedy recovery of those who are affected by Corona, Monkeypox and various other infections in many parts of the country and that these germs never strike anyone again.

18 Let us pray for the prevention of deaths and other damages caused due to natural disasters.

19 People suffer due to heavy rains in many parts of India. Let us pray for the prevention of deaths due to such rains.

20 Poor and middle class people are affected the most due to the rise in prices of materials and other goods. Let us pray for a good progress in the nation's economy.

21 Let us pray that the livelihoods of people doing small businesses be raised. Let us also pray for the national leaders to implement programs that help to raise the livelihoods of poor people.

22 Let us pray that the government should take steps to provide job opportunities to youths who are jobless.

23 Let us pray for the youth who are struggling to find a job suitable for their studies and to be blessed.

24 There are youths who take wrong paths because of the lack of job opportunities. Let us pray against the works of the evil spirit that distract the minds of youths to be completely destroyed.

25 Let us pray that the government should come up with good schemes to provide jobs to everyone who are waiting for a job that suits them.

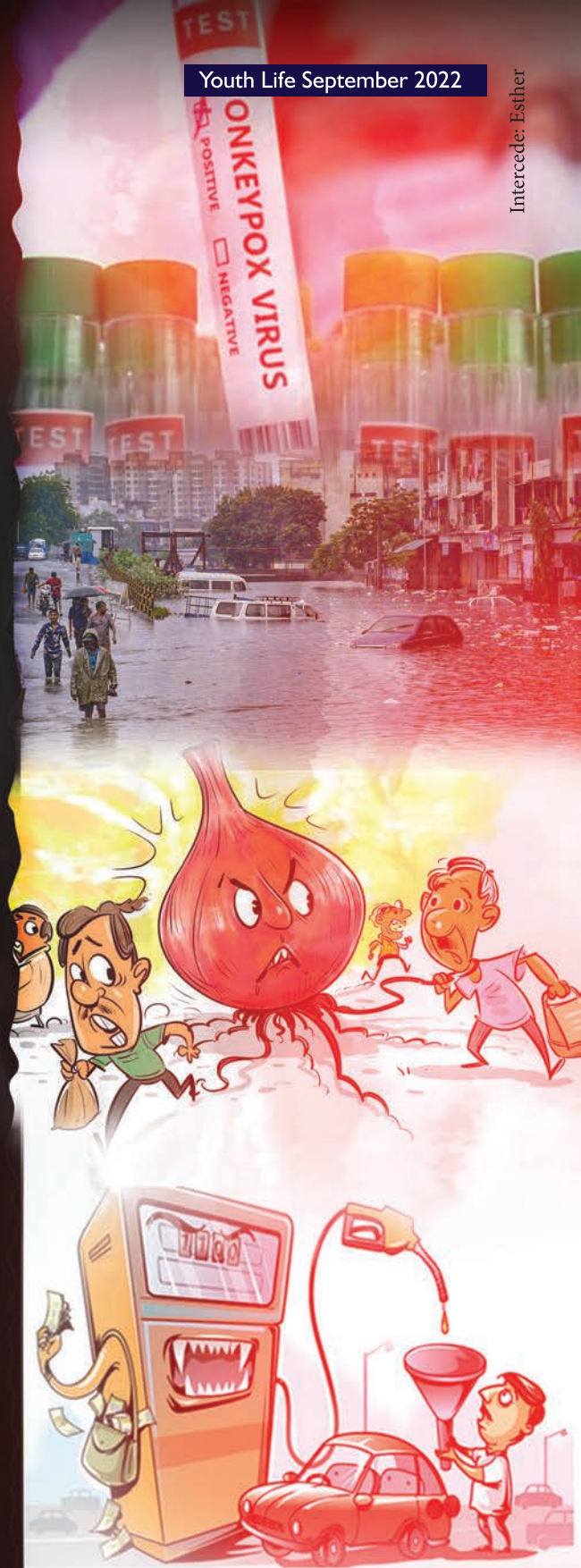
26 Let us pray for God's promised Revival fire to be poured upon all churches.

27 Let us pray for the sanctification of the churches and for the removal of divisions among them and for holiness among the ministers of God.

28 Let us pray for the purification of churches and for the rise of zealous missionaries who stand for Christ.

29 Let us pray that all the churches raise up prayer warriors who plead for the revival and salvation of people and for the spirit of supplication to be poured into the congregations.

30 Let us pray that churches should be raised in villages where there are no churches and that many people to be added to the congregations daily.





EVERY 1ST SUNDAY

(4TH SEPTEMBER)

VELLORE (3 PM)

Gethsamane Prayer Center,
Ajantha Mahal, No.3, 6th West
Cross Road, Gandhi Nagar.
9442885315 | 9786379556

TIRUPUR (4PM - 6:30 PM)

Gethsamane Prayer Center,
No:62 2nd Floor, Benny
Kumaran Main Road.
9442082200

TIRUPATI (3PM)

Old Community Hall,
West Church.
9985033401 | 9442885315

TUTICORIN (3PM - 5:30 PM)

Gethsamane Prayer Center,
Jehovah Jireh Towers,
51/8D/3, 1st Floor, Tiruchendur
Road, Muniasampuram,
(Land mark : South Police
Station to Kamaraj college Road)
9442885315

SANKARANKOIL (2:30-5)

Gethsamane Prayer
Center Sekinah Mahal
Mullai Nagar
9750955548 / 8344949555

EVERY 2ND SATURDAY

(10TH SEPTEMBER)

MADURAI (4:30 - 6:30PM)

Gethsamane Prayer Centre
2/56, Upstairs, 1st Street, Main
Road, Subramaniya Puram.
9750955548 | 0452-2677300

EVERY 2ND SUNDAY

(11TH SEPTEMBER)

AMBUR (3PM - 6PM)

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

THANJAVUR (3:00PM)

Gethsamane Prayer Centre,
Near Balaji Nagar Bus Stop,
18B, TPS Nagar, M.C.Road.
9444381971 | 9488475315

Igniters Youth Fellowship is a place where young people rise up with fire in the spiritual life, understanding the deep secrets of the bible and are strengthened by praying unitedly for the nation.

Even you can participate in this fellowship and be strengthened. Strengthen yourself and get ready to strengthen others!!

KOVILPATTI (3PM - 5.30PM)

St. Paul's Matriculation School,
Kovilpatti.
9677858766 | 9787322334

ALANGULAM (2:30PM)

P.M.V. Packiyavathy Building
R.A. Nursing Institute SCV
Computers (top floor) Main
Road, Alangulam, Near Union
Office Opposite.
9965377427 | 9750955548

THENI (2.30PM - 5 PM)

Gethsamane Prayer Center,
No.203, Madurai Road, (opp
Anantham Silk) Dr. Kamaraj
Hospital, 1st Floor.
9750955548 | 9976766422

SURANDAI (2.30PM)

Jawarhalal Middle School,
Surandai.
9443962141 | 9750955548

SIVAKASI (3PM -5PM)

Getsamane prayer Center
9677858766 / 9442906567

SATHANKULAM (3-5:30PM)

Hendry Matric Higher Secondary School
Mela Sathankulam
Ct: 9442885315

EVERY 3RD SUNDAY**(18TH SEPTEMBER)****TIRUNELVELI (2:30 PM)**

Gethsamane Prayer Center Shah Complex No: 43/R4, Rajendra Nagar Trivandrum Road.
9750955548 | 9488212915

COIMBATORE (4PM)

Gethsamane Prayer Center, No:90, 1st, Floor Arts College Rd., Near Charan Tower, Coimbatore.
0422 - 2309040 | 8903405315

TRICHY (3PM)

Gethsamane Prayer Center
22A, 1st Floor, Thennur High Rd., Near KMC Bus Stop, Thennur,
9488475315

JEBAMALAI (2PM)

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

CHENNAI (3.30PM)

VGP Victory House, Mount Road. 9488475315

NALUMAVADI (3-5:30PM)

Tabernacle of God, Nalumavadi 9442885315

THIRUVARUR (3:30 PM)

Gethsamane Prayer Center, 1A/25B, Bypass Road (Opp Arasu Autos)
9976766322 | 7373374733

RANIPET (3 - 6P.M.)

Gethsemane Prayer Centre, MBT Road, Navalpur
9500283179 | 9442885315

MUMBAI (5PM - 8PM)

1st sunday - Dharav
2nd Sunday- Bhandup
3rd Sunday - Malad 9004882470

EVERY 4TH SATURDAY**(24TH SEPTEMBER)****PERAMBALUR (5PM - 8 PM)**

Gethsamane Prayer Centre
M K Complex 71, Venkatesapuram Near Bank Of Baroda, Trichy Main Road.
9788788512

EVERY 4TH SUNDAY**(25TH SEPTEMBER)****THIRUVALLUR (3-5:30)**

Gethsemane Prayer Center
H S R Tower, 2nd Floor, Near CSI Gowdi Church
9488475315

KRISHNAGIRI (3PM-5PM)

Gethsemane Prayer center, Near Arun Hospital, Royakottai Road,
Ct: 9962085523 | 9524999711



LOOSE THE KNOTS

The Book of Malachi

Find answers for the following questions from the book of Malachi quoting the Bible reference:

1. Whose inheritance was given to the desert jackals?
2. What was God's covenant with Levi?
3. By which the people of God is robbing God?
4. Who is the messenger of the Lord of hosts?
5. Name the book which is there for those who fear the Lord and meditate on His name?
6. How will the people, who fear the Lord will go out and leap?
7. Whom do the people of God shall trample?
8. From where did God give the commandments to Israel?
9. Who will arise with healing in its wings, for those who fear God?
10. What was said as contemptible by the priests?

Your Answers are expected to reach us on or before

25th of Every Month

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Revival of Prayer

For the past 7 months, we discussed, 'What must be done to bring revival in 7 different fields? (7 mountains) and 'How revival occurs in those fields?' this month onwards, we'll talk over 7 types of revivals (Revival of prayer, Revival of Purification, Revival of Might, Revival of Salvation, Revival of word, Revival of Evangelism, and Revival of Glory.) Let us discuss the Revival of Prayer this month.

Prayer is the basic key to revival. Revival is born through prayers and spreads through prayers. The Revival of Prayer can only be brought about by the children of God who pray. We can see the disciples of Jesus asking him to teach them how to pray after seeing Jesus praying for so long. Only those who pray can inspire others to pray. The Lord sent a great revival in the nation of Scotland through the prayers of a man of God named John Knox. John Knox would pray day and night every day with great agony and tears saying, "Lord, give me Scotland, or take my life away." The Lord heard his tearful prayer and moved Scotland. During the years 1561-64, Queen Mary and John Knox had a heated argument. "I fear the prayers of John Knox more than all the army of England," said Mary, Queen of Scots.



Through him, God raised up a multitude of praying people in that land. A great revival of prayer arose through him in the nation of Scotland. Multitudes were saved and added to the church. The Lord has begun to pour out the revival of prayer in our country too. Children, youths, women and men have started praying together for many hours in churches and prayer groups like never before. Especially after the lockdown days, teenagers have started to pray through Conference calls, Google Meet, Zoom, etc. for hours. The Revival of prayer is being poured upon our young generation. "And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken (Acts 4:31)." When you ask God to pour out the Revival of Prayer on you while praying in your prayer groups and in your personal prayers, the fire of Revival will be poured upon you and the place where you are will be shaken.

Dear young brothers and sisters, if the prayer of an individual man can bring an entire nation into salvation, the Lord will certainly hear your prayer and send revival in our India. Start praying today. Cover the nation with your prayers. Don't look for circumstances to pray. Look at Jesus. Revival in India is assured! ■

Birds in the Bible

PEACOCK

Dear youngsters! Every month we have been talking about some of the birds mentioned in our Bible and the things we need to learn from them. In line with that today let us talk of our national bird, the "Peacock".

Our national bird has a charming look with beautiful colors in its feathers. Peafowls belong to the bird family "Phasianidae". They live in humid regions of tropical countries.

The bird 'peacock' is mentioned only in a few places in our Holy Bible. Let us continue to read some information about this bird.

- ▶ The male peafowls, called as Peacocks have beautiful long-tail. This is called as 'tail or train'. They also have a crest on their head.
- ▶ Peacocks are beautiful, glossy and bluish green in color. The peacock's train consists of highly elongated upper tail coverts. These feathers are marked with eyespots.
- ▶ The female peafowls, called Peahens do not have tail or train.
- ▶ A peacock spreads out its train and dances to attract a peahen.
- ▶ During the rainy seasons, the peacocks in the forests of India spread their feathers and dance gracefully. This is a sight to behold. Moreover, these peacocks are considered as a symbol of luxury.

Where can we read about peacock in the Bible?

◀ "For the king had at sea a navy of Tharshish with the navy of Hiram: once in three years came the navy of Tharshish, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks" (1 Kings 10:22)

◀ It is a historical fact that, King Solomon, in order to add beauty to his palace; imported peacocks from the Indian subcontinent.

◀ Peacocks have a long term reputation. It is said that Indian kings offered peacocks as a gift to King Solomon. It denotes that in ancient times peacocks were valued as equal to gold.

Here are a few facts we need to learn for our lives from peacock:

Outward Appearance: Peacock is a beautiful bird to look at. But its voice is not sweet either. Therefore, it is not enough that people look good but the thoughts of their hearts and every word that comes out of the mouth should be sweet.

Braggadocio: Peacocks are considered to be metaphors for bragging. Among the Indian birds, peacock is said to be the most arrogant bird and has a luxurious appearance. This bird reminds us of the people who are egotistical.

Pride and arrogance are condemned in many places in our Bible. And we are warned that "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." (James 4:6).

Dear youths! Let us examine and correct in his presence, whether we possess things that the Lord opposes and He does not like. The Lord does not love you by appearances. Jesus loves you and me with the beauty of the heart. Peacock is a beautiful looking bird. As like peacock don't think that one can achieve anything with the outward appearance. Do remember that God sees the inner appearance! ■

RED

Alert

Solomon!

Through this red alert series, we are meditating on 'The pathetic ends of people,' who were chosen by God, but refused to repent even after being cautioned of their mistakes. These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. (1 Corinthians. 10:11). If we pay heed to these warnings and correct ourselves, we will receive great blessings. Last month we meditated on the fall of Judas Iscariot, a disciple of Jesus and the reason behind that.



In this episode of red alert, let us meditate on Solomon, the king of Israel and the son of David. King Solomon's beginning was grand and glorious. God gave him not only the wisdom he had asked for, but also the riches he had not

asked for. He built and consecrated the temple of God, which David his father could not build, though he desired to do. Why did Solomon, who lived so pleasing to God, backslide? What was the reason for that? This incident is recorded in 1 Kings 11:1-12.

DESIRE FOR THE WORLD!

God gave Solomon ample wisdom and wealth. Because of this, his fame spread throughout the country. The enemies who rose up against him were completely annihilated. There was peace

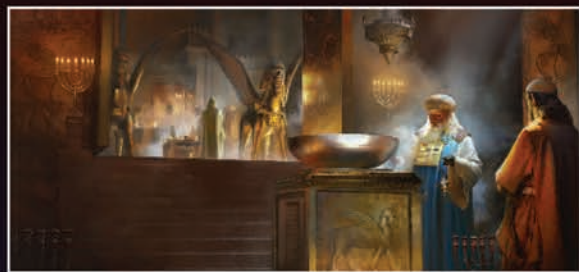


and prosperity throughout the land of Israel. Look, what a great blessing is this. As wealth and prosperity augmented, Solomon's heart turned away from God and went towards the worldly desires. Eager to enjoy the desires of

the world, he married many foreign women. He took them as his wives and concubines. This was the first cause of his downfall. When Jesus Christ loves, blesses and multiplies us, that blessing should glorify the Lord. Otherwise, even if it is a blessing from the Lord himself, it will separate us from Him. The Bible says, "Do not love the world or the things in the world." (1 John 2:15). What separates you from God today? What hinders your prayer? What spoils your scripture reading? Let's examine and get rid of the things that separate us from God's love. Let us abide in God's love.

FOLLOWING FOREIGN GODS!

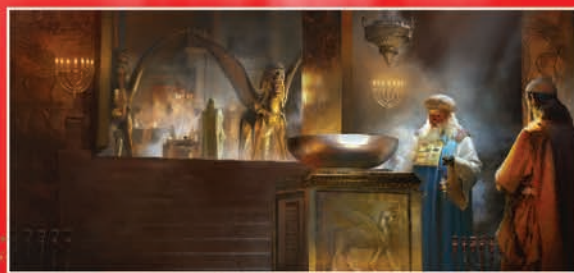
Solomon defied God's word and lusted after foreign women. They made Solomon worship idols and filled the whole land of Israel with idols and defiled the land, causing the land of Israel and the people to go astray. For the reason that,



Solomon, who was chosen and loved by the Lord went astray, the nation suffered and turned away from the Lord. Imagine how much this would have affected God's heart. We as well, often go along with the world and retain sinful things as idols that are not pleasing to God in our lives. Hence, we are separated from God's love and are enslaved to sin.

IGNORING GOD'S WARNING!

King Solomon went astray and was detached from God by lusting after the worldly pleasures. But God, because of His great love for him, appeared to Solomon twice and warned him to draw near him. But the Lord was angry with



him because he repudiated the warning (1 Kings 11:10). The nation of Israel was divided into two because of his sin. Even today, the things that God tells us to obey may seem difficult to us, however it will be definitely for our good and blessing. "Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it" (Hebrews 12:11). Maybe if God is warning you about something who are reading this, commit yourself to repent without delay.

DEAR YOUNG PEOPLE!!

SOLOMON HAD A GOOD START. BUT HIS END WAS VERY PATHETIC. THE LOVE HE HAD FOR THIS WORLD, THE FOREIGN WOMEN HE MARRIED AFTER GIVING IN TO HIS DESIRES, MADE HIS HEART SLIP AWAY FROM THE LORD. IN TODAY'S WORLD, THE WRONG FRIENDSHIPS AND RELATIONSHIPS THAT WE ALLOW INTO OUR LIVES, THINKING 'WHAT IS WRONG IN THIS', SEPARATES US FROM GOD'S LOVE AND LEADS US DOWN THE PATH OF DESTRUCTION. PERHAPS, IF YOU WHO ARE READING THIS, ARE TRAPPED IN SOME WRONG FRIENDSHIP OR RELATIONSHIP IMMEDIATELY ADMIT YOUR MISTAKE, CONFESS THE SIN AND FORSAKE IT. AS THIS MAY BE THE LAST MOMENT. GOD WARNS YOU BECAUSE OF HIS LOVE FOR YOU. "THEN THE LORD SAID: MY SPIRIT WILL NEVER STRIVE WITH MAN (GEN. 6:3)."

Let us meet next month with another person in the Red Alert episode ...



NEWS

5.83 CRORE PEOPLE HAVE FILED INCOME TAX RETURNS! 72,000 PEOPLE REGISTERED ON THE LAST DAY!

According to the official statement released, about 5.83 crore people had filed their Income Tax Returns before the deadline.

The time frame for the filing of ITR for the financial year 2021 – 2022, started in April. Every individual earning more than Rs. 2.5 lakh per annum has to file for the income tax returns. In this case, the deadline for filing income tax returns for the financial year 2021-22 ended the day before yesterday.

While speaking about the people who had missed the deadline the Income Tax Officers said that, the people with the total income that is less than Rs. 5 Lakh must pay a fine of Rs. 1,000/- . The people earning above would have to pay a fine of Rs. 5,000/-. The ITR can be filed till 31st of December. If a person delays in filing from January to March, Rs. 10,000 must be paid as fine.

A total of about 5.83 crore people had filed their Income Tax Returns. During the last financial year, the government had extended the due date for filing the returns till the 31st of December. In the given time 5.89 crore people had filed their income returns. On the last day about 72 lakh people had filed their ITR. – **Dinakaran, 02 August, 2022.**

2ND HIGHEST GST REVENUE IN 5 YEARS!

GST COLLECTIONS IN JULY AT RS 1.49 LAKH CRORE!

28% HIGHER THAN THE LAST YEAR!

Approximately 1.49 lakh crore was collected as GST in the month of July. This is 28% higher than the previous year. It is said to be the second highest revenue collected in 5 years.

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) was implemented across the country on July 2017. GST collections are increasing every month after the relaxation of corona restrictions.

In this state, the Union Finance Ministry has issued an official statement that Rs. 1.49 lakh crore revenue had been collected in July.

The gross revenue stands at Rs. 1,48,995 crore, of which CGST is Rs. 25,751 crore, SGST is Rs. 32,807 crore, IGST is Rs. 79,518 crore.

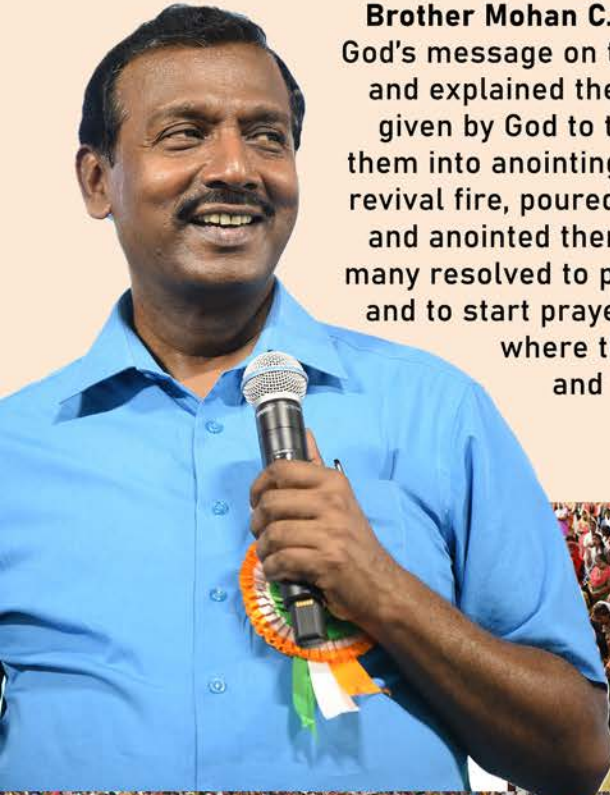
When compared to July of last year, it is said that the collected amount has increased by 28%. Moreover, in the 5 years of the inception of the GST, this is said to be second highest amount collected. In April 2022, GST collections had hit an all-time high of Rs 1.68 lakh crore. As for Tamil Nadu the GST amount collected for July is Rs. 8,449 Crore. - **Dhinakaran, 02 August, 2022.**

Youth Festival



A Youth Festival was held on 15th August (Independence Day) in the Tabernacle of God, at Nalumavadi. About 2000 youths participated in this meeting. **Brother Sam Jebaraj** led the opening prayer. God's name was exalted through songs, praise and worship and the testimonies of the youth. Prayers were offered for the Nation and for Revival.

Brother Mohan C. Lazarus delivered God's message on the topic of "Revival" and explained the 'Vision of Revival' given by God to the youths and led them into anointing. God sent forth the revival fire, poured it without measure and anointed them. Apart from that, many resolved to pray daily for revival, and to start prayer groups at places where they study and work.



MOUNT SINAI 2022

24th October
Monday
(on the day of Diwali)

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

One day Youth Fasting Prayer

Dear Youngsters! Come, let us gather to stand in the gap to pray for our nation and for the perishing young souls!



Coimbatore

TELCH Church, Opp Town Hall

Contact: 9894399599 / 9842999022 / 8903405315

Message and prayer: **Bro. Cruise Masilamani**



Chennai

VGP Victory House, Mount Road

Contact: 9488475315 / 044-28142300

Message and prayer: **Bro. David Ganesan**



Prayer Mountain (Jebamalai)

Kadayam, Keezhamadhapuram, Tenkasi.

Contact 8300131000 / 9750955548

Message and prayer: **Bro. Karthik Gamaliel**



Nalumavadi

Tabernacle of God,

Contact 9750955547 / 9442885315

Message and prayer: **Bro. Jebastin**



Vellore

Ajanta Mahal, Jesus Redeems Branch

Gandhi Nagar West

Contact 9442979556 / 9786379556

Message and prayer: **Bro. Avinash**



Pondicherry

Peter's School, Opposite Government

Dental Hospital

Contact 9787339422 / 8344433800

Message and prayer: **Bro. Satish**