



# Youth Life

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The People of the world  
may be biased but the one who  
created you is an

*Impartial*  
**GOD**



*Merry Christmas greetings  
to my beloved youth*

You are chosen by the Lord for the end-time Revival!  
We thank God for giving us the grace to engage in a  
range of ministries, among the youth since 1985.  
On behalf of Jesus Redeems Ministry, I would like to  
extend our Christmas greetings to all the  
volunteers, prayer cell members, staff,  
writers, translators, and readers who love, support,  
and help this ministry in so many ways.

**Love everyone this Christmas season**

*and spread love unconditionally,  
just like our Lord Jesus did. God  
will rejoice and be glad when  
you love everyone without bias.  
As young people, show unbiased love  
like Jesus to win the souls of  
many other youth!*

*With Love  
Mohan C Lazarus*



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# Foreword

## THE IMPARTIAL ONE!

*Warm regards to the dear young hearts!*

The father, who placed and esteemed seven of his eight children in high positions and jobs, showed no love or care to his last child and disregarded him, saying, 'He knows nothing beyond this; this is what he will be useful for'. Despite receiving the least amount of respect, adoration, and affection compared to his brothers, the last son was totally dependent on the Lord and believed that there was a God who loved him unconditionally.

Being mindful of the partiality of the worldly father's love, he clung to God with unwavering faith and love, with the certainty that God was with him, and rejoiced and delighted in praising Him always in solitude. Hence, God exalted him and blessed him unfathomably.

He's none other than David, our psalmist.

The biases of the world can overwhelm and break you. But God, who truly loves you and gave His life for you, has no partiality. This is because, when He created you, He intended to exalt you. God's favour cannot be taken away from you by human bias.

*Dear youth! The love of the world is unquestionably biased.  
But there is no such thing in God who made you.  
David suffered favouritism at home. In addition, Saul was envious and  
hunted David down to prevent him from inheriting the throne.*

*When you rise up with zeal for God, don't let anything stop you from moving forward with your ministry, even if people try to weaken and obstruct you with their hatred and bias. Jesus, who desires to use you in the revival, will lovingly strengthen and use you.*

*In Christ's Mission  
Avinash*





# Contempt

# CALL GOAL

*Hello Youth! This month, Sis. Ashwini will be sharing with us how God broke, rebuilt, and called her to serve Him. Come, let's listen to her.*

***Tell us about your early years and family.***

I was born in the district of Dharmapuri, Tamil Nadu, into a Christian family and was brought up in Karnataka, where I did my schooling. Mr. Madhu and Mrs. Sumathi are my parents, and my older brother Ashokan is currently employed.

***Fantastic, lovely family! Tell us about your academic background!***

Before the tenth grade, I wasn't very interested in my education. Nor did I have any ambition. My passion for learning truly took off when I was in the eleventh grade, and I began to study with a goal. My goal was to pursue a 6-year PharmD programme.

***Well, have you pursued and achieved your dream PharmD course?***

Let me tell you.... God called me to do His ministry when I was in the 12th grade. But I refused it. Since my desire was to do a doctorate in PharmD, I had no interest in getting into ministry. Not even my parents were in favour of it. I put a lot of effort into my studies, took the exams, and awaited the results. I was waiting with the expectation that 'I would score well and fulfil my dream.'

***Did the result fulfil your expectations? Did you study your desired course?***

On the day of my result, about 5 a.m. in the morning, I heard a voice ask three times, "What will you do if you fail this exam?" I was caught up in fear as soon as I heard the voice. However, I didn't pay any





attention to it. Instead, I prayed and declared the scripture, “The horse is prepared for the day of battle, and the victory comes from the Lord.”

I felt pretty convinced that I would get good grades because I had written my exams by putting in a lot of hard work. In the evening, when the results came, I failed in mathematics. That was a disappointment that I couldn’t bear. I spent much of my time doing math problems because I loved studying mathematics. My parents urged me to try writing it again, but I failed the second time around.

**Whoops. What was your mindset when you faced failure?**

Having experienced consecutive failures, I concluded that there is no God. I was depressed because, despite my best efforts, I was unable to succeed. My pals began making fun of me, saying things like, “You always claim Jesus will give you whatever you ask for?” Now, where is your Jesus?” The more I heard

it, the more I hated God. I began living my own way after coming to the conclusion that there was no God. I became heavily involved in social media. That took up all of my time. I became quite involved on social media and strayed from God for over eight months.

**Alright... When did you get back to God again?**

I used to pray at three in the morning. But I stopped praying all these 8 months. Eight months later, one fine morning, when I was idly thumbing through my phone, I heard a voice saying, “Rise up, kneel down, and pray!” Even before I knelt down, I saw the beautiful face of Jesus standing before me. He looked at me and asked with great longing, “I endured everything for you; are you rejecting me because of your studies?” I immediately acknowledged my errors and shed tears of commitment upon hearing that. Jesus began to speak with me. “You knew me in your youth. But there are many youth like you who are chained to slavery and sin. Who will tell them the good news?” I completely gave my life to carry out God’s ministry as soon as He requested.

**What happened in your life after committing yourself to do ministry?**

After I dedicated myself to the ministry, the Lord reminded me of the verse, “Who shall



separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:35, 38, 39).

I gave myself over right away and prayed, “Lord, even if I fail or die, I will not leave you.” I retook the same math exam two months later and again failed. I asked the Lord, “Jesus, why is this failure for me again? Haven’t I committed myself completely to you?” The Lord questioned me right away, saying, ‘What was your commitment? Didn’t you promise that even if you fail or die, you will not leave me?’ I didn’t ask the Lord any more questions after that. In the next 3 months, I developed a fatal illness and was on my deathbed. The doctors could not figure out what the disease was. I was under treatment for 6 months.

At last, the doctors told my parents, “Her brain is affected by TB; only one in a million will get this disease, and we cannot save her in this terminal stage,” and they gave me 48 hours to live. At that time, while I was in the ICU, my parents prayed and surrendered, ‘Lord, take her wherever you want, but just keep her alive’. My parents had previously forbidden me from taking the ministry due to worries about safety. The Lord heard their prayer, healed me perfectly, and gave me a

new life. I haven’t taken any medication for that illness since then.

**Glory be to God! After God granted you a fresh start, what did you do for him?**

I prayed... God led me to study at a Bible college. As I was studying there, I was called to do full-time ministry, and now I’m serving the Lord full-time.

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

The scripture says, “Remember your creator in your youth.” As youth, we encounter failures, illnesses, and humiliations as we travel with Jesus as our friend. Ask the Lord for the grace to do it without turning back. The Spirit of God will guide you.

**Dear young people! Being called by the Lord to carry out His noble mission, Sister Ashwini, who had been rushing for worldly goals, has committed to run towards the supreme goal He has for her. “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord. That is why God will break and build some people before using them. Are you ignoring the call of Jesus today? Are you struggling to do things according to your own will? Repent, listen to the voice of Jesus, and yield yourself to His will! ■**



# Needy Hands?



I'm a ninth-grader studying in a boarding house. My parents died during the last Corona epidemic. One of my relatives put me and my sister in this Christian hostel. When my parents were alive, we would go to church every year on Christmas Day. Then, to the best of our abilities, we would take food, clothes, and cake to five children and spend the day of Christmas with them. However, the fact that I've encountered the same circumstance this year worries me much. My dream is to start a company, provide employment to many people, and improve their standard of living. Every year, we eagerly look forward to the season of Christmas. But we are troubled by it this year. Apart from that, I am wondering if I should go to church on Christmas day. Will you help me? - Jeni, Mumbai.

Jeni, when we lose a father or a mother, Jesus assumes complete responsibility for raising us and starts to fulfil that role. Having lost both parents in your life, there is no doubt that God will take care of everything.

So, Jeni, don't get discouraged. Don't lose heart by saying, 'My situation has changed like this'. Jesus came into the world to give hope to the lives of the hopeless. Do you think, "My life is full of emptiness, and there is no more light and prosperity in it?" Jesus is there to bring light into your devastated life.

Holding on to Jesus can change your life from bitter to sweet again, and from hopeless to hopeful. God will give you the strength to persevere through this. Jesus will elevate both of your lives. Don't get shattered that 'I who have helped others then, is seeking charity today'. Jesus can turn your needy hands into offering hands.

A young girl like you had a wealthy upbringing, experienced the loss of her parents, but finished her boarding school, set up her own business and is now a successful woman. She



wasn't sunk in her fatigue, but listened to the encouraging teachings about Jesus that were given in the hostel, believed them, and conquered her fatigue by declaring, "Jesus will be my helper," and she acted with the assurance that "I must achieve."

Jeni, if you have the same faith, Jesus can help you excel academically, build your dream company and raise the standard of living of many. Now, are you going to stay weary and sit enervated, or are you going to rise up again, strengthen your faith, and continue thriving towards your dream with the grace of Jesus?

## A few guidelines to help you succeed...

- ◀ Continue studying with faith and prayer in the same Christian hostel where you are staying.
- ◀ When fatigue arises, try to find motivation by listening to the inspiring testimonies of people who have conquered similar challenges.
- ◀ Start reading the scriptures. You'll experience an increase in faith and the emergence of new hope.
- ◀ Resolve to go to church regularly every week.
- ◀ Whenever you feel down, strengthen yourself by often saying, "Jesus loves me; He never makes a mistake in my life; He will never abandon me."
- ◀ Apply the verse "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13) to your actions with confidence. ■

## ESSENTIAL TIPS TO STAY SAFE DURING THE RAINY SEASON

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|--|---|---|--|
|  | <b>Don't Touch Electric Wires</b>       |  | <b>Keep an Umbrella and Raincoat handy</b>                 |
|  | <b>Avoid Walking in the Rain</b>        |  | <b>Increase Vitamin C intake</b>                           |
|  | <b>Beware of Bugs</b>                   |  | <b>Drink Clean, Boiled Water</b>                           |
|  | <b>Drive Slowly and Carefully</b>       |  | <b>Enter an Air-conditioned Room only when you are dry</b> |
|  | <b>Unplug Electronic Appliances</b>     |  | <b>Keep a safe distance from Sick people</b>               |
|  | <b>Close Windows and Doors Properly</b> |  | <b>Eat Bitter Vegetables</b>                               |



# IMPARTIAL GOD

Among the people living in the world, some live in mansions, some in huts, and many in ordinary dwellings. It is God's law that everyone must be born, live on this earth, and eventually die away from this world, regardless of the distinctions that exist between the high and the low, the rich and the poor, the clever and the foolish, the wicked and the just. However, God's love is revealed when we see that "the Lord makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matt. 5:45).

The Lord Jesus Christ did not come to this earth to establish any specific race or religion. He came as a man to save every human being who has sinned and ruined his life on this earth. Once, a king had an insatiable doubt in his heart. That is, "Why did Jesus come to save man? He is the creator of everything! An angel could have been sent to save man! Why did he come?" He asked this question, which was on his mind, to his minister. The minister deliberated all night and finally came up with an answer.



The next day, he went to the king's palace and said, "O king, I have found the answer to your question, 'Why should Jesus come to save mankind?' Come, let us leave the palace and cross over to the other side of the river." When the king was crossing the river with his son and a large group of soldiers, the minister abruptly shoved the king's son, the prince, into the river. When the king saw this, he instinctively dove into the river and saved his son. The king, who came up to the boat, angrily asked the minister, "Why did you push my son into the river?"

The minister questioned right away, saying, "If you had given us orders to save your kid when he fell into the river, I and several soldiers were here to accomplish it. Why did you jump into the river despite all this?" "As I love him immeasurably, I jumped into the river and saved my son without waiting for anyone," said the king. Then the minister said to the king, "My King, in the same way, the Lord Jesus Christ himself came to this earth as the Son of Man to rescue His children who were running towards death trapped

in sin, curse, and the grip of the devil despite having a large host of angels. Moreover, He is an impartial God. He had great love for all people, regardless of whether they were rich or poor, slaves or masters, good or evil, male or female, white or black, which is why He came to save man and became a living sacrifice.

Just as Jesus was impartial with people and showed the same amount of love to everyone, let us also extend Christ's love to those in our community—the poor and the weak—so that no one is left out on these festive days. “Whatever you want men to do to you, do even so to them” (Matt. 7:12).

The message of Jesus' birth reveals to us the central idea of “love others as yourself.” There is no man on this earth who does not love himself. The gospel of the birth of Jesus is that we should

love and do good to our friends who study with us, our employees, and those who are against us, just as one loves himself and his family without partiality.

When a woman who was guilty of adultery was brought to Jesus to find fault with him, the woman must have thought that he would punish her. But because Jesus loved the woman without judging her as a sinner, He set her free without condemning her.

**My youth! “There is no partiality with God” (Romans 2:11). The good news of Christ's birth tells us to love one another as He has loved us. So let's show God's love and celebrate the birth of Christ without being partial to the people around us ■**

**In Sankarankovil...**



**In Kangeyam...**

*A special prayer for exam going students*

Date: **19th January 2024** (Friday)

Timings: 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Venue: St. Paul's Matriculation  
High School, Sankarankoil - Kalugumalai Road,  
Seval Kulam.

Contact: 94882 94396 /  
9677858766

Date: **21st January 2024** (Sunday)

Timings: 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Venue: YNC (Korea) Church  
Gandhipuram, Dharapuram Road  
(Near High School) Kangeyam.

Contact: 82482 83373 /  
9442885315



Prayer & Counselling

**Bro. Sathish Kumar**



# Precious Moments

Warmest regards to our beloved young achievers. I certainly believe that you are undoubtedly putting a lot of effort into achieving your goals every day and every minute. Every minute we have here on earth is valuable and entrusted to us to make the most of. Here is the life story of an achiever that will inspire you to turn your priceless moments into achievements.

Tejaswin Shankar was born in Delhi. From a young age, he had a great interest in cricket, so he gave it a lot of attention. But Tejaswin's school physical education teacher found that Tejaswin had another talent and advised him to focus more on high jump than cricket, which motivated him to work towards it.

Tejaswin's life was transformed by the inspiration he received from his physical education teacher at school. It strengthened his will to excel in the high-jumping sport. At the age of 14, his father died of blood cancer. He was deeply impacted by his father's loss. While his father was on his deathbed, Tejaswin assured his father that he would become a great athlete. He put a lot of effort into earning what he had promised.

In 2013, Tejaswin won a bronze medal in Delhi's Athletic Championship. His journey towards achievement began when he transformed every moment into a priceless one. In 2015, he won a gold medal in the Common Wealth Youth Games held in Apia. In 2016, he won a silver medal in the South Asian Games conducted in Kawasaki. In the

2018 Commonwealth Games at Gold Coast, he won 6th place and became the talk of the town. He is becoming known as a young achiever these days.

***Dear young readers who are reading this! Tejaswin was not an achiever by birth. His ambition and tenacity helped him become a successful high jumper. No one is born as an achiever. However, if you have a strong drive to succeed as you grow older, you will eventually become a person the whole world will turn to. Do not get discouraged after one or two failures. Work hard; you can become an achiever at any time. The golden minutes that motivate you to achieve are in your hands! ■***



# Samson

## 13th Judge of Israel

Read Judges: Chapters 13–16.

### Introduction

Samson means equal to the sun, firm, or strong. He was among the most well-known characters in the Old Testament. He belonged to the Dan dynasty and was the son of Manoah of Zorah. Samson's birth was miraculously announced to his parents.

(Judges: 13)

### HIGHLIGHTS

- ◀ He caught 300 foxes, turned them tail to tail, put a torch between each pair of tails, and set fire to the Philistines' standing grain, vineyards, and olive trees.
- ◀ He killed 1,000 people with the fresh jaw bone of a donkey.
- ◀ He tore a young lion with his bare hands like a lamb.
- ◀ Samson is the first man in the Bible to kill a lion.
- ◀ He was dedicated to God from birth as a Nazarene.
- ◀ His physical strength was beyond measure. He used it for God and for his own glory.
- ◀ According to the announcement of the angel who visited his parents before his birth, Samson fulfilled God's purpose.
- ◀ He delivered Israel from the hand of the Philistines.
- ◀ He was the greatest of those who freed the Israelites from the oppression of the Philistines.
- ◀ He judged Israel for 20 years during the Philistine era.

### WEAKNESSES

- ◀ Samson broke God's law and commandment many times.
- ◀ He faced many problems because of his relationship with the uncircumcised Philistines.
- ◀ He used his talents unwisely.
- ◀ He entered the vineyard, aware that he had to avoid the grapes.
- ◀ He went to a harlot and defiled himself.
- ◀ Despite being forbidden to go near a dead body, he took honey from the carcass of a lion's body with his hands, ate it, and gave some to his parents.
- ◀ Since he loved a foreign woman named Delilah and revealed to her the secret of his strength, his hair was cut off, and his strength left him.
- ◀ He forgot the purpose for which he was called and became a lover of pleasure and a transgressor of God's command.
- ◀ He disregarded his parents' advice.

DO GOOD!

Merry Christmas



Message: Mohan.C. Lazarus

**He (Cornelius) was a devout man and one who feared God with his entire household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always (Acts 10:2).** Cornelius

was a centurion who did not know the true God but understood that there was a God. He knew that he should trust in God and have the fear of God in his life. He feared God and gave alms to the poor and needy. One day, he clearly saw in a vision an angel of God coming to him and saying to him, "Cornelius! Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God". When we help others, these actions reach the throne of heaven before God. So we should always make it a point to give alms to the poor and help and provide for those in need.

## Why Should We Do Good?

### IT IS GOD'S COMMANDMENT

"There will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you; you shall open your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land" (Deut 15-11). The Lord commands that you should help the poor and open your hands to offer freely to your brethren. Proverbs 17:5 says, "Whoever mocks the poor shows contempt for their Maker; whoever gloats over disaster will not go unpunished." Do not disrespect the poor,

because God is merciful and compassionate towards the poor and needy, and He has given it as a commandment.

### IT IMPLIES LENDING TO GOD

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his deed (Prov 19-17). A man can lend to another man. But the Lord has given us an opportunity to lend to the Maker of the heavens and earth. When we lend to the poor, it is similar to lending to God. Many think that offering money and

tithes to the church or various ministries is lending to God. It is not so. When we lend to the poor, help a widow, help a fatherless child, or help those who are suffering, it is similar to lending to God. God will repay whatever you lend to those who are poor.

### WHOM SHOULD WE HELP?

Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act (Prov 3-27). The Bible does not say, 'give to everyone', but it says, 'give to all those in need'.

One day, a brother without both hands came to me. Anyone seeing him would sympathise with him. But I was unable to express sympathy for him. With tears in his eyes, he told me, "My daughter is getting married. I am unable to take on any jobs. I have to provide food for those who attend the wedding. But I do not have money". But I was not inspired to help him. The Lord did not give me the desire to help him. So I said, "you will get the money on the day of the wedding; just give me your address and go home."

I gave the money to a brother working in our ministry and asked him to verify the man before giving the money to him. When they went to his village to check on him, the villagers said, "He had married his children many years ago. There is no wedding taking place in his family today". God knew that he was trying to swindle money, and that is why He closed my heart towards the man, and I did not get the urge to help him. Do not help those who try to deceive you, but help those who are truly in need, says the Lord Jesus Christ.

### HELP THE FAMILIES OF BELIEVERS

So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially those of the household of faith (Gal 6:10). Do not discriminate between caste and religion, but help all those who are in need. We should pay

special attention to the families of believers, says the Bible. When families who have recently accepted Christ as their saviour are in need, we must always help them. If these families need support, help them. If such believers do not have anyone to help and we have the opportunity to help them, we become sinners if we do not help such people.

### HELP THOSE WHO SERVE THE LORD

Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches (Galatians 6:6). If you are blessed by the teachings of a Bible teacher, do good to such servants of the Lord. Help all teachers of the Bible, says the Bible. There are many who go to villages to preach the gospel; there are



many who distribute tracts to others; and there are many who walk miles to spread the gospel. You can buy a bicycle for such people who serve the Lord, or you can gift them a dress to encourage them in their ministry. You can give thoughtful gifts to such workers of the Lord. Just as

the Zarephath widow in the Bible was blessed, you will be blessed beyond measure when you support the work of the preachers. "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me (Matthew 25:40).

**Dear youth, give and support those who are doing the work of the Lord, and to your church too. Support such servants of the Lord from a portion of your income or from what you have, but not by borrowing. If you personally know such workers and missionaries, or if you come across a fellow student who is in need, or if there are poor people in your neighbourhood who are living in the streets, provide for them and help them with what you have. In this month of the birth of Christ, do good and be blessed in return by Jesus Christ! Amen! ■**

## ISAAC & REBECCA

## WERE PARTIAL TO THEIR CHILDREN.



Rebecca loved his younger son Jacob more than Esau. Isaac's love for Esau was biased and he wanted Esau to receive more blessings. Since Rebecca loved Jacob more, she tricked Isaac into giving Jacob more blessings. Knowing this, Esau decided to kill his brother. So, his mother had to send Jacob to her brother Laban in Harran. Esau has also left his home. Neither of the children were able to live with their parents. And it is not mentioned in the

Bible if Jacob met his mother ever again. The partiality they had towards their children separated the parents and the children. (Genesis 27)

Dear youngsters! What good came out of all the lies and tricks of Rebecca? All she left for her children was separation and murderous rage. The seeds of partiality that she sowed grew up to bear the fruits of vengeance. Are you being biased as well?



## THE LANDOWNER OF THE VINEYARD

## WAS NOT PARTIAL TO HIS WORKERS.

The landowner went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard, and he agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. And he called up everyone who was jobless at different points in time, like 3 o'clock, 6 o'clock, 9 o'clock, and 11 o'clock. And once they finished their job, he gave wages to everyone equally. Seeing this, the ones who had been working since morning grumbled with dissatisfaction. The landowner replied, "I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?" And so he paid everyone equally and sent them back.



Dear youngsters! The landowner paid everyone equally because was not partial to the workers. Will you try to behave impartially as well?





## JACOB WAS PARTIAL TO HIS WIVES.

Jacob ran away, fearing his brother Esau, and went to his uncle Laban's house, where he was herding the sheep and living with them. When Laban asked Jacob how much salary he needed for the work he was doing, Jacob asked for Laban's younger daughter in marriage, as he loved her. He even agreed to herd sheep for 7 years. After completing seven years of herding sheep, Laban fooled Jacob and gave his elder daughter Leah in marriage to him.

When Jacob knew this, he was angry, and Laban gave him Rachel as his wife too. Leah's eyes were delicate, but Rachel was beautiful in form and appearance. So he worked another 7 years for Rachel. Jacob loved Rachel more than Leah because she was beautiful. Jacob showed partiality towards Leah. When the Lord saw that Leah was unloved, He opened her womb, but Rachel was barren (Genesis 29:30–31).

Dear youth! Are you also amidst such kind of afflictions as Leah? Do not be discouraged! Wait patiently for the Lord. God does not show partiality.



## JOSEPH WAS PARTIAL TO HIS BROTHERS.

During the 7 years of severe famine in Egypt, the granary was filled because of Joseph's planning. The Treasury was also overflowing as they were selling the grains to people coming from foreign nations. As famine stuck in the land of Canaan, where Joseph's father Jacob and his 11 brothers resided, they came to Egypt for food. Unaware that Joseph, their brother, who was sold as a slave by them, was now the Egyptian governor, they bowed down before him and bought grains. Joseph, who identified his brothers without revealing it, held his brother Simeon as hostage and sent off his other brothers, saying, "Bring me your younger brother Benjamin. Then I will believe that you are not spies". His other brothers came back with Benjamin to rescue Simeon and also to buy grains. On seeing his brother Benjamin, his heart overflowed with love. When they all sat down to dine, Benjamin was served five times as many servings as the others. Joseph gave more servings to Benjamin because he loved him more than his other brothers (Genesis 43, 44).



Dear youth! Joseph was partial to the son his mom bore and gave him more grains and food. Do you also show partiality to people you love the most over others?

# PRAYER GUIDE

December 2023

## THE NATION OF ISRAEL

- ◆ Israel was assaulted by Hamas, a terrorist organisation from Gaza, which fired 5,000 missiles at Jerusalem.
- ◆ This attack claimed the lives of... Approximately 7,900 people who were hurt in Gaza during Israel's strike are suffering as a result of inadequate medical care.
- ◆ 11 medical personnel were murdered in a strike on Gaza's 34 health centers. 3.38 million people have been evacuated from Gaza. According to the U.N. food organisation, over fifty thousand pregnant women in Gaza do not have access to water.
- ◆ Israel's campaign against the terrorists has resulted in the deaths of almost 2500 of them.

### Prayer Points!

1. Pray for the safety and peace of Israel and Jerusalem. Pray for the comfort of the family of the deceased and for the quick recovery of the injured.
2. Pray for the refugees in Gaza to have a safe place and good food.
3. Pray that terrorists around the world should repent and accept Jesus Christ.
4. Pray for the people of Israel to accept Jesus as their personal savior.



## MURDERS

- ◆ According to an American Research Organization, India ranks eighth among countries with a high murder rate.
- ◆ India has dropped from second place the previous year. According to the National Crime Record Archive, approximately 82 murders and 11 kidnappings occur in India every day.
- ◆ According to the report, the Indian state of Jharkhand has a high murder rate, while Delhi has a high number of kidnapping incidents.
- ◆ The main reasons for the murders are antagonism, gain, and conflict.

### Prayer Points!

1. Pray for the peace of the country and for murders to be avoided.
2. Approximately 82 people are slain every day. Pray for the abolition of bloodshed in the land.
3. Pray for the Lord to give them a heart to forgive and to live peacefully and happily by forgetting their animosity towards one another.
4. Pray for the deliverance of those who harbor deadly thoughts.
5. Pray for the spirit that drives murder to be bound.



## MANIPUR

- ◆ The communal clashes in Manipur between 2 communities has turned into violence. Two women were sexually assaulted and paraded naked.
- ◆ Many have taken refuge in the neighboring states as refugees.
- ◆ Though the violence has subsided a bit, there was a clash in September in Kanggui region between the people of 2 villages, and 3 people were shot dead.
- ◆ The people are living in constant fear due to this prolonged violence.

### Prayer Points!

- ◆ Pray for the protection of the 50,000 people living in refugee camps after having lost their homes.
- ◆ Pray that the violence which is increasing each day in Manipur will come to an end.
- ◆ Pray for the two communities to live in harmony with each other and for peace to prevail.
- ◆ Pray for the protection of women and pregnant women. Sexual assault against women must come to an end.
- ◆ Pray that our government to take the needed steps to bring normalcy to the state.

## PORN WEBSITES

- ◆ According to news reports, a large number of children in India start watching pornographic films at an early age.
- ◆ Children under the age of 13 are especially prone to this practise, and the number of people seeing pornographic websites is rising every day.
- ◆ A study has revealed that dopamine levels increase in people addicted to watching porn, and they experience volume loss in their brains.
- ◆ Watching porn videos also leads to stress and various mental disorders.
- ◆ An excessive amount of time spent watching pornographic videos can ruin friendships with people of the other gender and problems arise with getting physical contact.
- ◆ In the present-day people of all categories, including youngsters, children, men, women, married, unmarried, saved, unsaved, preachers, believers, people in power, etc., are trapped in this sin.

### Prayer Points!

- ◆ Pray for our Indian government to ban all the obscene website that spoil the lives of our youngsters.
- ◆ Pray with great burden for the young children who indulge in various kinds of sexual offences, as their hearts are filled with lust from seeing obscene videos.
- ◆ Sincerely pray for parents to counsel and guide the children with love so that they do not go down this wrong path.
- ◆ Pray for the deliverance of the people who are suffering from stress or other mental disorders because of their addiction to porn.
- ◆ Pray that the people addicted to this might realize that it is wrong and repent.



# A MAN AFTER God's OWN HEART

## The end of King David

Dear youngsters! Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! This month, let us conclude this series by reflecting on how the end of King David was.

2 Samuel 5:10 and 1 Chronicles 11:9 mention that David became more and more powerful because the Lord Almighty was with him. In another translation, it says that he prospered and grew.

### POTENTIAL

Looking deeper into the truths from these verses in 2 Samuel 5:10 and 1 Chronicles 11:9, we see the secret or reason as to how the shepherd boy David, who was taking care of the sheep in the wilderness, became king over all of Israel and then continued to flourish because the Lord God Almighty was with him. David became more and more prosperous and powerful because the Lord God Almighty, who created heaven and earth, was with him.

He thus sings in Psalm 16:8, "I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved." David had the experience of having the Lord before him and with him. Not only during times of war, not only when facing bears and lions, not only when his son Absalom or his adversaries were pursuing him... David always had the Lord before him. King David did not seek the Lord only when there was a need. He had the

experience of always seeking the Lord.

Having the Lord before him, he vanquished all his adversaries and triumphed in all of his conflicts with the Canaanites, Hittites, Syrians, Philistines, and Moabites since the day he started his first war with the giant Goliath.

### BLESSINGS

David's father, Jesse, was a farmer and sheep breeder in the little town of Bethlehem. David, who was grazing the few sheep they had as possessions in the wilderness, was blessed by the Lord Almighty. As per God's plan, the prophet Samuel anointed David as King of Israel. After he defeated Goliath, he received favour in the eyes of King Saul, and he was brought to Saul's palace. He received the responsibility of fighting the battles. David played the harp for Saul to relieve him from the evil spirit that troubled him. He became the son-in-law of Saul. He was anointed and crowned as the king of Judah. At the age of

37, he succeeded King Saul as the head of all of Israel.

The Lord blessed David and his household. Even when there was constant fighting and famine, the Lord was with King David and protected and blessed the nation of Israel. He was spared from his foes by the Lord. David wanted to build a temple for the Lord, so he gathered gold, silver, bronze, iron, trees, stones, and everything else needed and stocked them up. For David, the Lord built a magnificent home and a palace. It was called the city of David. He had many wives and approximately 19 children, and just as God promised, “Your house and your kingdom shall be established before Me”, God established his kingdom for posterity.

Above all, the Lord Jesus Christ was referred to as the son of David rather than the son of Abraham or Joseph. (Jesus Christ is referred to as the Son of David in about 17 verses in the New Testament.) What better boon was required for King David?

**Dear youth! The Lord, who blessed and established King David, is able to bless you and raise you. However, the Lord ought to be by your side. Only when the Lord is with you can you remain strong, blessed, and established. Look into the things that keep you from experiencing God’s love, get rid of them, give yourself to Him, and seek Him out constantly—not only when you’re in need. God bless you and keep you! Blessed Christmas wishes to all! ■**

# Loose the Knots

## WORD SEARCH

Each puzzle features a scripture passage with the search words printed in bold.

When a phrase is **bold and underlined**, those words will be found together in the puzzle grid.

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And there were in the same **country** **shepherds abiding** in the **field**, keeping **watch** over their **flock** by **night**. And, **lo**, the **angel of the Lord** came **upon** them, and the **glory** of the Lord **shone** round **about** them: and they were **sore afraid**. And the angel said unto them, **Fear not**: for, **behold**, I bring you good **tidings** of great **joy**, which shall be to **all people**. For unto you is **born** this day in the **city** of **David** a **Saviour**, which is **Christ** the **Lord**. And this shall be a **sign** unto you; ye shall find the **babe** wrapped in swaddling clothes, **lying** in a **manger**.

your answers are expected to reach us on or before 25th of Every Month

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# The Track

## Revival Race



Event: Caleb

In this series of 'The Track, we have been learning about marathon runners, their hard work, perseverance, and achievements, and we have meditated on those in the Bible who worked for God with zeal. In continuation of this series, God wants to talk to you about how to run for God in the upcoming revival.



Yuki Kawauchi is Japanese, and he works as a manager at a school in Japan. At the same time, he participates in marathons. He participated in a marathon, which took place in Boston. On the day of the race, there was heavy rain with winds, and the temperature was also freezing. Also, elite marathon runners from Ethiopia and Kenya were preparing hard for the marathon. So, Kawauchi had less possibility of winning. But Kawauchi won the Boston Marathon by overcoming extreme weather conditions and other strong participants. Generally, runners run slowly to win a marathon. But Kawauchi ran fast from the beginning of the race. There was about 300 metres between him and the ones who followed in that marathon. The commentator who criticised and laughed at Yugi initially celebrated him after seeing his pace and run. Yuki Kawauchi did not feel down after seeing the unfortunate circumstances or strong players. Instead, he concentrated only on his goal and achieved it.

Reading about Yuki reminds me of Elisha in the Bible, who was running behind Elijah, craving the anointing, and receiving a double portion of it later. Let's see the challenges Elisha had to overcome to receive such an anointing.

### 1. THE PRICE ELISHA PAID

Elisha was introduced to Elijah in 1 Kings 19:19–21 and received the call to serve the Lord as a prophet. In that period, King Ahab and Jezebel were looking out to kill Elijah. At that time, Elijah commanded Elisha to follow him, leaving his family behind. While reading the scripture, it looked like Elisha could be from an elite family. He quit such a lavish lifestyle to obey the divine vision to accomplish a risky prophetic mission, and he followed Elijah. He was ready to give up his possessions and family to follow God.



## 2. HE ASKED FOR A REMARKABLE THING

In the period of Elijah, there were many prophets. But Elisha asked Elijah for a double portion of the anointing. None of the other prophets wished for such a thing. To receive something from God,

we must thirst and yearn for it. Elisha thirsted and yearned for the anointing that was in Elijah. He was ready to do anything for it. And so, in 2 Kings Chapter 2, Elisha inherited the double portion of the Spirit. Hence, he did commendable God's work with great miracles and signs.

Dear youth! This is the end time, and the signs for Jesus's second coming are happening. Even after seeing these things and searching for small happiness in worldly things, we would not be prepared for that day. Make the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Rise and shine! God is ready to handle you.

***Is this the time to take money or to accept clothes—or olive groves and vineyards, or flocks and herds, or male and female slaves? (2Kings 5:26) ■***

# YOUTH REVIVAL MEETING

# IN MUNNAR

On October 29th, a Youth Revival meeting was held in Munnar, Kerala, by Jesus Redeems Youth Ministry, where hundreds of youths attended and prayed for the revival of their state. A large number of the young people who attended received the anointing of the Holy Spirit and the revival vision. The Lord used His servants mightily. The young people who came got 13,000 tracts to evangelise in their districts. "Glory to God!"



# Revival IGNITERS MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP

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

## EVERY 1st SUNDAY (3rd Dec.)

### MUMBAI – DHARAVI (5PM – 7:30PM)

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

### VELLORE (3PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre,  
Ajantha Mahal,  
# 3, 6th West Cross Road,  
Gandhi Nagar  
9442885315 | 9786379556

### TIRUPUR (4PM – 6:30PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre,  
#62, 2nd Floor,  
Benny Kumaran Main Road.  
9442082200

### TUTICORIN (3PM – 5:30PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre,  
Jehovah Jireh  
Towers, 51/8D/3, 1st Floor  
Tiruchendur Road,  
Muniasampuram Land mark :  
South Police Station to Kamaraj  
College Rd. 9442885315

### TIRUPATI (3PM)

Old Community Hall,  
West Church  
9985033401 | 9442885315

## EVERY 2nd SATURDAY (9th Dec.)

### BANGALORE (3PM-5PM)

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

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

Devanukae Mahimai Church,  
Nearby MGM Plaza,  
[Theekadir Busstop] 41, K.Salai pudur  
Byepass Road, Madurai - 18  
9750955548 | 9344759316

## EVERY 2nd SUNDAY (10th Dec.)

### SANKARANKOIL (2:30PM – 5PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre,  
Sekihnah Mahal, Mullai Nagar.  
9750955548 | 8344949555

### AMBUR (3PM-6PM)

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

### MUMBAI - BHANDUP (4PM – 6:30PM)

Bright High School, Village Road,  
Bhandup (W), Mumbai – 400078  
9004882470

### POLLACHI (3PM TO 6PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre,  
Grace Auto 1st floor,  
163 , raja mill road pollachi,  
9486037586 | 9487856205

### THANJAYUR (3PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre,  
Near Balaji Nagar Bus Stop,  
18B, TPS Nagar, MC Road  
9444381971 | 9488475315

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

St. Paul's Matriculation School  
9677858766 | 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)

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

### SURANDAI (2:30PM)

Jawarhalal Middle School  
9443962141 | 9750955548

### SIVAKASI (3PM -5PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre,  
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)**

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

**EVERY 3rd SUNDAY (17th Dec.)****TIRUNELVELI (2:30 PM)**

World Revival Prayer Centre,  
Shah Complex, #43/R4,  
Rajendra Nagar, Trivandrum Road  
9750955548 | 9488212915

**COIMBATORE (4 PM)**

World Revival Prayer Centre,  
#90, 1st Floor, Arts College Road,  
Near Charan Tower,  
0422 – 2309040 | 8903405315

**TRICHY (3 PM)**

World Revival Prayer Centre,  
22A, 1st Floor Thennur High  
Road, Near KMC Bus Stop,  
Thennur.  
9488475315

**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)**

World Revival Prayer Centre,  
1A/25B, Bypass Road (opp Arasu  
Autos)  
9976766322 | 7373374733

**RANIPET (3PM-6PM)**

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

**ERODE (4PM – 6:30PM)**

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

**NAGERCOIL (3PM TO 6PM)**

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

**PONDICHERRY (3PM TO 6PM)**

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

**PERNAMPET (3PM TO 6PM)**

Revival Prayer centre, VK Road.  
9442885315

**CHITTOOR (3PM TO 6PM)**

Kamlambal Street, Readspet,  
Kangareddy palli,  
9487734603

**EVERY 4th SATURDAY  
(23rd Dec.)****PERAMBALUR (5PM -8PM)**

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

**EVERY 4th SUNDAY (24th Dec.)****THIRUVALLUR (3PM -5:30PM)**

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

**KRISHNAGIRI (3 PM – 5PM)**

World Revival Prayer Centre,  
Near Arun Hospital  
Royakottai Road.  
9962085523 | 9524999711

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

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

**MUMBAI-MALAD (4PM – 6PM)**

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

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# Bethlehem

Places in the Bible: Getzi Clarwin

Dear young people! During the past several months, under the title 'Places in the Bible', you would have read and learned many interesting facts about some of the nations mentioned in the Bible and their famous cities. The name of the city we are going to discuss this month is "Bethlehem".

## INTRODUCTION

- iii. Bethlehem, known as the "House of Bread," is mentioned in several places in the Bible.
- iii. In ancient times, it was called 'Ephrathah' and 'Bethlehem of Judah' or 'Bethlehem-Judah'.
- iii. In the Bible, Ruth's father-in-law, Elimelech, was a citizen of Bethlehem.
- iii. Similarly, David, the king of Israel, also belonged to the city of Bethlehem.
- iii. More importantly, this 'Bethlehem' is the city that gave us Christ, the Saviour of the world.

*“And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.” (Luke 2:7)*

## MAIN FEATURES

- 🏰 Bethlehem is now in the West Bank, in Palestine. (A CITY IN PALESTINE).
- 🏰 It is a holy place and tourist centre of historical importance for Christians all over the world.
- 🏰 A church is situated at the birthplace of Jesus Christ. That is “**THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY**”.
- 🏰 This church was built by “**CONSTANTINE.**”
- 🏰 Although this temple was damaged in 529 AD, it still stands as a landmark in the land of Israel today.



**Dear youths! The birth of your saviour is not a myth or a story; His birth has divided history into Before Christ (B.C.) and After Christ (A.C.).**

# Remain Unbiased!

**G**reetings to my beloved brothers and sisters. The topic for this month's article is 'Remain unbiased'. Firstly, let us discuss the biased nature that prevails among us and contrast it with the Bible's depiction of God as being unbiased. Let's look at the first illustration.

As a youngster who is reading this, in your college, there may be a few favourite and well-liked students for every teacher. They might be their favourite students for a variety of reasons. They may be toppers, well-disciplined students, or even a teacher's close friend or family member. If a teacher does not punish those students for their mistakes or try to help them escape from their punishments, we can conclude that they are biased.

Yes, my dear friends! We can see these kinds of scenarios in our workplace, government offices, and other places. This is how the globe goes. However, our God is unbiased. The Bible states in Romans 2:9-11,

"Tribulation and anguish on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; but glory, honour, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For there is no partiality with God." As God's children, we ought to

walk in His footsteps, treat people fairly, and refrain from pressuring others to act in a biased manner, either directly or indirectly.

Why is God impartial? The reason is that He is the righteous judge. Justice and righteousness are part of His character. It is improper for a judge to exhibit partiality. If he is partial, he breaks justice, which is supposed to be guarded and protected. He is therefore unfit to serve as a judge. Since we serve such an impartial God, it is important for us to live a God-fearing life, as we ought to stand before Him on judgement day someday.

My dear friends, this worldly life is very short. Accepting Jesus as our Lord and Saviour in this life determines the goodness of our eternal life. Beyond our deeds, He is aware of our innermost thoughts. 1 Corinthians 4:5 says, "Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God." Therefore, God doesn't acknowledge double-faced people.

**MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, IT IS NOT GOOD FOR US TO IGNORE GOD'S PATIENCE. PEOPLE WHO SIN MAY ESCAPE THE LAW OF THIS WORLD BUT WILL NOT BE SPARED BEFORE GOD. IN THE SAME WAY, WE WHO STAND BEFORE HIS THRONE OF JUDGEMENT MUST STRIVE TO FULFIL OUR SALVATION WITH GREAT FEAR AND TREMBLING IN THIS LIFE WE LIVE AND TO LOOK INTO HIS FACE WITH COURAGE. ■**





Chitchat: Viola

# COFFEE with the Reporter

## The four lepers who announced the gospel!

It was at that time that the Syrian King Ben-Hadad had surrounded Samaria with his forces. And as a result of that, there was a severe famine in Samaria. People were suffering from severe hunger and starvation. The situation was so bad that mothers in the region began cooking and eating their children for survival. During such a time, four unnamed lepers, mentioned in the Bible, were near the outer gates of the city. Because of their daring act, the entire Samaria was delivered from hunger, and it has been mentioned in 2 Kings 7th Chapter. What if they met our reporter and had a chat with them? Let us take a look at the imaginary conversation.

**Reporter:** Hello, dear brothers!

**LEPERS:** Hi!

**Leper 1:** We belong to Samaria, in the nation of Israel. We suffered a lot due to our leprosy, and as a result, we were unable to coexist in the city with our people. Instead, we were residing outside the city limits.

**Leper 2:** We were considered to be impure. The people were afraid that we would end up spreading the disease to our family and children if we lived among them. So they left us at a point where we were away from the people of the city.

**Leper 3:** Our friends and family usually leave the food they bring us far away. We gather the

food from the location after they depart.

**Leper 4:** Be it marriage or festivals, we were not allowed to participate in any of them. We weren't useful to society or family. In fact, we weren't even useful to ourselves.

**Reporter:** How did you manage during the famine?

**Leper 2:** Oh! The famine was dreadful. Usually, people finish their meals and bring us a share. But when they themselves had nothing to eat, we had to starve. A section of people who managed to get the food also made sure that they ate it in hiding.

**Leper 1:** Even the proud and rich ones lost everything. They cooked up their own kids

and didn't have the heart to share the excess food with their needy brother or wife.

**Reporter:** During this tough situation that includes physical exhaustion, depression, and starvation, how did you tactfully make the right decision to venture into the Syrian army camp?

**Leper 1:** We were wondering where to go in search of food. Since there was no food in the town, there was no use going there. If we had chosen to stay in our place, we would have surely died of hunger. Eventually, we realised that the only place where food can be found is the Syrian camp. So we told ourselves, "Let us live if they choose to spare us; otherwise, we shall die." We went there with the limited courage we had.



**Reporter:** What happened in the Syrian camp?

**Leper 3:** We entered there slowly with immense fear, but to our surprise, nobody was there. Then we split up and checked all the tents there, and we found that they were also deserted. Our joy knew no bounds!

**Leper 4:** Since God exposed Syrian warriors to the sounds of horses, chariots, and the noises of a mighty army, they spoke among themselves, "The kings of the Hittites and the kings of the Egyptians, come upon us!" and fled from their tents the same evening, leaving their horses, donkeys, and all other belongings.

**Leper 2:** We weren't able to believe our eyes. Their tents were filled with a variety of dishes. We ate and drank with great joy. Not only that, but the place was filled with rich ornaments and clothes. We gathered as much as we could and saved them in a safe place.

**Reporter:** What happened after that?

**Leper 2:** Only after this point did we realise that it wasn't right to keep this good news to ourselves. It was our day to spread the good news to everyone. If we had decided to stay quiet or delay until dawn, we would have been found guilty. We decided to announce the news to the gatekeepers, and as a result, everybody in Samaria got food. Before dawn, everyone's hunger and thirst were quenched, and happiness returned to our city.

**Reporter:** Wow! It is amazing to think that a group of people who were dependent on others for food wiped out the hunger of an entire city. Though you were thinking that you were not even useful to yourselves, a kingdom of people was blessed through your deeds. Your daring act of venturing into the enemy's camp in

search of resources is truly commendable!

**LEPERS:** Dear brothers and sisters! You might not have discovered the hidden talent in you right now, and you may even be thinking that you aren't useful to anyone. But the God who lifts up the weak to humiliate the strong, the God who identifies the foolish to humiliate the wise, can do great things with anyone. All you have to do is keep spreading the gospel, regardless of the opportunities you get. A lot of people are dying daily from sins, curses, debts, diseases, and hunger because they don't know Jesus. If you announce to them the gospel named 'Jesus', they will attain joy and peace and be eligible for eternal life. Will you do it? We want to leave you with that thought! Thank you!

**Reporter:** Our youngsters will do it for sure! Thanks a lot, brothers! ■

## NEWS

### **India's unemployment percentage is 23.22%.**

**Urging the Union Government to take action to get 100% employment!**



A press conference was held on behalf of all industrial companies, the public, and the workers' association at the Press Forum in Chepakkam, Chennai. At that time, Prabhu, the president of the association, told the reporters: "According to a recent study by the International Labour Organisation, youth unemployment in the age group of 15 to 34 years is 23.22 percent in India. Unemployment beyond the age of 35 is questionable. India ranks first in terms of unemployment in the world. If this situation continues, the future of the youth will be a question mark. Lack of employment leads to law and order disorders, drug addiction, and children choosing the wrong path. If we do not act today, our children's future will be in question. According to the statistics given by the Union Government, 3548 people committed suicide across the country in 2020 due to unemployment. The demand for labour is high. But there is not enough awareness among our people. This is the reason why educated youth are unemployed. Necessary steps should be taken to solve unemployment in India as soon as possible so that 100% of the jobs in India are available to all. If all the youth of the nation work together for the development of our progeny, family, and nation, then this situation in the Indian nation will change soon. A very large economy's GDP will rise by 30% to 70%," he said.

**- Dinakaran, 10 November 2023.**

### **India is at the forefront of income inequality!**

**UN reports!**



The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) released the Asia-Pacific Human Development Report 2024 yesterday. While the report pointed to long-term progress, it also noted persistent rich-poor disparities. As far as India is concerned, between 2000 and 2022, per capita income increased from ₹ 36,244 to ₹1, 95,898. Also, between 2015-16 and 2019-21, the share of people living in poverty, based on those earning ₹177 per day as per the International Poverty Index, fell from 25 percent to 15 percent. Yet poverty continues to be concentrated in the states, home to 45 percent of the country's population. The report points out that 62 percent of the poor live there. Mainly since 2000, the rich-poor disparity has risen sharply across the world. In particular, in South Asian countries, including India, the richest 10 percent receive more than 50 percent of the country's total income, according to the report.

**- Dinakaran, 7 November 2023.**



# KNOW THE TRUTH!

## ***What is the cause of the war in the land of Israel?***

Three Israeli school students were abducted and beheaded by Hamas terrorists. Enraged by this, some Jews caught a Palestinian youth and beat him to death. The Palestinians who killed the Israeli youths were not arrested or punished by the government. But the Israeli government arrested three people for killing a Palestinian teenager. Islamists who attended the funeral of the Palestinian teenager went out of control with the support of Hamas and attacked Israel. Israel subdued them. Enraged by this, the Hamas movement bombed Israel. In response, the Israeli army bombed. This is the root cause of the current war. The civilians are being killed at the instigation of the terrorist movement Hamas.

## ***What exactly is happening there?***

Hamas is not an army; it is a terrorist movement. Their sole objective is to somehow destroy the nation of Israel. However, the Palestinian people are peace-loving, neutral parties. Israel has gotten into the conflict in order to defend its citizens. However, the Hamas movement is victimising ordinary people by employing them as shields. The Palestinians desire harmony.

Hamas, on the other hand, favours conflict. Hamas keeps bombing because of this, even after Israel calls for a ceasefire. Hamas claims 500 people have been killed in the fighting. In Israel, only the soldiers were attacked. But in Palestine, people are also victims of war. The reason is that Hamas is firing missiles while hiding among the throng. When Israel strikes again, civilians are killed along with the terrorists.

According to news channels, Israeli soldiers are bombing Palestinian homes, schools, and hospitals. However, these are the locations where the Hamas movement has set up foxholes and bombed Israel. The Israeli government was left with no option in this regard. Many terrorists were killed in the blast. But the Hamas movement is spreading misleading information that these terrorists are also innocent.

## ***Do we plead and pray for the protection of the innocent victims of the terrorist movement Hamas?***

Source: Internet



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