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Please memorize
this portion
ISAIAH 9:2-6

2. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.
3. Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.
4. For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.
5. For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire.
6. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

THE TRUE LIGHT JESUS CHRIST WILL REMOVE YOUR DARKNESS!

Sis. Angel

Merry Christmas to all our **Echo of His Call** extended family, in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

Many people debate whether we should celebrate Christmas or not - whether Jesus Christ was truly born on December 25th. However, that should not be our focus. The undeniable truth is that He was born - God came into this world as a baby, destined to die for our salvation. Let us use this season as an opportunity to proclaim that Jesus Christ is the reason for the season.

Christmas is not about shopping, decorations, Santa Claus, or festive traditions. It is about revealing and sharing the true purpose of Jesus Christ's birth:

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... When the fullness of the time had come,
God sent forth His Son, born of a woman,
born under the law, - Galatians 4:4.

Dearly beloved in the Lord,

By the grace of God, we have entered the final month of this year. The Lord, who has continually kept, guided, and strengthened us in our ministry, is good and worthy of all our praise.

Our Church leaders, Echo of His Call staff, the faculty of Nehemiah Bible Colleges, St. Paul's Matriculation School, and the Printing Press team are prayerfully and diligently planning for the expansion of our ministries in the coming year.



Leaders of Youth Ministry in Main Church

Many of the students studying at St. Paul's Matriculation School face physical challenges or other difficult circumstances. It is often heartbreaking to learn about their backgrounds. Yet, our teachers, with deep compassion and commitment, continue to teach, nurture, and care for them with great dedication. The Children's Day was celebrated in a grand manner on 14.11.2025 at our St. Paul's Matriculation School. On this occasion, Dr. Renuka member of our main Church and Dean of



Speech by Sister Dr. Renuka on Children's Day at our St. Paul's Matriculation School

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students at Ethiraj College, Chennai delivered a special message.

Our Church workers are faithfully serving the Lord with sincere devotion. In particular, our Women's Prayer Team, Men's Prayer Team, Night Prayer Team, Fasting Prayer Team, Sunday School Teachers' Team, YouTube Ministry Team, and



Fasting Prayer team

Administrative Staff are earnestly praying for the revival of our nation and the continual growth of our ministry. We warmly invite you to join us in this prayer ministry.

Throughout this month, we have planned various programs to reach the unreached and to lead them into the fullness of divine life. We earnestly covet your fervent prayers for these efforts.

We remain deeply grateful for your faithful prayers, monthly financial support, and generous special offerings throughout the year 2025. Your partnership in the ministry has been a great blessing. We encourage your continued prayers and steadfast support in the days to come.

As we celebrate this joyous season, we wish you all a **Merry Christmas** and a **Blessed New Year 2026!**

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

In Christ Jesus, your servant,

Pr. S. Sam Selva Raj.

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A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles (to all nations)... Luke 2:32 (NKJV) Jesus Christ Himself declared:

While I am in the world, I am the light of the world. - John 9:5 (NIV). So Christmas is a celebration of this great Light.

Let us see what the Bible says about this Light:

Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. - Genesis 1:2. Even in the beginning, darkness covered the earth - yet the Spirit of God hovered above it, untouched and unshaken.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:5)

Other Translations Beautifully Express It!

The darkness can never extinguish it. (NLT)

Darkness that flees from the light

The darkness comprehended it not. (KJV)

The darkness did not understand or overpower it. (AMP)



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We need the light of God

* No amount of animal sacrifice could truly atone for our sin. Only the coming and the sacrifice of the blameless Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, could reconcile us to the Father.

Jesus came into this world to reunite us with God - to repair the broken relationship caused by sin. Through His precious blood, we now have the privilege to come before God without fear or hesitation.

Satan has blinded the minds of many through false ideas and worldly distractions. To navigate this spiritual darkness, we need the light of God. Many things the world calls "normal" directly contradict God's truth.

May the Lord shine His light into our hearts, exposing anything that stands between us and Him - so that we may walk in restored fellowship. * *

2. THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS! *

* Everywhere we look, we see darkness - wars, poverty, corruption, crime, hatred and moral decay. Young people are in despair; some even end their lives. Society glorifies sin and mocks righteousness. It feels as though the world is growing darker each day. *

We often hear people say, "During our time, things were different." Education, technology and curiosity have opened many doors - but not all of them are from God.

The Bible warns us about these last days:

... There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God - having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them (such people). - 2 Timothy 3:1-5. * *



The people living in darkness have seen a great light

* After describing this moral decline, Paul adds, "Have nothing to do with such people."

Even when the world grows dark, you must keep shining for the glory of God!

The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned. - Matthew 4:16.

This Christmas season, I pray that God will shine through every darkness - not only in this world, but also in our families, our

personal lives, and our workplaces. Let Him declare that He is the Light of our world - in our homes, our children, our marriages, our education, our health and our finances.

May every negative word spoken against us - by doctors, relatives, leaders, or authorities - be broken by the light of God!

As we step into the New Year, may we walk with faith and clarity in Jesus Christ.

You, O Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light. - Psalm 18:28. * *

3. THE LIGHT SHINES THROUGH FEAR! *

* * When the good news of Christ's birth was announced to the shepherds, they were terrified:

An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news great of joy that will be for all the people." - Luke 2:9-10.

Imagine their fear as heaven's light pierced the night sky!

Mary too was afraid when Gabriel appeared: *



Do not be afraid, Mary... *

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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 December 19, 2025 To January 18, 2026

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



†PRAISE GOD FOR...

- December 19** ⇒ His blessings upon our translators, associate editors, coordinators, and their families.
- December 20** ⇒ Our St. Paul's Matriculation School, Nehemiah Bible College, and Theological Correspondence Course, all of which serve the needs of the less fortunate.
- December 21** ⇒ God's mercy toward our Prayer Partners, Subscribing Partners, Faith Partners, Life Partners, Great Commission Partners and their families.
- December 22** ⇒ Enabling us to reach unreached souls through our multifaceted ministries.
- December 23** ⇒ His abundant blessings on the families of all our ministry workers.
- December 24** ⇒ The blessings He has poured upon the families of our staff and workers.
- December 25** ⇒ The birth of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, who came to redeem us all.
- December 26** ⇒ His blessings upon all our Christmas celebrations this year.
- December 27** ⇒ Divine protection over our Senior Pastor and his family, shielding them from every evil force.
- December 28** ⇒ Blessing us with more children for Sunday School in our Main Church and its branches.
- December 29** ⇒ Granting divine protection to all the servants of God throughout this year.
- December 30** ⇒ The smooth and fruitful functioning of Christian organizations throughout the year.
- December 31** ⇒ Miraculously meeting all our needs for the year 2025.
- January 01** ⇒ God's peace upon all readers and people around the world throughout the New Year 2026.
- January 02** ⇒ Blessing our Main and Branch Churches with an increase of believers.
- January 03** ⇒ His gracious promises for all Churches and believers as we enter the year 2026.

†PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- January 04** ⇒ The speedy recovery of our Kannada Associate Editor, Rev. R. Ramakrishna and his wife from their recent illness.
- January 05** ⇒ World leaders to be filled with divine wisdom and to work for the welfare of their people.
- January 06** ⇒ God's divine protection over the students of St. Paul's Matriculation School and Nehemiah Bible Colleges.
- January 07** ⇒ Suitable and God-fearing employees to be appointed to our organization.
- January 08** ⇒ Christians everywhere to follow the Word of God and display Christ-like character.
- January 09** ⇒ God's provision for all our needs throughout this month.
- January 10** ⇒ The success of our ministry partners and state coordinators in all their endeavours.
- January 11** ⇒ The expansion of our ministry and the worldwide proclamation of the Gospel.
- January 12** ⇒ Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj and his family to remain under the mighty hand of God throughout the year 2026.
- January 13** ⇒ Divine protection over all churches, guarding them against every work of the evil one.
- January 14** ⇒ Peace between nations and the economic development of countries around the world.
- January 15** ⇒ The continued good reputation of Christian educational institutions worldwide.
- January 16** ⇒ All churches and Christian organizations to be legally registered with the Government.
- January 17** ⇒ God's blessings upon our Prayer Partners, Subscribing Partners, Faith Partners, Life Partners, Great Commission Partners and their families.
- January 18** ⇒ Good health, peace and prosperity throughout the world in the year 2026.

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Mary was greatly troubled... But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary..." - Luke 1:29-30.

Fear is real - but when the light of Jesus Christ shines, fear must flee.

We are precious in God's sight. Let us lay down our fears and respond like Mary:

**I am the Lord's servant,
... May Your word to me be fulfilled ...** - (Luke 1:38)



*When we surrender to God's authority,
every promise will come to pass*

When we surrender to God's authority, every promise He has spoken will come to pass.

Do not be afraid - the Lord of Hosts goes before you. He will fight your battles.

Hold on to Jesus Christ - He is more than enough. Try Jesus!

4. THE LIGHT SHINES TO SHOW OUR NEXT STEP!

We need not fear the future, for the Lord is our guiding light.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. - Psalm 119:105.

God doesn't reveal the entire road at once - but He always shows the next step. One step at a time!



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entire road at once - but He
always shows the next step*

Even when life feels confusing, when everything seems dark, and we find ourselves asking, "Why me, Lord?" - remember David's words:

For it is You who light my lamp; the Lord my God lightens my darkness. - Psalm 18:28 (ESV).

As we step into the New Year, seek God's direction for your family, ministry, and career.

Ask Him - for He alone holds the future.

In Isaiah, God Is Challenging!

Who then is like Me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before Me what has happened since I established My ancient people, and what is yet to come - yes, let him foretell what will come. - Isaiah 44:7.

Dear Friends, before we enter 2026, let us ask God to shine His light and reveal His plans for our lives, our children, and our purpose. He will faithfully show us what lies ahead.

5. THE LIGHT SHINES TO PROTECT AND DEFEND US!

Do not gloat over me, my enemy! Though I have fallen, I will rise. Though I sit in darkness, the LORD will be my light. - Micah 7:8.

What a powerful promise! Even when we sit in shame, discouragement, or disappointment, we will rise again, for the Lord Himself is our light.

Perhaps 2025 has not been your best year - but remember, with God's help, you can rise again. Whatever you have lost, God can restore - if you remain faithful to Him.

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7. Great Commission Partners (Network of Pastors)
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PIT TO PALACE

(Life experiences of Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj)

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

GLORIOUS GOD!

**Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers,
raise the dead, cast out demons.**

*** * Freely you have received, *
* freely give. - Matthew 10:8 * ***

From my earliest days in ministry, God has performed great wonders and miracles in my life. Beyond all my limitations, He has sent His holy angels to help me in times of urgent need. On many occasions, I have witnessed the mighty power of God poured upon me whenever I called on His name.

In 1993, I received a call requesting prayer for a woman named Mrs. Rose Mary, who lived about 35 kilometers from the city of Madras (Chennai). She had suffered for many years under the attack and possession of an evil spirit. Because of this torment, she was unable to eat or sleep. She constantly threatened her family members, claiming she would take their lives, and she had attempted suicide several times. To prevent further harm, her hands and feet were tied, and she was kept in a separate room.

When her family called me to pray for her deliverance, I first spent time in prayer and sought spiritual guidance. As I set out for their home, I sensed strong opposition from the enemy. I experienced physical and mental attacks from the devil even before reaching their place.

As soon as I entered the house, I told the family members to untie her and let her move freely. The moment she was released, she ran wildly around the room, shouting in foul language, desperately trying to escape from me. Although I was still a young believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, God gave me special boldness and strength to face the demon-possessed woman.

With my full trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, I opened my mouth and commanded the evil spirit to

depart from her. Immediately, her behavior became violent. She leapt a b o u t uncontrollably, grabbed onto the roof beam, and attempted to attack everyone with her legs. No one could restrain her. Those

standing around me looked on in shock. Yet, I could feel the power of Jesus Christ within me, and I was confident that God would surely intervene.

Finally, with authority, I commanded again:

"Devil, you have no authority to torment this woman any longer. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, I command you to depart from her right now. I command you, in the name of Jesus Christ, to be silent, come down immediately, and leave her at once!"

Instantly, she stopped shouting and fell to the ground as though dead. I placed my hands on her head and prayed that the Lord would restore her with new and fresh life. Immediately, she regained consciousness and looked around in amazement. From that moment, she was completely delivered from the clutches of the devil and began to live a normal Christian life.

Dear reader, the same Jesus Christ is alive today and is available for you and for me. He can perform any miracle in your life. Simply accept Him, confess your sins, and follow Him. The Lord has taken me to many parts of the world, confirming His Word through signs and wonders. He loves you deeply. He needs you.

God bless you, my friend.



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The cloud brought darkness to one side and light to the other side

When the Israelites stood before the Red Sea - with mountains on both sides and Pharaoh's army behind - God's presence moved to protect them:

Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them... coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to one side and light to the other side - Exodus 14:19-20

God stood between His people and their enemies - bringing both light and protection through the pillar of fire.

God was protecting and defending them from Pharaoh's army by shining throughout the night, until God's people were safe.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, the Lord is walking before you, He will make your crooked paths straight, if He has to walk behind you, He will.

There's a beautiful Jewish story that illustrates this truth:



The father lifted his son onto his shoulders and carried him to safety

A father and his young son were walking along a lonely path. When a thief appeared ahead, the father pulled his son behind him to protect him. Later, when a wild animal approached from behind, the father moved his son in front. When danger came from both directions, the father lifted his son onto his shoulders and carried him to safety.

In the same way, our Heavenly Father protects us. He knows when to go before us, when to stand behind us and when to carry us.

Let God fight your battles - He is the Lord of Hosts!



He calls us to be light-bearers in this dark world

Conclusion!

The Light Shines So That We Can Be the Light

God is our Light - but He also calls us to be light-bearers in this dark world.

Who (He) has called you out of darkness into His marvellous light." - 1 Peter 2:9. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. - Matthew 5:16

Our lives should reflect God's goodness and truth. Let your actions speak louder than your words. May others see Christ through your kindness, deeds and integrity.

My dear friends, you may not know what 2026 holds - but you can trust the One Who holds it.

Do not be afraid. Let the light of God shine through every part of your life.

Do not worry about tomorrow!

... Tomorrow will worry about itself - Matthew 6:34

Whatever your burdens are today, remember: Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, can shine through every fear and uncertainty.

His light is stronger than your darkness, His peace greater than your troubles, and His power greater than any opposition.

For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light. - Psalm 36:9

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