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THE HOLY BIBLE

Please memorize this portion

Proverbs 3:26-35

- 26. For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.
- 27. Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.
- 28. Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and tomorrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee.
- 29. Devise not evil against thy neighbour, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee.
- 30. Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm.
- 31. Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways.
- 32. For the froward is abomination to the LORD but His secret is with the righteous.
- 33. The curse of the LORD is in the house of the wicked: but He blesseth the habitation of the just.
- 34. Surely He scorneth the scorners: but He giveth grace unto the lowly.
- 35. The wise shall inherit glory: but shame shall be the promotion of fools.

THE GREAT MYST

(Message given by Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj at the Main Church)

"This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the Church" Ephesians 5:32.

exercising the authority of Heaven on the earth. The Church is the fellowship of the saints. According to the first ten chapters of the Acts of the Apostles, those people who were with Jesus Christ and lived with Him and tasted His love were given the name 'disciples'. The early disciples were called 'Christians' (Acts 11:26). The rest of the people dared not join with them (Acts 5:13).

Faithful Christians will not tell a lie, do not deceive others and

God's Church is the base for not be treacherous. They walk in the fear of the Lord. If some people betrayed you, it means that they were not the children of God. You can talk with an open mind to the children of God. Those who follow the model of Jesus Christ, and those who follow His footsteps are the children of God. Those who follow Jesus Christ, reflects Him under all circumstances; they will not deny Jesus Christ when affected by circumstances or misuse God's ministry for their own profit.



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We thank God for the blessings we receive because of our efforts to spread the gospel through our Echo of His Call Magazine and the messages through our YouTube Channel. I praise God for the dear children of God, Pastor Alex Samson Sam, Pastor Chinnaiah, Brothers Dhanam Chinnaiah, Mary Magdalene, N. Prakasam, and Sisters Christina Jaba Kumari Chinnaiah, B. Saran, Pastor Vidhyadhar, Abraham, Salomi Abraham, Geetha Gurusamy, Daisy Rani, Solomon Robert, Joshua Robert, Edmond Thomas etc. who work with me in the YouTube Channel Ministry.

We try to deliver atleast some people from the horrible nature of sin and from the clutches of the curses. We need your prayer support very much. The path of ministry is very difficult. The devil is working hard against us surpassing our ability to resist him. It is only our dear Lord who covers us and protects us.

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God willing, the Graduation Ceremony of our Nehemiah Bible College will be held in 3rd June 2023. We need students who are called for God's ministry for the next academic year, 2023-24. Please pray for this. Kindly introduce such students to us. Without any motive for material benefits, we work hard for the propagation of the gospel. Kindly pray with a burden for our Tamil and Hindi Bible Colleges and all our multifarious ministries.

> We pray for you. May the grace of God be with you. Amen. Your servants in Christ Jesus,

> > Pr. S. Sam Selva Raj & Alex Samson Sam.

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mysteries in this world is the relationship between the God's Church, that is the fellowship of the children of God and God. The Lord Jesus Christ is dispensing this mystery from the Heaven to his believers through the Church. Those who are born of God are the of Jesus Christ (John 1:13).

One of the greatest children of God. People may be from poor or rich circumstances, or people who pass through the valley of tears. It is also possible that they are people who lost hope in their lives, or deserted by others or those who are not at all useful. But those who believe in Jesus Christ are born

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All the truths needed for a man to live a victorious life in this world are hidden in the secret relationship between the Church and Jesus Christ. But men are trying to find other ways to find joy and peace to progress in their lives. ignoring this. Though a lot of mysteries are found in the Bible, when we make use of the great mystery of the relationship between Jesus Christ and the Church, changes takes place in our lives and we are raised.

The facts about Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world and His Church cannot be changed by time or cultures or circumstances and by new technologies. Some people think that Christianity is unwanted or not to embrace Christianity because of wrong information or without having clear knowledge about Jesus Christ. But this opinion is completely wrong. Is there anyone who was forsaken because of following Jesus Christ faithfully? Did anyone become poor? Did anyone give trouble to others by any means? No one can ever say 'yes' to these questions. "I have been young, and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken" (Psalm 37:25). Any one who followed Jesus Christ was never seen wandering for food.

The birth of Jesus Christ and the New Year are celebrated not only by the Christians, but also by the people of all countries and by the people of all religions. On the first day in January, special celebrations and worship are conducted in temples and places of worship of all religions, why? The truth is always the truth. One cannot deny or hide the truth for a long time. It was the birth of Jesus Christ that divided the world history as B.C. and A.D. Because the world went astray, the Lord who created this earth took the form of Man Jesus Christ and revealed His great love for us by His birth, death and all the graves where the bodies of people who are dead are buried Christ alone remains open, why? He is the Lord and Saviour who overcame death and rose from the dead! Any one may hate the church of Jesus Christ and try to persecute the church. But the Church of God is not under the control of men. It directly functions under the control of God.

From the beginning of the world, this fellowship of God's children had experienced terrible sufferings and opposition. But no one can control the expansion of the Church of God. In history, we read of the countries and authorities that tried to control the Churches of God, were crushed beyond recognition. Therefore, we should proclaim the Gospel with much wisdom. When those who do not know the glory of God, get the knowledge about God, they will get peace. Even today a lot of people are admitted into the church in various parts of the world. Countless Churches are also planted every day.

1. I WILL BUILD **MY CHURCH!**

When Jesus Christ came into the region of Caesarea Philipi, He asked His disciples, saying. "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

do you say that I am?" And Simon not hear the voice of the Lord or you Peter answered and said, "You are the Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God". "Jesus Christ answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but My Father Who is in

resurrection (Romans 5:8). When Heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My Church and the gates of remain closed, the grave of Jesus Hades shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:17-18).

> Here our Lord is asking Simon what other people were saying about Him. Jesus Christ also had such an idea to know what people were saying about Him. From this we should understand that every spiritual leader should know what the others talk about him. One should not say "I don't care what others talk about me, I am working according to my conscience." When Jesus Christ asked Peter what others were saying about Him, Simon answered, "You are the Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God." Here Peter is speaking by the revelation he received. Jesus Christ says that flesh and blood did not reveal this to him, but the Father who is in Heaven. Today people are considering Christians as fools, ignorant people, people without wisdom, spreading the Christian religion and also as men who change people. If a person accepts Jesus Christ as his Saviour, it means that flesh and blood did not reveal this to him, but the Heavenly Father.

All of us who have accepted Jesus Christ as our Saviour are those who have received a revelation from the Lord. Those who received revelations in their lives belong to the Lord in Heaven without taking into consideration of our past lives.

You cannot say that the He said to them, "But who Lord did not speak to you or you did have no relationship with the Lord. Because, the Lord has said to Simon Peter ".. for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in Heaven. Therefore, you have accepted Jesus Christ as your Saviour. Jesus Christ

highest in this world. This is the divine revelation. One cannot getting the revelation of the Lord. Therefore, those who received the revelation of Heaven should lead a life separated from this world and a different kind of life.

People are trying to progress in their life in different ways, but the Bible teaches only to the children of God or to those who got His revelation that they will flourish in life if things were done in the way that He teaches, which is rather strange.

2. MY CHURCH!

Anyone can do any work in this world. But the work of building up the Church work rests in the hands of the Lord. In Matthew 16:18, Jesus Christ says, "I will build My Church." He did not say that Peter or Paul would build the Church. The gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

The assembly of the children of God is the God's Church. It is not the mere building. When I say that there will be a service in this Church, it is not referring to the building. It denotes the place where the children of God assemble. God Himself will build the God's Church. All of us together who are assembled in a Church is God's Church.

The Lord will build up you, the people of God. God promises that the gates of Hades cannot overcome you. When we accept this, you should give importance to the Church in your life. The Lord says that He will build us up and make us prosperous. The gates of Hades cannot overcome us. The Lord holds these guarantees in His

is the true God, God of gods and the hands. The Lord will look at your difficulties and sufferings and build you, who is His Church. Diseases, accept Jesus Christ by compulsion troubles, debts, poverty, troubles or by the efforts of others without from the devil will not prevail against you because you are His Church. Flesh and blood did not reveal to you that He is God, but the Heaven revealed it. All those who are assembled in the Churches of God, will never be forsaken.

> God compares them to the people who built their houses on the rock. A man builds his house on sand. There is a storm. Heavy rain splashes. The water flows by, the house will be destroyed. But another man builds his house on the rock. There also the wind blows. There is a heavy downpour and water is flowing. The house stands firm. Difficulties or defeats, whatever happen to him he will stand firm. He will build up you because you are His Church. The gates of Hades cannot prevail against you. The Lord says that He will compare you to the man who built his house on the rock.

We are victorious only when we are in the Church of God. That is the reason why the Bible says that we should not forsake the assembly of ourselves together (Hebrews 10:25). For many, it is a difficult thing to come to the Church of God - Church is far away, they are tired, lack of transportation etc., So these people lose the privilege of going to God's Church, worshiping and getting the blessings of God. This mystery is great, the mystery of the relationship between Jesus Christ and the Church of God. If you are in a Church nothing in the world shall overcome you. You will be victorious.

Those who are members of God's Church - those saints who take part in His Church - those who have accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour are people of a higher class. There is no power on earth that could destroy them. All the defeats in your life will become victory for you. The base for exercising the

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



†PRAISE GOD FOR...

- February 19

 Protecting our Senior Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj and family from all evil forces.
- February 20

 ⇒ Blessing the youth with enthusiasm to participate in all our Church activities.
- February 21 ⇒ His mercy towards our Prayer Partners, Subscribing Partners, Faith Partners, Life Partners and Great Commission Partners and their families.
- February 22

 A wonderful Media Team who helps us in seamless transmission of our Echo of His Call YouTube Channel.
- **February 23** ⇒ Blessing us with the special camera for our YouTube broadcast.
- February 24 ⇒ Our Senior Pastor for his commitment to propagate the gospel through multifarious ministries.
- February 25

 Blessing our Echo of His Call staff and their families with good health and divine protection.
- February 26 ⇒ Blessing us with moral and financial support of our partners.
- February 27

 Blessing our Media Ministry and Echo of His Call YouTube Channel to reach unreached multilingual people.
- February 28

 Giving us grace to complete our 2023 Monthly Calendar, Table Calendar and Promise Card Printing and despatch work.
- March 01 ⇒ Blessing our Church Ministry to work in a more organised manner.
- March 02

 → Providing music classes for our Residential Nehemiah Bible College students.
- March 03

 ⇒ Blessing our Special Christmas and New Year programmes at Residential Nehemiah Bible College and St. Paul's Matriculation School.

†PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

- March 04

 ⇒ Admission of deserving students for our Residential and Evening Nehemiah Bible College for the academic year 2023-24.
- March 05

 Admission of new students for our St. Paul's Matriculation School for the academic year 2023-24.
- March 06

 ⇒ The safety of our Senior Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj and his family members from all sorts of evil forces.
- March 07

 ⇒ Divine protection of world countries from new variants of Covid.
- March 08

 → Our Technical workers like printing press operators, vehicle drivers and computer operators.
- March 10

 ⇒ Christian Preachers to preach the gospel perfectly without adulteration.
- March 11 ⇒ Servants of God who are doing ministry in prisons.
- March 12

 ⇒ Protection of world children and youth from addiction to online games.
- March 13

 ⇒ Broadcasting messages of Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj in additional languages on our Echo of His Call YouTube Channel.
- March 14

 → Our co-workers who are involved in teaching and translating course materials for our Nehemiah Bible College.
- March 15 → Our Associate Editors and their family members.
- March 16

 ⇒ The success of our Senior Pastor in writing his autobiography.
- March 17

 ⇒ The peace of Israel, Russia and Ukraine.
- March 18

 ⇒ The aged people in the old age homes.

authority of Heaven on earth is this Church. Through these Churches only, God blesses the countries.

If we tell the people about this fact they find it difficult to understand. Those who follow Christianity are the less priviledged and the people who are in difficulties. You may ask, "Are these the people chosen by God?" The answer is "Yes," because it is the truth. Those who had accepted the Lord Jesus Christ, do not belong to this world. The Heaven protects them.

> 3. THOSE WHO ARE PLANTED IN THE CHURCH WILL FLOURISH!

"Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God" (Psalm 92:13).

We can remove an artificial plant and again plant it. There is no need to water it. Those who are planted in the house of the Lord are not planted temporarily like the artificial plant. A natural plant is planted in the soil and watered. Those whose lives are like the plant giving fruits, will flourish in God's Church. Only the lives of people who are like this plant will really prosper in their lives.

Planted in the Church of God, watered and added manure will be rooted in the Church of God, flourish and give fruits in the Church.

All those who serve the Church with real dedication, giving fruits by helping the Pastor will flourish. Today most of the people do not have such a desire. Some people, when they get baptism in the Church, come to the conclusion that they are saved, they leave the Church and establish their own

not accepted by the Lord and get more you are planted strongly and into all sorts of difficulties. Finally the more you are giving fruits in the they come to the stage of getting Church of God, to that extent God away from their all. flourish when you faithfully practice the vision, the work and responsibilities vested on you by God in His Church. Some people may ask, "If I go to the Church, will everything be all right?" Yes, everything will be all right. When this is told to common people, they cannot understand. When I was an young boy, I was cleaning the chappals of my old pastor and helped him. That was my ministry. Because of this small service, the Lord brought me into these glorious Ministries. Are you planted in the Church or are you just placed there? Today a lot of people are not firmly planted believers; but just visitors. A plant that was well set in the ground gives fruits. The lives of many are fruitless. We say that we are believers and we are not victorious. The more you are

organization and do all activities involved in the Church of God, the You will make you flourish.

> The well known late Pastor G. Sundaram used to tell to those who are doing ministry work independently, "You can do ministerial work anywhere and whichever way you like; but you must tie a rope around your garment and tie the other end to a church. You must give importance to your Church. You will get power only from that Church. Otherwise you will be orphans in your spiritual life." He told them these words with a challenge. How big a truth is this!

The author who writes this message for you is also functioning under a leader and I am blessed. God has graciously blessed me with several assistant pastors also. I am obedient to my seniors. I am happy. What is your position?

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(Life experiences of Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj)

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



MY FIELD MINISTRY!

The Lord God gave me good friends to disseminate His gospel through mini evangelical meetings in open grounds and mini meetings in houses. D. Richard Thambiraj, William, Selvaraj, Bijili Samraj, P. Chandrasekar, Mrs. J.V. Selvan, Sam Pushbaraj, etc. were helping me in this ministry.

When I conducted open air meetings in a place called Navalar Nagar near our area, people were touched by the power of the Lord Jesus Christ and demon possessed people were delivered and sick people were healed. Thus the Lord's anointing started functioning.

The people in that area including poor, rich, literates and illiterates accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. A lot of miracles happened. I used to play my music instrument, accordion, sing, conduct children programmes etc. and thereby God elevated me as a servant of the Living God Jesus Christ. People started respecting



me and joining my prayer meetings, because of the real miracles and changes that happened in their lives. I never accepted any Christians who were members of other Churches like Roman Catholics and Protestants. God gave me fresh believers to follow Jesus Christ and serve Him. I trained my

Rev. Samuel Daniel friends to distribute gospel tracts and booklets which were supplied by Rev. Samuel Daniel of Faith Prayer Tracts League. I also trained my friends to sing, testify, preach and visiting new souls. Thus I started a life of very busy and to pray more for my own soul's prosperity and for the burden that God has given me to reach the unreached people of various nations of the world by all means, at all costs, in everyway. To the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all the means save some. 1 Corinthians 9:22.

One day in the year 1973, when I was distributing gospel tract entitled "The Best I Can!" near the E.L.S. (Evangelical Literature Shop) book shop, Mount Road with the help of my friend Bro. J.R. Jeyabalan, Manager of the book shop, I met Rev. Dr. Augustine Peters, one of the leading servants of God. He prayed over me laying his hand upon my head on the busy road and prophesied and said, "Here

is a boy – He is designated by me for a great ministry of the gospel. I have called him. I will give h i m extraordinary gifts, health, wealth and people all over the world. He will be my faithful servant whom I will pour out my blessing".



and dear son upon Rev. Dr. Augustine Peters & Pr. S. Sam Selva Raj

Few days later, he called me through my friend Bro. C.N. Rajan, Photographer and anointed me as a servant of the gospel. It is pertinent to point out that the same strength, vision and stability are still prevalent in my life. All the words uttered through him are being fulfiled. I thank God for this! ***

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4. THE LORD'S DAY OF DELIGHT

"If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your ways, nor finding your own the earth, and feed you with the

pleasure on My holy day; and call pleasure, nor speaking your own the Sabbath a delight, the holy day words; Then you shall delight of the LORD Honourable, and shall yourself in the Lord; and I will honour Him, not doing your own cause you to ride on the high hills of heritage of Jacob you father. The mouth of the LORD has spoken" (Isaiah 58:13,14).

All of us want higher places. We want and improvement in our positions. How can we get this? On the Lord's day, that is on Sundays we should walk away from the counsel of the ungodly and do things that are pleasing to the Lord. Do not do things that are pleasing to yourself and not talking of your own, as that day is the Lord's day, of delight. This day is a good day, the day of delight, the day of celebration, the day of the Lord and think of the day as honourable. On this day, do not view any of the programmes in the television-but give importance to the Church services and think it is your duty to attend your Church services. Then you will delight yourself in the Lord. This does not mean that you can live as you like in other days.

On Sundays, after the morning worship, if you plan the time for your own worldly matters and work, you cannot have real joy in your life. There will not be any rise in our lives. You must dedicate this day for the Lord. If you give yourself to the world to see your friends or to attend to your own affairs on this day then you will not progress in your life.

When you consider the Lord's day as a day of delight and keep it apart for the Lord, you will have happiness. The Lord will make you sit at the highest place on earth. In your life, if there is an economic or health deficiency or a depression in your spiritual life or you feel something is lacking in you which others have and if you ask the Lord "Why Lord?" The answer is: the Holy Spirit is talking to you very clearly through this message. If you consider His day as the day of delight, then you will

be happy and the Lord will keep you at the highest place.

5. MONETARY BLESSINGS!

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and prove Me now in this" says the LORD of hosts, "if I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour out for you such blessing, that there will not be room enough to receive it" (Malachi 3:10).

"If I give a part of my income, will there be good times ahead of me?" Some have this question. One tenth of all your income belongs to God. You must not give one tenth of the money you have borrowed to God. One tenth of the money you earn belongs to God. Where should you give this one tenth of your money that belongs to God? Bring your tithes to the storehouse of your Church. Your tithes should not be for Gospel work or for magazine ministry or for missionary work. It should not be for the work done by some evangelists camping in some areas, conducting seminar etc. It belongs completely to your Church where you are a member. The Church can use it for its ministerial work and it may be spent for the poor and needy in other areas of God's ministry.

It is most important for you to find a Church where God's money is spent only for God and be a member of that Church. The Bible asks you to bring one tenth of your income to the storehouse of your Church. The believers have no authority to spend this money. There is no authority for a believer to touch the tithes and to give to people here and there.

Bring your tithe to the storehouse of the Church. Lord says to test Him 'if He will not open the windows of Heaven and pour out for you such blessings, we should not change even a single word from the verses of God'. I am a person who was blessed by giving one tenth of my income. Sometimes, when we get a small income, we will give the tithe. But when our income increases, there will be some difficulty in giving the tithe. When your income is rupees 100, you can give rupees ten as tithe, when 1000, it is possible to give rupees one hundred. But if your income is 10,000 rupees, giving 1000 rupees as tithe is not so easy. As the Lord goes on blessing

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