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Please memorize
this portion

PSALM 3:1-8

1. Lord, how are they increased that trouble me! many are they that rise up against me.
2. Many there be which say of my soul, There is no help for him in God. Selah.
3. But thou, O LORD, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.
4. I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. Selah.
5. I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the LORD sustained me.
6. I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set themselves against me round about.
7. Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.
8. Salvation belongeth unto the LORD: thy blessing is upon thy people. Selah.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST CAN

WORK BEYOND WHAT YOU CAN SEE!!!

✂ Sis. Angeline ✂

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, to all the extended members of **Echo of His Call Ministries**. By His grace, God has faithfully enabled us to step into the second half of 2026. I pray that His peace, comfort, abundant favour, and grace rest upon each one of you.

Epistle to the Ephesians 3:20 has always been one of my favourite verses in the Bible:

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us.

Our Lord Jesus Christ is so powerful that He surpasses all our expectations. He is able to accomplish what we cannot see or even imagine. He can turn situations that seem to work against us into blessings in our favour. I may not know what you have gone through in

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my mourning into dancing...**

- Psalm 30:11.



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Dearly beloved in the Lord,

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

Jesus Christ Himself foretold that wars, rumours of wars, conflicts, famines, pestilences, earthquakes, persecutions against believers, murders, envy, false prophets, and increasing lawlessness would be signs of the end times (Matthew 24:3-12). As we witness these events unfolding in today's world, we are reminded of the urgency of the hour.

Therefore, while we still have opportunity, let us faithfully obey the exhortation of Scripture:

Preach the Word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. - 2 Timothy 4:2

We must remain mindful of this divine responsibility.

By the grace of God, we continue to experience His abundant blessings in all our ministries. Many wonder how it is possible to carry out so many ministries simultaneously. Yet, by the strength and grace imparted by God, we are able to fulfil every ministry entrusted to us without neglecting any responsibility. To Him alone be all the glory!

We are pleased to share that, by God's grace, **St. Paul's Matriculation School** started at June 4th and the **Nehemiah Bible Colleges** at Chepauk and Santhoshapuram reopened their Tamil classes on the 1st of June, and the Hindi classes on the 6th of July. In addition, the Graduation Ceremony of the **Nehemiah Bible Colleges** will be held on the 4th of July, 2026.

Though we are often burdened with immense responsibilities and heavy workloads, God continues to strengthen us to fulfil our duties successfully.

To carry forward these ministries effectively, we are in need of visionary, faithful, and dedicated workers. We invite applications and prayers for assistant principals proficient in English and Hindi, teachers, managers, secretaries, office staff, printing workers, office assistants,

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housekeeping staff, women cooks, security personnel, drivers, and pastors with a special calling for ministry.

We are prepared to recruit and support as many sincere and capable individuals as the Lord sends. Kindly pray that God would raise up the right people for His work.

... The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest. - Matthew 9:37-38.



Some of the students who will be graduating from the Nehemiah Bible Colleges on 04-07-2026.

Nehemiah Bible Colleges Faculty Meeting was held on 16-05-2026 to discuss about the Graduation Ceremony and details about next academic year 2026-2027.

We humbly request your continued prayers and support as we strive to serve the Lord faithfully, diligently, and in the fear of God.

Please be assured of our prayers for you and your families, that all your needs may be met according to His riches in glory.

Grace be with you all. Amen!

In Christ Jesus, your brother,

Pr. S. Sam Selva Raj.

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the past months, but I want to assure you that Jesus Christ is powerful enough to make all things work together for good - even the things that have caused you sleepless nights.

In Book of Haggai 2:6, we read:

This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth...'



In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth...

God is able to shake the heavens and the earth to bring His purposes to pass. Can you imagine? The Creator of the universe can move all things in favour of you and me!

Dear brothers and sisters, Satan often distracts us from fulfilling God's calling in our lives. He causes us to lose focus and directs our attention to things that

are insignificant. How does he do this? By introducing problems - both internal and external.

When God calls us to confront battles outside, the enemy creates disturbances within - within our families and within the Church - so that we lose focus. Instead of extinguishing fires outside, we find ourselves fighting fires within our own homes. He deceives us into



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When God calls us to confront battles outside the enemy creates disturbances within ...

seeing our own family members or fellow believers as enemies, while the real enemy waits outside like a prowling lion.

Both the Book of Ezra and the Book of Haggai illustrate how the Israelites, after their 70 years of captivity, had to overcome both internal and external challenges to fulfil God's will. Through these struggles, they witnessed God working far beyond their expectations.

External Challenges (Ezra Chapter 5)

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- Continuous complaints and opposition
- Intrusive interrogation from neighbouring authorities regarding their authority



Political scrutiny, as King Darius investigated the decree of King Cyrus

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Internal Challenges (Haggai)

At the same time, they faced internal struggles:

- Constant comparison with the former temple
- Resulting in disappointment, fear, and discouragement

Does this sound familiar?

- When we take a step closer to God
- When we choose to live a life pleasing to Him
- When we strive to fulfil His calling upon our lives

Are we not faced with similar internal and external pressures?

How many of us have pressed forward despite these distractions? And how many have given up on our God-given dreams and calling?

God is reminding us today: we serve a God who can shake the whole world to fulfil His purpose in

our lives. The question is - are we willing?

1. CHALLENGES FACED INTERNALLY!

When the Israelites began rebuilding the temple, they struggled with the spirit of comparison. This is something we all face, regardless of age, gender, or nationality - often without even realising it.

We compare our lives with others: our homes, vehicles, jobs, salaries, spouses, education,



We compare our lives with others

children - even our ministry and calling. In doing so, we fail to recognise how uniquely God has created each of us as part of His divine plan.

Before confronting external enemies, the Israelites had to deal with the battle within themselves. They compared the new temple with the former one, underestimating both their work and what God had already done for them - bringing them back from captivity and granting them favour with pagan kings like Cyrus and Darius. This caused them to forget God's wondrous deeds. When we compare, we become ungrateful. This leads to discouragement, disappointment, and emotional distress.

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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 July 19, 2026 To August 18, 2026

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



✠PRAISE GOD FOR...

- July 19** ⇨ Blessing all our Associate Editors and their family members.
- July 20** ⇨ Adding more new believers to our Main Church.
- July 21** ⇨ Graciously helping us receive new students for our Residential and Evening **Nehemiah Bible College** courses.
- July 22** ⇨ Blessing our **Global Vision for the Youth and Kid Care Ministry**.
- July 23** ⇨ Enabling us to spread the Gospel to unreached areas.
- July 24** ⇨ The great commitment shown by our mission workers.
- July 25** ⇨ His abundant blessings upon our Magazine Ministry since 1969.
- July 26** ⇨ The new believers attending our Sunday services at Balaji Nagar, Santhoshapuram, and Velachery.
- July 27** ⇨ Blessing our YouTube ministry, especially the 5-minute messages reaching unreached people.
- July 28** ⇨ Our Gospel Printing Press and its continuous operation through efficient workers.
- July 29** ⇨ All the activities of **St. Paul's Matriculation School, Nehemiah Bible Colleges**, and the **Theological Correspondence Course**.
- July 30** ⇨ Blessing our State Co-ordinators and their fellowship.
- July 31** ⇨ Protecting our nations.
- August 01** ⇨ The abundant blessings upon Pr. S. Sam Selva Raj and his family.
- August 02** ⇨ Blessing our supporters for their prayers and faithful support.
- August 03** ⇨ His blessings showered upon the families of our workers.

✠PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

- August 04** ⇨ To enable us to spread the Gospel to unreached places.
- August 05** ⇨ Unity and harmony among people of all religions.
- August 06** ⇨ Integrity among all nations before God.
- August 07** ⇨ Peace to prevail throughout the world.
- August 08** ⇨ All Christian organizations and ministries.
- August 09** ⇨ God's guidance and blessing upon the plans of our Senior Pastor, Pr. S. Sam Selva Raj.
- August 10** ⇨ God's blessings as we enter the 58th year of ministry.
- August 11** ⇨ The workers serving in our mission fields.
- August 12** ⇨ Success for our Senior Pastor in writing his autobiography.
- August 13** ⇨ An end to the war between Russia and Ukraine.
- August 14** ⇨ Lasting peace throughout the world.
- August 15** ⇨ New strength and encouragement for our Co-ordinators and Pastors.
- August 16** ⇨ The destruction of Satan's evil works that seek to divide families.
- August 17** ⇨ The hundreds of children touched by the love of Jesus Christ during **Vacation Bible School (VBS)**, that they may continue steadfastly in the Lord and faithfully attend Church.
- August 18** ⇨ God's protection upon our Senior Pastor, Pr. S. Sam Selva Raj, and his family from every evil force.

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Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? ... (Haggai 2:3)



Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory?

- The new temple appeared smaller
- Resources were limited
- The grandeur of Solomon's temple overshadowed their present work
- The people are rebuilding the temple that was once in ruins.

The Bible says they heard two voices:

1. The voice of those who had seen the first temple - a cry of sorrow and anguish as they compared the present structure to the glory they had witnessed years before.
2. The voice of the present generation, shouting with

joy over their remarkable achievement. Though the latter may have outnumbered the former, it was the voice of sorrow that resounded more prominently.

Yet, the voice of discouragement was louder.

However, Book of Ezra 6 reveals a deeper truth: - The earlier temple had Solomon's wealth, but this one had God's greater purpose.

- Unexpected provision came from pagan kings
- The work was completed under divine authority
- Protection was granted by the king
- Worship was restored



The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house," says the LORD Almighty

- Peace and stability returned

The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house," says the LORD Almighty... Haggai 2:9.

This greater glory was not about size or gold. It was about:

- God's faithfulness in adversity
- His presence among a humble and obedient people
- And most importantly, the fact that Jesus Christ Himself would later visit this temple

Comparison blinded them from appreciating God's work - but God, in His mercy, sent encouragement at the right time to uplift us.

Be Strong!

In Haggai 2:4, God speaks through the prophet:

But now be strong, O Zerubbabel ...

Be strong, O Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest.

Be strong, ... and work. For I am with you...

... Three times, God commands strength - reassuring them of His presence - "My Spirit remains among you, do not fear. Haggai 2:5.

Today, God is saying: Be strong. No matter what you are going through, I am with you.

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PIT TO PALACE

(Life experiences of Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj)

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



WE NEED SUCH STRONG PILLARS IN OUR CHURCHES!

**HE WHO OVERCOMES, I WILL MAKE HIM A PILLAR
IN THE TEMPLE OF MY GOD . . . - Revelation 3:12.**



During my younger days, I was firmly rooted in the Apostolic Christian Assembly Church in Chennai, pastored by the late Pastor G. Sundaram. He was a strong spiritual leader who, through his godly life, powerful preaching, and faithful training, raised thousands of ministers for the Kingdom of God. He also possessed an extraordinary memory and could easily recognize those who attended the Sunday services faithfully and those who were absent.

Among the many faithful workers under his leadership were three remarkable men of God: the late Bro. T. Selvaraj, a State Government servant; the late Bro. Victor Swamidoss from the Railways Department; and the late Bro. L. M. Jeyamohan, also known as Jayakumar, of Corley High School.



Like many young men, there were occasions when I could not attend Church services because of my Government duties. During such times, these devoted servants of God would pursue me tirelessly with the vigilance of police officers, finding me at my workplace, in canteens, and in other places. They

would lovingly counsel me and teach me the importance and blessings of faithfully attending Church services and actively participating in every activity of the Church.

They willingly spent their time, money, and energy to keep me on the right spiritual path. I can confidently testify that their labour and dedication played a vital role in shaping my spiritual life. Though they were strict in certain matters, they were also patient, compassionate, and deeply committed to disciplining young believers like me.

Later, when the Lord graciously blessed the **Echo of His Call Ministries**, these men extended their helping hands with fatherly love. They regularly ministered in our Churches through preaching and special meetings. I firmly believe that they made a lasting impact not only in my life, but also in the lives of thousands of men and women.

Those who were moulded and mentored under their guidance were trained to remain accountable to both the Church and its Pastor. They laboured not for personal recognition, but for the glory of God alone. May the Lord bless their memories and their descendants abundantly.



It is my earnest prayer that God would once again raise up such highly dedicated, selfless, and faithful men and women in the Churches of today.

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• This is the same promise given to Joshua - **Be bold, be strong, for the Lord, thy God is with you**

(Joshua 1:9).

• The same assurance has been given in Isaiah 41:10 - **Fear not, I am with you, I will hold your right hand and uphold you.**



I will hold your right hand and uphold you.

When we compare, discouragement and fear will follow. We must stop comparing ourselves with others. We have a heavenly calling.

2. CHALLENGES FACED EXTERNALLY!

After addressing internal struggles, the Israelites faced external opposition from their regional authorities:

“Who has commanded you to build this temple and finish this wall?”

Opposition does not mean God has abandoned us. We need spiritual discernment to recognise when God is truly at work on our behalf and when something is not aligned with His will. God can use every opposition we face for the advancement of His kingdom, especially when we are walking in obedience to His will.

- David faced Goliath
- Nehemiah faced Sanballat and Tobiah

- Paul faced persecution from Jewish opponents
- The early Christians faced opposition everywhere
- Yet, in all these situations, God's name was glorified

Similarly, in this chapter, we see opposition arising. The people had left their jobs, their families, and their comfortable lives to rebuild the temple from ruins. They had made great sacrifices. Yet, instead of receiving appreciation, they were met with criticism - letters of complaint rather than encouragement, and their work was constantly challenged.

Do not expect recognition from people; God Himself is our rewarder. Continue to do His will faithfully.

Dear friends, when you face opposition, do not be afraid. “But the eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews.” The eyes of our Lord are upon us even today. This may be a word for you: weapons may be formed against you, but they will not prosper. Accusations may arise, but they will not stand.

What did God do?

When He fights, **He will shake the heavens and the earth** (Haggai 2:21). He will cause all things in the universe to work in our favour.

When everything seemed to be against them, we read in Ezra 6:12: “I, Darius, issue a decree; let it be carried out with diligence.”

The very king who had received complaints against them now issued a decree commanding that the work be completed without interference.

- **He officially reaffirmed the rebuilding:** “Let the work on

this house of God alone.” (Ezra 6:7).

- **He ordered that the project be fully funded from the royal treasury** (Ezra 6:8).
- **He ensured that all necessary supplies for worship were provided daily** (Ezra 6:9–10).
- **He warned of severe penalties for anyone who attempted to hinder the work**

(Ezra 6:11–12).

King Darius's response was not merely supportive - it was protective and generous.

What began as opposition ultimately strengthened the rebuilding effort far beyond what the people could have expected.

When God declares His purpose (Haggai 2),

He rearranges human systems to accomplish it (Ezra 6).

I pray that in this month, God will overrule every negative word spoken against you and turn every plan intended for harm into your favour. If He could rearrange entire systems to fulfil His purpose in the lives of His people, He can certainly do the same in your life today. His eyes are watching over you.

All we need to do is trust in Him. His love, demonstrated on the cross, is immeasurable. Jesus Christ died so that we may live victoriously.

So, place your trust in the Creator.

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