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THE HOLY BIBLE



Please memorize
this portion
PSALM 81: 1-8

1. Sing aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.
2. Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery.
3. Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.
4. For this was a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.
5. This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony, when he went out through the land of Egypt: where I heard a language that I understood not.
6. I removed his shoulder from the burden: his hands were delivered from the pots.
7. Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee; I answered thee in the secret place of thunder: I proved thee at the waters of Meribah. Selah.
8. Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me;

HOLD FAST & BE COURAGEOUS EVEN IN HARD TIMES!

Sis. Angel

Blessed greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who alone has the power to do extraordinary and supernatural things. I trust this message finds you well, and I pray that you may prosper even as your soul prospers.

A few days ago, I was reading Daniel chapter 3. Though I have read this passage many times before, this time it brought deep comfort and reassurance. I felt led to share a few reflections with you.



THE HEBREW BROTHERS!

Daniel chapter 3 begins with a dramatic and intense scene. The three Hebrew men - Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego - are commanded by King Nebuchadnezzar to bow down and worship a

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... You shall do what is right and good in the sight of the LORD that it may be well with you. - Deuteronomy 6:18.

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

I extend my heartfelt thanks to all my brothers and sisters in the Lord who stand faithfully with me behind the scenes - through your fervent prayers, tireless labor, and generous freewill offerings. You are God's gracious gift to me, enabling the proclamation of His name to the nations, even amidst daily challenges, trials, and tribulations.

As for me, I have held fast to the testimonies of God, and I believe He will not put me to shame. The psalmist says in Psalm 119:31:

I have stuck unto thy testimonies: O Lord, put me not to shame.

To stick means to cling to, to cleave, to hold fast, and to remain steadfast. When God gave His commandments to His people, one recurring exhortation was to "hold fast" or - "to stay firmly connected". There is no other path for achievers to reach their God-given goals without this unwavering commitment.

Personally, I began this journey of clinging to the Lord from my early youth. I came to understand that a successful spiritual walk is not a path of ease and comfort. It requires deliberate effort - to hold on, to remain steadfast, to cleave to Him with all our heart.

These are not just words; they reflect deep spiritual experiences. They speak of remaining connected to God whether in sunshine or storm, through failures, betrayals, loneliness, sickness, loss, suffering, trials, and temptations.

Just as something firmly glued to another surface cannot be easily separated, so our lives must be firmly joined to the Lord Jesus Christ. When we are truly stuck to Him, He becomes an inseparable part of our lives.

This is the life built on solid rock - not on sinking sand.

We can see the events of the Bible being fulfilled in our own lives today. People from various faiths and walks of life will testify that the Lord God, Jesus Christ, is still alive and working among us.

At times, holding fast, clinging to, or cleaving to God during life's wilderness experiences may bring stress and even strain in our relationship with Him. However, the Word of God assures us:

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“But you who held fast to the Lord your God are alive today, every one of you.” - Deuteronomy 4:4

Let “holding fast to the Lord Jesus Christ” be our watchword. It is this steadfast faith that will lead us through the trials of life victoriously, making us overcomers and achievers.

This unwavering commitment must be rooted in a reverent fear of God, reflected in every area of our lives.

You are in my prayers. Hold fast to the Lord Jesus Christ. The rest of your life's journey will be blessed and fruitful.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.

Brethren, please continue to pray for us.

In Christ Jesus, your servant,

Pr. S. Sam Selva Raj.

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golden image he had set up. When they refuse to do so, they are cast into a blazing furnace.

Before we delve deeper into chapter 3, it's important to take a brief look at chapter 2 for context. In that chapter, King Nebuchadnezzar has a troubling dream. **He sees a statue with a head made of**



King Nebuchadnezzar has a troubling dream

pure gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, and its feet partly of iron and partly of baked clay (Daniel 2:31–33).

He calls upon Daniel to interpret the dream. **Daniel explains that the head of gold represents King Nebuchadnezzar himself and that after him, other kingdoms will rise - but none will be as glorious or powerful (Daniel 2:38–39).**

We are not told the exact time gap between chapters 2 and 3, but something seems to have stirred

in the King's heart. Perhaps he thought to himself, “I will pass away, and someone else will rule after me. But I want people to remember my reign as the golden era.” Motivated by pride or insecurity, he decides to construct a massive golden statue - possibly of himself - demanding that all bow in reverence to it.

1) Tied Up To Freedom!

Daniel 3:21 – **Then these men were bound in their coats, their trousers, their turbans, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.**

The king thought he had bound them, tied them up, and stripped away their freedom by



God had a greater plan

casting them into the heart of the blazing furnace. The enemy must have believed he had successfully cut short God's plan - derailing, delaying, or even destroying it. But God had a far greater plan in motion.

For a moment, it looked like the end for the three Hebrew men. Satan must have rejoiced when God didn't immediately intervene. Often, when we pray, God answers at once. But at other times, there is silence - sometimes for years. This



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silence can shake our faith and tempt us to give up.

I don't know about you, but I've experienced times when, after praying, instead of things getting better, they became worse. If we look at the story of the Hebrew brothers, after they boldly confessed their faith, the fire was intensified - seven times hotter.

Perhaps, dear friend, you've found yourself asking: "Lord, why has it gone from bad to worse? I've been praying - why did You allow this?"

Yes, God could have stopped them from being thrown into the fire. He could have quenched the flames before they ever entered. But He did something even greater - He waited for them in the fire. He was already there, ready to hold them in His arms.

When they fell into the furnace, I believe they fell straight into the everlasting arms of God. He had already gone ahead of them. God always goes before us - walking ahead to protect us, even in the fire. Even in the middle of the fiery furnace, He is there. You are not alone. He will be there waiting - to strengthen you, to sustain you.

Without God's permission, nothing happens in our lives. He allows seasons of intense struggle - not to harm us, but to use us as living testimonies for the generations to come. Our lives and our witness will stand. God has called us to leave a legacy.

2) Strolling in Freedom!

When the three men were thrown into the fire, all their bonds were loosed. The ropes that bound their hands and feet were gone. In the presence of the Lord, they were



Four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire

free - walking unharmed in the fire, with the Son of God beside them.

... I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt ...

Daniel 3:25.

In the Tamil Bible, this verse is beautifully rendered - it doesn't just say they were walking, but that they were strolling. What a picture! These men were cut loose - free in the very place designed to destroy them.

Dear brothers and sisters, you may find yourself in the midst of the fire right now. But as long as you remain in the presence of God, you are free. He is able to break every bondage. There is freedom in the Blood of Jesus Christ.

What amazes me most is not just that they were delivered, but what they were doing: they were taking a stroll with their Maker!

Think about it - when do we usually take a stroll? People stroll in parks or gardens, calmly and unhurried, enjoying nature or good company, taking their time without pressure or anxiety.

Can you imagine? Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego were strolling - calmly and without pressure - in the middle of a blazing furnace! The enemy

thought he had them, but he didn't realize one powerful truth: God had their back.

Say it out loud with confidence: "God has got my back!"

3) No Harm!

Not only were their hands and feet unbound, not only were they walking with the Lord - they were completely unharmed. As Daniel 3:25 declares, - **... They are not hurt ...**

How is that possible?

It means there was no trace of the fire - no burns, no blisters, not even the smell of smoke on them. God had covered them so completely, it was as if they had never been in the fire at all.

I imagine they must have been singing Psalm 23 as they were being led toward the furnace:

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. Psalm 23:4.



Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil!

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TO SHARE (Galatians 6:2)

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PRAISE & PRAYER POINTS - From September 19, 2025 To October 18, 2025

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



†PRAISE GOD FOR...

- September 19** ⇒ Our **St. Paul's Matriculation School's** Principal, Teachers, and Staff Members.
- September 20** ⇒ The blessings upon our Associate Editors and their families.
- September 21** ⇒ The growth of our **Bible Correspondence Course** and **Theological Correspondence Course**.
- September 22** ⇒ His blessings poured out on the families of our workers.
- September 23** ⇒ God's blessings upon all our Prayer Partners, Subscribing Partners, Faith Partners, Life Partners, Great Commission Partners, and their families.
- September 24** ⇒ God's faithful provision in meeting all our needs during the month of August.
- September 25** ⇒ Gratitude for God's grace as **Echo of His Call Ministries** prepares to enter its 57th year on August 10, 2025.
- September 26** ⇒ God's favor upon the new admissions at **St. Paul's Matriculation School**.
- September 27** ⇒ The power of God's Word manifesting through our Sunday services at the Main Church and all branch Churches.
- September 28** ⇒ Bringing new students to our Evening **Nehemiah Bible College**.
- September 29** ⇒ Grateful for the deep commitment shown by our mission workers.
- September 30** ⇒ Our Senior Pastor and his unwavering dedication to advancing the Gospel through diverse ministries.
- October 01** ⇒ Enabling us to print and publish our magazine in 16 languages through our in-house printing press, and to send them to mission fields.
- October 02** ⇒ Gratitude for the encouraging testimonies received through the

5-minute messages shared via **Echo of His Call YouTube Media Ministry**.

- October 03** ⇒ God's continued blessings on **St. Paul's Matriculation School**, **Nehemiah Bible College**, and the **Bible Correspondence Courses**.

†PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

- October 04** ⇒ God's guidance to help us conduct regular theological seminars.
- October 05** ⇒ The unity and peace of all nations.
- October 06** ⇒ The blessings upon our Associate Editors and their families.
- October 07** ⇒ Our Partners, State Coordinators, and their families.
- October 08** ⇒ The safety and well-being of people across the world.
- October 09** ⇒ New student admissions at **St. Paul's Matriculation School** (Village High School).
- October 10** ⇒ God's blessings on our Gospel Printing Press.
- October 11** ⇒ The good health and well-being of our Senior Pastor, S. Sam Selva Raj, and his family.
- October 12** ⇒ Integrity among believers of all nations in their relationship with God.
- October 13** ⇒ The youth and outreach ministries of **Echo of His Call**.
- October 14** ⇒ An end to the economic recession in various parts of the world.
- October 15** ⇒ The divine protection of missionary workers around the globe.
- October 16** ⇒ Every nation to be led by God-fearing leaders.
- October 17** ⇒ The economic upliftment of the underprivileged and marginalized.
- October 18** ⇒ Divine protection from natural disasters for people everywhere.

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And indeed, He was with them - waiting to comfort and deliver, just as He has promised.

Here are just a few of His precious promises!

Zechariah 2:8

... Whoever touches you touches the apple of His eye...

Isaiah 49:16

See, I have engraved you on the palms of My hands...

Psalms 91:11

For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;

Psalms 121:7

The Lord will keep you from all harm - He will watch over your life...

John 10:28

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of My hand.

Dear friends, whatever overwhelming or suffocating situation you are in right now - you will come out of it without harm. Just hold on to the Lord. He will make a way where there seems to be no way.

You may be trapped in an abusive relationship, drowning in a financial crisis, struggling with serious health issues, entangled in a legal battle, or grieving the loss of a loved one. But remember this - God has got your back.

Claim His promises. Keep praising Him through the storm. He will either bring you out of the situation or give you the grace to endure it - without harm.

Just like the three Hebrew men, they came out of the fire completely unharmed!

4) The Fire Had No Power!

Daniel 3:27 says, ...The fire had no power...

That means the situation you're in has no power over you. Hallelujah!

The king and his officials believed the fire would consume them. But what actually happened was something remarkable: the fire didn't dictate the outcome - the Hebrew men, by the power of God, dictated the situation.

Let me tell you this: your situation has no power over you - unless you give it that power.

Do not surrender control to your fear, pain, or crisis. Refuse to let the situation dominate you. As a

child of God, you carry His authority. The fire may be real, but it is powerless against the one who walks with the Fourth Man!

5) It Brought Glory to God!

Every event in our lives - whether joyful or painful - has one divine purpose: to bring glory to God.

Yes, even suffering. Even loss. Even the fire.

After witnessing the miracle, King Nebuchadnezzar declared:



King Nebuchadnezzar's command

They trusted in Him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any

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PIT TO PALACE

(Life experiences of Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj)

“Whoever reads, let him understand” (Matthew 24:15)

THE LORD WHO EXALTS HUMBLE MINISTRY

From my early days, the Lord gave me a great interest as well as great burden to reach the people through His glorious gospel by all means, at all costs, in any way and in every way and enable them to enjoy the salvation of Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 9:22). One day, I decided to tell the love of the Lord Jesus Christ at least to one person each day by giving out a gospel tract or sharing the love of Christ personally. The Lord is still helping me to carry out this decision.

From the year, 1971 while I was working for the Government of Tamil Nadu, I was in the habit of distributing gospel tracts on my way from my residence to the office as well as on my way back home. When I was in this ministry, I was able to meet thousands of non-Christians as well as few godly people. Apart from this, through the contacts I got through this ministry, I was able to start Church ministry in Chennai.

Since I found it difficult to get enough literature, I had to approach the local printing presses to print gospel literature for my free distribution. The printing press owners were not very happy to print gospel tracts for my ministry. This made me uncomfortable several times. In spite of all such

adverse circumstances, the Lord helped me to carry on the ministry.

Several times, I was attacked physically when I distributed gospel tracts to the friends who belonged to other faiths. But God protected me from evil forces and helped me to go forward in His ministry.

Now, the Lord to whom I served faithfully has honoured my humble ministry of distributing gospel tracts on the streets and market places and blessed me with a big MINISTRY OF GOSPEL LITERATURE with enough number of efficient staff, latest printing equipments, buildings etc. Now as you are aware, by the grace of God, this ministry is able to reach the people of various countries with the gospel Jesus Christ as we translate and publish gospel literature in sixteen languages viz., English, Tamil, Malayalam, Telugu, Hindi, Marathi, Kannada, Bengali, Gujarati, Oriya, Assamese, Punjabi, Urdu, Nepali, Sinhala and Afrikaans. We are also having Worship Services in our Main Church in five languages viz., English, Tamil, Malayalam, Telugu and Hindi on every Sunday.

Jesus Christ can perform great things in your life also (Psalm 126:3). Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy. Psalm 126:5.

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god except their own God. Therefore I make a decree that any people, nation, or language which speaks anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made an ash heap; because there is no other God who can deliver like this (Daniel 3:28–29).

God allowed the fire. He even allowed it to be intensified. Why?

First, because He trusts you to walk through it in faith.

Second, because He will use your testimony to bring glory to His name.

So be encouraged, my brother, my sister - what you are going through right now is not in vain. It will bring glory to God, and you will emerge from this fire as His powerful vessel, refined and radiant.

6) Promotion!

Sometimes we may find ourselves asking, “What's the point? If God is going to get all the glory and all the honour - if He alone is exalted - then where do I fit into all this?”

But when we read the rest of the story in Daniel 3, we see a beautiful truth: God is a rewarder of those who faithfully trust Him.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego were not only honoured in the spiritual realm, but also rewarded here on earth.

Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego in the province of Babylon. (Daniel 3:30)

Satan had planned their destruction. He intended to:

End their lives, end their favour with the king, end their ministry, end their faith, end God's plan for them, end the faith of others who witnessed their trial, And ultimately, to halt the expansion of God's kingdom.

But none of that happened.

Instead, God turned the enemy's plan on its head and used the situation to expand and strengthen His kingdom across the earth.

Look at what the fire accomplished:

It fulfilled God's plan. It brought glory to God. It strengthened not only their faith, but also the faith of other Jews - and even non -Jews like the king himself. It brought them favour in the eyes of both God and man (the king). It did not end their lives; rather, it gave them a new beginning - a renewed purpose, vision, and position. It proved that **what the enemy meant for evil, God turned for good**

(Genesis 50:20).

The king - who once commanded all to bow to a golden image - publicly declared the supremacy of the God of Israel:

... There is no other God who can deliver like this.

Daniel 3:29.

(7) Zeal - Leaving A Legacy!

Finally, the three Hebrew men left behind a powerful and lasting legacy - a legacy of unshakable faith that continues to speak to us even today, in 2025.

God allowed them to go into the fire so they could stand as a testimony for generations to come. Their story challenges and inspires us to live with the same zeal for the Lord.

They boldly declared:

... Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up. Daniel 3:17-18.

Look at the audacity and conviction they had for the Lord! They were willing to face death rather than compromise their faith.

How often do we become discouraged when things don't go our way? And yet these young men,

through their unwavering devotion, have not only strengthened their own faith - but ours too.

Let me ask you:

Can you still serve God... in the midst of failure? in the midst of sickness? in the midst of family struggles? in the midst of health challenges? in the midst of professional pressure? in the midst of personal heartache? in the midst of repeated disappointment? in the midst of brokenness? even in the midst of blessing and abundance?

Don't turn back.



He is near, and His arms are open

He is waiting for you. That's why Jesus Christ died on the cross - so He could intercede for us and fully understand what we're going through. He is not distant or indifferent. He is near, and His arms are open.

So hold on to Him.

Serve Him with zeal.

Live a life that leaves a legacy.



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