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THE HOLY BIBLE
Please memorize this portion
Psalm 32:1-8

1. Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
2. Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.
3. When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.
4. For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah.
5. I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.
6. For this shall every one that is goldly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.
7. Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.
8. I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

AT THE BREAK OF DAWN!

Sis. Angeline Selvakumari



Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It is a great joy to meet you all through **Echo of His Call** Magazine. Great is His faithfulness Who has led us thus far and will continue to carry us through!

God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God shall help her, just at the break of dawn. Psalm 46: 5.

This is a beautiful promise. However, the situation in which this promise is given is significant. Let us look at Psalm 46:2. It says,

1. Earth moved
2. Mountains were carried into the midst of the sea
3. Waters roared and were troubled
4. Mountains shook

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“... he who trusts in the Lord,
mercy shall surround him” - Psalms 32:10

Dear brothers and sisters,

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

The Lord Jesus Christ has been good to us in all areas of our ministry. All educational institutions will be closed for summer vacation in May. So let us use these days to do some evangelical works by joining local Churches and expand the kingdom of God.

When we see the world we are able to see the young boys and girls are going away from God by abstaining from Church services and ministry activities. This is happening all over the world. Parents and Church administrations are unable to do much in this.

So, by using this opportunity, worldly people, politicians and so called servants of God who preach unhealthy doctrines catch hold of the youth and train and equip them in wrong ways of this world. In Churches the attendance of young boys and girls is reducing. This is very painful. Even though the senior family members are trying to keep them under the divine shade of God, they want to do things as they wish by ignoring God's ways.

So it is high time Christian parents and leaders prayed much and pressed the Lord to send a revival among the children and youth all over the world. We have set up a small team of God's people who have the same burden and started praying for them. You may help us by sending the names of children and youth boys and girls, so that we can lift them up before the Throne of Grace. **You need not send any money for this.** Instead you may also pray in one accord with us and pray for this **GLOBAL VISION FORYOUTH & KID CARE.** We solicit your views in this regard.

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We know when God's people join together in one accord for a particular matter, the Heavenly Father will answer. When you get good testimonies of such children and youth, please send them to us. We will try to publish deserving testimonies.

We are praying for you. We strive whole heartedly to disseminate the glorious gospel to all the nations of the world by all means. Please join hands with us in prayer. God bless you.

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Thus, when everything was moving, shaking, and restless the Bible says, God is in the midst of all this! Even when everything around us moves, we will not be moved. God is in the midst of all the moves, shakes, and storms. He will help us at the Break of Dawn. For God is good! Whatever He does is good! He is a God of impossibilities.

All the things that you have been struggling with, fighting with, all the prayers that are yet to be answered, things that have kept you in bondage, the circumstances that have limited you will be broken in Jesus' name because **He will help us at the break of dawn**

(Psalm 46:5).

I. What is the significance of the Break of Dawn?

(a) Break of Dawn is a beginning of a New Season!

According to the Jewish calendar, darkness covers from 9 to 10 after that comes the break of Dawn. It is roughly between 12 and 3 a.m.; It crashes the darkness and breaks into light, a brand-new day and a brand-new season open. Why should we need to go through seasons of storms, shakes, and turmoil?

(b) Break of Dawn is a Season of Transition!

Break of Dawn is a period of transition between night and day. It is moving from one season to another, from one period to another. The transition itself is a period of **uncertainty**, where one is unsure of taking the next step. Should one go this way or the other way? It is a period of chaos and **confusion**. One is struggling to make a decision. It also symbolizes a period of fear - fear of what is happening and what

is going to happen. You know what, this is how the world and the devil would like you to see this period of Transition - as a period of chaos, confusion, confrontation, and uncertainty. However, God wants us to see this as the period of having a **BREAK**. Look at the word **Breakthrough**... It is breath taking of something. God is seeing this season as a breakthrough season, where you break and come through.

As a Church, a family, and individuals, as we all move to the next level we find it is a New season of growth, maturity, a

Breakthrough. Breaking the darkness is the break of dawn.

(c) Break of Dawn is a Season of spiritual warfare!

Breakthrough is not easy. It is breaking and coming out. It is a war, it is a struggle! You are breaking the darkness. It does not happen effortlessly and bring light. God is calling us into a season of breaking through. He has placed us to bring **breakthroughs** for our children, for our family, for our Church, for our city, for our nation,



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for the world! Amen!!! It is a season of spiritual Break- Through!!!

We will see things that are dark and impossible are not the end but the means of our **breakthrough**. Elijah was sitting physically, mentally, spiritually, and emotionally exhausted. It was impossible for him to live. It was one of the darkest moments of his life. Soon after the revival ministry against the Baal's priests, handled as a one-man army, all Elijah heard was, he was going to be killed. He was so scared for His life, that he couldn't think straight. He said ...**"It is enough! Now, Lord, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!"** 1 Kings 19: 4.

He felt it was over and darkness everywhere, little did he realize he was in a period of transition. **In between!** He saw the darkness, not the dawn. God had placed him to break the darkness. This year God is positioning some of us in the period of transition so that we can be the break – break the darkness and bring the light. Shout Amen!!!

"The one who breaks open will come up before them ..." Micah 2: 13. Amen. He will walk before us to break the darkness, and lead us into the light. **...They will break out, pass through the gate, and go out by it...** Micah 2: 13. Amen.

Whatever has held you, kept you in darkness, made you crumble, limited you, God is making you go out of it, in Jesus' name, "you will come out of it"; because He is walking in front of you. **The king will pass before, having the lord as the head. Who is this king of glory?** (Psalm 24: 7-9). As the famous song says,

"I know who goes before me,

I know who goes behind

The God of angels' armies is by my side. ...

Nothing formed against me shall stand ..."

**I WILL NOT FEAR FOR,
THE LORD IS WITH ME.**

As mentioned earlier Breakthrough is breaking out of darkness and coming into light. This year God will give us a breakthrough from darkness so that we can enter into light victoriously.

II. Breakthrough from what?

Darkness – What does darkness symbolize?

(a) Evil Dominion!

Darkness is anything that is diabolic. It symbolizes the devil, called the prince of darkness. Darkness is a dominion. Colossians 1:13 (NIV) says **For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves.** Dominion is something that dominates. Some of us feel as if

there is someone in our life who dictates the last word or presses the last button and we have no say in it. Break of Dawn is breaking the dominion of darkness.

Darkness can also mean, anything that is sinful; that dominates, that oppresses, that takes control over us. Maybe you are struggling with a habit that has a hold on you and want to come out of it, but struggling. Do you know even the so-called mature Christians are also struggling from the hold of sin? With the advance in technology, everyone has the access to the internet in the palm of their hands. Guess what? This has opened a lot of doors to sin, that we couldn't even imagine. Addiction to social media, spending time on TikTok, and YouTube trailers, to pornography, irrespective of age. It is sad to see even children are addicted to pornography because of the devices in their hands.

The prince of darkness has taken complete control over our time, our thought, and our emotions

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



✠ PRAISE GOD FOR...

- May 19** ⇒ The blessing of our Printing Press and its publications in 16 languages, being sent to the mission fields.
- May 20** ⇒ Having blessed our ministerial travel.
- May 21** ⇒ Blessing all the members of the our Main Church and branch Churches.
- May 22** ⇒ Our Lord is safeguarding our Senior Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj and his family from all evil dominions.
- May 23** ⇒ Blessing our **Biblecor** (Bible correspondence Course) and **Theological Correspondence Courses**.
- May 24** ⇒ Having gifted new Principal at our **St. Paul's Matriculation School**.
- May 25** ⇒ The Sunday services at our Main Church and branches.
- May 26** ⇒ Blessing us with new faculty of our **Nehemiah Bible College**.
- May 27** ⇒ Divine protection of all countries in the midst of chaos and fear of war.
- May 28** ⇒ His blessings showered upon families of our workers.
- May 29** ⇒ Thriving our Christian ministries in the midst of political and religious opposition.
- May 30** ⇒ The great commitment from the Mission workers.
- May 31** ⇒ Uplifting of women in all walks of society.
- June 01** ⇒ Giving new students for our Residential and Evening **Nehemiah Bible College**.
- June 02** ⇒ Our Gospel Printing Press and its continuous functioning with efficient workers.
- June 03** ⇒ The increasing subscribers and testimonies for our **5 minute YouTube messages**.

✠ PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

- June 04** ⇒ His mercy towards our Prayer Partners, Subscribing Partners, Faith Partners, Life Partners and Great Commission Partners and their families.
- June 05** ⇒ The good health of our employees and their family members.
- June 06** ⇒ All the countries to have unity and progress in all aspects and planning.
- June 07** ⇒ The blessing and protection upon all Christian Organisations.
- June 08** ⇒ Enabling us to spread gospel to the unreached places.
- June 09** ⇒ To give us many more visions to build His Kingdom on earth.
- June 10** ⇒ Protection against viral fever and new contagious diseases.
- June 11** ⇒ The youth and children of the world to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.
- June 12** ⇒ The good health and protection of our Senior Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj and his family members.
- June 13** ⇒ The expansion of our Ministries in all possible ways and measures.
- June 14** ⇒ Admission of deserving students for our Residential and Evening **Nehemiah Bible College** for the academic year 2023-24.
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- June 16** ⇒ Admission of new students for our **St. Paul's Matriculation School** for the academic year 2023-24.
- June 17** ⇒ Our supporters, well-wishers and friends who uphold our ministries through prayer and financial support.
- June 18** ⇒ Our Associate Editors and their family members.

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with evil inputs. Not knowing it is destroying our peace, our family relationships, our relationship with God, and above all corrupting our hearts, mind, and soul. Most importantly it is having an impact on the next generation. Every action of ours impacts children.

May God enable us to have a **BREAKTHROUGH** from whatever that is dominating our lives, our families, our Churches, our ministry or our walk with God.

(b) Ignorance!

Ephesians 4:18 (NIV) says, **They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.**

Ignorance is a disadvantage in the kingdom of God as being ignorant in the mind. Devil wants us to be ignorant. He is deceitful. Devil thrives on ignorance. Don't say I don't know. 2 Corinthians 4:4 (NLT) says, **"Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.**

(c) Blinding of the mind!

Sometimes we read the Bible but don't really understand. Some who call themselves "Good Christians" are yet not able to have that in-depth experience. Why darkness prevails? Read the Word of God. Ask God to give you a breakthrough from your ignorance. **Ask God for wisdom ... He gives generously.** (James 1:5) Again technology has given the Bible in our hands, we have access to Bible in all versions, different languages, and various fonts, readily available at all times, I am very happy about it

but at the same time, we have started to rely more and more on the online Bible. Though we have it in our hands, we don't have it in our hearts and minds.

In the past, people were able to say Biblical references by searching their Bibles, but now they are asking Google. My concern is a day will come, when all the online versions will cease to exist. What will happen to us? It looks like the devil has given us access to the Word of God so freely and so we are so dependent on it, when a day comes when they ban the online version, we will not have the Word of God. Let us read our Bible with passion, memorize the Word of God and meditate it day and night so that it is written in our hearts.

III. Breakthrough to what?

Light - What is light?

(a) Light is understanding!

Brings things into perspective. ... **God is light; in him, there is no darkness at all.** 1 John 1:5 (NIV). When there is light there is energy. We get spiritual energy from the divine light. It illuminates our minds. It helps us to see clearly. It sets us free and gives the right perspective on things. Light gives **revelation**. The Bible is the truth of God; it is the light of God. **Send me your light and your faithful care, let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell** (Psalm 43: 3). If there is no light, there is no truth, no Break of Dawn! If we need the light we should go to the mountain (God's presence) where God dwells. Otherwise we will still be in the same place and it will be impossible to go to the mountain of God.

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PIT TO PALACE

(Life experiences of Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj)

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



GRACE OF GOD!

It was a lovely morning! On that Sunday morning, my grandpa, grandma, mother, father and all the children were dressed up and were walking happily towards the Church of South India in a very small village called Nellaraikkonam. I was 12 years old and was watching everyone. Each of them had some prestigious qualification. I felt I had nothing noteworthy in me. I was worshipping the Lord Jesus Christ in the Church. At that time a big question arose in me. The Lord Jesus Christ gave up all His heavenly 'qualifications' and came to this world to give this great new life to all mankind. I asked myself, “Then why not I become a servant of God, just like my Pastor?” The Lord Jesus Christ spoke to me very clearly while I was at that Church that day.

That day, the Pastor spoke about the Prophet Samuel. His reference was from the 3rd Chapter of I Samuel.

In I Samuel 3:1-4, we read that the Word of the Lord was rare in these days and there was no widespread revelation. It was during such a time, Samuel ministered to the Priest Eli at the tabernacle and went to sleep one night. At that time, God called Samuel. My Pastor was preaching about this incident and proclaimed the truth that God lifted that boy Samuel to become the Judge in Israel and also as a great prophet.

These words were very important to me and they became the axle with which my life was functioning.

1. I loved my Church and the people. I started going to the Church every Saturday and cleaned the place and dusted the chairs and benches. I was also interested in cleaning the Church compound. I kept the musical instruments like the drum, tambourine and the harmonium at the right places. Later, I organised a sub-ministerial group called, “Good News Prayer Band” and started helping our Church in the Church maintenance and ministries.

“He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the beggar from the ash heap, to set them among princes and make them inherit the throne of glory ...”

- I Samuel 2:8

2. I was also offering my physical help to my Pastors. I would carry their bags, cleaned their shoes and also took breakfast, lunch and dinner from my house and served them. Thus, I was serving my Pastors and other servants of God.

3. I also behaved well towards my Church members. I was a good brother to all of them and also I helped them in every way.

Though I had a good serving nature, I was not gifted in my talk, and I had loss of memory also. I was not highly educated and I knew that I had very little talents and gifts when compared to my friends.

My friends of my age went to study in well-established colleges, went for special coaching, learned many languages, developed their skills by learning 'karate' and also went to many other institutions to develop their knowledge. But God had granted me the ability to do services at the Church and also to the servants of God.

The Lord God lifted me from the lowest level just like he lifted Samuel. All through my tenure as a responsible and faithful Government servant for around 23 years God's enabling presence was always with me. This was evident in the fact that as an appreciation of my services to the Government I was granted special permission to carry out my ministry also.

God permitted me to function effectively in both types of work and I consider it as a wonder of wonders!

Samuel loved the Church and considered it a privilege to serve the Man of God. So, God raised him as a great prophet in the spiritual realm and as a great Judge in the land of Israel.

If you also respect and serve your Church and your Pastors, you will surely reach a great height.

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(b) Light is transforming!

Break of Dawn - means transformation available in Jesus Christ. One flash of light changed Saul to Paul. Light is the gospel **For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of glory of God in the face of Christ.** 2 Corinthians 4:6 (NIV). Light is the glory of God, when it shines, it transforms. **And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit** (2 Corinthians 3:18). The information from the Word of God can transform any man.

Light is a transforming agent. The unfolding of the gospel brings light. Why do we preach in the Church? Why do we sit in the Church for an hour listening? It is not information. It is not head knowledge. It transforms us. Break of Dawn is becoming like Christ. Let us be transformed.

I sincerely pray that God will come and help us at the break of Dawn. Let us have our Break of Dawn. There is a great power at the Break of Dawn. Jesus broke death at the break of dawn. Jesus came out of the grave. Jesus the light chose to come out at the break of the dawn. This is a powerful truth.

Our new covenant is based on the break of the dawn. Our story of resurrection happens at the Break of Dawn. Every promise of God is Yes and Amen at the Break of Dawn. **And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.** 1 Corinthians 15:14 (NIV). There is power in the break of dawn. This is the year of Break of Dawn.

Finally, let us think about Jacob.

First, the Bible says, Jacob wrestled with God until the Break of Dawn and only then he had his breakthrough.

So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak" Genesis 32:24-26 (NIV).

The whole nation of Israel was born there. The break of Dawn is very powerful. Whatever you are praying for continue to pray till you get an answer; do not settle! Keep praying and wrestling like Jacob and you will have your breakthrough in the Break of Dawn.

Secondly, Jacob was scared that his brother might attack him and sent peace offerings to Esau, thinking that would calm his anger. But what really happened was, God enabled to have peace and reconciliation between brothers without any problems. However, Jacob was attacked by God on his hip. After that encounter, his walk was transformed. Let God work in

our lives, when he works, our walk will be transformed. We will never be the same. Remember after the breakthrough a New Nation was formed and after your breakthrough, a season will come out!

I believe there is going to be a big move. A big shift. A season where so much is restrained, captivated with elements of darkness. At the Break of Dawn, something begins. A new chapter, a new season of breakthrough. Individually, as a family, as a Church, nation. Something is going to break.

But we need to be broken. Unless we break we will not enter. Just like the mother hen sits and incubates, at the right season, at the correct temperature, the egg cracks and life comes out. Unless we know how to break we cannot give birth. At the break of dawn, there is light, but the light has to pierce. Once it breaks a new opening, a portal, a new season of light will come.

Let there be a Breakthrough for all of us. Because God will help us at the Break of Dawn. You will not be moved, God is in the centre. With that confidence, let us march forward!

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