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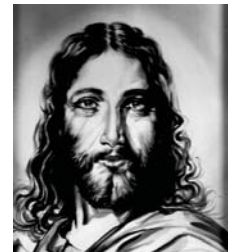


Please memorize this portion

DEUTERONOMY 28:1-8

1. Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth.
2. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God:
3. Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country.
4. Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.
5. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.
6. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.
7. The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.
8. The LORD will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

Even if everything falls on ground
waste, none of
God's Words
will fall on the ground!



(Message delivered by Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj in the Main Church)

“So Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him and let none of His Words fall on the ground” (1 Samuel 3:19).

When I was a small boy, I grew under the supervision of my uncle (mother's brother) and my aunty (mother's sister) besides mother's love much. My father worked far away in the army and whenever he came home on holidays, he used to buy many gifts for me, as I was the most favoured child in our family. We all lived as a joint family. Once he gave me a very expensive imported perfume in a bottle which was imported from a foreign country. He cheered me up and told me that I should handle it with great care.

I accepted it very happily and showed that to my relatives, friends and also to my Pastor in the church and my friends who came to

my church and boasted saying it was gifted by my father.

But within a few days, as I was holding the bottle in my hand, it slipped from my hand and fell down and broke into pieces! The perfume which was inside the bottle dripped away on the floor like a small river, right in front of my eyes. The shock I experienced many years ago, still comes before my mind.

You may also be affected greatly by some incidents that have shattered your life into pieces. Many good things that were too close to your hand must have slipped away from you. Today you have some good news! You have your Lord

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(ECHO GROUP)

from your dearly beloved brother...



..I have loved thee with an everlasting love...

Jeremiah.31:3

Dearly beloved brothers and sisters in the Lord,

Loving greetings to you and your loved ones in the sweet name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I do hope that you are doing well. Being a good friend in Jesus Christ and Partner in this great spiritual venture, I remind you before the Throne of Grace each morning and night. Please know that you are under my prayer covering. The Lord God Jesus Christ to Whom I serve will neither leave you comfortless nor forsake you, my dearly beloved.

As usual, during these days also I have been very busy from very early morning till midnight each day in serving the Lord Jesus Christ by praying, writing, preaching, teaching, doing administrative works, taking care of financial needs, etc., besides my family responsibilities. I am doing well. *"The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for the Lord Jesus Christ is with me; His rod and His staff, they comfort me"* (Psalm 23:1-4). It is my desire that you should also experience this in your life.

Our Ministries like our **Main Church, Branch Churches, Echo of His Call** magazine in 17 languages, **BIBLECOR** - Basic Correspondence Courses,

Nehemiah Bible Colleges, Gospel Printing Press, St. Paul's Matriculation School, etc., are functioning well by the grace of God. I need your prayers for our protection and expansion.

Nehemiah Bible College

In these days, the Lord God has been pressing us to expand and strengthen the activities of our **Nehemiah Bible College** in an advanced manner. This is functioning separately under a Chairman, who is an eminent Bible Scholar and a group of qualified and experienced faculty members. We have already applied for accreditation with **Asia Theological Association (ATA)** - India, which is the No.1 Accrediting Agency. In order to satisfy their norms we have to develop our library with more books. We are trying to procure more Theological Books and Devotional Books for the use of our students.

If you have good used or new such books, you may donate them to our Bible College. Recently one of our friends who stays abroad said, he can send us ample books by cargo to our Bible College. But we have to bear the cost of freight charges, duty, etc. This may be a huge amount, which is beyond our capacity. We solicit your prayers for this. You may kindly pray for this great need and do as the Lord leads you, dear, as we need these books, book racks,

OUR MISSION POLICY

We should expound and teach the contemporary generation the undiluted teachings of the ancient and early Apostles. It is the need of the hour.

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library tables, computer, etc., for our Bible College Library, very urgently.

St. Paul's Matriculation School

On the other hand, we also need used **library books which are general in nature** such as **Story Books, Fictions, Novels, Fables, Dictionaries, Puzzles, Word Twister and Dramas for our St. Paul's Matriculation School.** The poor children are expecting your helping hand in procuring library books. You may do as the Lord leads.

Dear brothers and sisters, you may know that the present days are not favorable for persons like us as we are in the frontline of God's army. We are encountering great satanic challenges and threats in the areas of our health, mission field, administration, finance, etc. Let the Spirit of God reveal you the real struggles which we are experiencing. We really need your helping hands and prayers. We will be comforted if we know that some one in the world also is concerned about our well-being, as we love you so much in the Lord God Jesus Christ.

Finally, our old friends who are reading our magazines, **Echo of His Call** mostly getting old and are not able to support us. Some of them have changed their address, which are not informed to us properly and as a result of this a lot of our magazines are returned. In order to send forth the Gospel to the next generation, we have to find the addresses of new readers. Hence, we kindly request you to take few minutes and write the names and addresses of your loved ones and family members who live away from you (along with their E.mail ID and mobile phone numbers, if possible) and send it to us by post or E.mail or WhatsApp. We will be happy to send **Echo of His Call** in one of the 16 languages to them every month at free of cost.

God bless you.

Your servant in Jesus Christ,

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God Jesus Christ !! He can feed you everyday with His Words !!! These precious Words will never fall on the ground. In order to be blessed by His Words, you have to rise early in the morning and pray to Him, read the Holy Bible and wait patiently to receive His Word for the day. This habit is not to be practiced for one or two days, but for your whole life.

“Then the Lord appeared again in Shiloh. For the Lord revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the Word of the Lord. And the Word of Samuel came to all Israel (1 Samuel 3:21, 4:1).

The Bible says that none of God's Words fell to the ground (1 Samuel 3:19). There are many reasons for that. When the Lord Jesus Christ takes a person in His hand and starts using him, it is not for a temporary moment; it is

forever. He who calls you is faithful, Who also will do it (1 Thessalonians 5:24). In II Chronicles 6:4 we read, “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, Who has fulfilled with His hands what He spoke with His mouth”. In Isaiah 46:4, He promises “Even to your old age, I am He, and even to gray hairs I will carry you! I have made, and I will bear; even will I carry, and will deliver you”. So, do not worry. Though your situation has gone very bad, the Lord Jesus Christ will set it right.

From the beginning of the life of Samuel, the man of God, the Lord God's mighty works proved true till the end of his life. Likewise, He will perform great works and fulfill all His promises in your life also.

Firstly, Samuel's Childhood

“Then Elkanah went to his house at Ramah. But the child

ministered to the Lord before Eli the Priest. Now the sons of Eli were corrupt; they did not know the Lord” (1 Samuel 2:11, 12). “Therefore the sin of the young men was very great before the Lord, for men abhorred the offering of the Lord” (1 Samuel 2:17,18).

The Bible says, Hophni and Phineahs, the sons of Eli indulged in many sinful activities (I Samuel 2:13-17, 24). Though Eli advised them not to do such evil things in Israel, they didn't listen. Eli told them, “No, my sons! For it is not a good report that I hear. You make the Lord's people transgress. If one man sins against another, God will judge him. But if a man sins against the LORD, who will intercede for him...? (1 Samuel 2:24,25).



Under such circumstances, the boy Samuel was serving the Lord. How can a small boy serve the Lord?

Samuel's parents left him at the temple before the Priest Eli. The boy began to observe carefully everything, that Eli was doing while serving the Lord. While Eli was praying, the boy Samuel also would have been on his knees, bending his tender legs. He closed his eyes and in his own language would have praised God and thanked the Lord God!!! When Eli opened his eyes, Eli must have seen that Samuel also praying. So, Eli must have patted Samuel with his loving hands. At that moment Eli must have blessed the child Samuel.

The Holy Bible says that Samuel's mother used to make him a little robe and bring it to him year by year. Samuel was ministering before the Lord, wearing a liner ephod (1 Samuel 2:18,19). Ephod the dress was usually worn by the Senior Priest, when he entered the most Holy Place.

While Samuel was yet a little boy, his mother Hannah must have stitched the dress like the priest's dress for her son. I remember, my mother used to stitch me a dress like the one worn by my Pastor!. She used to enjoy looking at me in that dress. Many people have seen me in that dress walking inside my church. Many have also seen me playing as if I was a Priest preaching before many people. So, they have commented that I would become a good, God's servant in future.

Look at today's parents ! Whether the child is a boy or a girl, they buy ultra-modern dresses for their kids, so that, they look like cinema artists, or even clowns! The

parents lead their kids into worldly style of living. Children maintain their hair style in an ugly way and fall into the lust of the flesh at a very early age. "The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts" (Romans 13:12-14).

An Experience!

Once when I went to do ministry at a particular place, I got the opportunity to meet a servant of God and his family. As I was talking to that servant of God, a person crossed us wearing some ear rings and chain, just like a young girl. I asked him what his daughter was studying. He said that it was not his daughter but his son! He told me that there was a Christian youth fellowship in his town. All the men in the fellowship dress like women and appear as young girls! As we were talking, I saw another young boy who just entered in. I asked him. "Who is this boy?". He sadly replied, "This is not my son, but my daughter". The devil is spreading his tentacles tightly on many Christian families and leading them to hell.

"For you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in passion of lust, like that gentiles who do not know God, that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forearmed you and testified. For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. Therefore he who rejects this, does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit" (1 Thessalonians 4:2-8).

In Samuel's journey of life, none of God's Words fell on the ground. Dear parents, how do you bring up your children?

Secondly, Samuel's Youth

"There fore the sin of the young men was very great before the Lord..."



"And the child Samuel grew in stature, and in favour both with the Lord and men" (1 Samuel 2:17,26).

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A Loving Request To Our Dear Brothers & Sisters

As you all know we are hard-pressed to meet several needs like the salary of the staff, expenses for the purchase of paper and also the travel expenses. Generally we never ask others to meet our financial needs. But we request those who truly love this ministry to send their offerings through **Money Orders, Cheque or Demand Draft, NEFT, Paypal, PhonePe, Gpay** (98410 71858) or through any other methods and support us in this Ministry. When you send your support please give an intimation to us by SMS, WhatsApp or Phone. We are so thankful to those who are supporting us. **The Lord will surely bless you.**

"... A brother is born for adversity".
Proverbs 17:17

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PRAISE & PRAYER POINTS - From 2021 May 19 To June 18

(Please take this sheet out, fold it and keep it in your Bible and pray continuously)



POINTS FOR PRAISE

- May 19:** Let us praise God for our **ECHO OF HIS CALL** Ministries.
- May 20:** God be praised for our senior members of the Main Church.
- May 21:** All our male and female members of the Main Church are well blessed.
- May 22:** Having been printed in 17 languages of our **ECHO OF HIS CALL** Magazine at our Gospel Press and sent to various mission fields.
- May 23:** Let us praise for our Prayer Partners, Subscribing Partners, Faith Partners, Life Partners and Great Commission Partners and their families.
- May 24:** Praise the Lord for the Pastors and the officials of our Churches.
- May 25:** Let us praise the Lord for blessing us to spread the gospel into the unreached areas.
- May 26:** Let us praise God for our Main Church Services from 8.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m every Sunday.
- May 27:** Praise the Lord for the Sunday services at Balaji Nagar, Santhoshapuram and Velachery.
- May 28:** Blessing our **St. Paul's Matriculation School** and its functioning with efficient staff members.
- May 29:** Let us praise the Lord for our supporters.
- May 30:** Praise the Lord for every ministerial happenings of the last month.
- May 31:** For our State Co-ordinators and their families.
- June 01:** New comers and believers of our Churches.
- June 02:** Let us praise for safeguarding our missionaries and their families.
- June 03:** God our Lord is safeguarding our Senior Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj and his family from all evil dominions.

POINTS FOR PRAYER

- June 04:** Let us pray for peace all over the World.
- June 05:** For this month's ministerial activities and their good yields.
- June 06:** Pray for the expansion of our **Echo of His Call Ministries**.
- June 07:** For security and unity among the people of all countries.
- June 08:** Pray for our **BIBLECOR** and **Theological Correspondence Courses**.
- June 09:** Pray for re-opening of our **Nehemiah Bible Colleges** from **June 01, 2021**.
- June 10:** Pray for the members of all our churches who are very much concerned about us.
- June 11:** To pray for the people who are very badly affected by Covid-19.
- June 12:** Let us pray for our supporters, well wishers and friends who hold our ministries in prayer.
- June 13:** Pray for Presidents, Prime Ministers and all Government Authorities of the World.
- June 14:** Pray for the sooner recovery of our Associate Editors, Rev. Shashi Tiwari and Rev. Ramakrishna.
- June 15:** Let us pray for our English Associate Editor, Bro. M. Paulraj to get complete healing.
- June 16:** Let us pray for our Manipuri Associate Editor, Rev. Dr. Rishikanta Sorokhaibam who is sick.
- June 17:** Pray for the eradication of Corona Virus from the World.
- June 18:** Pray for the safety of our Senior Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj and his family members from all sorts of evil forces.

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The sons of Eli lived wholly in sin. But on the other side, we see Samuel, a young boy lived gaining the favour of both God and men. God looks at both of these people. Whom will He bless? Whom will He lift up? Whom will He trust?

When I was a young man, my parents entrusted me with



Pastor S. Devadason
(Former Editor of the "India Harold of His coming"). I had the

privilege of serving the man of God. I was true to him. He was a perfectionist who did everything perfect and was always punctual. I was offering my services always keeping in mind that I should please him in every way and never do anything that would displease him.

My Pastor used to be on his knees for hours, praying for the people all over the world. On seeing him in that posture, I also learned to pray like him. I also learned to read the Word of God for hours and meditate on the verse standing on knees. To mention many of the other things I learned from him – Receiving God's message from God himself, Walking according to God's Word, Writing down the thoughts and Publishing them, Preaching the Word of God, Separating one tenth of all the income and Giving the tithe to God, Supporting other ministries also by special offerings, Giving an offering out of love to any servant of God who comes to see me, Wearing clean clothes etc. I learned all such good

things from him and I pleased my God, my Pastor and his big family members including his wife, sons Dr. D.T. Rajah, Dr. D.S. Spurgeon, Bro. Theodore, Bro. Wesley Devadason, daughters and grand children. They too loved me so much. God has rewarded me by blessing me more and more in the later days.

"Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all day. You, through your Commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; For they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, because I keep your precepts" (Psalm 119:97-100). Whatever God has spoken to me in my life, nothing has fallen on the ground. He protects me. He meets my need. Amen.

Dear young man and dear young woman now leading a worldly life, do you have the above experience? How have you dressed? Do you dress yourself in order to attract others? Do your hair style mean to attract others? Watch yourself!" "God is not mocked" (Galatians 6:7).

Look at today's some young men and young women who boast themselves as servant of God. Look at their way of dressing, their hairstyle, the moustache, and the beard. By their worldly, but wrong style of dressing, they think they can attract others. They may attract some groups of young men and women who dress like them. But by such ultra-modern ministries, they can never please God help and deliver a single person from the sinful living. Be warned! It was Samuel's humility and faith that pleased both God and men in his

youth, none of God's Words spoken to him, fell on the ground.

Dear child of God, do you have this experience? Some young people who are called by God for His ministry do shine brightly at their early stage. But they do not remain so for long. Many get totally changed after they get married. They change their style of dressing, and even change the doctrines they once believed. They forget about the call they received from God one day, lose their spiritual standards and get broken beyond repair. We may be lifted very high in the society. But we must be careful to follow the Apostolic teachings and also expound and teach the contemporary generation the undiluted teachings of the ancient and early Apostles. This is the need of the time. The servants of God, who are wedded to these teachings can minister to God for a long time and lead a blessed life. Victory is sure for such people. Our Lord God also needs such persons!

**Thirdly, Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him...
(1 Samuel 3:19).**

Praise the Lord! Now Samuel has grown to be an adult. Now also the Lord God was with him. Childhood and youth are different from adulthood. When you are a child or a youth, you are likely to get the support of your parents and the society. When you are an adult you need to have more of God's favour. You find yourself in various circumstances like marriage, children, finance, social life, sickness and family problems. On such circumstances, you need God's help. We cannot stand alone and live a victorious life without

divine mercy. God's help like protection and guidance will be surely needed.

When I was working in a Government Department before coming to full time Ministry, I had a friend in my office. I used to distribute tracts during my lunch time and preach. I led a separated life'. On seeing my involvement in such things, my friend used to tease me and complain about me to my higher authorities. This was giving me mental stress. I used to pray for him. When I met him after few years, I found in astonishment that his style of dressing and behavior was changed completely. I noticed a badge on him saying '**Jesus Lives**' on the front side of his shirt and he had a Holy Bible in his hand. He looked as a very different man!

I asked him surprisingly, "Dear Friend, what happened to you? You seem to be much faster than me". He replied, Bro. Sam, I got married, I didn't have a good job. There was no peace at house. We lacked money. We were not blessed with children. Everyone started to mock at me. I was forced to get deliverance in some way. But nobody came to rescue me from hopelessness, sleeplessness and curses in my life. I needed help of a supreme God who could really be with me to solve my problems".

"In this situation, I had a neighbour who used singing and shouting always about someone by name Jesus Christ and His Power through his loud speaker. I did not

know what to do. One day, without anyone noticing me, I entered into the small church at the time of prayer and sat in a corner. That Pastor neither knew me nor noticed me nor familiar with any one of my needs nor my brokenness".

But he illustrated the Bible verse Matthaw 11:28, "**Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest**". Each of these words penetrated into my heart and created some kind of vibration. I was able to enjoy a super natural divine touch beyond my knowledge and belief.

That day I realized that there was a God and His name being Jesus Christ. What a wonderful experience! On the sameday I confessed all my sins through my mouth to the Lord God Jesus Christ, received forgiveness and I had a change of heart, Bro. Sam! I experienced salvation and my family also got saved. Now we all are led by the Holy spirit of God. My Saviour Jesus Christ removed all my brokenness and meets all my needs".

Dear reader, today you need a Saviour ! You need a God !! Do not adhere or listen to the people who say something wrong about the teaching of Christians !!! The most powerful Creator and God says "The fool has said in his heart, there is no God" (Psalm 53:1). and "...the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing..." (1 Corinthians 1:18). You are born to be successful.

"Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee !" (Isaiah 60:1).

Samuel grew having God always with him. So whatever God spoke to him, never fell on the ground. Dear friend, you may be a child, young adult or advanced in age. But the power of God is never diminished! Come to Him now. Victory is sure !!

Fourthly, Samuel, the Old man

"And all Israel from Dan to Bersheba knew that Samuel had been established as a prophet of the Lord" (1 Samuel 3:20).



"He Who calls you is faithful, Who also will do it" (1 Thessalonians 5:24).

Now Samuel was the prophet and Judge for all the Israel. He was called by God to be a prophet (1 Samuel 3:20). Also later Samuel stayed in Ramah and performed the role of a Judge in Mispah, Gilgal and Bethel. He was a prophet as well as a Judge. Both his sons were helping him in his old age. What a wonder and blessed man was Samuel !

Then the people of Israel wanted a King to rule them. So, according to the command of God, as a judge, he anointed Saul to be the King. He continued to be a prophet and a judge till the end of his life. I personally admire Samuel so much.

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An Experience!

When I was working for the Government, a new building was constructed for the functioning of the office. When the construction was over, before the office was shifted, the staff members wanted to conduct a 'yagam' celebration to idols. But the top most officer who was not at all a Christian directed me to have my prayer there and ordered to shift my office to the top most floor and declared why should we spend our time and money in inviting others, when a God's

servant, Sam Selva Raj who was always doing some kind of prayers to some God, is working with us. And he directed to shift my office first in the top most floor and honored me. So God gave me the privilege of being a government servant and a Priest. You knew Government had granted me a special permission to do the Echo of His Call Ministry previously.

Later, when God rejected Saul, Samuel anointed David as the King of Israel. David considered Samuel as his spiritual father. When

Samuel died, the whole of Israel mourned for him.

Dear reader, have you experienced this kind of promotion in your life?

During Samuel's childhood, youth and adulthood and during his old age, God protected him and did not let any of his word fall down on the ground. May the Lord be with you also with such an unprecedented love and care. Believe and come to the Living God Jesus Christ!! Amen.

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(Life experiences of Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj)

“whoever reads, let him understand” Matthew 24:15

Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift

During my very early days in the year, 1972, I was prompted by the Spirit of the Lord to conduct an evangelistic crusade in a place called Saidapet, Chennai. We had given enough advertisement through wall posters, hand bills etc. inviting people for the crusade. I, with the help of my fellowmen tried as much as possible to bring people.

Plenty of prayers were offered exclusively for this programme. Some of my friends brought their musical instruments and special song sheets. At the time of the commencement of the crusade, we were not able to see any people coming over there. But we had been waiting for a long time. Finally two brothers came to attend the crusade. All my fellow brethren who worked hard for the crusade felt very sad. They asked me why God had not answered our sincere prayers and honoured our hard work. I told them that God may have His answer in His own way. I did not really lose hope. *I strengthened myself in the Lord my God* (1 Samuel 30:6).

However, we conducted the worship service and I preached a powerful message and one among the two participants gave his life to the Lord and later he committed himself to work for the Lord with me.

Now God has raised me to preach in crusades where thousands of people gather in India and outside the country of India. God's name is glorified. For this, I had to wait for several years with much patience and faith.

Dear brothers and sisters, are you sailing in a boat of failure? Do you think that all your hard works and fasting prayers are not yielding fruits? Some times God is

silent when we are very active with great and immediate expectation, to test out faith and patience towards Him.

“The genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”
1 Peter 1:7.

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