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#### THE HOLY BIBLE



Please memorize this portion

Psalm 101:1-8

- 1. I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O Lord, will I sing.
- 2. I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.
- 3. I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.
- 4. A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person.
- 5. Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.
- 6. Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.
- 7. He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.
- 8. I will early destroy all the wicked of the land; that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the Lord.



### **FEAR NOT!**

- Isaiah 41:10

A message that will strengthen your faith! Please read attentively!!

Pr. S. Sam Selva Raj

Some individuals used to say, "Every morning I wake up, only to be confronted with indescribable problems." These problems can be physical, emotional or family-related. Many individuals are burdened by one trouble after another, and this constant worry weighs them down. Frequently, they express their feelings by saying, "This is all too overwhelming for me to handle. My problems continue to pile up and defeat me! I don't have the strength to fight these issues any longer. How will I ever make it?" You might be facing this experience today! At our ministry, we often receive letters from saints who endure extremely difficult circumstances on a daily basis.

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I, the Lord, will hasten it in its time"

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We believe you are all doing well. We pray for you everyday. As God is with you, be of good courage.

The powerful hand of the Lord has been guiding us in all our recent travels in connection with our ministry and in all our efforts and activities. The Lord Jesus Christ was with us night and day without sleep. May Jesus Christ bless you who are praying and supporting us.

There are many servants of God in our ministry, and many in their families are sick. This has unfortunately hindered them of fulfilling their responsibilities to their full extent. We ask for your sincere prayers in this matter. This is very urgent and important.

It has sadly come to our attention that many of you do not receive our monthly newsletter, Echo of His Call, which we send to you each month with great effort.

We are trying our best to find out what is happening, as several copies of our newsletters have returned to us under various reasons like, Door Locked, Moved, Expired and Refused. Later we find that few of these reasons are incorrect. Dearly beloved, we don't want to lose your fellowship in any way, as you are so special to us! So if you or your friends don't receive our newsletter, Echo of His Call on the specific dates, please let us know through letters, e-mails, WhatApp, SMS or through telephone calls. If your address has changed, please inform us your old and new addresses, so that we can send copies of Echo of His Call correctly to you again. Also kindly send your E.mail addresses. God bless you!

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Kindly ponder in your heart to find some way to be a part of this ministry.

We are in need of Prayer Partners to pray for us and Honorary Co-ordinators who can read this newsletter in their own languages and give us suggestions and ideas to improve these newsletters each month. We wish to do this publication ministry more effectively.

We eagerly wait for your response and thank you again for reading our editorial column so patiently.

May the peace of God be with you! Amen.

Your servants in Christ Jesus,

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

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Just a couple of days ago, I spent nearly half a day reading through some of these letters. In one letter, a godly woman shared her heartbreaking story: "I have been married for over thirty-five years, and now I am a grandmother. However, my family is being torn apart by my husband. He used to be an anointed man of God, frequently used by the Lord. But now, the fire within him has extinguished. Please pray for him and my family. He no longer loves me, and I am incredibly unhappy." A cloud of sadness has enveloped this woman's life. Nevertheless, she still loves her husband and desires for him to turn away from his wicked ways and lead a life that is

pleasing to God. Unfortunately, she has become physically unwell. She often wonders, "Oh, God, this situation is about to destroy me. I don't believe I can endure these sufferings any longer. How can I keep going?"

woman shared her own struggles: "I have been living with a severe make it?" intestinal problem for over seven years. My husband is also in poor struggles: "Last July, I underwent a health. Our financial situation is dire, even though we never spend money on unnecessary things. Additionally, my eighty-nine-yearold father is currently battling cancer. We humbly ask for your have diabetes and a stomach ulcer. prayers."

Every single day, this has been emotionally drained and woman has to confront her suffering father, her sick husband, overwhelming physical pain and financial nightmares. I often wonder how many times she has cried out, "Lord, these enemies are too powerful for me. How can a In another letter, a different weak and helpless individual like myself endure? How will we ever

> A pastor shared his own radical surgery on my prostate, which was full of cancer. The doctors also had to remove surrounding tissues, making life even more difficult. Now, I also Could you please pray for me?"

This man faces formidable enemies each day. He lives in constant fear that some traces of cancer may remain, while also battling diabetes and an ulcerated stomach. I wonder how often he questions, "How can I continue to face this? Will I ever overcome it?"

An elderly sister in the Lord wrote, "I will be eighty-one in March, and I suffer from arthritis and diabetes. My back and legs are weak, and I can hardly walk. Since I live alone, I have to manage all the household chores by myself. I don't have much money or any relatives. Please pray for me." I envision this woman, burdened with pain, struggling each morning just to get out of bed, exerting herself to cook meals, and striving to maintain her home, all without any assistance. She must often wonder, "How will I endure another day? What will happen to me on those mornings when I can't even get out of bed?"

Another dear sister wrote, "I just received news from my husband that he has terminal cancer in his esophagus. He has been a godly husband and a wonderful father to our fourteen-year-old son. Please pray that I remain strong and that my faith increases through this ordeal." Like countless others who have reached out to us, this poor woman is desperately seeking the strength to face a monumental problem every single day. In my lifetime. I have never come across such profound troubles, sufferings and pain within the Christian community - struggles in marriage, financial hardships, physical trials and unending grief.

People often ask, "How will I ever overcome? These enemies are too formidable for me. I am weak, helpless, and unable to do anything about them. Lord, how can I possibly navigate through this?" The truth is, none of these dreadful circumstances have taken God by surprise. He has foreseen every terrible thing that would befall humanity, including the crises and problems we face today. The Bible tells us that God desires to show us how to face them all.

The Lord spoke words of hope to Moses, words that are also meant for us today. If we simply follow His instructions, we will not only endure our trials, but we will also witness the faithfulness of the Lord in fulfilling His promises to us:

## 1. God commands us not to fear any of our enemies!

"You shall not be afraid of them..." - Deuteronomy 7:18. In the context of Israel, "them" represented the massive, well-armed heathen nations they encountered in the Promised Land.

In our present circumstances, "them" represents every problem, trouble, and overwhelming difficulty we encounter in life. But why are we not to fear, you may ask? Simply because God says so! No further explanation is needed. God is all-powerful, completely sufficient, and fully aware of the satanic strongholds we face. He knows every snare, trial and temptation that will ever be thrown at us. And He commands us, "You shall not fear any of them!" This command was given to Abraham as well. Here was a man living in a foreign land, surrounded by powerful kings, uncertain of his future. Yet God's first words to him were, "Fear not!" ... The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward" Genesis 15:1. The significance of the phrase "exceedingly great reward" is that God would be a wall of protection around Abraham, his

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PRAISE & PRAYER POINTS - From 2023 September 19 To October 18

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



#### PRAISE GOD FOR...

- September 19 ⇒ Blessing our Echo of His Call Ministries to enter into its 55th year on 10th August 2023.
- September 20 ⇒ Enabling us to print and publish our magazine in 16 languages in our printing press and send to the mission fields.
- September 21 ⇒ His mercy towards our Prayer Partners, Subscribing Partners, Faith Partners, Life Partners and Great Commission Partners and their families.
- September 22 ⇒ Safeguarding our Echo of His Call Ministries staff and their families.
- September 23 ⇒ Blessing us with testimonies due to the 5 minute messages of our Echo of His Call YouTube Media Ministry.
- September 24 ⇒ His blessings on our St. Paul's Matriculation School, Nehemiah Bible College and Bible Correspondence Courses.
- September 25 ⇒ Enabling us to find committed Co-Ordinators for our Echo of His Call magazines.
- September 26 ⇒ The great commitment from the Mission workers.
- September 27 ⇒ Our gospel printing press and its continuous functioning with efficient workers.
- September 28 ⇒ Providing new students for our Residential and Evening Nehemiah Bible College.
- September 29 ⇒ The growth of our Bible Correspondence Course and Theological Correspondence Course.
- September 30 ⇒ Enabling us to acquire Metro Water and Sewage Connection for our residential Nehemiah Bible College, Velachery.
- October 01 

  ⇒ Blessing our ministry with dedicated Associate Editors who support Echo of His Call magazine ministry.
- October 02 The power in God's Word in our Sunday Services at the Main Church and branch Churches.

October 03 Senior Pastor and his commitment to propagate the gospel through multifarious ministries.

#### **†PLEASE PRAY FOR...**

- October 04 ⇒ Enabling us to reach the unreached people of India.
- October 05 The safer living of our Senior Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj and his family members from all sorts of evil forces.
- October 07 Protection of our Evening and Residential Nehemiah Bible College students.

- October 10  $\Rightarrow$  The success of our Senior Pastor in writing his autobiography.
- October 11 ⇒ Peace to prevail all over the world.
- October 12 The divine protection of missionary workers all over the world.
- October 13 

  His mercy and grace to be poured out on the State of Manipur and to have peace among Meitei and Kuki Tribal communities.
- October 14 

  ⇒ The speedy recovery of our English Associate Editor Dr. Richard Samuel and Mrs. Suwarta, wife of our Marathi Associate Editor Bro. Shasikant Tiwari.
- October 15 The Economic recession in different parts of the world to come to an end.
- October 16 Divine protection for people all over the world from natural disasters.
- October 18 

  ⇒ Economic upliftment of downtrodden people.

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defender. Essentially, God was assuring Abraham, "You will face difficulties, but I will shield you through it all."

By trusting in God's promise and obeying His command not to fear, we can find strength and courage to face any challenge that comes our way. God is faithful, and He will always provide the protection and guidance we need.

Abraham responded by believing God's Word to him: ... He believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness. Genesis 15:6. This same word came to Abraham's son, Isaac. He also lived in a hostile environment, surrounded by Philistines who hated him, harassed him and wanted him off their land. The Scripture says that every time Isaac dug a well for a supply of water, the Philistines filled them back up: ... The Philistines had stopped up all the wells... and they had filled them with earth. Genesis 26:15.

Wherever Isaac went, he faced the same problem. He even named one well 'Esek,' which means 'contention.' Apparently, Isaac felt nothing but contention in his life. He must have thought, "How will I ever feed my family and water my flocks? And how can I raise my children without fear, when the Philistines could plunder us at any time? God, why have you planted me here? How can I ever make it?"

As this cloud of doubt formed over Isaac, God gave him the same word He gave Abraham: ... "I am the God of your father Abraham; do not fear, for I am with you. I will bless you and multiply vour descendants for My servant Abraham's sake" Genesis 26:24.

children of Abraham, and God you, and I will teach you how to makes the same promise to us that fight" He did to Abraham and his offspring: ...If you are Christ's, That's why he could confidently then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Galatians 3:29. We serve the same God who was a shield to Abraham, and He is with us just as mightily!

Our heavenly father looks at every step of our lives, and in spite of all our crises and difficulties, He commands us again and again in scripture: "Fear not!" We are not to believe that our problems will cast us down and destroy us because we are to know that He is our shield.

Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the Lord, the shield of your help, and the sword of your majesty!

Your enemies shall submit to you, and you shall tread down their high places. Deuteronomy 33:29

God is assuring us that He has not forsaken us. He is not angry with us and has not left us alone to face our enemies. These are lies of Satan.

> I want to address all Christians who struggle with a persistent sin!

Do you wake up every day feeling distressed over a lingering lust or habit? Do you live in torment, thinking, "this terrible thing is still present in me?"

God is aware of the sin that remains in your heart. He knows how much you despise it and have cried over it. Now, He wants you to hear this message: "Do not be afraid! I am your shield, your

Today, like Isaac, we are the know the way out of temptation for

David understood this truth. say, ... I will fear no evil ... Psalm 23:4. He realized that if he gave in to fear, Satan would gain the victory.

Beloved, this is exactly how the enemy works against you. He wants you to be afraid of your sin, afraid that you will never be delivered or set free. But God says to all grieving and suffering saints, "Do not be afraid! I see and know all your pain, and I will not allow Satan to destroy you."

You may ask, "What should I do then? How can I experience the peace and rest of the Lord in the midst of all this?" The answer can be found in God's Word to Moses and the Israelites. When they were trapped with the sea in front of them and the enemy army closing in from behind, God commanded them, ... Do not be afraid. Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today. The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace. Exodus 14:13-14.

What does the phrase "hold your peace" mean? It means no longer worrying or trying to figure everything out on your own. Instead, it means trusting God to make a way for you.

That's when he gives you his word of direction, as he gave Israel: "... Go forward." - Exodus 14:15.

Joshua also faced difficult enemies. He and his army had to march all night to Gibeon, where they faced a massive military machine of five confederate kings. protector, your defense, your sword As Joshua looked down at the of holiness against all enemies. I battlefield, he saw the valley filled with mighty chariots and welltrained infantrymen. Yet all he had was a weary band of unskilled men. In that moment, a cloud of despair must have gathered over Joshua. He probably thought, "Lord, we only barely made it here – and now we have to fight this strong enemy. Please, tell me – what are we going to do?"

The Scripture says: ... The Lord said unto Joshua, "Do not fear them, for I have delivered them into your hand; not a man of them shall stand before you." -Joshua 10:8. God pronounced victory even before Joshua went into battle. He said, "The victory is already won! Not one of these enemy soldiers will be left standing after the battle. Now, go and fight, knowing I have promised you the victory!" That is the message of the cross! The victory has already been won for us. No matter what crisis we face, what powerful difficulties lay ahead of us, our victory has been assured: ... in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. Romans 8:37.

Does this mean we are to do nothing – that we are supposed to stand by and expect God to send an angel to slay all our enemies? No – never! Even though God has proclaimed our victory, He will not do our part for us. Above all, take the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (Ephesians 6:16, 17.

We still have to pick up a sword to fight the enemy. However, the difference is that we do it while believing that God has promised to empower us. As stated in 1 Corinthians 15:57, ... Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit responds to our faith. When we call upon Him, He comes upon us with supernatural power to overcome the deeds of the flesh. Our part is to have faith and then walk in the belief that God's Spirit will resist the power of evil that comes against us.

> 2. God commands us to remember how He defeated all our enemies in the past!!

Moses instructed Israel not to be afraid but to remember what the Lord had done to Pharaoh and all of Egypt. This includes the great trials, signs, wonders and mighty hand by which the Lord brought them out. It is a powerful message that Moses conveys to the Israelites, reminding them that no matter what enemies they face, God has promised them victory. He delivered their fathers from

Pharaoh, and He will do the same for them today (Deuteronomy 7:18-19). Moses emphasizes the importance of remembering the day they came out of Egypt and the fact that they were once slaves. He urges the people to recall everything that God did to deliver, save and sanctify them from those circumstances (Deuteronomy 16:3,12).

The prophet Isaiah also spoke God's word to a people who were full of fear and believed that God had forsaken them. At a time when Israel was trembling in fear of their enemies, Isaiah assured them otherwise. He reassured them that God had not abandoned them and that they need not be afraid of what their enemies might do to them. But Isaiah assured them:

... Who are you that you should be afraid of a man who will die and of the son of a man who will be made like grass? And you forget the Lord, your Maker, who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth. You have feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, when he has prepared to destroy. And where is the fury of the **oppressor?** Isaiah 51:12-13.

God said through the prophet, "The reason you are afraid is because you have forgotten who I am. You are looking only at your troubles, rather than on My Might

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### PIT TO PALACE

(Life experiences of Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj)

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



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### HANDSOME MAN WITH LONG BEARD!

I allotted most of the space in my rented house for the use of our first Church at Chennai (Madras), which was situated in a street called Akbar Sahib. All our neighbours were Muslim brethren who did not like the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. But God prompted me to do His work in that area only!

Along with my other evangelistic activities as well as personal evangelism, I started Church services at 9.00 a.m. on every Sunday. In the service, I was in the habit of singing and worshiping the Lord by using my music instrument, Accordion, as if there was a huge gathering in front of me. The people of the area as well as the general public were not very happy about the noise. So the attendance was very meagre to nil for the first few years.

On a particular Sunday morning during the year 1984, I prepared the place for the Church Service and made all arrangements for commencing the service. I prayed very fervently and waited upon the Lord to bring at least few souls to the service. Since on a particular day as no one had turned up, I felt sad in my spirit and became physically tired. So I went to the other room of my house and lied down with a broken heart.

# And the angel of the Lord appeared to him, and said to him, "The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valor!" - Judges 6:12

At that time, I had a vision. An old and handsome man with long beard entered inside the church hall through the main door. A good number of people followed Him. But their faces were not clearly seen. He, along with the people, switched on the electric lights and fans and knelt down and started praying and worshipping the living God. Since the sound was so strong, I could not lie down. So as I got up and entered into the room with much fear and reverence. But nobody was there. The man and the people in the room had disappeared all of a sudden.

After a few minutes, a God's servant by name Rev. Dr. Bevin Lawrence and his wife Mrs. Serena Bevin along with the new born baby entered into the Church. They said they were prompted by the spirit of God to visit the Church on that day. Again after a few minutes some more new people also came and attended the service and thereafter God started blessing our Church more and more.

Our God is good all the time. He can perform miracles in any body's life, at any time in any way. You can also trust Him for a divine intervention in your own life today.

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and ability to deliver you. You have forgotten that My hand is still on your life!"

You may have trouble remembering God's miracles in your life. You may think, "My life has been one long, hard nightmare. I simply have not had much to rejoice in. How can I remember God's miracles when I have not experienced them?"

You must understand that our experiences can inspire faith, but they are not meant to be the foundation of our faith. That's why God's Word always points us toward what Jesus Christ has done. We are to remember His victory on the cross for us and cling to it by faith. He alone empowers us to victory by His Spirit.

Jesus Christ said, "I am going back to my father but I won't leave you as orphans".

Jesus Christ told his disciples, "Now I go away to Him who sent Me" John 16:5, "I will not leave you as orphans" John 14:18. The Greek word for "orphans" here means "bereaved" or 'fatherless.'

At times, you may feel as the disciples later did, that you are all alone and that God is not at work for you. You see no evidence of His care, and Satan lies to you that God's Spirit has left you for a season and He will forsake you in your old age.

But there is one incredible miracle you cannot forget: Jesus Christ's promise to all of His followers. He said, "I will not leave you as an orphan! I paid a price for you! You are mine!" No matter what you are going through, your heavenly father has never once abandoned any thought of you, and He never will. Listen to His eternal, unbreakable promise:

... Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me, and my Lord has forgotten me." Can a woman forget her nursing child and not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; your walls are continually before Me. -Isaiah 49:14-16.

This passage tells us, "Your need for protection is always before my eyes! There's never a moment when I am unconcerned about keeping my supernatural walls secure around you! My protective hedge is always there!"

I have known some mothers, including pastors' wives, who have abandoned their children. Just a few weeks ago, a pastor wrote to us: "I have been married for twenty-five years, but my wife recently left me for some man she met through the internet. She just walked out on our children and me. I still love her, and I want her to come home, but she won't. I am hurt so badly right now, I can't sleep. I don't know how I am going to make it."

"Even your beloved wife may abandon you – but I never will. My walls around you will always be righteous is from the Lord; He is secure!"

Our ministry receives many letters from women who have lived with alcoholic husbands for decades. As I read of their despair, I ask, "Lord, why do these faithful women have to suffer for so long, with no sign of hope?" I never understand why my wife has had to go through so much physical suffering. She has had twenty-eight operations, six of them for cancerover forty years of awful pain.

No minister or theologian has ever been able to explain to me why she continues to suffer in this way. Yet, it doesn't matter what any of us have to go through or how long we have to endure it. One thing is true above all: God's grace is sufficient to keep us in all things!

#### God's grace is sufficient to keep us in all things!

The apostle Paul cried out to God, "Lord, please deliver me from this thorn in my flesh!" But the Lord answered him, "... My grace is sufficient for you...' 2 Corinthians 12:9. God told his servant, Paul, "you are going to have to live with this thorn. But in the midst of your pain, I will give you all the grace you need. I have an endless supply for you!. I have an any situation, crisis or disaster – all endless supply for you".

The Lord wants us to know that His grace is stronger than any deliverance He might bring to our circumstances. Why? Because His grace contains the full revelation of who He is! Simply put, God's grace is Jesus Christ fully revealed – in all His holiness, yet with a tender, compassionate heart.

Our heavenly Father sees every bit of our suffering, and He

God answers this man, makes these wonderful promises to

The salvation of the their strength in the time of trouble. Psalm 37:39.

... For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we may boldly say: 'The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" Hebrews 13:5-6.

'Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right **hand.**' Isaiah 41:10).

Behold, all those who were incensed against you shall be ashamed and disgraced; they shall be as nothing, and those who strive with you shall perish. Isaiah 41:11.

You shall seek them and not find them – Those who contended with you. Those who war against you shall be as nothing, as a nonexistent thing. For I, the LORD your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, 'Fear not, I will help you.' . . . the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongues fail for thirst, I, the LORD, will hear them; I, the God of Israel, will not **forsake them.** Isaiah 41:10-13,17.

You can make it through by the grace of Jesus Christ. No matter what comes your way, He has more than sufficient grace and the comfort of the Holy Ghost.

Therefore do not cast away vour confidence, which has a great reward. Hebrews 10:35.

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt vou in due time - 1 Peter 5:6.

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