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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.

I was touched by the testimony of Sister Getzi Clarwin in the March issue of Youth World magazine. Also, Deepa Malik's achievement, despite her spinal cord problem was so inspiring. For me, who was weak and afraid of the future, the March Youth World magazine was a blessing. - Yaspi, Theni

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l was sad that, 'l couldn't pray properly.' At that time the articles in the Youth World magazine called 'Abide' and 'Seek the Lord with a pure heart' spoke to me. As l confessed and prayed as in the article, great joy and peace came over me. Thank you God and Jesus Redeems ministry for changing my weariness - Sam, Cuddalore

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Foreword



Loving greetings to the dear young hearts! We want everything in our lives to happen without delay. Many times it is necessary for us to wait for a good thing or to receive a blessing. In today's world where everything is faster and guicker, delay seems like a bad thing for everyone.

The Lord does not delay!

God has promised, He will surely do, He will not delay. Most of the time we predetermine a time and wait to receive blessings and miracles. But we have to wait for God's time to receive that miracle and blessing. When our waiting time is up, we get tired of not having it happen and eventually feel broken.

loseph dreamt a vision at the age of 17. But the Lord took 13 years to fulfill the vision. He was 30 years old when he stood before Pharaoh. He did not become the ruler of Egypt in his appointed time, but God made him the ruler in His appointed time and day.

Abraham was 75 years old when the Lord said that he would bless him and make him a great nation. But he begot Isaac only when he was 100 years old. Those 25 years were not a delay, but years of waiting for that blessing to be perfected.

Perhaps God has given you many promises and blessings even today. They will definitely come true and reach your hands. The reason is, it is God's word and the Lord must fulfill it. But the time and day of that blessing is not according to yours. It will surely be fulfilled in God's day and hour. It is we who think and bother about delay unnecessarily. Remember that we serve a God who is faithful and makes everything beautiful in its time.

So dear youngsters, His will and desire will surely be "Wait upon the Lord by trusting in Him completely"

He never delays!

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Samuel Isaac

Grace Upon Grace...



Dear youngsters, we believe that by reading the testimonies of many people every month through this Youth World magazine, your faith is being strengthened and you are rising up with zeal for the Lord. This month too, we are excited to present you with a living testimony.

Let's listen to the testimony of a brother, who was born in a Christian family, brought up in the fear of the Lord, received countless blessings from the Lord, gave way to pride in his college days, but repented and is now living devotedly for the Lord.

Tell us about yourself and your family.

My name is Samuel Issac. My father's name is Anthony Raj. We are five in our family. My father works for the church's children's ministry. My mother also joins him in ministry. Since I belonged to an evangelist's family, I was brought up very reverently I used to do all the things pleasing to God like praying daily and reading the scriptures from my childhood. Since childhood I was securing good marks when I was studying in Tamil medium.

Tell us about your school life.

I scored 500 out of 500 in class five. My teachers spotted my academic excellence and insisted my father to enroll me in an English medium school. So I was shifted to a new school in sixth standard. Since I had studied in Tamil till then, I didn't understand English easily. I studied with a lot of difficulties. Though I was a topper till then, for the first time I failed in 6th standard. I could not accept it at all. I was one among the 50 other students in the class. Many teachers don't even know that I existed.

So sad... Did anyone help you when you were so stumped by switching to English medium education?

Yes, my father's advice helped me a lot when I was in trouble. It was my habit to



read the Bible and pray before studying the lessons every day. Along with that, my father advised me to read the English Bible. Apart from that, he got me a dictionary and guided me to find the meaning of the unknown words. After following my father's advice, I started studying well and made good progress in my studies. Right before the public exam, I fell down and broke my arms while playing football. But God strengthened me to write the exams. I used to suffer with a lot of pain within a short time. So I would take short breaks and continued to write the exams.

Well, when were you saved who were brought up in Christ from childhood?

During my 8th standard I got the salvation experience through a children's fellowship. I continued to go to church daily and pray. I attended the Achievers meeting conducted by Jesus Redeems Ministries during my 11th and 12th standard. When I was studying 12th I joined as a volunteer in the ministry, this helped me grow even further in my prayer life.

How was your experience in the new school?

Despite being one of the top 5 in the class, I had no recognition from the teachers. I wasn't even included in the coaching class they conducted for the students who do well in class 10, to score more marks. Though the world forgot me, my heavenly father remembered me. To everyone's astonishment I secured the school's second highest mark. I was just one mark behind the topper. After this, I was honoured in the places where I got despised. God lifted me up as a testimony.

That's awesome... the Lord has given great victory and lifted up your head where you were despised. How did you study in the subsequent classes? Got good grades like this?

I continued my studies in the same school. While preparing for my 12th board exams, I went through a major battle. A week before practical board exams, my father got a heart attack and was admitted in Tirunelveli Government hospital in the ICU. Having grown under his guidance all my life, I didn't know what to do when he was critical. I was startled by the sudden change of events. But God was there with me and my father, as a comforter. To everyone's surprise, my father was transferred to a normal ward within a week. I went to school directly to attend the practical exams. God was with me throughout my exams and he gave the third highest mark in my school.

Hallelujah! Success upon success! How was your college life?

After that I didn't know what to study in college. I prayed a lot and joined a college in Nazareth and studied mathematics. Only when we place our lives in Jesus' hands can we receive life's greatest

blessings. Because it was during these college days that I received the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Also passed UG and PG with first class. I was elected as the Chairman of the College and the person representing the college in the district collector office. I was also selected as the captain of the college football team.

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So many wins with the help of Jesus. What did you study after that?

When everything was going so well, I started feeling proud. I used to make fun of the students who were failing, by boasting that I was good at studying, and I would talk to them in a way that hurt their heart. This thing which started as an act of fun, started sowing a deep seed of pride in me. The righteous God passed his rightful judgement on me. In the year that I completed PG I unexpectedly got electrocuted on my arm and was hospitalized in a critical condition. If my brother had delayed for 5 seconds to switch off the power, I would have died that very day. But God's grace protected me. But I was bed-ridden due to the severe blood loss. Even after this I didn't let go of my pride. I applied for M.Phil in a college, but I wasn't able to attend the classes due to my accident. I was so used to listening to the classes to gain knowledge, so the absence of that was a huge setback and even when I attended the college, I wasn't able to write because of the injury in my hand.

It's so unfortunate that such a successful life had to go through a tough phase because of a small sin, pride. How did you get out of it?

We all know that it is impossible to learn Math without writing it down. Since I wasn't able to write properly, I failed in one subject that semester.



The last time I had failed was in 6th standard. So this failure hit me hard. I hadn't also scored much in the other subjects I cleared. I realised my mistake of bullying and hurting others. I fell at God's feet and prayed asking for forgiveness. I also apologized to the friends whom I had hurt. God heard my prayers and I cleared the degree without any arrears. After that I tried studying Ph.D. according to the will of God. Studying Ph.D. needs a guide. Since I had a history of arrear I thought nobody would choose to guide me. Yet I had my faith in God and He had predestined a good guide for me. Now I am on the verge of completing my Ph.D.

Amazing! God has lifted you, as you repented for your sins. Do you wish to share anything to our young readers?

Even though you are in a hopeless situation, the faith you cast on God will change everything into a blessing. The little mistakes we do also have the power to derail our lives. So when God lifts us, we shouldn't feel proud about it. Instead, we must live humbly before God who lifted us. Even if we have done a mistake unintentionally, we must repent for our sins at his feet. Our Lord is a merciful God who forgives us no matter how many times we stumble. He will strengthen us in times of weakness. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

Dear young people! God was with Bro. Sam Issac and has been guiding him throughout his life. Have you also lost your blessings by giving way to pride? Repent today and you shall regain your lost blessings! ■



Strategies to Victory: Getzi Clarwin

Great in counsel

The Lifted Rod of Moses

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We are reading about the Israelites' wars and struggles and the strategies that God used to save them tactically in this series. In that order, this month we are going to read about the first battle that the Israelites faced and how God counseled them throughout the battle.

During the expedition, when the Israelites were travelling towards their promised land of Canaan, the Amalekites waged a war against them. After living as slaves for so many years in Egypt, all the Israelites knew was to work in the brick kiln day and night. Can you imagine their state of mind when they were pushed to a situation where they had to fight against an army using real weapons?

Are you thinking about how you are going to overcome this difficult situation that you are going through? How you are going to be redeemed of this? Are you in a situation where you feel like you have to fight difficult battles? Have faith! Our God is great in counsel.

In this event from the Bible, the strategy that God instructed Moses to follow was that he had to go to the mountaintop and should keep his hands lifted towards the heavens while holding onto his rod. Can you win a battle just by holding your rod up high? Yes. You can! If God says so, you will win by doing that. Because. **"For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm."** The important thing for us to notice in this incident is that Moses did not go there as a warrior of prayer, but as a warrior of faith. And Moses said to Joshua, "Choose us some men and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand." (Exodus 17:9)

Moses says very clearly, 'I will hold the rod of God and stand.' That rod was God's promise to Moses, 'With this you will do miracles'. Moses stood on the top of the mountain, holding firmly to God's promise.

Dear youngsters, if you look closely it's not written that Moses spoke anything else to God. Instead, he stood with firm faith, holding the rod high symbolizing the promise. We can see Moses standing there as a warrior of faith, according to the verse, **"Above all, stand therefore, taking the shield of faith"** [Ephesians 6: 16].

In your troubled times, do not raise the voice of your lamentation, but hold on to the promises that God has made to you like a rod. Then your battle will become the Lord's. Look, even though this battle was truly between the Israelites and Amalekites, when Moses did not plan to fight on his own, but inquired from God and stood faithfully holding the promised rod of God, then Moses' battle became God's. Therefore, when predicaments rise against the one who is faithful and trusts God's word, the battle belong to God. God will fight for you!

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brother Suresh! Your inner anguish is ear fathomable. Today's youth spend their lives in the 'thought world'. Elders say that, when making a big decision in life, you should think it through.

That is, it is natural to think before making important decisions such as a higher education, which company to join, marriage, building a house, buying a car and so on and make the best decision. But it is said that overthinking is, thinking about something over and over again in one's mind and getting stuck in that matter.

Thinking about something is quite natural. But thinking too deeply about the same thing over and over again can definitely affect your sleep, work, relationships, health and daily life. A lot of time may be spent thinking about the past events or worrying about the future.

I am in the third year of college. My mind gets occupied with different thoughts while I'm happily talking or laughing with my friends and family and I keep on thinking about it constantly. I could not come out of those thoughts because it happens out of my knowledge. I cannot be normal with such thoughts. This makes me stop reading halfway through and close the book. I have a desire to work as a professor in a college. Thinking like this gives me a headache and I fall asleep. Is it a disease? Should I go to the doctor? I don't understand. Please help me to find a solution for my problem. - Suresh, Coimbatore.





HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO AVOID WORTHLESS THOUGHTS...

I. NOTE THEM DOWN TO REDUCE

Just think under which circumstance and time, you sink into those thoughts. When you know the situation and the thing and make a note about it, you can stop thinking about that particular thing.

2. CHALLENGE YOUR THOUGHTS

When you try to think contrarily about what your mind is saying, you can avoid that thought. For example, when thoughts like 'I will fail in the exam' arise, tell your mind 'I have passed and now I am working in a big company'. By doing this, the feeling of failure will be avoided.

3. START MOVING YOUR BODY

A lot of research suggests that exercise can help prevent such thoughts. Walking or Jogging will definitely make a difference.

4. IF POSSIBLE, CONSULT MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

Suresh, as I said earlier this is not a mental disorder. If you need help, you can seek medical advice. A therapist can understand your problem better and can help you to resolve it neatly.

If you want different results in your life all you have to do is change your mind, and you can do this by intentionally chossing your thoughts. Above all, the Bible clearly says, "For the rest, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is worthy of reverence and is honorable and seemly, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely and lovable, whatever is kind and winsome and gracious, if there is any virtue and excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think on and weigh and take account of these things [fix your minds on them]." (Phil. 4:8). As you follow this instruction you can be sure to overcome thoughts that are contrary to God's good thoughts for you. So pray and act. Worthless thoughts and negative ideas in your life will disappear. A hope will be born! A new way will open!

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Cover Story: Sathish

He never Tarries!

The youngsters of this present age expect to have all their desires fulfilled in an instant. Don't know how a generation which is unable to wait for five minutes will achieve its dreams. Young chicks will have to wait for a few days before seeing the world. If the chicks think that the waiting period is causing delay and comes out breaking its shell, it will be prone to danger. In the same way when there is a delay in your life bear it with patience or it would cause danger. Always remember that each setback in life is a waiting period.

Our God will do everything at the right time. His clock is always precise. At times, our clock moves slowly, and at others, it moves quickly. When we face setbacks in life our mind is filled with various questions like, Why hasn't God answered my prayers? or Why hasn't God fulfilled His promises? If your mind is filled with such questions, you haven't understood God's plan for your life yet. "He has made everything beautiful in its time." (Ecc 3: 11). He does not delay. He is a God who does everything perfectly in the right manner. King Saul of Israel was not ready to wait for seven days for the arrival of the prophet Samuel. In order to please the people and to prevent them from leaving, Saul offered the sacrifices that had to be done by Samuel causing him to lose his kingship. God's heart is grieved on seeing the youngsters who try to please their parents and friends rather than running in the vision given by God. The Bible says in James 5: 11 *"Indeed we count them blessed who endure."* If Saul hadn't offered the sacrifices and waited for the arrival of Samuel, he wouldn't have lost his vision and position.

Everything in the life of Joseph was contrary to the vision given by God to him at the age of 17. For the fulfilment of the vision he had to endure various hardships, trials, deceit, but he



waited patiently for 13 years without wavering from the vision with the hope that God will fulfil the vision one day.

Many fail to understand that the waiting period is the time when God builds us. If God had made Joseph as the ruler of Egypt at the age of 17, we do not know how efficiently he would have carried out the work. Therefore God moulded him in Potiphar's house and in the prison. Joseph knew that God was moulding him through all the obstacles that he had to face in life so he waited patiently for the fulfilment of the vision. Is there a delay in the fulfilment of vision in your life? Don't worry! God is moulding you in the area where you are. Be patient, when the time comes your vision will come to pass. "Hope deferred makes the heart sick, But when the desire comes, it is a tree of life." Proverbs 13: 5.

Dear youngsters! Though it took a lot of time for the fulfilment of the vision, Joseph was not frustrated and he did not go away from the Lord. He waited patiently with the hope that the God who had given the vision will definitely fulfil it one day. So, God fulfilled it. In the same way, God has a vision for your life. Don't be worried if it delays. He will definitely make the vision come to pass.

"For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, It will not tarry." Habakkuk 2: 3 =



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He went out to meet Asa, and said to him, "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. The Lord is with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you"

(II Chronicles 15:2).

The land of Israel was split into two. One was known as the Kingdom of Israel and the other was the Kingdom of Judah. Israel was the hub of the Kingdom of Judah. A king named Asa reigned over Israel. During the time of Asa's father, the land was defiled. He gave into unclean rituals that did not please the Lord. But as soon as King Asa came to power, there was a great revival in the country. He did things for revival as he taught the people to walk according to the commandments of the Lord. There was a great revival over the entire nation. In II Chronicles 14:2-5, we read that the land was quiet and blessed under King Asa's rule.

Because Asa sought the Lord, God blessed him with success in all that he did. At that time. the King of Ethiopia came to war against him with a military troop of ten million soldiers. Asa led his army to God, prayed unto Him, and then went to war. Because Asa sought the Lord first, He stood by him and gave him a great victory. When he returned along with his army victoriously, the spirit of God came upon a prophet named Azariah and he went to meet King Asa. He called out aloud, "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. The Lord is with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you" (II Chronicles 15:2).

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Seek the Lord with all your Heart

Message: Mohan C Lazarus

How should we seek the Lord so that He will reveal Himself to us? How should we seek Him to find Him? How should we seek the Lord to hear His voice? How can we have a close relationship with Him? How can we speak with Him? "And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you, says the Lord..." (Jeremiah 29:13, 14). Seek the Lord with all your heart, with a thirst, with a longing and with a desire. You must have a thirst to see and visit the Lord. Develop a desire to feel His presence, to cherish Him, to seek Him, and to be close to Him, and then, "If you thirst and seek with all your heart, I will be found by you," promises the Lord.

"They had sworn with all their heart and sought Him with all their soul; and He was found by them, and the Lord gave them rest all around" (II Chronicles 15-15). "No one has seen God at any time" (John 1:18). The Lord God dwells in an unapproachable light. No one has ever seen Him. He even says that no man can remain alive after seeing Him. He is so radiant and so glorious. No one can see His glory.

As stated in Exodus, chapter 33. Moses heard the Lord's voice, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Moses was inspired by this voice. He prayed to the Lord saying, "Please, show me Your glory" (Ex 33-18). What does it mean? "I hear your voice, I hear you speaking out of the fire, your voice is ringing in my ears, you use me mightily, signs and wonders are happening, you are with me. I see it all, but show me your face" is the meaning of the statement. Moses had a thirst, a yearning to see the Lord. He yearned to see the Lord, face to face. The Lord said. "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live. Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. So it shall be, while My glory passes by, you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen." The Lord showed Moses only His back that Moses would not be able to bear if He showed Himself in all His glory. The same Lord who said 'no man has seen God' revealed Himself to Moses.

In Isaiah 6: I, Isaiah writes, "I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up." His glory was mighty and radiant though Isaiah saw Him from a distance. He must have seen God seated on His throne. Through his writing, we can visualize what Isaiah saw. This was Isaiah's experience. In Genesis 28:13, the Lord appears to Jacob in a vision. A blessing for us in this New Testament era is that He reveals Himself to us through His Son Jesus Christ as we cannot see the God of glory and live. That is why Jesus said that whoever sees me sees the Father. Abandoning that heavenly glory, he came down to earth. If he had come in all His glory, the world would not have endured.

Jesus humbled himself, became a man, died and rose again. Even after His resurrection, He revealed Himself to many people. Acts chapter I tells that He revealed Himself to more than five hundred people within forty days, proving that He was alive. He also revealed Himself to His brother lames. Paul writes, "And last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born." Many people do not have the intention to seek the Lord with all their heart and that is why they are unable to visit Him. You should develop a desire to see the Lord and to seek Him with all vour heart.

God refers to Moses saying, He sought my presence. If it was a blessing in the Old Testament



times to see His splendour, it is an even greater boon for us to receive salvation and to be filled with the Holy Spirit through lesus Christ, by whom God reveals Himself to us. He likes to reveal Himself to us. He reveals Himself to all of us who are filled with the thirst to see Him. He is willing to find you. If you keep running behind servants of God, He will not meet you. Just seek the face of Christ. Seek Him in the early morning, seek Him with all your heart, and seek Him with faith. "Don't believe what anyone says, seek me and I will appear to you," the Lord has said.

Dear young children! Do you have the zeal to seek the Lord and to hear His voice? 'If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me. When you seek me I will be found by you' promises the Lord. Claim this promise and seek Him with all your heart and He will definitely reveal Himself to you. You will walk through a glorious experience with the Lord. Is there a greater blessing than this? There is no greater blessing in the entire world than saying, 'The Lord who created the heaven and earth speaks with me. He hears me and responds to me'. Develop a thirst to seek Him. Seek God first and the rest will follow. Your diseases will vanish, your desires will be fulfilled and miracles will happen!



Greetings to the beloved youngsters! I hope you are marching towards the path of Progress each and every day. The life journey of an achiever who fought hard and succeeded in a short period of time is for you!

Aman Gupta was born in Delhi on March 4, 1982 in a middle-class family. After successfully completing his schooling, he chose to pursue CA on his father's wish. The interest in CA started to wane little by little. Nevertheless, he completed CA and became India's youngest CA in 2002.

After completing his studies, he got an opportunity to work as a manager in City Bank. Later Aman Gupta along with his father started a new business called 'Advanced Telemedia Pvt Ltd'. Unfortunately the business started, did not give proper progress. So Aman Gupta, on his wife's advice, opted for a career-oriented MBA course. Then he started working in another company.





In the year 2013 Aman Gupta along with his friend Sameer Ashok pioneered and established a new company called Imagine Marketing Services Private Limited. Later he established his own electronic gadgets company in the brand name 'boAt' in the year 2016. Aman Gupta is the Co-founder and CMO of the boAt Company.

They began to advertise the existence of Boat electronic gadgets to the public via social media. Sameer Ashok took in charge of the marketing Zone of Boat Company. Aman first introduced his products in Delhi. When they first introduced Boat in India there were already more than 200 existing earphone companies, but still Boat managed

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to deliver high quality products based on the needs and expectations of the people in the desired shape, quality and produced varieties of electronic gadgets such as Headphones, Earphones, Speakers, Smart watches, etc. Boat continues to provide high performance products that are used by many people today. In a short span of time it has become a huge success. Boat is one of the top 5 wearable brands in the world.

Aman Gupta has received awards like 'Business World Young Entrepreneur 2019', 'Super 30 CMO-2020', 'Lokmat Most Stylish Entrepreneur – 2021'. In the financial year 2020, this company has Rs.500 crore in revenue. Due to his hard work, he has become a great entrepreneur at a young age.



Dear young achievers reading this! Nothing comes easy in our life without hardships. A price must be paid for that. Aman Gupta did not progress immediately after starting his career. He progressed gradually. He then saw a new beginning. Start developing and implementing your own talent! There will be a new beginning in your life too! •

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I Timothy 6:11-14

But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, where unto thou art also called, and hast professes a good profession before many witnesses. I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; that thou keep this commandment without spot; unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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youths through the "Youth Revival Meetings" that God has enabled us to conduct every year. This year God has graciously enabled us to conduct Youth Revival Meetings in Puttur Andhra Pradesh, Thanjavur, Pernampet, Ramanathapuram,

Kalvarayanmalai, Kanchipuram, Dharapuram, Kodaikannal and Trichy within the last 4 months. More than 5000 youths participated and obtained the revival vision

and dedicated themselves to pray and evangelize. The youths who participated in this meeting got more than 1,98,900 copies of Gospel tracts and began to minister in their places. All glory be to God!









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INTRODUCTION

Bible character: Bennita

Othniel was the son of Kenaz, Caleb's brother. He belonged to the tribe of Judah. The name Othniel means 'power of God' or 'God's lion'. He married Caleb's daughter Achsal. After Joshua, he judged the people of Israel for 40 years. He was the first judge to rise up in Israel. The people of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord.

They forgot the Lord and served the Baals. So God sold them into the hands of the king of Mesopotamia, Cushan-Rishathaim, and they were slaves in his hands for 8 years. 8 years later when the people cried out to the Lord, Othniel was the man the Lord raised up as their deliverer.

VIRTUES

• When his father-in-law gave him dry land, he did not worry about it.

• In the time full of challenges, when the new generation of Israel who did not know the Lord was on one hand and the doubly wicked king on the other hand, Othniel did not back down, but fought by trusting the Lord alone.

• Israel was delivered because the Spirit of the Lord came upon him. The Lord delivered into his hand the king of Mesopotamia who was stronger than him.

• After Joshua, the good judge Othniel led Israel in the Lord for 40 years and the land was at peace.

• Othniel served as a foundation for Jehu, Deborah, and Gideon to continue the good leadership that ended with Joshua.

LESSON TO LEARN

Since Othniel went to the war according to the Lord's will, the Lord gave him victory in it. Success comes when God's will is done. Besides this the Lord blessed him by giving him Achsah. Along with that he got the land with springs of water.

He was an exemplar for three generations (in Caleb's days, in his days, and for the future leaders who did not know God). Therefore let us also do the will of God and inherit the land.

READ: JUDGES 3:9-19

Places in the Bible: Getzi Clarwin

Dear youths! Every month you have been reading many interesting things about a place from the Bible under the topic 'Places in the Bible'. This month let us see some interesting things about "Babylon".

INTRODUCTION

 In those days, 'Babel' was the capital of Babylon.

• Do you know who first built this Babylon? As the Bible says in Genesis 10:10, Babylon is one of the cities built by 'Nimrod', a king from ancient times.

Babylon lies around the region of Mesopotamia.

• Two famous rivers, Euphrates and Tigris run through this nation.

• Bible gives us more than 280 references about Babylon from Genesis to Revelation.

• Though it was built in 2300 B.C, it became a famous place after the King's palace was established there in 1900.

HIGHLIGHTS OF BABYLON

• It is an ancient city of about 4000 years old.

• Babylon was a great city with inlaid bricks, beautifully carved and decorated buildings, statues of lions.

• The Hanging Gardens of Babylon are world famous.

• Historians believe that Babylon was the first ancient city to have a population of over 20,000.

• George Smith, in his book "Assyrian Discoveries", wrote that he believed the circumference of the city of Babylon to be about 8 miles.

• The city was located on both sides of the Euphrates River.

BABYLON AND ITS FALL

• God sometimes used the Babylonian Empire to punish Israel.

• But the prophets foretold that Babylon's sins would eventually bring about her own destruction.

• As mentioned in Jeremiah 50:2, the Babylonians worshiped the pagan gods like, Marduk or Merodach and Bel.

• In addition to devotion to false gods, sexual immorality was rampant in ancient Babylon. Cultural and temple prostitutes were common.

• As told in the 4th chapter of Daniel we can see that, when the king Nebuchadnezzar boasted that "Is not this great Babylon that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty?" it was completely destroyed.

• The New Testament identifies Babylon as a symbol of sin.

• As foretold by the prophets, proud Babylon is laid waste today.

"...God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble" (1 Peter 5:5).

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will make a good decision and ban abortion.

Prayer: Bennita

Last year around 90 people died due to heat stroke in India. Let us pray to prevent these deaths. 2 Temperature reached 45 degree Celsius in 9 cities of India last year. According to the meteorological department, extreme heat will prevail in North East and East India this year as well. Let us pray for less heat stroke. 3 Severe water scarcity occurs in many states during summer. Let us pray that there will be no water scarcity this year. 4 Let us pray God to bless us with the necessary rain at the right time so that there is no water scarcity. 5 Let us pray for continual availability of water in the 123 important water bodies of India. 6 Let us pray for God's protection so that no one gets sick during summer. 7 More than 2.2 billion people around the world are suffering due to the lack of clean water. Let us pray that they will not suffer from any water borne diseases. 8 Let us pray for our government to take necessary action to increase water resources and to store water without wasting it. 9 In Somalia, the worst drought in 40 years is causing the death of young children. Let us pray that the drought in the country will change and that necessary assistance will be provided. D Let us pray for the prevention of terrorist attacks in Somalia and the protection of the people there. In the last few years, civil strife and famines caused by inadequate rains and drought resulted in almost 2.5 lakh deaths. Let us pray to God for their prosperity. 12 Let us ask God to have mercy on the Somalians suffering from famine, starvation, sexual assault, drought, and malnutrition. 13 Let us pray for a revival among the people of Somalia to seek God. Let us pray that the 1.10 million abortions that occur worldwide and deaths of women due to abortion to be stopped. China has had 33 million abortions in 40 years. Let's pray that the Chinese government

Therefore 1 say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray. Therefore 1 say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray. (6) Let us pray that doctors ust abortions for more than the pray. 6 Let us pray that doctors who perform abortions for money will repent and that abor-

hereive that you receive them, and you will heieve that you receive them, and you will Let us ask God to protect the youngsters and children who are going on the wrong path by using the internet excessively at a young age.

B Let us pray that the social media usage by children and teenagers to be regulated and for good parent-child relationships.

(9) India now has a severe coal shortage. Let us pray that our nation will produce enough coal.

 ${\mathfrak W}$ Let us pray that all power plants' coal requirements are met so that electricity can be supplied uninterruptedly.

2) In view of the growing demand for electricity in the country, let us pray that the government will take up various power generation projects.

22 Let us pray for uninterrupted availability of coal in all 173 thermal power plants in India and for complete cessation of coal supply disruptions.

23 Let us pray for adequate freight trains to transport coal from coal mines to the power plants.

24 Let us pray that the government will take serious steps to ensure uninterrupted power supply.

25 Let us pray for the growth of love and unity among churches and servants of God, and for them to uphold each other.

26 Let us pray that the fire of revival be kindled in all church believers and for the Pentecostal experience.

 $\mathbf{2}$ Let us pray for revival among the children and youth and for the spirit of prayer to be poured out among the youth.

 $\overline{28}$ Let us pray that the spirits of disunion operating within the churches will be bound and that believers and pastors will be united.

29 Let us pray that all the churches throughout the country must actively proclaim the gospel, lead people towards salvation, and become disciple-making churches.

30 Let us pray for the saved youths to serve the Lord, to have the burden for souls, for churches to grow and multiply, and for revival.

3) Let us pray for the destruction of Satan's plans to work against the churches and the pastors.

Take a minute each day and pray with all your heart for the prayer point given on that particular date!

The delay in the birth of Isaac!

When Abraham was 75 years old, God told him, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them. Then he gave a promise to him, "So shall your descendants be."(Genesis 15:5). As soon as the Lord made the promise, it was not fulfilled. After that he waited for 25 years for Isaac to be born. Why did the Lord delay for 25 years? During those delayed 25 years, Abraham and Sarah were little bewildered to believe the promise given by the Lord. Because of that Ishmael was born to Abraham through Hagar. God tested Abraham's faith. Abraham waited 25 years for this



Thought drops: Bennita

promise to be fulfilled. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. (Genesis 21:1, 2).

Dear young people! If God makes a promise to you, patiently wait for it to be fulfilled. Abraham waited 25 years before giving birth to Isaac. God's promise will be fulfilled even if it is getting delayed.

Joseph – the delay in the fulfillment of the dream!

Joseph tells his brothers and father that he had a dream in which the sun, moon, and stars worshiped him. Because of this, the brothers developed enmity towards Joseph and planned to kill him. But because of his elder brother he was sold to Potiphar, king of Egypt, for 20 coins of silver and was taken to Egypt. One day Joseph was sent to prison after being falsely accused by Potiphar's wife. Two servants who were accused and sent to prison by pharaoh had a dream. Joseph explained the meaning of that dream. Later Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, had a dream. The magicians and astrologers of Egypt could not explain the meaning of the King's dream. Joseph explained its meaning. Pharaoh realized that God was with Joseph and made him the ruler of Egypt. Joseph had to wait 21 years for his dream to come true.

Dear young people! Joseph had been hated by his own brothers and they sold him as a slave. He was falsely accused and went to prison. But he waited for 21 years for the vision to be fulfilled and received the glorious blessing from God.

The **delay** in Lazarus's resurrection

Jesus did not visit Lazarus, whom he loved so much even after hearing that he was sick. Although Jesus knew about Lazarus' illness, He started only after two days because He knew "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." By then, four days had passed since Lazarus had been dead and buried. Jesus shared His condolences, grievance and wept over Lazarus' death. Then when told to go to the grave and remove the stone, Martha said, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days." When they believed what Jesus said and rolled away the stone, Lazarus, who had been buried dead, rose alive from the grave. God's name was glorified there. Because of this, many Jews believed in Jesus (John 11:1-45).

Dear young people! If something is delayed we immediately become impatient. Our faith is strengthened when there is a delay. If Jesus had healed Lazarus when he was sick, such a glorious miracle would not have happened. Sometimes He may delay so that God's name will be glorified. So, understand that delay is not an obstacle!

The delay in appointing David as king

Samuel the prophet anointed David as the king of Israel. To prove it, David achieves a feat by killing and defeating Goliath. But, he was expelled from the palace. He had been forced to live in deserts and caves. David might have thought that if it was true that God had anointed me as the king of Israel, why should I live in the wilderness? But, even before becoming king, God tested David by giving Saul in David's hand. Saul went in search of David but got caught in his hands. Anybody else other than David would have killed Saul. But, he did not kill Saul even though he had the opportunity to kill him twice. He wholeheartedly forgave Saul. After seeing it, the Lord appointed David as the king (1 Samuel 5:4, 5).

Dear young people! Did you see the trials that came in the life of David who was anointed? Sometimes the Lord lifts us up by putting us through various trials. Do not turn away from the Lord thinking that there is a delay. Even if it is delayed, the Lord will fulfill His promises through His hand, that He has promised with his mouth!=



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!!

EVERY 1st SUNDAY (7th May)

MUMBAI – DHARAVI (5PM – 8PM)

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

VELLORE (3PM)

Gethsamane Prayer Center, Ajantha Mahal, # 3, 6th West Cross Road, Gandhi Nagar 9442885315 | 9786379556

TIRUPUR (4PM - 6:30PM)

Gethsamane Prayer Center, #62, 2nd Floor, Benny Kumaran Main Road. 9442082200

TUTICORIN (3PM - 5:30PM)

Gethsamane Prayer Center, Jehovah Jireh Towers, 51/8D/3, 1st Floor Tiruchendur Road, Muniasamypuram Land mark : South Police Station to Kamaraj College Rd. 9442885315

TIRUPATI (3PM)

Old Community Hall, West Church 9985033401 | 9442885315

SANKARANKOIL (2:30PM – 5PM)

Gethsamane Prayer Center, Sekihnah Mahal, Mullai Nagar. 9750955548 | 8344949555

EVERY 2nd SATURDAY (13th May)

BANGALORE (3PM-5PM)

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

MADURAI (3PM -5:30PM)

American College Higher Secondary School, AC School Backside to Arumugam Hotel, Tallakulam Bus Stop. 9750955548 | 9344759316

EVERY 2nd SUNDAY (14th May)

AMBUR (3PM-6PM) Concordia Hr.Sec. School, Opp Rly.Station 9597927799 | 9442885315

> MUMBAI - THANE (4PM – 6:30PM) 9004882470

POLLACHI (3PM TO 6PM)

Gethsamane Prayer Center, Grace Auto 1st floor, 163 , raja mill road pollachi, 9486037586 | 9487856205

THANJAVUR (3PM) Gethsamane Prayer Center, Near Balaji Nagar Bus Stop, 18B, TPS Nagar, MC Road 9444381971 | 9488475315

KOVILPATTI (3PM -5:30PM)

St. Paul's Matriculation School 9677859766 | 9787322334

ALANGULAM (2:30PM)

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

THENI (2:30PM – 5PM)

Gethsamane Prayer Center, #203, Madurai Road, Opp. Anantham Silk Dr. Kamaraj Hospital, 1st Floor 9750955548 | 9976766422

SURANDAI (2:30PM) Jawarhalal Middle School 9443962141 | 9750955548 SIVAKASI (3PM -5PM) Gethsamane Prayer Center, HOREB Complex, 1st Floor, P K N Road, (Rathna vilas Stop) 9677858766 | 9442906567

SATHANKULAM (3PM -5:30PM) Hendry Matric Higher Secondary School Mela Sathankulam. 9442885315

CHENGALPET (3PM – 5:30PM) Blessing School, Tirukazhukundram Road 9488475315

VILLUPURAM (3PM - 5:30PM)

Gethsamane Prayer Center, HH Complex, Namnadu Textiles Opp., Shanthi Theater Rd 8870517324 | 834411022

EVERY 3rd SUNDAY (21st May)

TIRUNELVELI (2:30 PM) Gethsamane Prayer Center, Shah Complex, #43/R4, Rajendra Nagar, Trivandrum Road 9750955548 | 9488212915

COIMBATORE (4 PM) Gethsamane Prayer Center, #90, 1st Floor, Arts College Road, Near Charan Tower, 0422 – 2309040 | 8903405315

TRICHY (3 PM) Gethsamane Prayer Center, 22A, 1st Floor Thennur High Road, Near KMC Bus Stop, Thennur. 9488475315

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JEBAMALAI (2 PM) Keelamathapuram, Kadaiyam (via) Tenkasi Dist. 8300131000 | 9750955548

CHENNAI (3 PM) VGP Victory House, Mount Road 9488475315

NALUMAVADI (3PM -5:30PM) Tabernacle of God, Nalumavadi 9442885315

TIRUVARUR (3:30PM) Gethsamane Prayer Center, 1A/25B, Bypass Road (opp Arasu Autos) 9976766322 | 7373374733

RANIPET (3PM-6PM) Gethsamane Prayer Center, MBT Road, Navalpur. 9500283179 | 9442885315

ERODE (4PM – 6:30PM) Gethsamane Prayer Center, #216, 1st Floor, Near Fire Service, Gandhiji Road 9750722000

NAGERCOIL (3PM TO 6PM) Gethsamane Prayer Center, NO: 1055 K.P ROAD, Milk Depot Junction, Nagercoil 7598155503 | 9442885315

PONDICHERRY (3PM TO 6PM) Gethsamane Prayer Center, Kottupalayam Lawspet, opp. Latha Steel, E C R Road. 8344433800 | 9442885315

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CHITTOOR (3PM TO 6PM) St. Lukes Telugu Church 9487734603

EVERY 4th SATURDAY (27th May)

PERAMBALUR (5PM -8PM) Gethsamane Prayer Center, M K Complex, 71, Venkatesapuram, Near Bank of Baroda, Trichy Main Road. 9788788512

EVERY 4TH SUNDAY (28th May)

THIRUVALLUR (3PM -5:30PM) Gethsamane Prayer Center, H S R Tower, 2nd Floor, Near CSI Gowdi Church 9488475315

KRISHNAGIRI (3 PM – 5PM) Gethsamane Prayer Center, Near Arun Hospital Royakottai Road. 9962085523 | 9524999711

KARUR (3PM-5:30PM) CSI Boys High schools, Jawahar Bazzar, Bunglaw Street, Karur. 9489775075



ON SUNDAY 28th MAY TIME: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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Joshua

Dear brothers and sisters! Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. In our "Promises and Conditions" article, this month, we will learn about a young man named Joshua. Joshua means 'lehovah the Saviour' or 'lehovah is his help'

At the command of the Lord, Moses appointed Joshua to be the leader of Israel after him. Joshua had a lot of tasks before him. The first task was to cross the Jordan River. In Joshua 3:5, a promise along with a condition was given to cross the lordan River. "And Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you." (Joshua 3:5)

This Jordan River overflows its banks throughout the harvest season (Joshua 3:15). Crossing a normally flowing river would be very difficult. But now to cross this overflowing river, thinking of the possibilities, everyone would have got perplexed. The moment the feet of the priests who bore the Ark of the Covenant dipped in the edge of the lordan River, the overflowing river which came down from upstream stood still, and rose in a heap (Joshua 3:15,16). The scriptures say that all the people passed through the dry ground without water.

We would have seen heaps of vegetables, stones, soil, etc. Only solid things can be heaped. The liquids cannot be heaped. But our God heaped up the Jordan River which prevented his people from passing. Hallelujah!

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& Conditions to inherit your Promises!

Special Article: Jeyaseelan

THE SECRET BEHIND THE SEPARATION OF THE **JORDAN RIVER**

The reason the overflowing ordan River parted as soon as the priests' feet touched it was not because of the power of their feet. Their feet were not that powerful. The secret was that they carried the Ark of the Covenant which contained God's commandments written on two stone tablets (2 Chronicles 5:10). Carrying the Ark of the Covenant with the stone tablets inscribed with God's words is equivalent to carrying God himself. Because our God was the Word in the beginning as we read in John 1:1. One thing we need to notice here is that ordinary people

cannot carry the Ark of the Covenant which is of high glory and honour. Even they can't touch it. We know that when Uzzah touched the Ark of God. God struck him down and he died (2 Samuel 6:6, 7). Therefore, the priests who carry the Ark of the Covenant can be chosen only by God, and they should be very holy. This is why in Joshua 3:5, Joshua says, "Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you." To these words that God spoke to Joshua, the whole of Israel, especially the priests, could have sanctified themselves by confessing their sins and offered burnt offerings, standing in the presence of God. A historic miracle occurred there only because, the priests who carried the presence of God kept themselves holy and carried the Ark of God. God did a great miracle, parting the lordan River just as He had said.

THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

Dear ones! In those days, the priests carried the Word and the Presence of God in the Ark of the Covenant. Today, we are the Ark of the Covenant. Jesus is pleased to be with us today. Are we ready to carry the living God in the temple of our body, in the Ark of the Covenant that is our heart? Today, the temple of God of many is unholy and defiled with bad thoughts and words.

In Psalm 119:9 we read, "How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it

according to your word." But today many people do not have time to read the Word of God. We neglect it saying that in old age we will get time to read it. Many teenagers are addicted to watching TV shows, browsing the Internet, and using Social media apps like Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram etc., Being like this leads us to the path of destruction. Your home will be blessed only if you are an Ark of the Covenant carrying the Word of God. Then, miracles will happen wherever you set your foot. The problems which are hindering your progress will disappear. The plans of men who fiercely oppose you will fail. But for these things to happen, you have to keep yourself holy by reading the Word of God.

Dear young people! On that day, the people of Israel and the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant sanctified themselves, and God miraculously parted the Jordan River. When you sanctify yourselves by the Word of God daily, and keep yourselves undefiled, God will cause the overflowing Jordan River in your life to stand in heaps which were trying to destroy you. Don't worry! Allow Jesus to live with you, who lives in us even today as Word. Commit yourselves to carry Him with a holy heart and sanctify yourselves by removing all the habits, sins and abominations from you that the Lord hates. The Lord will do miracles in your midst! =





Journalist: Hello Amma!

Noah's wife: Hello brother.

Journalist: Our youngsters are very eager to know about you. Could you tell us a little bit about yourself?

NW: Okay, brother. That was the time when men began to multiply on the earth. My husband was the tenth generation of Adam, Noah is his name. He was just and righteous in everything. He seeks God early in the morning. He taught the fear of God to me and my children. He would pay the due honor and the sacrifices to the Lord in due time. He always wanted to live with God. I praise God for living on this earth as his wife.

Journalist: Tell us about the great flood.

NW: God created man in his own image and by his own hand as the most Among the women whose names are not mentioned in the Bible, Noah's wife is remarkable who is known by her husband's name. She is a hard-worker with love, meekness, patience, humility, obedience, fear of God and endurance. To sum it up, she was a virtuous woman filled with the fruits of the Spirit. Below we will see a fictional compilation of the conversation conducted by our journalist with Noah's wife, who was seen as a pillar of support for the successful Christian life of Noah.

Chit chat: Viola

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special of all his creatures. God wanted people to spend time and have fellowship with Him. But the hearts of men were not inclined to it. When the iniquity of men abounded in the earth, God was sorry that he had made men on the earth.

Therefore God decided to destroy all the animals, creeping creatures and birds of the air with water for the sake of wicked men. But my husband found grace in the eyes of the Lord, and our whole family because of him. So God told him to make an ark.

Journalist: Well, how did your husband make the ark? Tell me a little bit about it.

NW: It was indeed very difficult, brother. My husband was telling everyone about God's plan and was explaining about how God was planning to command a destruction by the rain. But, when we told our people to be righteous in the sight of the Lord, none accepted it. Instead, they made fun of it. This made my husband weary. So he mostly did all the work alone. Without any mechanical assistance for cutting or levelling the wood, my husband did it himself. It was only after years of hard work that the work

of the ark was completed. Even our sons were little children when God described the flood plan. But in later days our sons played a great role.

Journalist: How did you help your husband?

NW: Every time my husband goes out and feels sorry for the behavior of people, I comfort him and speak words of encouragement. I will take care of the children and the family affairs as best as I can. I gave my maximum cooperation to my husband in all circumstances for the fulfillment of God's will and had prayed day and night for God's consent to be given to him from heaven.

Journalist: You have lived by the statement that 'behind every man's success there is a woman'. All right, do you already know about animals, their habitat and food habits?

NW: No, brother, only after God gave the order to bring animals, birds, and living creatures into the ark to keep them alive did we search for their habitat and observed their eating habits. When my husband's hands get tired from woodworking, he takes a break.

Then he would go in search of the animals' shelter and sit a little hidden. For several hours he will be watching the place of their habitat. He would then bring its custom dishes and places them in the tent.

After observing the animal and bird species for many days, months, and years, considering the availability of space, we brought their young, each pair of the unclean animals and seven pairs of the clean ones into the ark according to God's command. We used some of the clean ones to offer burnt offerings to the Lord after the flood.

Journalist: Truly you and your husband deserve praise. 5 months in the ark with several kinds of animals and birds. How was your experience with them?

NW: The chirping sounds of birds, the menacing growls of animals, made it difficult to sleep for the first few days. Thunder and lightning was an add-on. Animals and birds screamed in fear as the thunder and lightning flashed and when the water rose and the ark began to move. We too were afraid and disturbed. As the days went by, we got used

to it and the living beings too got used to it over time as well. Time will be spent in taking food from the storage room of the ark and feeding it to the respective animals, collecting the eggs of the laying birds, collecting milk from the milking animals, cleaning the habitats and waste of the living beings.

Journalist: Oh my god... How did you stay inside after enduring so much suffering for 5 months?

NW: Brother, the satisfaction that God's plan is being fulfilled made us happy. So neither I nor my daughters-in-law did not sulk or complain.

> Journalist: Super! If every women become examples like you to others by being patient, humble, obeying their hus band, god-fearing, responsible and tolerant, every home will become a little heaven.

> > It was so exciting talking to you. All right, what do you want to say to the young readers of the Youth Life Magazine?

NW: Dear friends, whoever you are, come as a family into the ark of 'Jesus Christ'. No rain, flood, pestilence like corona or natural calamities can touch or destroy you. Thank you, goodbye.

Journalist: Thank you Amma!



Inflation at 50-year high in Pakistan; death toll from stampedes at free food centers hits 21!



Cash-strapped Pakistan had launched an initiative to distribute free flour among lowincome families to ease the impact of recordbreaking inflation and soaring poverty during the holy month.

Pakistan is facing a major economic crisis triggered by a series of corrupt and failed governments, military coups, rising international debts, no major exports, and a major class divide, Asian Lite reported.

Pakistan's economy has been pushed to the brink of collapse, exacerbated by a global energy crisis and devastating floods that submerged a third of the country in 2022.

The country has reportedly doubled its debt roughly every five years over the last 25year period. Prices are going up and the government has failed to provide basic amenities like gas and power, the report said. Pakistan's year-on-year inflation hit 35.37 per cent in March -- the highest in nearly five decades.

Month-on-month inflation was 3.72 per cent, according to government data released Saturday, while the average inflation rate for the past year was 27.26 per cent.

The New Indian Express - 02nd April 2023

North Korea claims another test of underwater nuclear drone



North Korea on Saturday claimed it tested this week a second known type of nuclear-capable underwater attack drone designed to destroy naval vessels and ports, adding to a flurry of weapons demonstrations this year that have heightened tensions with rivals.

The report of the four-day test came a day after the nuclear envoys of the United States, South Korea and Japan met in Seoul to discuss the growing North Korean nuclear threat and called for stronger international efforts to crack down on illicit North Korean activities funding its weapons program.

The North's official Korean Central News Agency said the drone, named "Haeil-2" after a Korean word meaning tsunamis or tidal waves, travelled underwater for more than 71 hours before successfully detonating a mock warhead in waters near the eastern port city of Tanchon on Friday.

KCNA said the test proved that the weapon could strike targets 1,000 kilometers (621 miles) away with "fatal attack ability. "North Korean state media last month reported two tests of another drone, named "Haeil-1," and described the weapon as capable of setting off a "radioactive tsunami" to destroy enemy vessels and ports.

Analysts, however, are skeptical whether such a device would add a meaningful new threat to North Korea's growing nuclear arsenal built around missiles and whether it's reasonable for the North to pursue such capabilities considering its still-limited supplies of nuclear bomb fuel.

- Times of India, 08-Apr-2023



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Mother's Day was founded by an American, Anna Marie Jarvis. Her mother had established a club called 'Mother's Day Work' in the area where they lived and was working to improve the cleanliness and hygiene of the villages in that area.

She was medicating and treating the wounded during the American Civil War. After her death in 1905, Mother's Day has been celebrated on the second Sunday of May since 1914 to commemorate her mother's love.



You don't have to spend thousands on buying gifts and giving them to your mother to celebrate Mother's Day. On the contrary,

• Since we work hard for ourselves every day like school, college, work, marriage, we don't have time to think about mother's love. You can remember them on Mother's Day and enjoy that one day with your mom by spending time with her.

Leave aside your work and hobbies for at least one day and help your mother.

• Give complete rest at least one day in a month to your mother who does not think of anything other than the welfare of the family and management and engage her in her favorite activities.

- Heartily appreciate her cooking for she provides you delicious food in spite of her illness.
- Invite her siblings or friends home and make her to spend a day with them.

Mother's Day is a day to remind us of the sacrifices our mothers have made for us throughout our lives. So no matter how busy you are this year, take a moment to thank your mom for all she's done! Your mother will be happy!!

My son, keep your father's command, And do not forsake the law of your mother. (Proverbs 6:20)

Listen to your father who begot you, and do not despise your mother when she is old. (Proverbs 23:22)

