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THE HOLY BIBLE



Please memorize
this portion
PSALM 96:7-13

7. Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength.
8. Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.
9. O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.
10. Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.
11. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.
12. Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice.
13. Before the LORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

ARE YOU AWAKE OR ASLEEP?

Sis. Angel

I bring you greetings in the risen name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms. It is always a joy to connect with our **Echo of His Call** extended family through this magazine. My prayer is that you will prosper in every area of your life, just as your soul prospers in Christ Jesus.



We are now approaching the close of 2025. How quickly this year has passed! There is much to reflect on as we look back. I thank God for all who have experienced a fruitful and blessed year, and I pray for those who have faced challenges - well done for persevering and making it this far. Truly, God is our strength!

It has been a particularly challenging year for us as a family. We experienced the painful loss of my brother - a beloved son to my parents and a faithful servant of Christ. Yet, through it all, God's grace has been sufficient for us. I am deeply grateful for your prayers and for standing with us during this difficult season.

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Be of good courage, and
He shall strengthen your heart,
all you who hope in the LORD. - Psalm 31:24.



Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

Glory and honor be to the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who continues to lead us in the path of blessing.



During the past month, we faced several challenges - technical issues with the printing machines, health struggles among our co-workers, and other pressing needs - which at times seemed to slow down the ministry. Yet, by His mighty hand, God turned every trial into a testimony for His glory. Today, we continue this work with renewed zeal and fresh enthusiasm.

We earnestly covet your fervent prayers for the Lord's divine enablement upon all who labor faithfully: our dedicated Church ministers, field workers, press staff, office team, Nehemiah Bible College workers, and the teaching and non-teaching staff of St. Paul's Matriculation School.

At present, we face a shortage of committed workers, which has caused delays in several areas - such as the completion of our Senior Pastor's autobiography, the growth of the Residential Hindi Nehemiah Bible College, various administrative responsibilities, and overall church development. We request your prayers that retired government officials and committed full-time ministers would come forward to share the burden of this ministry.

In these times, when many ministries are drifting away from the foundational truths of God's Word and leaning toward worldly patterns and systems, may the Lord show us mercy, pour out His Spirit afresh, and unite us to serve together for His glory.

We also urge you to uphold in prayer all ministries and ministers who stand on the frontlines of the spiritual battlefield, contending for your sake against the strongholds of the enemy.

Indeed, God is good - always! Amen.

In Christ Jesus, your servant,

Pr. S. Sam Selva Raj.

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Last month, I wrote about the importance of guarding our hearts so that we may receive God's blessings. As I meditated on the



God has placed us as watchmen over our families, our Churches, our cities, and our nations

word "guard," I was reminded of how God has called each of us to be guards - watchmen - over the things He has entrusted to us. In Ezekiel 3:17, we read: **'Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel'....** God has placed us as watchmen over our families, our churches, our cities, and our nations.

A watchman cannot remain silent. Scripture says, **I have posted watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the Lord, give yourselves no rest**, Isaiah 62:6. Jesus Christ is coming soon - we cannot afford to stay silent!

A faithful watchman must stay alert - able to see, listen, and detect even the faintest rustle of danger. We are called to be vigilant, to remain spiritually awake, and to sound the alarm when we see

trouble ahead. Be on guard! Be alert! Let us faithfully warn and prepare others for what is to come.

Ezekiel 33:6 warns us that if **we fail to sound the alarm and warn others, their blood will be on our hands.** Jeremiah 51:12 exhorts us to **Strengthen the guard, station the watchmen.**

This responsibility is not only about warning others - it also applies to guarding our own lives. There are countless distractions and temptations that can pull us away from God's plan and purpose. If we are not watchful, we can easily fall. We are called to be the Watchmen and Watchwomen of God!

But here is the crucial question: Are we truly guarding as God has called us to guard?

Some of the main qualities of a faithful watchman are to be alert, awake, and aware.

Alertness means being sensitive to even the smallest change or movement.

Awareness means knowing the area we are guarding - its strengths, its weak spots, and its potential vulnerabilities.



We must be alert or aware of what is happening around us

Awake is perhaps the most important of all, because if we are not awake, we cannot be alert or aware of what is happening around us.

In these last days, God is calling us to be spiritually awake, aware, and alert.

1. BUT WHO ARE THE SLEEPERS?



Jesus Christ gives us an answer in Matthew 13:15:



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For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes....

In other words, these are people whose hearts have become hardened. They have heard the message of love, hope, and righteousness - yet they refuse to change their ways. The Amplified Bible says, **They have [tightly] closed their eyes.** They are not willing to see.

Jesus Christ described such people as those who ...**honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me.**



Our hearts must hear God's voice

If our hearts are not inclined to hear God's voice, we are spiritually asleep. If we cannot hear what God is saying, if we cannot see the things of God, then we are spiritually asleep - and vulnerable.

2. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE SLEEP?

In Matthew 13, we find a powerful parable of a landowner who sowed good seed in his field and entrusted it to his servants for safekeeping. But while the



*While the watchmen slept,
the enemy came quietly,
sowed weeds among the wheat*

watchmen slept, the enemy came quietly, sowed weeds among the wheat, and slipped away before anyone could notice. Later, as the plants began to grow, the workers discovered both wheat and weeds springing up together.

But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. - Matthew 13:25

3. WHILE SLEEPING THE ENEMY CAME!

Let us reflect deeply on this verse: While they were sleeping, the enemy came!

Who entered during the stillness of the night? - **The Enemy**

As watchmen, we are expected to remain awake and alert. The moment we fall asleep spiritually, we lose awareness, and the enemy takes advantage of our unguarded moments.

That is why Scripture repeatedly urges us:

Watch and pray...

- Matthew 26:41

Watch out for false prophets...

- Matthew 7:15

... Watch out! Be on your guard...

- Luke 12:15

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

- Colossians 4:2

... Keep watch...

- Matthew 24:42

All these verses emphasize the necessity of staying awake and vigilant. Yet in this parable, the servants fell asleep - and that is when the enemy paid them a visit.

Dear friends, the enemy always seeks to attack when we are careless, distracted, or spiritually slumbering. He prowls around like a roaring lion, waiting for the right moment to pounce, to cause us to stumble, and to strike us down. That is why we must remain alert.



Maintaining a close and consistent walk with Him

How do we stay spiritually awake and sensitive to the voice of God? By maintaining a close and consistent walk with Him. We cannot guard ourselves, our families, our churches, our cities, or our nations if our relationship with the Lord is seasonal or half-hearted.

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

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



†PRAISE GOD FOR...

- November 19 ⇒ His blessing in safeguarding all our multifaceted activities.
- November 20 ⇒ His unfailing affection and love toward us.
- November 21 ⇒ Enabling us to print and publish our magazine in 16 languages through our own press and send them to the mission fields.
- November 22 ⇒ His gracious leading throughout the past month.
- November 23 ⇒ The blessings poured out upon our field missionaries and their families.
- November 24 ⇒ Adding new believers to our Church.
- November 25 ⇒ His blessings upon all our staff members and their families.
- November 26 ⇒ Our Senior Pastor, for his commitment to spreading the Gospel through various ministries.
- November 27 ⇒ His guidance and blessings upon every activity of Echo of His Call Ministries.
- November 28 ⇒ Blessing us with more children for Sunday School in our main Church and its branches.
- November 29 ⇒ Helping us to spread the Gospel to unreached areas through our YouTube Media Ministry.
- November 30 ⇒ Extending His mercy to our Prayer Partners, Subscribing Partners, Faith Partners, Life Partners, Great Commission Partners, and their families.
- December 01 ⇒ His blessings upon our Associate Editor and Co-ordinators and their families.
- December 02 ⇒ The miracles of God in our Hospital Ministry.
- December 03 ⇒ Dedicated Associate Editors who faithfully support the Echo of His Call magazine ministry.

†PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- December 04 ⇒ More people to enroll in our Global Vision for **Global Vision for Youth and Kid Care** ministry, interceding for the youth and children of this generation.
- December 05 ⇒ The salvation of countless souls through our YouTube Media Ministry.
- December 06 ⇒ Divine protection and good health for the believers in our main Church and its branches.
- December 07 ⇒ A great revival across all Christian ministries worldwide.
- December 08 ⇒ The safety of our Senior Pastor, S. Sam Selva Raj, and his family from every evil force.
- December 09 ⇒ The expansion of our ministries and the worldwide propagation of the Gospel.
- December 10 ⇒ Unity and harmony among all religions.
- December 11 ⇒ The prevention of natural calamities such as cyclones and earthquakes worldwide.
- December 12 ⇒ The removal of suicidal tendencies among adolescents and youth worldwide.
- December 13 ⇒ Divine protection for the students and teachers of **St. Paul's Matri culation School and Nehemiah Bible Colleges**.
- December 14 ⇒ God's protection over pastors and missionaries around the world.
- December 15 ⇒ The spiritual and physical well-being of all members of our main Church and branch Churches.
- December 16 ⇒ The recruitment of suitable and dedicated employees for our organization.
- December 17 ⇒ God's hand of protection over our staff and printing team, keeping them safe and healthy during their work.
- December 18 ⇒ Unity and peace among all nations.

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4. THE WORD 'AMONG'

Another striking detail in this passage is the word **among**. Where did the enemy sow the weeds? Not far away, not in another field, but among the good seed. The enemy knows exactly when and where to plant his weeds - right in the midst of what God has planted, and in the same season of growth.

I believe he must have been waiting for the right moment to strike, just like the sower's enemy in the parable. We often find weeds growing among the seeds, choking the life out of them. Weeds drain nourishment, hinder growth, and destroy healthy plants. They spread rapidly, like wildfire.

In the same way, in our lives we will also find **weeds** - among



Thief steal our joy, peace and health

family members, church members, friends, and even ministry partners. These weeds attempt to steal our joy, peace, and health, and they damage relationships through lies and deception. That is why we need the Spirit of discernment to recognize the schemes and strategies of the devil.

Time and again, when Jesus Christ was with people, Scripture says He was "knowing their thoughts" or "knowing their evil thoughts." As watchmen, we too must be alert to those who surround

Him to lead us. We must understand that among good people, there will always be those with evil intent - and often, it is not easy to tell them apart. Many times, the kind, caring, and compassionate are the very ones who get hurt by such people. That is why we must be on guard. Do not be deceived. Do not let anyone take advantage of you.

5. LET THEM GROW!



Be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves

us. Jesus Christ warned, "**I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves**" (Matthew 10:16).

The Holy Spirit is the One Who guides us into all truth. It is therefore vital that we value His indwelling presence and rely on

One striking detail in the parable is that both the seed and the weed can look alike. In verse 13:26 we read that **the wheat and the weeds began to grow together, appearing at the same time and looking nearly identical**. Bible scholars explain that this particular weed is called "Darnel" - a plant that closely resembles wheat. It is easy to confuse the two.

The servants, puzzled, went to the owner and asked: ... Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from? Matthew 13:27. The sleepy servants wondered where the weeds had come from. Doesn't that sound familiar? How often do we ask God, "Why did this happen in my life? Where did it come from?"

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PIT TO PALACE

(Life experiences of Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj)

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



The Airplane that Taught Me a Lesson!

He who is of a proud heart stirs up strife, But he who trusts in the LORD will be prospered - Proverbs 28:25

In the 1970s, a friend of mine took me to a small village called Nazarethupet to pray for a poor woman who was tormented by the devil. She was suffering from several illnesses that doctors were unable to cure. Since it was evening, I stayed there and prayed for her throughout the night. God graciously heard our prayers and healed her miraculously.

The next morning, I left the village and had a simple breakfast with the little money I had. Only then did I realize that I had no bus fare to return home. Without worrying about my situation, I took the gospel pamphlets I was carrying and began walking, distributing them along the way. After some time, hunger and exhaustion started to overwhelm me.

The Holy Spirit, however, did not allow me to head straight home. Instead, He directed me to Pastor Abed-Nego, who was ministering among the poor through his church, Life-Way in Tambaram. At that time, Pastor Abed-Nego, the late Bro. Immanuel, Pastor Thomas of Life-Way ACA Church in Chidambaram, and Bro. Police Chelladurai (now he is serving our Lord Jesus Christ in America) were holding a fasting prayer.

When the prayer concluded, Pastor Abed-Nego's wife noticed that I was hungry and kindly served me food. Meanwhile, Bro. Police Chelladurai, though in a hurry to report for his duty at the airport, invited me to accompany him. He said he would take me inside the airport to see some airplanes up close. His intention was to encourage me - so that I would not feel weighed down by the burdens of ministry but instead find joy and refreshment in witnessing something new.

THE AIRCRAFT UNDER REPAIR!

At the airport, I saw an aircraft from which passengers had been asked to disembark because it had developed a technical snag. Within minutes, experts were called in and attempted to fix the issue, but they could not. Soon, engineers from other locations were brought in, and they worked tirelessly on the aircraft. I was astonished to watch how persistently they labored to repair it.

Meanwhile, the waiting passengers lost their patience. They shouted that they would not travel on a plane that had been under repair and spoke very disparagingly of it.

After three long hours, the engineers finally made the aircraft fit for take-off. The passengers - young and old - who had been waiting in the scorching sun, began boarding the plane. As I, too, was standing among them, I was surprised when the passengers urged me also to board as well.

At that moment, the Holy Spirit gently prompted me to observe how the aircraft moved. The same aircraft once considered unfit began to taxi slowly, then gathered speed on the runway. In seconds, it accelerated with tremendous force, lifted off, and soared into the sky. The plane, deemed for hours to be unworthy of flight, suddenly rose powerfully on its way.

AND GOD SPOKE TO ME!

"My son Sam, today you may feel forsaken, cast aside, and considered a vessel of no use. Yet, to reach your destination, you must walk a long path of faith. Like the aircraft under repair, you must also be

restored and made worthy. At the appointed time, in My timing, I will bless you. Just as that aircraft carried many people, I will make you a vessel of blessing to many. Fear not, for I am with you.

I returned to my place after walking nearly 20 kilometers. Today, I can testify that the words the Lord spoke to me in those difficult days have been fulfilled.

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Why is this happening to me?

Little did they realize that the owner had done nothing except sow the seeds. God always does what is best for us. Even when it does not feel like it, He gives us gifts that come from above:

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. - James 1:17

The reply of the owner was simple: "Let them grow."



*The reply of the owner
- "Let them grow"*

At times, we wonder why those who live lives that are not pleasing to God seem more blessed than those who serve Him with all their heart, mind, and soul. Why is it that as a child of God I suffer, while others - though living immorally -

Dear friends, do you sometimes grow weary because of poverty, opposition, or the burdens of life? Fear not! For it is written:

**But you shall be named the priests of the LORD;
They shall call you the servants of our God.
You shall eat the riches of the Gentiles,
And in their glory you shall boast.** - Isaiah 61:6

appear to enjoy their lives? The answer is clear: "Let them grow."

God is merciful. His grace stretches beyond our imagination. He gives people time and opportunity to change. He causes the sun to shine on both the righteous and the unrighteous. But one day, everything will be brought to light - "at the time of Harvest"

6. AT THE TIME OF HARVEST!

When the servants wanted to uproot the weeds from among the wheat, the owner said, "No." While both were growing, no clear difference was seen. Yet we must remember: both the wheat and the weeds will face the harvest - the Day of Judgment. The difference will be revealed then, as we stand before the judgment throne.

The owner declared:

Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn. - Matthew 13:30

So, the question we must ask ourselves today is: To which bundle do we belong?

God loves us so deeply that He does not want anyone to be gathered into the bundle destined for eternal death - **into the blazing**

furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matthew 13:42). That is why Jesus Christ came into the world: to bear our sins, curses, sicknesses, hopelessness, and emptiness on the cross of Calvary. He died for us. He tasted death. And because death could not hold Him, He rose again on the third day, proving that He is more than a conqueror.

As He promised, He will come again - the King of kings - to judge the world. The only way to escape eternal damnation is to accept Jesus Christ as our Savior, to declare Him as Lord of our lives, and to belong to Him. That is the only way out.

The Bible says:

Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear. - Matthew 13:43

God wants us to shine for Him.

The real question is: **Are we willing to shine for Him? Are we the wheat or the weeds? Are we awake - or asleep?**

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