



Youth Life

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Merry Christmas

Lord Jesus!!! Let my people
receive the joy that I received.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

My beloved youngsters!

I give thanks to God who has guided us through this whole year with joy. The month of December brings immense joy and happiness to teenagers like you. Because, you will be very eager and expectant to celebrate the birthday of Christ in many ways. With that passion I wish you to celebrate this Christmas day joyfully and share this happiness with others. On behalf of Jesus Redeems Ministry, we wish all the prayer partners, volunteers, readers and writers who love and support our youth ministry. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

With Love,
Mohan C . Lazarus



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Our Vision

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.

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Foreword

Merry Christmas greetings to the dear young hearts!!!
Everyone is happy when December comes and also about the arrival of New Year. Small children desire to get new clothes. Many people have many desires and dreams. But the needy will be hoping for some good fortune this Christmas.

Many of us think of the poor and needy during Christmas! We do good. Many times we stop there just doing good. Let us tell them the name of Jesus diffidently, who is the cause for their true happiness and goodness.

The reason is, since many people are unaware about Jesus, we think that if we tell them about Jesus they will get hurt. So as not to hurt their feelings, we say "Jesus Loves You" in a superficial way.

The rewards, food packages and some favors we do can give them comfort, love and happiness just for a few hours or minutes. But only Jesus the Savior can give them the eternal peace, freedom, love and comfort they need.

You, who make them happy for a few minutes, give Jesus more to them who gives eternal joy and happiness in their lives, that they shall be satiated.

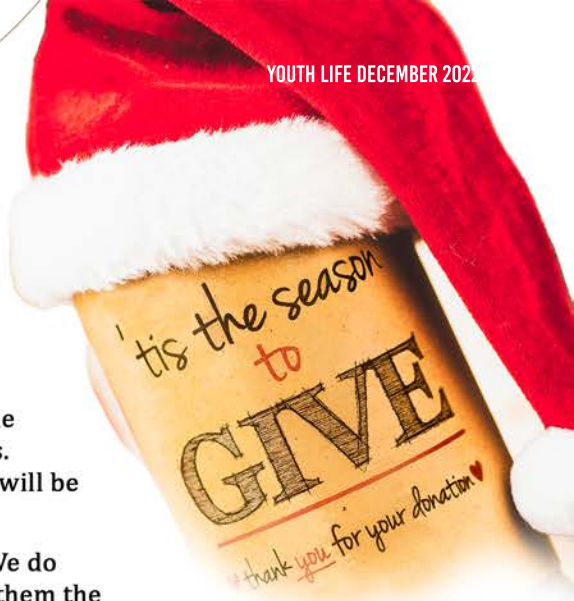
Let the love of Christ be sown deeply in their hearts even after the Christmas days.

If we want to share the love of Jesus generously, we need to set aside a few hours for it. It is easy to pass on a gift. The greatest good you can do is to sit beside them and inquire them and speak words of faith to them.

In these Christmas days, let us try to tell Jesus abundantly and generously, so that even the poor and needy can receive the true joy that Jesus gives.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS WISHES TO ALL YOUNG SOULS
WHO ARE EAGER TO DO ANYTHING FOR JESUS!**

In Christ's Mission
Avinash



TO A DEVOUT COUPLE IN SRI LANKA, A DAUGHTER NAMED ESTHER MAYU WAS BORN TO A FAMILY THAT DID NOT KNOW GOD AND WAS NEGLECTED BY EVERYONE. SHE HERSELF SHARES WITH US HOW SHE WAS DRAWN TOWARDS GOD.

He came seeking...

Testimony; Benitia



Sis. Esther

HI ESTHER... HOW ARE YOU...?

I'm Good akka; How about you...? I am good too... Well... we are ready to listen to your testimony. Come on!! Let's go.

OK... ESTHER, TELL ME ABOUT YOUR FAMILY?

My parents are from Sri Lanka and they came to India as refugees from Sri Lanka in 1990 and took refuge in a town called Chidambaram. My parents belong to a traditional Hindu family, I was born as the eldest daughter of Mr. Manoharan and Mrs. Vigneshwari and I have a younger sister and a younger brother. My father passed away 5 years ago. My mother is working as a home nurse.

OK....TELL US ABOUT YOUR CHILDHOOD?

I was born in Chidambaram, Cuddalore district. I was born weighing one quarter kilo (1 1/4kg) and was kept on ventilator for 3 months. The doctors said that I would die. My relatives would visit me every day to see if I am alive or dead. But I believe that God gave me life because He had predestined me at that time.

OK... GOD GAVE LIFE TO YOU WHO WERE GOING TO DIE.... DID YOUR LIFE GO SMOOTHLY AFTER THAT?

My mother went abroad when I was two years old and I did not have the warmth and love of my mother as a child. My father brought me up. After two years my mother came to India. My mother went abroad again when I was ten years old. I was doing my schooling and bringing up my younger brother. Since my father was a photographer he would often go out for his profession.



Sis. Esther with her family

WELL...AFTER THAT DID YOUR MOTHER COME TO INDIA FROM ABROAD?

Yes... We went to Sri Lanka in 2006 as a family. We left thinking that we would never come back to India. But at an unexpected time war broke out again in Sri Lanka. Somehow we escaped and reached India. Now we are living in a refugee camp in Madurai.

OK...YOU HAVE RETURNED FROM SRI LANKA.... TELL US ABOUT YOUR STUDIES?

Since we had escaped from Sri Lanka and had no source to study, we were deprived of reading facilities. At that time I was in ninth grade in a Christian school. During class 10th I could not study properly due to quarrels and problems at home. Because of the Christian school I knew the name of Jesus. So I prayed to Jesus as well as to the other Gods that my family problem should change and I should pass the exam. My prayers were answered and that thing happened. But when I doubted which god had done this, I prayed to the other gods for another reason. It didn't happen and I prayed the same thing to Jesus. That thing happened. So I prayed to Jesus telling "I am in a situation where I cannot study because of the problems in my family. Please help me to pass my 10th board exams." He gave me success as I prayed.

GREAT THAT YOU SUCCEEDED IN YOUR EXAMS...!! DID YOU CONTINUE STUDYING? WHEN DID YOU ACCEPT JESUS?

As there was no facility for me to study in my house, my mom's elder sister's

son took me to Erode and I started studying computer science in class 11 from their house. For those two years my brother (mom's elder sister's son) made me study. Not only that, but they were the ones who led me to salvation. At that time Jesus spoke to me saying, "You prayed to me to pass 10th standard; I gave you success. Then you wanted to study higher education; I gave that too. Now, do you want me or the humans in this world? He asked. I accepted Jesus as my personal savior right at that moment saying, "You were the one who gave me love and happiness and you are the only one I want." Saying that, "I am going to my friend's house," I would take the Bible hidden in my dress and go to the church without anyone knowing. I would pray in secret. I was baptized without the knowledge of the people in my house. God changed my name to Esther Mayu. After that I started telling my friends about Jesus and for class 12 public exam we called few friends and had a prayer meeting. 23 people attended and all accepted Jesus. This was my first ministry, and from then on I decided to serve for Jesus.

WELL... YOU HAVE ACCEPTED JESUS... DID YOUR FAMILY ACCEPT YOU?

No... Since my father was an avid devotee he was going to Sabarimala for 18 years with great devotion. When I came home after completing my studies, they beat and scolded me when they found out that I had been baptized. They did poojas asking me to deny Jesus. No one would talk to me, I was isolated. I did not give up on Jesus no matter what the circumstances were.

SUPER... YOU DIDN'T LET GO OF JESUS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES... WELL, WHAT HAS CHANGED IN YOUR LIFE?

I wanted to finish my studies and go to college. My parents said that there is no source to study. Someone from abroad sent 7000 rupees and helped me to study DTP course for three months. I have never seen them till today. After completing my studies, God blessed me to buy a system camera and my father and I started working together as photographers. Dad was a heavy drunkard. My father passed away in 2017. His death distressed me a lot. Jesus gave me courage and strength.

When I was troubled without my father, Jesus

held me by the hand and talked to me saying that "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

SORRY ABOUT YOUR DAD'S DEATH...! DID YOU CONTINUE YOUR BUSINESS?

I started doing that business alone and all the time the Lord was with me and guided me. I had a desire and a thirst to serve God. After 10 years I started going to church again. I started reading the scriptures. Jesus took away my fear and shame. I started going to Synergia gatherings in Madurai. Now he has given me a team at Synergia and has me as the head. I am doing village ministry and the Lord is giving me the grace to conduct prayers among more than 1000 youths. He chose me from an unsaved family and has kept me as a blessing to all today. He has chosen me as the best female photographer today who does not know what photography is. I am doing business and also doing part time ministry.

THAT'S AWESOME...!! GOD HAS GIVEN YOU THE STATUS OF FEMALE PHOTOGRAPHER. HOW IS YOUR LIFE NOW?

It can feel a big change in my life. As I have accepted Jesus, Jesus has held my head high among those who rejected me as poor. Jesus counsels me every day according to Psalm 32:8. I fasted and prayed for three days like Esther during the lockdown. After that we started a prayer group and were praying as 9 sisters. Now we are praying for 1 hour daily as 30 sisters. As we continue to pray the Lord is doing great changes and miracles.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY TO TEENAGERS?

Many times, do you feel that you cannot achieve in your life? The words of many will break us down and ignore us. "You can't do it, you're useless," people would say. Lay aside the words of men, and run holding with the word of the Lord. Commit your thoughts to the Lord. He will change your situation and lift you up. When you listen to the word of the Lord, the God who made me win will make you win too. My dear youngsters, if you hold on to Jesus alone, in any situation at any time, you too can succeed. God of victory is with you! ●



Revival of Salvation!

It is a matter of great joy that many ministers of God and ministries are operating today with the aim that the people of the Indian nation should be saved. The message of salvation is being preached all over India passionately that the people who do not know Jesus should somehow get to know him and be saved. When the Revival of salvation is poured out upon our nation, people will realize and repent of their sins, be baptized and be added into the church.

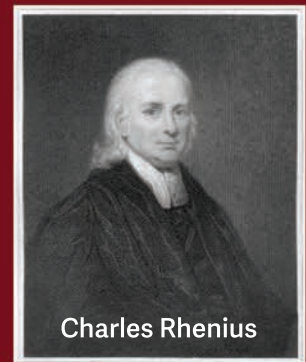
In the days of the apostles, the Revival fire that had been cast upon the disciples began to spread among the people around Jerusalem. Those who heard Peter's words when he preached **"...they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, 'Men and brethren, what shall we do' (Acts 2:37). Right away when Peter told them to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, about 3000 people were baptized and added to the church. A congregation of a few hundreds turned into thousands. In addition to this, 'the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved' (Acts 2:47), and the churches grew and multiplied.**

In our Tamil Nadu as well, in the 1800s, the Revival of salvation was poured out and many people were added to the churches. From 1806 a great Revival wave was whooshed through Charles Rhenius (CMS missionary) who ministered in the southern districts of Tamil Nadu. He established small churches in many villages of Tirunelveli in the 1820s. He built 400 churches and 200 schools in almost 18 years. He was hailed as the greatest missionary after Paul by his founding staffs, Dr. Wolff and Saint, who stayed with Rhenius for a week. Through him many people were saved and brought into the church. It is an indisputable fact that towns and villages will be shaken and churches will grow and multiply when the revival of salvation is poured out upon the land.

My dear youth! Rise and go forth to proclaim the message of salvation, **"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household"** (Acts 16:31). The Revival fire in you will also grab hold of the people you meet. There is no doubt that multitudes will be saved and brought into the church through you!! ●



Revival Message: Sathish



Charles Rhenius

I was born in a Christian family. Since childhood I have a great love towards Jesus and pray daily. But I don't know if the Lord loves me. Because my prayers are not answered. So I started having doubts. How do I know that Jesus loves me? – Sheena.

**Gave his Life
because
He Loved!!**

Counsel: Avi

Dear sister Sheena! Even if your doubt is a little different, many people like you are living with the same question. Sheena, Jesus loves you so much. Which is why he gave his life for you.

Don't come to a conclusion that Jesus doesn't love you just because your prayers aren't answered. Jesus hears and answers our prayers. Sheena! Sometimes our prayer is answered immediately, sometimes it is delayed. But the Lord never ignores our prayer.

Sheena! The things we ask in our prayers should be of God's will. Even if our prayer is selfish and contrary to God's will, that prayer may not be answered. Many times our prayers seem unanswered. That makes us to think like, "Has God forgotten me?" But in the right time that answer will be of great benefit and treasure.



In the Bible a young man like you prayed. His prayer was not immediately answered. But God's answer to him was very astounding. Joseph was the beloved son of his father. He did things that were pleasing to God. But jealousy, trouble, struggle etc. were rampant in his life. Even in the midst of problems and struggles, he did not give up on prayer and did not stop trusting the Lord as he did not answer. He kept on striving, praying and believing in God until he got the answer.

A man who prayed at the age of 17 was answered 13 years later at the age of 30. As a result of his

prayer and his faith in God, he was promoted to be the ruler of a nation. He waited patiently for an answer to his prayer and finally received it.

Sheena! Many times God delays to strengthen and to increase our faith. Do we believe in Him if He answers us immediately? Or are we steadfast in faith despite the delay? He does so to test that.

Many teenagers stop praying when the answer they expect doesn't come from God, saying, "God doesn't answer me, the Lord hates me." Whenever the answer to our prayer is delayed, then we should analyze whether there is an error or mistake in our prayer. We should not forget that most of the time, God is silent in response to the prayers that we pray without God's will or with selfishness.

The fire did not come down when Elijah prayed the first time. The reason is because in that prayer, he glorified himself and prayed saying "I, I." Hence it was not answered. He immediately realizes that there is a mistake in his prayer and changes the prayer. When he said, "God, I am your servant, I have done according to your word," fire came down from heaven and consumed the sacrifice.

So pray without giving up! Know God's will and pray! Pray until God answers! Be faithful and steadfast in prayer. God will do great things in your life! ●

Merry Heart!

As the bells of December ring, everyone's heart brim over with happiness. Flashing lights, twinkling stars, Christmas embellishments everywhere bring bliss to our hearts. For some people, festive days are the only thing that brings joy. On other days you can hardly expect happiness on their faces. But the Lord wants us to be happy at all times. It is our mind that determines a joyful life. The more your mind is happy in a day, the more joy manifests on your face.



What a joy in the soul as soon as the word Christmas is uttered. When a child is born in a family, the whole family celebrates the

child's birth with a great joy. Friends and relatives express their happiness by proffering sweets to everyone. Thus the birth of a child begets joy to the entire family. God created everything on earth so that man could be happy and commanded to enjoy all these things and be contented. Adam and Eve, the



first inhabitants of the earth, lived happily with everything they had. Ever since both of them gave room to sin in their lives, right then happiness moved out from their hearts and

f e a r , confusion, anxiety and suffering enfolded their minds. The happiness that comes from sin can last only for a few hours.

Being certain that his friends and money could bring him immense happiness, the younger son took all his father's wealth and started living wickedly. As everything began to dwindle,

so did the joy of friends and money. The happiness that comes from sin does not bring eternal happiness to man.

On that day, an angel of the Lord proclaimed the good news that would bring happiness back to the entire mankind who had given place to sin in their lives and lost the happiness that God had given them. ***"Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord"*** (Luke 2:10, 11). In order to give eternal happiness to man who has sinned and lost his

happiness, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, humbled himself taking the form of a bond servant, became the Son of Man and was born on earth to redeem and make man happy.

When Christ is born in our hearts, eternal joy is created in us through Him, and that joy lasts forever. Do you know what the joy that comes through Christ is like? We will be happy regardless of who is around us. This is what David says in his experience. ***"Delight yourself in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart"*** (Psalm 37:4). When David was

loathed by his own family and close relatives and wandered alone in the wilderness, David was contented in the Lord and no turmoil or suffering could impede his joy.

Perhaps you too are losing your happiness by trusting in this world and close relatives?

Worry not! I have a good news for you in these happy Christmas days. Give room for Lord Jesus Christ who was born in the house of David to birth in your heart. He will give you double the happiness you lost throughout this year and make you happy. The forthcoming New Year will be a year of delight for you.

**Give room for
Lord Jesus
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My dear youths! Even today, in the place where you study or work, people around you are wandering here and there in search of transitory trivial happiness. 2000 years ago just like an angel proclaimed the glad tidings to the people who lost their joy and were suffering in darkness, you too can proclaim the good news of the birth of Christ to the people around you these Christmas days and give them the joy that comes from Christ ●

DO NOT BE AFRAID!

The Sun of Righteousness shall arise!!

Message: Mohan C. Lazarus



The sun which gives light to the entire world is a wonderful creation of God. If your life is surrounded by darkness today, the Lord will rise as the sun of righteousness. Some say, "My life has become dark! I am living as if I am stumbling around in the darkness without knowing the way." Job, the man of God says, **"...When I waited for light, then came darkness."** Job 30 :26. He said this, as he was surrounded by various kinds of darkness like losses, deaths, illness, shame and reproaches. His life had completely turned into darkness.

Therefore in great distress, he lamented **"But when I looked for good, evil came to me; And when I waited for light, then came darkness."**

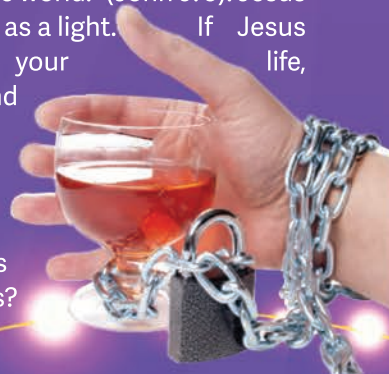
Darkness could have covered a certain part of your life, and you could be stumbling without light in that particular area! Seeing you, the Lord says, **"Do not be afraid, Jesus, the sun of righteousness will arise on you"** (Malachi 4: 2). If the light of Jesus, the sun of righteousness arises, the darkness in your life will disappear bringing light which would give you great joy. We see in the Holy Bible that "the people living in the darkness of sins, curses, sickness, satanic bondages have been liberated from their enslavement on seeing 'Jesus Christ' the great light", Jesus Christ too says, "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." (John 9: 5). Jesus Christ came into this world as a light.

If Jesus Christ, the light comes into your life, your life will be filled with light and darkness will disappear.

The sun which gives light to the entire world is a wonderful creation of God. Your life could be surrounded by darkness; the Lord will rise as the sun of righteousness.

THE DARKNESS OF SIN:

Are you into sins like addiction to alcohol, drugs, gambling which has turned your life into darkness?



To turn your life into light, Jesus Christ the sun of righteousness is having an encounter with you. The sun of righteousness will arise on you. Let God work in you today. If you ask God, "Jesus my life is drowned in darkness. Let this darkness of sin disappear. I need your light" His light will come upon your life and will create a big change.

The word of God says, **"The true light which gives light to every man is coming into the world."** (John 1: 9.) 'Jesus Christ' the true light is able to make a man shine irrespective of the years the person had sinned and redeem him from the curse of powerful entanglement of darkness. There are many kinds of fraudulent lights in this world. They deceive mankind by showing phony lights and say, "This is the light! This is God!" They do various other things too to deceive people.

But, Jesus Christ is the true light. That light wasn't formed by man and doesn't deceive mankind! He is the true living God who created the highest heavens, the earth and the entire universe! He is the one who came to this earth as the sun of righteousness to transform the lives of the people living in darkness to light! When He arises in your life and family today, all kinds of darkness will recede.

THE DARKNESS OF SICKNESS:

If a member in a family falls sick, the entire family becomes worried. I have seen this kind of situation in my family. When I fell sick during my teens, my entire family was filled with grief! There was no happiness! Darkness covered our house. 'sickness' is painful, and it changes our entire life.

The Holy Bible mentions such an incident. The life of a woman turned into darkness as she suffered from hemorrhage for twelve years. She had lost her peace because of the sickness! Her heart was filled with sorrow! She wanted to be delivered from this darkness somehow, and sold all her wealth to see the physicians and avail treatment. Yet she was not healed. When she came across Jesus the light, she was cured from her disease which was like a darkness! (Mark 5: 25-34).

Another similar incident is mentioned in the Holy Bible. A man was bedridden for 38 years. The

darkness named 'disease' engulfed his life for 38 years. He would have thought, "Will light come into my life? I am going to live in this darkness till the day I die". But when Jesus the sun of righteousness encountered him, his life which was into darkness for 38 years changed into light! (John 5: 1-9). The word of the Lord says in Malachi 4: 2, "....The Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings". There is healing in the wings of Jesus Christ. We will be healed if that light enters our life!

SATANIC DARKNESS:

The apostle Paul says, **"For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves"** (Colossians 1: 13). The 'dominion of darkness' in this verse refers to the evil deeds of the devil like, witchcraft, sorcery, casting spells to hurt others. These deeds of darkness affect many families and fill them with darkness. Darkness brings fear. Satan is wicked and works in darkness. He always works to destroy our peace and life! The fear of death is the worst! The devil brings this kind of fear. Generally the term 'darkness' causes fear! No matter how brave a person is, if he walks alone in the dark, that loneliness brings fear. Contrarily, he would be brave in the broad day light. Therefore, darkness creates fear.

You could be in some kind of fear! Or the devil could have brought some kind of darkness in your life and destroyed your peace! If you haven't been delivered from the fear, it will mentally depress you. You will lose peace, spend restless nights and finally live a pathetic life! Deliverance from darkness is an immediate requirement! The Lord says to you, **"Do not be afraid, the sun of righteous will arise!"** Darkness will dissipate when the sun of righteousness arises.

MY DEAR ONES, WHEN JESUS THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS COMES INTO YOUR LIFE, ALL KINDS OF DARKNESS IN YOUR LIFE WILL GO AWAY! THE LORD JESUS CHRIST CARRIED OUR SINS, SICKNESS, CURSES AND SATANIC BONDAGES ON THE CROSS BY SACRIFICING HIMSELF, SO THAT WE WILL BE FREED. THEREFORE, HE IS ABLE TO SHINE HIS LIGHT ON YOU AND LIBERATE YOU FROM ALL KINDS OF DARKNESS. BUT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE ONLY IF YOU GIVE ROOM FOR HIM. GOD WILL COME INTO YOUR LIFE AS A LIGHT AND DO WONDERS! ●

MOUNT SINAI 2022

On 24th of October, by the grace of God, a one-day fasting prayer (Mount Sinai 2022) was conducted for youth in 6 places namely Chennai, Vellore, Coimbatore, Jebamalai, Nalumavadi and Pondicherry. About 3418 people participated in this and prayed with tears for the nation to save the from destruction. The servants of God spoke God's word based on the verse "....Go up and possess it" (Deu; 12:1). Everyone who came committed themselves to inherit the land like Joshua. God used his servants mightily. Glory to God||





Birds in the Bible



Event : Getzie clarwin



Each month, continuously we look at a bird and in line with that let us briefly talk about "Hen" this month. Let us look at the characteristics of hen and the love of Jesus Christ associated with it!

SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT HEN:

- ▶ Hen (chicken) is an omnivorous bird that can be found in forests and also raised by humans in their houses and in poultry farms.
- ▶ A pullet is a female chicken and the cockerel is the male chicken.
- ▶ Chickens are generally raised for meat and eggs.
- ▶ All the species of chicken in the world are said to have originated from the Red Jungle Fowl which is native to India.

THE HEN IN THE BIBLE:

We can see the concern of Jesus for the Pharisees and the Scribes in Matthew 23:37; Luke 13:34 **"How often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing."** When a mother hen sees an eagle flying in the sky while her chicks are grazing in the garbage dump, the mother hen immediately warns the chicks. Sensing the mother's warning, the chicks run towards the hen, and the hen spreads her feather and the chicks hide one by one under the mother's wings. They know that sitting under the mother's wings there is no danger and there is safety. Likewise, as humans when people go astray wandering here and there without knowing their destination, Jesus would never leave them alone. The character of Jesus is to embrace the lost man with love. But some will turn away from God's embrace. Knowing that you need the protection of Lord Jesus Christ and taking you to himself is the unchanging love of Jesus Christ.

Further we see in these verses **"I will trust in the shelter of your wings"** (Psalms 61:4), **"He shall cover you with His feathers"** (Psalms 91:4), **"Therefore in the shadow of your wings I will rejoice"** (Psalms 63:7).

"How often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing." (Luke 13:34).

A farmer reared a chicken, which laid eggs and hatched chicks. Every day it was looking for food and was eating with those chicks. One day, when the farmer was away, the hut where the hens and chicks were staying caught fire. No one was there to put out the fire. Because of the huge fire the hen could not come out with her chicks. A few hours later the farmer and the people gathered there saw the mother hen charred completely while removing the charred roof. Suddenly a noise came from inside the chicken and when the hen was lifted, all the chicks were alive. No matter what happens to her, she gave her life to save her chicks from harm.

Dear young people! Look at the zeal and young chicks, she boldly sacrificed and Likewise, even if you stand in the strength of our Lord is many When the hen which He created how much more will the Lord



strength of the chicken. To save her gave her own body and protected them. midst of a terrible problem like fire, times greater than that of a hen. protects her chicks so thoughtfully, protect us? ●

The joy of the younger son's father

A father had two sons. He was wealthy, had many servants and was respected. The younger son was unloving. One who does not follow even the most important commandment of the Law (Exodus 20:12). So he did not want to stay with his father and wanted to be independent and wanted to go far away from home and asked his father to divide his share of the property. After a few days the younger son sold all his property and decided to leave his father for a distant land, left home and lived a wicked life in the distant land. He enjoyed the joy of sin through all his evil habits. Since he had more money, wicked friends joined him. When all the money ran out, the friends who came to enjoy his riches forgot him. He went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate. When he came to his senses and realized his situation, he realized that it was wrong to leave his father. So he got up and went to his father's house to ask, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son. Take me as one of the hirelings.' Seeing the younger son, the father welcomed him with great joy and made a feast.



Thought drops; Bennita

DEAR YOUNG PEOPLE! ARE YOU ENGROSSED IN WORLDLY PLEASURES UNINTELLIGIBLY LIKE THE YOUNGER SON AND HAVE YOU LOST YOUR HAPPINESS? IF YOU REPENT TODAY AND COME TO JESUS, YOU WILL HAVE ETERNAL JOY.

Sarah's happiness

Abraham an influential man, and his wife Sarah were worried that they did not have a child. Seeing their distress, God called Abraham and said, "Look at the many stars in the sky. You cannot count them, and your descendants will be like this." But Abraham and Sarah were way old. There was no unbelief in them that how could they have a child at this age. Just as the Lord had promised, when Abraham was 100 and Sarah was 90 years old, He gave them Isaac and filled them with joy. Their hearts were filled and overflowed with joy (Gen. 21:2, Gen. 17:17, 18:12).



DEAR YOUNG PEOPLE! WHEN YOU TRUST AND WAIT FOR THE LORD LIKE ABRAHAM AND SARAH, GOD IS READY TO HEAR YOUR PRAYERS AND GIVE YOU JOY. HAVE YOU BEEN WAITING TO RECEIVE THAT JOY?

Joseph's joy

Jacob loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. When Joseph's brothers saw it, they became envious and hated him. Joseph had some dreams and told them to his brothers. The meaning of those dreams were, some day they will all bow down to Joseph. So they hated Joseph even more. One day Joseph's brothers were tending sheep near the town of Shechem. His father sent Joseph to inquire after them. They saw Joseph coming from a distance. "The dream king is coming. Let's kill him!" they said. When Joseph came to their side, they grabbed him and threw him into a deep pit. The brothers told his father that some wild animal had killed Joseph. Jacob kept crying because of Joseph. The Midianites bought Joseph and took him to Egypt. There they left him as a slave to a great official named Potiphar. The Lord was with Joseph even in that situation. One day Potiphar's wife pulled Joseph by his clothes so that he could come with her and sin.

But Joseph left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside. Potiphar's wife lied to Potiphar that Joseph had sinned with her. When Potiphar heard that, his anger was aroused. So he threw Joseph in prison. But the Lord never forgot Joseph. He made him the ruler of Egypt. The Lord gave joy in his life (Gen. 39).

DEAR YOUNG PEOPLE! GOD HAS A PLAN FOR YOU. WHEN YOU ARE FAITHFUL IN EVERYTHING LIKE JOSEPH, THE LORD WILL DRENCH YOU WITH HAPPINESS.

Ruth's joy

Naomi and her family moved to the land of Moab. Naomi was a widowed mother. She had two sons. One married Orpah and the other Ruth. Her two sons were dead. She asked her daughters-in-law to go with their families to remarry. Orpah left her aunt behind. But Ruth lived with her mother-in-law Naomi. She found happiness in being with Naomi. She was with her saying that, **"Wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, And your God, my God."** Boaz married her and gave her a son and their grief was replaced with joy. (Ruth chapters 1-4).

DEAR YOUNG PEOPLE! ARE YOU ALSO LACKING IN SOMETHING? LIKE RUTH, WHEN YOU ARE MINDFUL OF YOUR DECISIONS, YOU WILL FIND HAPPINESS IN YOUR LIFE.



MICAH

(WHO IS LIKE GOD?)

Bible Study: Rachel

Dear youth! This month we are going to talk about the book of Micah, one of the Minor Prophetic Books. Let us find some interesting information about the sixth book of the minor prophetic books, "The book of Micah".

INTRODUCTION

The book of Micah shows that the people failed because they did not live up to the covenant that God had given them. Obedience towards the covenant follows with the blessing. By not obeying to the covenant will lead to the curse and staying away from promise land. Micah reveals Judah's injustice. Also, this book reveals God's justice, and it is right for God to punish them. The judge, the prophet, and the priest indict against the sins of oppression, bribery, greed, deceit, pride, and transgression among them. It proves that God's chastisement; his love will restore them back again.

Teacher: Micah

Period: BC. 735 – 710

Chapters: 7

Verses: 105

Words: 3,153

Important characters: Micah, John, Ahaz, Hezekiah

MICAH – SUMMARY

First message: Judgment for Samaria and Judah

- Revealing the judgment that is to come (1:1-7 verses)
- Lamenting for the people (1:8-16 verses)
- Sin of Judah (2:1-11 verses)
- Revelation about the future (2:12,13 verses)

Second message: Redemption followed by destruction

Judgment on the leaders (3:1-12 verses)

Blessings of God's Kingdom upon the nation (4:1-5:15 verses)

Third Message: Reprimand of sin and the promise of blessing

- God's accusation (verses 6:1-5)
- Micah's response for the nation (verses 6:6-8)
- God's judgment because of sin (verses 6:9-16)
- Micah's Petition (verses 7:1-17)
- Micah's confirmation that God is unique (verses 7:18-20)

Christ in Micah

Micah reveals Christ as the God of Jacob (4:2), as the judge of the nations (4:3) and as the King to be born in the city of Bethlehem (5:2).

Highlights

1. This book is similar to the Book of James in the New Testament for the justice of those oppressed by the proud rich (Micah 6:6-8; Jas. 1:27).
2. Micah's words are at times direct and sarcastic but at other times its poetic, dramatic and literary rich.
3. Like Isaiah, Micah emphasizes the call of God and the prophecy of God's Spirit (Isaiah 48:16, 59:21; Micah 3:8).

Joyful



Heart

Special article : Gladies

Dearly Beloved in Christ,
I greet you all in our Savior's name. I pray God that all of you will continue to grow in faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Let's get into this month's article. The title of our article is "Delightful Heart": **"Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart"** (psalm 37:4) says the Bible. Let us get to know the answers for the question, "How to delight yourself in the Lord?" through this article.

You and I are often seen sad, happy or anxious depending on our circumstances. It is very natural to be happy when we experience blessings and to worry when we encounter a problem. But friends, delighting in the Lord is not something that happens naturally all the time. In other words, when we face adversity, it can seem impossible to be happy. That's why friends, many times delighting in the Lord is something we need to do whole heartedly. A truth that we need to understand in order to be happy in the Lord is that the happiness He gives is not dependent on the blessings from His hand, it is dependent on Him. That joy springs from the relationship we have with God. The

verse **"He never leaves us nor forsake us"** means that He is with us no matter what kind of suffering we are in the midst of. That deep faith that He is with us, strengthens us to delight in Him.

Yes friends. Think about King David who wrote this psalm (37). The fact that, this verse written by King David, who was always facing problems such as wars, years of being chased by King Saul, betrayal by his associates, invasion of enemies, is a proof that happiness is not dependent on circumstances, but on God. In the same way, **"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice"** says Apostle Paul in Philippians 4: 4. From the words of Paul, who underwent countless trials and struggles in the path of evangelization, it is clear that, delighting in the Lord is something to be decided wholeheartedly beyond the circumstances. Knowing that the Lord is good and that we are in a living relationship with Him inspires us to rejoice in Him.

Not only that friends, the latter half of the verse in Psalm 37:4 tells us that God will grant the desires of our hearts. When we delight in Him we trust that the requests of our heart will be according to His will.

Another thing, for example, when a son or daughter rejoice in his/her father imagine how much joy does it bring to that father's heart. Then whatever the son or daughter asks of their father, won't he grant it immediately?

YES, MY DEAR BROTHER AND SISTERS WHEN WE DELIGHT IN THE LORD OUR GOD HE DEFINITELY GRANTS THE DESIRES OF OUR HEARTS.

**TAKE A STEP OF FAITH, TO WITNESS A LEAP IN FAITH.
MAY THE GOOD GOD BLESS YOU. AMEN •**

FIRM STEPS

My best wishes to the young achievers. I hope you are working hard every day and growing to become an achiever. No one is born an achiever. The lessons we learn at every age, the perseverance to achieve the goal and the confidence you have in yourself are those that make you an achiever. Don't worry that this year is over, we still have the next year. Here's an achiever's life journey to give you more confidence to become an achiever!

Premlata Agarwal was born in 1963 in a small village called Sukhiya Bhokari in Darjeeling district of West Bengal. She grew up in a joint family with more than 30 people in the same house. Premlata was not only interested in studies but also in sports. She got married in a very young age. Premlata's life was like that of all women, and at a very young age she became

a mother of two daughters and devoted her full attention for looking after the family chores and raising the children. The children began to grow. Premlata had an interest in sports. But her parents did not let her focus on sports. So she encouraged her children to get trained in tennis so that at least they would succeed in the field of sports.

One day, she took her daughters to the JRD Tata Sports Complex in Jamshedpur for tennis training, where the signboard read Dal-ma Hill Trek (a small hill on the outskirts of Jamshedpur), organized by the Tata Steel Adventure Foundation. More than 500 people participated in this hill trekking. Premlata also participated in it and secured third position out of 500. She could not believe this victory.

After winning, she went to the TSFA office to get her certificate. Upon entering the office, Premlata, who was amazed to see many pictures of the famous mountaineer Bachendri Pal's Himalayan adventures, decided to enroll her daughters in adventure sports and told Bachendri that her daughters must get trained in adventure sports. So she said that her daughters should be included in this. Immediately Bachendri Pal asked Premlata "Why shouldn't you join in?" Without a second thought, she took advantage of the



opportunity. Premlata was 35 years old then.

In 2008, under the guidance of Bachendri Pal, she climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in South Africa. While climbing down the mountain, Bachendri said, "You should try to climb Mount Everest. You have all the skills to reach the top, why don't you try" to Premlata. But she did not immediately reply and said that she would talk to her family and then tell her decision. It took her more than two years to answer. By then she had finished the marriage of her elder daughter and she enrolled her second daughter for higher education.



Two years later when she told her husband about the Everest expedition, he agreed and her family and mother-in-law were supportive. Many women called Premlata's mother-in-law and asked her why is her daughter-in-law running with this tracksuit? Does she have to climb a mountain, doesn't she have work at home? Though they began to ask, Premlata's mother-in-law remained supportive. "48-years is just a number. You can finish it off when you think you can," she encouraged. Premlata began her training to reach the world's highest peak. She then started facing many obstacles like constant pain in her ankles, change in diet, changes in climate etc.

When she was tired of all this, all she could think of was to fly the tricolor flag fly in the peak. At an altitude of 26,000 feet, the team turned back due to unfavorable weather conditions. When the weather settled, they

again lined up to conquer 29,032 feet. On May 20, 2011, Premlata climbed Everest, at the age of 48, with chronic leg pain. She became the oldest Indian woman to climb the world's highest peak Everest and hoist the tricolor flag. Not only that, she also climbed the Denali Mountain in North America. She planted the Indian flag on each of the Continental peaks. In 2013, she received the prestigious Padma Shri award. She was awarded the Model Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award for the year 2017.



Dear young people! Age is no barrier to achieve your goal. But when an opportunity comes your way, don't let it slip away and also do not quit half-way being influenced by others. Continue to move forward. No matter how many days, times, and years pass, move forward firmly in the steps you have taken. One day when the world looks up at you, you will be at the top. You are not made to look at a mountain and wonder how big it is. You are being created to climb the mountain and to plant your flags of victory over those mountains. Don't forget that success awaits you. Are you going to enjoy success from below? Or, are you going to keep victory at your disposal? Decide for yourself! ●



Millions of people have died due to the corona virus in an international level. Solely in the year 2020, almost 7.1 crore have been pushed into poverty worldwide. In this, 79% belong to India. Particularly, in India, because of the COVID disaster, 5.6 crore have been pushed to severe poverty. The poverty census which was seen to be 8.4% in 2019 has been increased to 9.3% in 2020. According to a report released by the World Bank, since 7.1 crore people were pushed into extreme poverty in 2020, the number of poor people in the world has increased to 70 crore.

Poverty



Destructive Dating Applications

There are very few real dating apps worldwide. However, in play store, there are 2000 fake applications. They will have only slight difference in their logo and spelling from the well-known dating applications. It is an absolute danger when downloaded unknowingly. There are 1,200 fake applications in Tinder alone. Americans are the number one losers from dating app scams. They lose Rs.8000 crores every year. The dating applications have been intruded in the lives of young men and women in Tamil Nadu, from the city to the village. In it, the "Truly Madly" app is the favourite of many. In Chennai, the most used application is Tinder.



PRAYER GUIDE

Prayer Guide; Esther

DECEMBER 2022

Prayer Points:

1. Let us pray for the upliftment of the livelihood of 70 crore people who are below the poverty line.
2. Let us pray for the change in condition of the poor people who are suffering without food; and proper food has to be provided for them.
3. In India, 5.6 crore are pushed to the state of poverty. Let us pray that the Government of India will take action to make it a poverty-free nation.
4. Let us pray that the loss of life due to poverty will be prevented.

Prayer Points:

1. Let us pray for the removal of the culture-destroying dating applications from the nation.
2. Let us pray for the realization of the people who have lost their money and lives because of the dating applications.
3. Let us pray for the government to act in the ban of using the dating applications between the young men and women in Tamil Nadu.
4. Let us pray for the children and adults who are trapped in these apps to come out of it.

IMPACT DUE TO RAIN

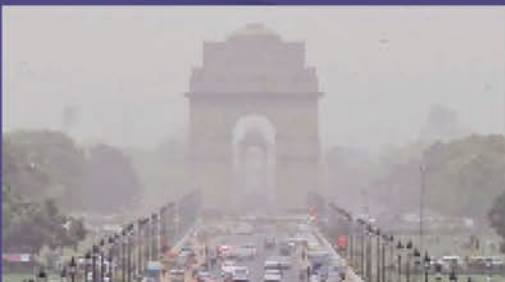
Pakistan recently experienced unprecedented rainfall. UNICEF announced that 30 lakhs children have been affected by the floods and 3 crore have been affected because of the monsoon rains. 16 districts across the country have been affected. Almost 350 children including 100 people have died due floods caused by rain in Pakistan. More than 1800 have been injured. 2 lakh 87 thousand houses were completely damaged. 6 lakh 62 thousand houses have been partially damaged. Because of the floods surrounding them, people have been affected with diarrhoea, respiratory tract infections and skin diseases.



Prayer Points:

1. Let us pray that no one, especially children should be affected by the rain and they must be protected.
2. Let us pray that disasters should not arise in the nation because of the floods and the nation to be protected; pray that deaths should be stopped.
3. Let us pray that God should protect everyone from the infectious diseases which results due to rainfall.
4. Let us pray for blessed rain and prosperity in the land.

Air pollution in Delhi has been at its peak for the last 2 years. Because of that, people in Delhi have been subjected to various diseases. 8 out of 10 children end up in hospital with respiratory problems due to breathing this polluted air. This air pollution is attributed to burning of agricultural waste in Delhi and surrounding states like Haryana and Punjab. According to the latest research data, India is ranked 2nd in the list of countries with high air pollution. And Delhi is number one in India.



AIR POLLUTION

1. Let us pray for the speedy recovery of children suffering from respiratory problems.
2. Let us pray that the state government and central government together will take proper efforts to prevent air pollution and completely decrease it to a significant level.
3. Let us pray for awareness to be created amongst the people, about the consequences of the forest fires which results due to climate change, and the increase in industries, and about the contaminated air that is released from the vehicles.
4. Let us pray for the condition of the 70 lakhs people who die each year before their due time because of the air pollution-related diseases.

RED ALERT

SAMSON

Alert Event: Caleb

Every month in this Red Alert article we are meditating about the people who were once chosen by God but turned away because of their disobedience, mistakes and desire for money and thereby punished by God. This time, let us look at Samson, who was chosen to save the people of Israel from the hands of Philistines. Even before Samson was born God foretold how he should be raised. He was very brave. He was gifted by the Holy Spirit to overcome enemies and beasts easily with his strength. Though this man was strong and brave he was captured by the Philistines who gouged out his eyes and made him to



grind grain in the prison. Let us see the reason behind this.

NO RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HIM AND GOD!

Samson was chosen by God for the salvation of Israel and was the judge of Israel for about 20 years. Although the book

of Judges writes about Samson's strength and his adventures, it does not mention the relationship between God and him, which is an important characteristic of being chosen by God. In two places it is written that Samson called to the Lord (Judges 15:14-15, 16:18). It seems like he called out to the Lord as death was nearing him. But the other people chosen by God ran successfully in their life because of their relationship with Him. God's plan cannot be fulfilled without God's counsel. We cannot fully complete our course of life unless we understand God's will and act upon it.

What is your relationship with God? Do we seek God only for our selfishness or do we understand His heart and do His will? Think about it. Lack of relationship with God was the main cause of Samson's fall.

DESIRE FOR WORLD!

Although Samson did many things with the strength of God, his eyes were on worldly desires. When a person is not with God, he cannot overcome sin. So, Samson did what was pleasing and right in his eyes. First, he found a woman in Timnah and tried to marry her. He acted in defiance of God's order that he should not marry woman from gentiles. Since it failed, he went to a woman who was a prostitute in Gaza (Judges 16:1). Later, he fell in love with a woman in the Valley of Sorek



whose name was Delilah (Judges 16:4). His love for the world became a trap for him. Since his eyes fell upon sin, he fell into the trap of his enemies where his eyes were gouged and

pushed him to a situation of grinding grains. The Bible says, worldly pleasures are always against God. So, let us seek the kingdom of the Lord instead of these worldly pleasures.



BREAKING THE COVENANT!

Samson's birth and his Nazarene calling were a foreshadowing of the birth and calling of Jesus Christ in the New Testament. He lived without realizing the importance of such a noble calling. Above all, the secret of his strength should not be known to anyone, but Delilah forced him day after day with her words, until he was trapped to death and revealed the whole secret of his strength (Judges 16:16,17). He broke the covenant between him and God. From that moment God's



shield was removed from him. He was given into the hands of his enemy. The teaching that 'God will protect us no matter how much we sin, His grace alone is enough and we can do any number of sins' is rising high. God's grace is given to us to keep us away from sin. When we misuse it, it affects us.

My dear youths who are reading this! You are chosen by God for revival. Each and every one of us have a purpose in this revival. In order to keep us away from this, Satan tries to bring a breach between us and God. He will steal our prayer time. Then he turns our eyes towards the world and make us fall into sin and turn away from the call. So let us be watchful and patient in our appointed race for we are not ignorant of his devices.

- The End

**EVERY 1ST SUNDAY****(4TH DECEMBER)****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

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

TIRUPATI (3PM)

Old Community Hall,
West Church.

9985033401 | 9442885315

SANKARANKOIL (2:30-5)

Gethsamane Prayer
Center Sekinah Mahal
Mullai Nagar

9750955548 / 8344949555

EVERY 2ND SATURDAY**(10TH DECEMBER)****BANGALORE (3- 5PM)**

Telugu Church, No.21, Nethaji
Road, Railway Line, Pulikeshi
Nagar, Frazer Town, Opp.
BWSSB Office

9962085523 | 9591077110

EVERY 2ND SUNDAY**(11TH DECEMBER)****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

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)

Gethsamane prayer Center
9677858766 / 9442906567

SATHANKULAM (3-5:30PM)

Hendry Matric Higher
Secondary School
Mela Sathankulam
9442885315

CHENGALPET (3:00 -5:30PM)

Blessing School,
Tirukazhukundram Road
9488475315

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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!!*

EVERY 3RD SATURDAY

(17TH DECEMBER)

MADURAI (3-5.30 PM)

American College, Higher
Secondary School, (AC School)
Backside to Arumugam Hotel,
Tallakulam Bus Stop

9750955548 | 9344759316

EVERY 3RD SUNDAY

(18TH DECEMBER)

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.)

Gethsamane Prayer Centre,
MBT Road, Navalpur
9500283179 | 9442885315

ERODE 4:00 - 6:30PM

Gethsamane Prayer Center,
No.216, 1st Floor, Near Fire
Service, Gandhiji Road
9750722000

EVERY 4TH SATURDAY

(24TH DECEMBER)

PERAMBALUR (5 - 8PM)

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

EVERY 4TH SUNDAY

(25TH DECEMBER)

THIRUVALLUR (3-5:30)

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

KRISHNAGIRI (3PM-5PM)

Gethsamane Prayer
center, Near Arun Hospital,
Royakottai Road,

9962085523 | 9524999711

MUMBAI (5PM - 8PM)

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

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PART-11

Herod's imprisonment and Peter's release! (Acts. 12)

Herod was the title given to a royal family that ruled the Jews. They were appointed by Romans. The first one in the family to be appointed was called 'Herod the Great', and he was the one who wanted to kill Jesus as an infant by massacring all the male children in that region. The grandson of Herod the Great and the son of the brother of Antipas, who killed John the Baptist, Herod Agrippa killed James, who was one among the twelve disciples of Jesus. Once he learnt that the killing made the Jewish people happy, he attempted to kill Peter too. During the paska festival, he arrested Peter and submitted him to the hands of grade four security, which means he will be monitored by 16 people in total, comprising four guards monitoring him every three hours in turns. Even though Peter was in prison, chained, he had done nothing wrong. When a person knows that he will be beheaded the next day, how could he sleep? But he had a sound sleep that night as he knew that he would be happy in heaven if he gets beheaded, or if he survives he will continue to do God's ministry. On the flip side, the members of the Church were terrorized knowing Peter's state. They were sleepless and praying continuously for

him. The dedicated prayer of the Church shook heaven and the angel of God was sent to the prison to release Peter. The chains on the hands of Peter fell off by themselves. When Peter followed the angel, neither the first and level security nor the iron doors block him. Instead, they opened by themselves.



Peter understood that God sent his angel to save him from the hands of Herod and the thoughts of the Jews. When Rhoda sensed the arrival of Peter and announced it to the people, they refused to believe initially. But when they were stunned to see Peter and the name of God was glorified.

The writing ministry of Peter!

Two books in the New Testament have been written by the apostle Peter. He must have written them during the final stages of his life and after he finished writing them, he must have been imprisoned. It has been mentioned that the events happened during the painful days of Emperor Nero. In 1 Peter 5:13 the Bible says all these were written in Babylon. Throughout the Roman Empire, Christians were hunted down and killed. His first book has been aimed to cheer up the believers who lost a lot during this period. All the children of God are strangers in this world, as

their home is in heaven. The words of Christ will never perish. Spiritual beauty is more valued than external

beauty. When Jesus died, he preached among the spirits who perished because of their disobedience in the time of Noah. In the first book he highlights how to tackle external challenges and in the second book, he discusses the problems that are raised by the ones inside the Church.

He also warns the Church about fake prophets and the second coming of Jesus in the second book. In the beginning, the world was created by the word of God. The world back then was destroyed by massive floods. The world now will be burnt down by fire. One day is equal to a thousand years and vice versa for God. Jesus is delaying arrival just to ensure that everyone enters salvation. All these details are mentioned in

the book of Peter. He has written these books so well that many are surprised how a fisherman from Galilee has such great knowledge and proficiency in Greek.



Death of Peter

Peter was called the apostle of Jews and the apostle of faith. He announced the gospel in multiple places, amidst the sufferings, along with his wife. Finally, in 67 AD he was hung on the cross. He asked the people to hang him upside down on the cross, as he is not worthy enough to die a death identical to Christ. It is said that he hung in the position for one or two days before giving his life to Christ.



Conclusion

Simon Peter was the first apostle to be chosen by Jesus. Though Peter was seen as someone with a playful nature when Jesus was alive, he was also the first one to speak in a crowd. He spoke his heart, regardless of it being right or wrong and he was always curious to know things. But once Jesus left the earth, he understood the need of the hour and put effort to fill the shoes of Jesus. He followed the ministry and prayer he learned from Jesus. Christ prayed all night before choosing his 12 disciples. But when Judas lost his position, Peter stepped in and chose Mathias as the 12th man after getting the consultation of Christ through chits. After the time of Jesus, Peter was the first apostle to preach, the first one to perform a miracle and the first one to establish a Church. He got the anointing of Christ and became the reason for the redemption of hundreds of people who joined the Church each day. He was also the first revival leader. So in the past 11 months, we traveled with Peter who was chosen and trained by Christ, shined like a star for him and finally sacrificed his life as a blood witness for Christ. Even today, Jesus' heart longs for shining stars like Peter. Will you step forward? ●

LOOSE THE KNOTS

Give the third word for the following from the Bible:

1. Abraham, Isaac and _____
2. Shem, Ham and _____
3. Scribes and Pharisees, _____
4. Shadrach, Meshack, and _____
5. Father, Son and _____
6. Galilea, Samaria, and _____
7. The leeks, the onions, and the _____
8. Peter, James and _____
9. The wind, the earthquake, and the _____
10. Saul, David, and _____

Answers - November

1. False (1 Kings 5:3). 2. Hiram (1 Kings 5:1-6). 3. They were floated on the sea (1 Kings 5:8,9).
4. Wisdom (1 Kings 5:12). 5. a) Narrow (1 Kings 6:4). 6. Dwell, forsake (1 Kings 6:13)
7. Gold (1 Kings 6:21). 8. b) cherubim (1 Kings 6:23). 9. c) flowers (1 Kings 7:33-36)
10. c) the priests (1 Kings 8:6)

Your answer should reach us on or before
25TH OF EVERY MONTH

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Let us pray & Conquer!



How wise, knowledgeable, and skilful was Daniel! He saw visions and dreams and could interpret the dreams too. Even though he was an anointed godly man, Daniel was mainly characterized by his regular prayer life. It is important for us to know that the prominent Christian leaders whom we see now, today in our community are established only by their prayers.

LEADERS WHO PRAYED EARLY IN THE MORNING

1. **Robert Murray M'Cheyne's** early morning hours were devoted entirely to prayer and meditation on the Scriptures. He never meets anybody before he spends time with God early in the morning. Revivals took place in the Churches where he preached, and every word that came out of his mouth came forth as the words of God. All who heard his sermon were touched by the Spirit of the Lord.

2. **David Brainerd** has said that it was his joy to spend time in God's presence early in the morning. He spent 2 hours in secret with the Lord every day early morning. David Brainerd ministered among the Red Indians who were living in sin, iniquity and among who opposed the message of the Gospel. Later, the Red Indians were convicted of their sins, confessed, repented and accepted Christ.



3. **George Müller**, a revered warrior of faith gave his best time to God to have an intimate relationship with Him. He was devoted to praying every morning from 6 AM to 8 AM. Throughout his prayer life, he got 50,000 prayers answered. Of those 50,000 prayers, 30,000 prayers were answered by the Lord within 24 hours. Many of his prayers were answered by God even before he rose from his knees. A warrior of faith who proclaimed that only by complete dependence on God through prayer and faith, we can achieve anything for the Lord.

We hope that you have learned from the above-mentioned leaders that early morning prayer makes a man a leader and a useful vessel for others.

LEADERS WHO PRAYED ALL NIGHT

► In the middle of the night, **Paul and Silas** sang praises to God (Acts 16:25). They prayed in prison despite their persecution and the prison doors were opened. The jailer and those in his household were baptized.

► **Jacob** sent his family across the stream to the other side and remained alone and wrestled with God until morning and received the blessing. (Gen. 32:22-29)

► **Evan Roberts** had the habit of praying daily for 4 hours at midnight. His prayer brought revival in the Wales nation.

► Even though tired after his ministry, **Sadhu Sundar Singh** would pray before going to sleep without failing. He has gone into the riskiest places and has preached Christ and has led many to Christ.



NEWS

MORE THAN 20,000 SCHOOLS CLOSED IN INDIA DURING 2020-21; NUMBER OF TEACHERS DECLINED BY 1.95%: MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

“More than 20,000 schools were closed across the country during 2020-21 while the number of teachers also declined by 1.95% in comparison to the previous year,” according to a new report by the Ministry of Education.

“Total number of schools in 2021-22 stood at 14.89 lakh as compared to 15.09 lakh in 2020-21. The decline in total number of schools is mainly due to closure of schools under private and other management,” said the report launched on November 3.

Detailing the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on enrolment, the report said, This decline may be attributed to postponement of admissions due to COVID-19”.

According to the report, the total number of teachers also declined by 1.95% in 2021-22 compared to 2020-21. “The total number of teachers in 2021-22 was 95.07 lakh, decreasing from 97.87 lakh in 2020-21,” it said.

The Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) report on school education in India for 2021-22 also pointed out that only 44.85% schools had computer facilities while nearly 34% had internet connection.

“While only 27% schools have special toilets for children with special needs (CSWN), more than 49% of them have ramps with handrails,” it said.

The Hindu, 04 November 2022.

SIX YEARS SINCE DEMONETISATION, CASH WITH PUBLIC AT RECORD HIGH OF ₹30.88 LAKH CRORE!!

Currency with the public has jumped to a new high of ₹30.88 lakh crore as of October 21, illustrating that cash usage is still robust even six years after the demonetisation move.

At ₹30.88 lakh crore, the currency with the public is 71.84% higher than the level for the fortnight ended November 4, 2016. On November 8, 2016, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced the decision to withdraw ₹500 and ₹1,000 denomination notes with the ultimate aim of reducing corruption and black money in the economy.

The intent of the move, which was criticised by many experts for poor planning and execution, was to make India a “less cash” economy.

As per the fortnightly data on money supply released by the RBI on Friday, the currency with the public increased to ₹30.88 lakh crore as on October 21. The central bank data for Reserve Money had put the currency in circulation at ₹17.7 lakh crore on November 4, 2016.

Cash usage has been steadily rising in the economy, even as newer and far convenient digital alternatives of payments have become popular.

- The Hindu, November 6, 2022

The eminences of Christ's birth



Star

On the night of Jesus Christ's birth, a star appeared in the eastern sky. Not only did this star appear in the sky as a sign and announce that "The Messiah you are looking for, the Star of the Dawn, is born here," but the star that appeared in the east led the wise men to where Jesus was (Matthew 2:2, 9). We too must become that star.

Angels

The angel of the Lord announced the good news of Jesus' birth to the shepherds keeping watch over their flock. The shepherds who heard the good tidings of great joy were glad to see Jesus (Luke 2:9, 10). When are we going to become that angel?



Gifts of the wise men

The priests who went to see Jesus brought gifts like gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They brought gold to honor him as the King of Kings, frankincense because he is the Lord of Lords, and myrrh because Jesus Christ had to die (Matthew 25:40). Are we gift givers today?

Stable

The creator of the universe was born in a small village called Bethlehem, in a smelly cowshed where cows were kept, as there was no room in the inn. A cowshed shows humility He was humble not only in birth, but also till his death (Luke 2:7). Can we also wear humility?



Jesus Redeems Ministries conducts



ACHIEVERS -2023

**Fear of failure? Anxious about exams? Do you forget what you read?
Doubts? Jesus will deliver you!! Dear students!! Come! Participate!
Receive God's blessings!**

**JANUARY
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THURSDAY (REPUBLIC DAY)

Special meeting for exam going students

Venue: Tabernacle of god, Nalumavadi

Time: 1.00 PM to 4.00 PM

Message and Prayer,

Bro. Mohan C Lazarus

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Revival youth Meeting In Pollachi

**Venue: CSI All Saints Church,
Parish Hall, Pollachi**

Time: 3.00 PM - 6.00 PM

Date: January 8th Sunday

Message and Prayer, **Bro. Sam Jebaraj**

Dear young people! Come and participate with your friends.

Contact: 9487856205 / 9586037586

