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## THE HOLY BIBLE



Please memorize  
this portion  
PSALM 29: 1-9

1. Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength.
2. Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
3. The voice of the LORD is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the LORD is upon many waters.
4. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
5. The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedars; yea, the LORD breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.
6. He maketh them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn.
7. The voice of the LORD divideth the flames of fire.
8. The voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness; the LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.
9. The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forests: and in his temple doth every one speak of his glory.

## SEVEN SECRETS of your blessed future!!



*Sis. Angel*

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

It gives me great joy to meet you every month through **Echo of His Call** Magazine. I trust and hope you are doing well by God's grace. Some of us may not feel at our best right now, but the very fact that you have picked up this magazine to read is a step of faith. Remember - God is still in control. It is not over until He says it is over.

For the past few weeks, the phrase "Guard yourself" has been constantly on my heart. I began to study and reflect on it, and I would like to share some of those thoughts with you.

The Bible teaches us to guard ourselves. To guard means to protect, to be alert, cautious, and aware of what is happening around us. Let us look at a few important areas where we must guard ourselves.

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... I shall yet praise Him, the help of  
my countenance and my God. - Psalm 42:11.

Dear friends in the Lord,

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

It is true that God often allows us to walk through difficult situations in order to refine our character and draw us closer to Him. In Psalm 42, we see David passing through such a season. He wandered from mountains to valleys, from the wilderness to river sides, with a heart weighed down and a spirit wrestling for peace. Yet in the midst of it all, he exhorted his own soul to trust more deeply in God.

To have a deeper faith means to praise God in pain, to believe Him in chaos, to rejoice in Him amidst struggles, and to cling to His truth even in the darkest night. This has also been my personal experience, and I believe the Lord will minister to you through it.

If hope is the root, then praise is the fruit. Praise and worship deepen the roots of our faith. So if you are facing disappointment, do not lose heart - do not give up your hope! Hold on!! Be bold!!! **Place your hope in God.** You may ask, "But how do I hope in God?" My answer is simple: Do what David did.

"For I shall yet praise Him." Praise Him in sickness. Praise Him with gratitude, even when you are facing overwhelming financial burdens. He will not allow you to be put to shame. It is easy to worship when everything goes well - that is gratitude. But to worship God when everything seems against us is the mark of steadfast hope. God delights in such faith.

This was true in David's life. God defeated his enemies and restored all that he had lost. The same happened with Job. Though Job lost everything, in the end God blessed him with a double portion. The Scripture says, **...for the Lord had accepted Job.** (Job 42:9). The Bible translation in Tamil language says, **The Lord God looked unto the face of Job!** What a blessed experience! In the same way, God will care for you. Place your hope in Him, and you will see His goodness.

God is blessing our ministries abundantly. Truly, **The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.** Psalm 23:1. I believe that this month the Lord will anoint you and me with such grace that we will be able to declare with confidence: I will not be among those who lack.

Please continue to pray fervently for the ministries of **Echo of His Call**, and kindly support us with your help and cooperation as the Lord enables you.

May the Lord richly bless you!

In Christ Jesus, your servant,

Pr. S. Sam Selva Raj. E-mail : sam@echoofhiscall.org

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### 1. Guard Your Heart!

**Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.** Proverb 4:23, NLT

The Hebrew word for heart is "Leb", which refers to the seat of our emotions, thoughts, and feelings. It is the place from which we think, reason, and make decisions. That is why the Bible emphasizes guarding the heart - because the condition of our heart shapes the direction of our entire life.

Our heart defines who we are. It is the most complex organ of our being - difficult to understand, and often beyond our own grasp. This is why David prayed, "Search me, O Lord," because the heart can be complicated, deceptive, and indecisive. Only the Creator can truly search it, expose its hidden wickedness, and cleanse it.

God not only sees the sinfulness of our heart but also the pain and scars it carries. As the psalmist declares: **Put me on trial, LORD, and cross-examine me. Test my motives and my heart** - Psalm 26:2, NLT. Our motives and actions do not always align. What seems right and pure to us may appear entirely different in God's eyes, for "the LORD weighs the spirit."

The Scripture reminds us: **But I, the LORD, search all hearts and examine secret motives. I give all people their due rewards, according to what their actions deserve** - Jeremiah 17:10, NLT. This is why we must be careful about what influences our heart.

The Bible urges us to **Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.** Proverb 4:23. Similarly,

Proverbs 23:7 teaches, **As a man thinks in his heart, so is he.**

Dear children of God, be cautious and alert about what enters your heart - through social media, the books you read, the movies you watch, or the conversations you engage in with friends. Every influence matters, because your heart ultimately shapes the direction of your life.

### 2. Guard Your Mouth!

When we say mouth, the tongue is also included - and it is a powerful weapon.

... **The tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a flame of fire... It can set your whole life on fire...** - James 3:5,6 NLT

What comes out of our mouth can either build up or break down a person. That is why it is crucial to understand the power of our words.

Many times, we speak in anger and then excuse ourselves by saying, "I didn't mean it". Too often, we take for granted the people we love the most - using them as an outlet for our anger, frustrations, and disappointments.

Sadly, this often comes out as harsh and hurtful words.

How many times have we misdirected our anger toward someone powerless to fight back?

### THE BIBLE WARNS US:

**Whoever guards his mouth and tongue keeps his soul from troubles.** - Proverb 21:23 (NKJV). The Psalmist also prayed a beautiful prayer: **"Set a guard, LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips."** Psalm 141:3 (NKJV).

Let this be our prayer too. Let us be mindful of every word that comes from our mouths.

### 3. Guard Your Steps!

**Guard your steps...** - Ecclesiastes 5:1 (NIV).

Every step we take shapes our destiny. Therefore, it is vital that we walk carefully - paying close attention to where we place our feet and the direction in which we are headed.

It is important to remain alert about where we go and for what purpose we go. Too often, we take our own strengths and weaknesses for granted, not realizing that just one wrong step can lead us far from where God



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wants us to be. Sometimes, it may even take years to return, costing us precious time and robbing us of God's blessings along the way.

Therefore, it is wise to submit our plans to God and align them with His will. As Proverbs 16:9 reminds us, **We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps.** Our God is the Alpha and the Omega - He knows the past, the present, and the future. He sees both our successes and our failures. When we entrust everything into His hands, we can rest assured that His plans are always good, for He loves us deeply. He gave His life for us, rose again, and now calls us to trust in His sovereignty.

Let this be our prayer: **Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me**" Psalm 119:133 (NIV). To all my young friends, I urge you - commit your ways to the Lord in your youth. You will never regret it.

#### 4. Guard Against Greed!

There is a very thin line between ambition and greed. Ambition can be healthy, but greed is destructive. Jesus Himself warned, **"Beware! Guard against every kind of greed"** Luke 12:15

The Oxford Dictionary defines greed as "an excessive desire for more wealth, possessions, or power than a person needs, or a strong desire for more food or drink than is necessary." Notice the words excessive, strong desire, and more than what is necessary. These are what distinguish greed from ambition.

The Bible teaches us to be content, which is the very opposite of being greedy or constantly wanting more. **Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will**

**I leave you; never will I forsake you."** - Hebrew 13:5 (NIV).

Our contentment is not based on having everything we desire right in front of us. Rather, it comes from knowing the God who holds the entire world and all its wealth in His hands. He has the power to control every situation and to work all things for our good. He has promised never to leave us nor forsake us. He will never abandon us halfway, but will faithfully see us through - so we can trust Him completely.

If God did not spare His only Son but gave Him up to free us from the bondage of sin and curse, will He not also provide for every need in our lives? **He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all - how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?** Romans 8:32 (NIV).

Dear brothers and sisters, take heart: He is Jehovah Jireh - our Provider. He is able to supply all our needs according to His riches in glory. Hold on to Him, trust Him, and He will bless you with His heavenly abundance.

One of the greatest dangers we must guard ourselves against is the love of money, **For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil ...** - 1 Timothy 6:10 (NIV). Scripture also reminds us, **Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his (their) income...** - Ecclesiastes 5:10 (NIV). A heart set on wealth will never be truly content.

Please understand - money itself is not the problem. We need money to live, to work hard, and to provide for our families. But when the pursuit of money comes at the cost of our spiritual life, our family, or our commitment to God's Kingdom, it becomes dangerous. If a job demands that you sacrifice time with God, neglect fellowship, or compromise your walk with

Him, it is time to prayerfully re-evaluate that job.

#### 5. Guard What Has Been Entrusted to You!

**Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care ...** - 1 Timothy 6:20 (NIV).

Think about the things God has entrusted to you! Be careful to protect them from outside influence. It could be your family, your work, your finances, your calling, your anointing, or your ministry - guard them with your life!

Let us not be like the servant who hid his one talent. God desires that we multiply what He has placed in our hands. Treasure what you have and use it faithfully. At the same time, it is important to pass on what God has entrusted to you. Scripture says: **... Entrust to reliable men (people) who will also be qualified to teach others.** - 2 Timothy 2:2 (NIV).

Dear friends, we are called to teach others what God has done for us - our children, the next generation, and those around us. Leave behind a legacy that will continue to glorify Him.

#### 6. Guard Your Walk to Finish Well and Receive the Reward!

Many people begin well, but somewhere along the way they lose focus. Consistency is the key to finishing strong. Whether it is reading the Bible, praying, serving, or doing good deeds, faithfulness day by day matters.

Recently, I met a young man who told me he loves his walk with Christ but struggles to maintain balance. Some days he feels so close to God that he spends hours in His presence - reading the Bible, praying, worshiping, and listening to gospel songs and

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# GREAT COMMISSION PARTNERS

TO SHARE (Galatians 6:2)

SUPPORT (Romans 12:13)

SPEED UP (II Timothy 1:6)

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

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



## †PRAISE GOD FOR...

- October 19** ⇒ The needs of those involved in printing Bibles and Christian literature worldwide.
- October 20** ⇒ The protection of our Associate Editors and their Assistants.
- October 21** ⇒ Our Senior Pastor's commitment to propagate the Gospel through diverse ministries.
- October 22** ⇒ That we may be enabled to support other ministries as well.
- October 23** ⇒ The blessings upon our Associate Editors and their families.
- October 24** ⇒ New students joining our Sunday School Children's Programme at **St. Paul's Matriculation School**.
- October 25** ⇒ The growth of our **Bible Correspondence Course** and **Theological Correspondence Course**.
- October 26** ⇒ Our supporters and their involvement in the ministry.
- October 27** ⇒ God's mercy upon our Prayer Partners, Subscribing Partners, Faith Partners, Life Partners, and Great Commission Partners, along with their families.
- October 28** ⇒ With gratitude for His mercy in ensuring the smooth functioning of **Nehemiah Bible College**.
- October 29** ⇒ The growth of Youth Ministry in our Main Church.
- October 30** ⇒ The blessings upon our missionaries and their families.
- October 31** ⇒ God's blessings upon the Men's Meeting at our Main Church.
- November 01** ⇒ With gratitude for meeting all our financial and spiritual needs last month.
- November 02** ⇒ The continuous operation of our Gospel printing press and the dedication of its workers.
- November 03** ⇒ God's guidance in all our ministries.

## †PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

- November 04** ⇒ The discipline and dedication of the students at our Residential and Evening **Nehemiah Bible College**.
- November 05** ⇒ Unity and peace among all nations.
- November 06** ⇒ The welfare of Echo of His Call believers and their families in the Main Church and its branches.
- November 07** ⇒ The protection of children and youth from the snare of narcotics.
- November 08** ⇒ The health and safety of our Associate Editors and their families.
- November 09** ⇒ The eradication of child trafficking worldwide.
- November 10** ⇒ Mighty miracles, wonders, and signs to abound in all Christian ministries.
- November 11** ⇒ Our Partners, State Coordinators, and their families.
- November 12** ⇒ Relief from the economic recession affecting many parts of the world.
- November 13** ⇒ A focused vision to build His Kingdom on earth.
- November 14** ⇒ The economic upliftment of marginalized and downtrodden communities.
- November 15** ⇒ God's divine protection over missionaries worldwide.
- November 16** ⇒ Every nation to be led by God-fearing leaders.
- November 17** ⇒ The provision of our financial needs, including salaries, printing supplies, postage, and transportation related to our ministries.
- November 18** ⇒ The enlightenment of the hearts of all believers.



## Achievers' Awards!

The Achievers' Awards were presented to our co-workers - Sis. Nagajothi, Sis. Agnes, and Sis. Mary Magdalene - on April 27, 2025, in recognition of their faithfulness, hard work, and remarkable achievements in their respective professions and ministries. The awards were conferred by Echo of His Call Ministries.

## Hon'ble Doctorate in Ministry Awards!

The Doctorate in Ministry Awards were conferred upon



Senior Advocate N. Balaji, Rev. M. Mothis Vinoth and Sis. Angeline Selvakumari Henry got Doctorate in Ministry

## SPECIAL EVENTS!

Senior Advocate N. Balaji, Rev. Mothis Vinoth, and Sis. Angeline Selvakumari Henry on August 10th, 2025. These awards recognized their sincerity, faithfulness, and dedicated service in God's ministry through Echo of His Call Ministries.

## 57th Anniversary Of Echo of His Call Ministries!



Rev. Dr. Stephen Devakumar and Rev. Dr. J. D. Charles - Special Speakers



Special meetings commemorating the 57th Anniversary of Echo of His Call Ministries were held on August 10, 2025, at our Main Church. Rev. Dr. Stephen Devakumar and Rev. Dr. J.D. Charles were the guest speakers. The gatherings were marked by the glorification of God's name.

## Children's Dedication!

A service of Children's Dedication was conducted for Jabez Jevaon, son of Bro. Mohan & Sis. Rachel, and Benetic, son of Bro. Simson & Sis. Esther.



Jabez Jevaon, son of Bro. Mohan & Sis. Rachel



Benetic son of Bro. Simson & Sis. Esther.

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9. Crusades
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12. St. Paul's Matriculation School - Village English High School
13. Sunday Schools (Chepauk) : 10.30 a.m. Sunday & (Velachery, Balaji Nagar & Santhoshapuram) 3.00 p.m. Sunday
14. **Early Morning Service** : 5.30 a.m. Sunday
15. **Preliminary Service** : 8.00 a.m. Sunday
16. **Tamil Service** : 8.30 a.m. Sunday
17. **Youth Meeting** : 11.00 a.m. Sunday
18. **Fellowship Lunch** : 1.00 p.m. Sunday
19. **Telugu Service** : 4.00 p.m. Sunday
20. **Hindi Service** : 5.00 p.m. Sunday
21. **Tamil & English Service** : 6.00 p.m. Sunday
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24. Men's Prayer : 7.30 p.m. Friday
25. Discipleship Meeting : 6.00 p.m. Saturday
26. House Meetings : 6.30 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday
27. Special Holy Communion : 6.00 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month
28. Ministers' Meeting : 5.30 p.m. First Saturday
29. Parents' Prayer : 4.00 p.m. First Sunday
30. Night Prayer : 9.30 p.m. Third Friday
31. Fasting Prayer : 9.30 a.m. Second Saturday
32. Holy Communion : Second Sunday Service
33. Youth / Kid Prayer : 10.00 p.m. daily (over phone)
34. Staff Devotion : 9.00 a.m. daily
35. Office : 9.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. (except Sundays)

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messages. Yet on other days, his mood is so low that he hardly wants to open the Bible or even think about it. He asked me how to handle this struggle.

Perhaps some of you feel the same way. I told him: this is a trap, and you must not remain in it. The only way out is through an intentional choice - to keep going, to stay faithful, and to press forward no matter how you feel.

Sometimes, you will need to act intentionally - not because you feel like it, but because it is necessary. At times, it may seem as though we are only pretending, but in reality, we are practicing. Consistency requires discipline, and discipline must be intentional; otherwise, we will miss the mark.

That is why the Bible teaches us that whatever we begin, we must also complete - because only then can we receive the reward for our efforts. **Watch out that you do not lose what we have worked so hard to achieve. Be diligent so that you receive your full reward.** - 2 John 1:8 (NLT).

May the Lord strengthen us to run the race faithfully. He will enable us to finish the work He has called us to, so that we may receive our reward when He returns with the sound of the trumpet!

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### ERROR

In our August 2025 Article first page, first para, we mentioned as 75th Independence Day celebration wrongly instead of 79th Independence Day.  
- Chief Editor

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# PIT TO PALACE

(Life experiences of Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj)

*"Whoever reads, let him understand" (Matthew 24:15)*

## GOD ANSWERS THE PRAYER OF THE WEAK!



By the grace of God from 10.08.1969, I started my Gospel ministry with ministerial training, tracts distribution, leading prayer meetings and preaching the Word in Churches.

Hardly anybody recognized me as a servant of God, because I was young and new to the field. Moreover finance was a great hindrance for me to continue in ministry. Consequently I had to walk many miles every day and continue my ministry. Therefore long walks and starvation were a part and parcel of my ministry. There was a huge need of finance to do ministry and to buy equipments for the ministry.

From the beginning of my ministry I had a very strong conviction not to appeal for any kind of support from any of my friends and relatives. Because God has to provide for His work as He has called me. God has helped me to stick to this principle till today. Following this principle I had to meet indescribable hardships and challenges.



of mine tried to get me a job in a private firm; Both their efforts were in vain.

I was mentally and physically affected to the extent of not being able to manage in a particular situation. A relative of mine Mr. Swarnaraj, tried to get me a Government job in the Transport Department; and a servant of God Bro. Collins at Palapallam, Mathicode and a friend

In such a situation, while I was fasting on 17.05.1971 the spirit of the Lord heavily led me to pray for a permanent job. As a result of the prayer, I received a strong conviction with the words, "within a month's time I will give you a permanent job and you can live with that". According to the scripture which says **Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.** 1 John 5:14, 15. Believing that I had received a new job, I made every possible preparation to join the same. Many who saw my activities started doubting about my mental condition. But not caring about them, I believed God completely.

As the days passed by, I was eagerly expecting the post man every day. After a whole month passed



by, exactly on 18.06.1971 I went to the post-office in faith on the Lord. As soon as the post man Mr. Nellaiappan saw me, he signalled that there was nothing for me. Yet clinging on the promises of God, I sat there itself and was praying. To my great surprise within a few minutes, the same postman said, "Sam, you have received a registered post, sign and collect it."





*Farewell by Mr. A. Shenbagam B.E., Chief Inspector of Factories with my co-workers at the time of leaving my Government job in 1994*



*My co-workers when I left my Government job - 1994*

On opening the letter, I found that it was the appointment letter from the **Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission** office, Chennai to join the Labour Department. It was the result of my exam written some years ago. It was

hastened by my fervent prayer and a miracle happened. Yes, Prayer is a wonderful spiritual weapon.

I came to Chennai happily and joined the job. The major portion of my salary from the job was invested in my ministry. Based on the grace of God and favour with men, the government granted a Special Permission to carry on my ministry along with government service. Later, in 1994, the Lord commanded me to leave the government job for full time ministry and I obeyed His call and entered in to the full time ministry

Our God is Good! He is punctual! Cling on to Him strongly!! You shall have success!!! He is watching over you keenly today.

**You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You. Isaiah 26:3.**

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## 7. Guard Against Those Who Oppose God's Word!

Finally, Scripture teaches us to guard ourselves against those who resist the kingdom of God. Paul warns Timothy: **You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message.** - 2 Timothy 4:15 (NIV).

Often, because the Bible teaches us to love everyone and to be patient - **If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.** - Romans 12:18 (NIV), - we may end up tolerating, both in the Church and in the community, those who undermine the unity of the body of Christ. Yet here, we see how Paul firmly

admonishes anyone who works against the Word and the work of God.

He is also teaching us to guard ourselves, to be watchful, and to remain vigilant against false teachings. In these last days, as the Bible has already warned us, many teachings are being presented to satisfy people's minds and desires rather than to declare the truth. Preachers often avoid speaking the truth for fear of "offending" their congregations. As a result, compromises are seen at every level.

I often marvel at the boldness of Peter when he declared, **We must obey God rather than (men) human beings!** - Acts 5:29. The question is: how many leaders and believers today are willing to make such a statement? Do we have the courage to stand against all odds? Can we boldly say, "I will not

accept this person or this decision because it is against God's Word"?

It is in this very context that God calls us to guard ourselves in these last days.

Dear friends, we have reflected on seven areas where the Bible instructs us to guard our lives. My prayer is that God will grant us the wisdom and the courage to protect ourselves and to stand firm upon His Word - for His coming is very near.

God bless you all!

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