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Hebrews Chapter 9 exalts our Lord Jesus Christ as the eternal reality revealed from temporary shadows, and as the unparalleled High Priest in heaven. We praise and worship Christ, the Lamb of God, who transcended the earthly tabernacle and animal sacrifices to redeem us through His own blood.

In this chapter, as well as in Chapter 10, the Apostle Paul ushers us - new covenant believers into the Most Holy Place.

The High Priest of the Heavenly Tabernacle:

- ◆ We praise You, Jesus, who entered the greater and more perfect heavenly tabernacle not built by human hands to appear in the presence of God for us.
- ◆ Earthly priests entered behind the veil with fear. But Jesus Christ has enabled us to enter God's presence with boldness. Therefore, we praise you.
- ◆ We thank You, Holy One, who abolished the temporary priesthood and reigns forever as the eternal Priest.

Here is what we must understand: God did not declare the New Covenant by merely adding to or subtracting from the Old Covenant. According to the verse, "I am making everything new" (Revelation 21:5), He birthed a completely different and brand-new covenant. The Old Covenant says, "Do, and you shall live." The New Covenant says, "Live, and you shall do." Perfection comes only through living.

The Power of the Unblemished Blood:

The blood of goats and bulls only cleansed physical impurities temporarily. But the blood of Christ who through the Eternal Spirit offered Himself unblemished to God cleanses our guilty conscience and sets us free to serve the living God.

- ◆ We offer praise to You, Love Incarnate, who fulfilled the divine law that "without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins" through your own precious blood.
- ◆ We praise You, Savior, who secured eternal redemption through your unblemished blood shed once for all.

The Mediator of the New Covenant:

Jesus Christ, Mediator of the New Covenant, You corrected the weaknesses of the Old Covenant and, through your death, enabled those who are called to receive the promised eternal inheritance. You alone are worthy of praise.

Appeared to Remove Sin, Coming Again:

Amidst animal sacrifices offered repeatedly, you appeared once at the end of the ages to fully remove sin through the sacrifice of yourself. O King, we worship you!

Three Glorious Aspects of This Priesthood

- ◆ Christ is the Altar
- ◆ Christ is the Officiating Priest
- ◆ Christ is the Sacrifice

To the King who will appear a second time in glory not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await Him - be praise, honor, and glory forever and ever! Amen!

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For more prayer points kindly use

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BUILDING THE CHURCH ON THE ARENA OF SCRIPTURE

Greetings to the beloved of Kerith in the name of Jesus Christ, who is the Head of the Church!

We know that the apostolic era marks the beginning of the New Testament Church. Filled with the Holy Spirit, the disciples preached the Word. Those who heard the Word obeyed and received it. Those who obeyed gathered together to worship the Lord. The Church that began in this manner was a growing Church. In Acts 6:7, we read: "Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith." Thus, through the disciples, the Church was formed in Jerusalem.

Continuously, Paul proclaimed the Word of the Lord. When Paul preached God's Word in Philippi, Lydia received the Lord. A church was born there. From Paul's epistle to the Philippians, we learn that the Philippian church grew rapidly and became established in faith. As Paul continually sowed the seed of God's Word during his missionary journeys, the churches grew and multiplied. In Acts 19:20, we read: "So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed." This is because the Word of God is powerful. The Lord Himself declares this in Isaiah 55:11: "So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; It shall not return to me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."

Following the apostolic age, many men of God sowed the Scripture. William Tyndale was the one who brought the hand-written English Bible into printed form. Making the Scriptures accessible to the hands of common people, he was tied to a stake and burned to death in England on October 6, 1536. As a result of his sacrifice, the Bible Society was born in England.

Subsequently, as many missionaries came to India and sowed the Word of God, churches were established and grew. From the churches formed in this way, ministers today are stepping out and sowing the Lord's Word in various states across India, causing churches to continually emerge. As a movement, we are actively carrying out this primary ministry. Paul notes in 2 Timothy 3:17 that the Word of God is the reason a man of God becomes thoroughly equipped for every good work. Today, there is a great need for leaders like Paul and Timothy who will build and establish churches.

Beloved Young People! Each one of you must become leaders who build churches. For this, give utmost priority to the Word of God in your youth. Go forth to proclaim the Word of Scripture. Let new churches be established across the entire nation!

Attending the fasting meeting held in the Tenkasi region in August and the fasting prayer camp in Tirupattur brought immense spiritual blessing to everyone's life. The Lord blessed the youth gatherings held on August 15 in Deep Meenakshipuram and August 23 in Padikuppam. May the Lord bless our leaders who prayed and labored for these meetings. Please uphold us in your prayers so that the Lord may bless the youth gatherings scheduled for September and the ministry visits to Jharkhand, producing fruitful results. May the Lord grant us grace to grow and abound in the Word of God. Amen. May the grace of God be with you.

In Christ's Service,
J. Daniel Arulmani

*"The Church's one foundation is Christ, the good Redeemer;
The Church's source of life is His holy Word."*



SATISFYING FOOD



Contentment is a state of mind where one does not yearn with desperate longing for things they do not have, but finds peace in what they already possess. This contentment is closely tied to joy and inner peace - a mature spiritual state that reflects the mind-set of "I do not need anything more than this."

"Contentment is not found in the abundance of possessions; it resides in the fullness of the heart." In this article, we are invited to reflect upon Asher, the eighth son of father Jacob and the second son of Leah's maidservant, Zilpah. Leah, who had already rejoiced at the birth of Gad saying, "Good fortune has come," experienced another good event with the birth of Asher. Overjoyed, Leah expressed her fulfilment saying, "Happy am I, for women will call me blessed," and named him Asher. The name Asher means "Happy" or "Blessed."

◆ Asher's Mindset and Character:

Generally, only a few details about Asher are found in the Scriptures. Jewish tradition portrays him as a virtuous man who sought truth and the common good. We find evidence confirming this in both Jacob's blessings and Moses' prophetic declarations. The Asherites, who lived among the Canaanites without driving them out (Judges 1:32), initially stayed in their tents and ignored Deborah's call to war (Judges 5:17). However, correcting this small stumble, they rendered their military support during the days of Gideon (Judges 6:35) and later during the days of David (1 Chronicles 12:36). In the days of King Hezekiah, they humbled themselves and came to Jerusalem "with a heart to seek the Lord" (2 Chronicles 30:11). This trip to Jerusalem was not merely a long journey spanning many miles; it represented repentance and a deep desire to reconnect with God.

Furthermore, Jewish tradition states that the women of the tribe of Asher were wise, virtuous, and favoured by other tribes. Among the 53 grandchildren who went down to Egypt with Jacob, the only granddaughter mentioned is Asher's daughter (Genesis 46:17). Her name is also recorded in the wilderness census (Numbers 26:46) and in the tribal genealogies (1 Chronicles 7:30). Serving as the vital testimony of that tribe in the New Testament, Anna, daughter of Penuel, recognized the infant Jesus when He was brought to the temple and spoke of Him to all who were waiting for redemption in Jerusalem (Luke 2:38), bearing witness through her quiet, enduring faith.

◆ The Father's Blessing:

Jacob blesses Asher saying, "Bread from Asher shall be rich, and he shall yield royal dainties" (Genesis 49:20). The tribe of Asher inhabited the fertile western coastal region of Galilee—an area characterized by low temperatures and abundant rainfall suitable for producing vast amounts of grain, wheat, and olive oil. Extending from Mount Carmel north to the foothills of Lebanon, we see in 1 Kings 4:16 that Baana son of Hushai, living in Asher's territory, supplied an abundance of produce and olive oil for King Solomon's table. Thus, Jacob's blessing was fulfilled in Asher's life.

◆ The Leader's Vision:

In Deuteronomy 33:24-25, Moses speaks concerning the tribe of Asher: "Most blessed of sons is Asher; let him be favored by his brothers, and let him dip his foot in oil. Your sandals shall be iron and bronze; as your days, so shall your strength be." It is believed that the tribe of Asher exhibited greater obedience than other tribes and did not fall under severe judgment.

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BURETTE

Hi teens, you have learned many things from the mathematics geometry box. Now, let us step into the chemistry lab and learn something new from a piece of equipment.

What we are learning today is none other than the Burette. The burette is one of the most important glass apparatuses used by higher secondary (Classes 11–12) chemistry students, especially for titration experiments.

It's Uses:

1. **Acid–Base Titration:** Used to find the concentration of an unknown acid or base. Ex.: Determining the concentration of “HCl” using standard “NaOH”.
2. **Redox Titration:** Used when oxidation-reduction reactions take place. Ex.: Titration of “KMnO₄” and oxalic acid.
3. **Finding Unknown Concentration:** A solution of known concentration is slowly added from the burette into an unknown solution until the reaction reaches its end point.
4. **Accurate Volume Measurement:** The burette allows students to add liquid drop by drop and measure its volume very accurately. Generally, students read and calculate the initial and final readings.
5. “Volume Used” = “Final Reading” – “Initial Reading”
6. **Determining Strength of a Solution:** From the titer value, students can calculate the strength, molarity, or normality of an unknown solution.

Precautions while using it:

Rinse the burette with the solution that is to be filled in it, and ensure there are no air bubbles at its tip. Keep the burette vertical and read the meniscus at eye level. Add the solution slowly as you near the end point. Do not allow leaks in the burette tube. Readings must be recorded carefully; a burette can typically be read with an accuracy of 0.1 mL. During titration experiments, the burette is used to deliver and measure varying volumes of a liquid accurately.

Do not forget that the burette is a tool for accuracy in your life:

“Just as a burette teaches accuracy in the chemistry lab, God produces holiness and balance in our lives.”

Small decisions can create big impacts (Burette adds one drop at a time):

The burette does not pour all at once; it adds drop by drop. Similarly, our character is not built in a single day. A good daily habit, reading the Bible for 10 minutes every day, a simple prayer, and obedience—these are what bring about a great transformation. Small good deeds build a great character. “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.” (Luke 16:10)

Know your limits in every matter (Every titration has an end point):

In titration, if you do not stop at the right moment, the entire experiment will go wrong. In life as well, boundaries, discipline, and self-control are essential. Wisdom lies in knowing when to stop. Boundaries are important in everything—whether it is mobile phones, sports, or friendships. “Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.” (Colossians 4:5)

Accuracy builds trust:

Even 0.1 mL matters. A small error can alter the final result. God desires accuracy in our words, honesty, and responsibility as well. Small acts of honesty build great trust. “All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.” (Matthew 5:37)

Remove hidden bubbles:

If there are air bubbles in the burette, the reading will be wrong. If hidden pride, lies, or jealousy exist in our hearts, life will also go off track. Cleansing the heart keeps life running right. “Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.” (Ephesians 4:31)

Read at eye level:

To read the meniscus correctly, you must look at eye level. In life, we must learn to see ourselves through God’s perspective, not the world’s. The right perspective leads to the right decisions. “Set your minds on things above.” (Colossians 3:2)

Final Challenge:

Brother, sister! Here is a final challenge for you: **Be God’s Burette.** When God uses you, let every word, action, and decision be accurate and holy. “Let your light shine before others.” (Matthew 5:16)



DARLENE DEIBLER ROSE



Darlene grew up in a loving family with her father, mother, and sister. They had a lovely home in Boone, Iowa, a state in the heart of the United States. It was a place with vast farmland and warm, cheerful people. She grew up in great comfort and abundance.

Darlene's Salvation:

However, Darlene was unaware that she was missing the most important thing in her life. When she was nine years old, she was listening to a program on the radio. A pastor named Dr. Robert R. Brown explained that the presence of evil in the world and our distance from God were due to sin. Sin infects each of us, leading us to commit wrong actions. He added that to be set free from this, we must surrender our entire lives to Jesus. In doing so, Jesus guides us, transforms our hearts, and grants us the gift of the Holy Spirit. Realizing in her heart that everything Dr. Brown said was true, Darlene prayed: "Dear Jesus, I want to be set free from sin and selfishness. Please come and dwell inside me." Darlene asked her mother if they could go to church. Since they did not own a car, she had to walk four miles through a blizzard to attend. She fell in love with the worship songs, Bible verses, and Scripture stories shared there, memorizing everything. From the time she began following Jesus, she learned to sing and remain joyful even when circumstances were unfavorable.

Darlene's Commitment:

One day, her church raised funds for a missionary conference. Upon learning that missionaries were people willing to give up their families, homes, and comforts to tell those who had never heard about Jesus, she deeply desired to become one. However, she felt anxious, thinking she was only ten years old. Just then, she felt a hand on her shoulder. When she turned to see who it was, no one was there. Sensing the presence of Jesus within her, she asked, "What is it, Lord?" Jesus asked her, "My daughter, will you

go anywhere for me, no matter what you have to lose?" Darlene replied, "Lord, I will go anywhere for you!" From that moment on, she resolved in her heart to become a missionary when she grew up.

When Darlene grew up and attended college, she chose courses that would help her become a good missionary. Since she was unsure where Jesus would send her, choosing what to study was a challenging process.

Darlene's Marriage:

The pastor asked Darlene to share her decision to become a missionary with the congregation. She told everyone how Jesus had asked her if she would go anywhere and give up anything for Him. As she was speaking, Russell heard her testimony. At that moment, the Lord gently spoke to him: "She is the right woman for you." Russell decided to marry Darlene and go to New Guinea as a missionary with her. Darlene was initially hesitant because he was twelve years older than her. However, Russell was kind, gentle, handsome, and as deeply committed to following Jesus as she was, so she accepted him.

They got married and prepared to leave for New Guinea. Since the government officials there spoke Dutch, they had to learn the language. They lived in the Netherlands until they could speak Dutch fluently. Afterwards, they went to Indonesia to learn Indonesian, the language spoken in New Guinea. Russell repeatedly journeyed into the jungle to prepare a home for them to live among the indigenous people.

Tribal Life:

Finally, the day arrived to move into their new home in the jungle. Since they could not travel by plane, Darlene left all her belongings behind, taking only

essential clothes in a single handbag. There, they met the Kapauku people. Russell and Darlene were not only the first to tell them about Jesus, but they were also the very first white people the tribe had ever seen. The Kapauku people were deeply curious about these newcomers who wore strange clothes and looked so different. The Kapauku were short in stature, dressed uniquely, and had bones inserted through their pierced noses. Yet, after a month, Darlene no longer saw their small bodies or pierced noses. Instead, she saw Keppa, the elderly woman who prayed with her daily; Tekamo, the young orphan boy who moved in with them; and Imopai, who loved telling funny stories. They became her friends and her people.

Just as Darlene and Russell were settling into life with the tribe, tragic news arrived. As the Japanese rapidly captured the Pacific islands, the Dutch government began evacuating its people. Darlene was deeply saddened to leave, as she had only just begun her ministry.

Japanese Soldiers:

When the Japanese soldiers found their mission station, it came as no surprise. First, they bound all the men and loaded them onto a truck. They then took Darlene and the other women to a prison camp. As Russell leaned over the side of the truck, he asked Darlene, "Remember how God promised, 'I will never leave you'?" That was the last time she ever saw Russell. She was not overcome by fear. God spoke to her, reminding her that though evil forces might attack, God would ultimately prevail. Even if you suffer or lose your life, if you follow Jesus, you are victorious.

The Prison Camp:

Life in the prison camp was brutal. They were constantly hungry and forced to perform exhausting labor all day—raising pigs, planting crops, and loading supplies onto trucks for the Japanese soldiers. The pigs attracted swarms of flies, which contaminated the water. Many died from dysentery, a severe intestinal disease caused by the unsanitary water. Because the daily ration of rice porridge lacked sufficient vitamin B, several women contracted beriberi, which caused severe abdominal bloating and fever. At times, they also suffered from malaria.

The Priest's Visit:

One day, a Catholic priest from the men's camp visited

the women's camp. The women pleaded with him for news of their husbands, fathers, and sons. Darlene was afraid to ask about Russell. Eventually, the priest passed a message through Darlene's friend that Russell had died from a heart condition and dysentery. Darlene cried out to God, "No! Please don't take Russell!" She began to feel anger toward God and hatred toward the Japanese. But the Lord spoke to her: "My daughter, I am still with you. I will never abandon you. Even when you must walk through deep waters, I will not let you drown." Once again, God became the anchor of her strength and self-control.

Mr. Yamaji, the Jailer:

Later that afternoon, the jailer, Mr. Yamaji, called Darlene into his office to inform her that her husband had died. Since the priest had already shared the news, it did not come as a sudden shock. She remembered Russell's words: "I will never leave you." She trusted that God would help her stand as a brave soldier in Mr. Yamaji's office and give her the right words to speak. Asking permission to speak to Mr. Yamaji, she said, "I am a follower of Jesus Christ. We do not grieve like those who have no hope. I know Russell is happy in heaven. Though I am sad and miss him dearly, I know that one day I will join him there." She also shared the prayer she had made to God at ten years old—promising to go anywhere and give up anything for Him—and added, "I will continue to pray for your well-being." As Darlene stepped out of the office, she saw tears streaming down Mr. Yamaji's eyes as he walked away. She continued to pray for him faithfully.

Many years later, a friend told Darlene that Mr. Yamaji was running a bicycle spare parts shop and wearing a cross pendant around his neck. Darlene rejoiced, knowing that the Lord had used all her suffering for a good purpose.

Darlene passed away from Alzheimer's disease a few years ago. Everyone who knew Darlene said they had never met anyone quite like her.

Dear young people, how is your faith in the midst of trials?

"Lord, help me to serve you faithfully, and grant me the grace to realize that you are sufficient in every circumstance. Amen!"





The setting Zephaniah experienced can be called a much-needed warning for our present day. The arena where he stood and ministered was not among foreign Gentiles, but among his own people - a people who assumed that because they were God's chosen ones, no captivity or harm could ever touch them. Imagine looking at a people who complimented themselves, believing they were living faithfully in God, and telling them: "The Day of the Lord is near; seek the Word." Everyone stood bewildered. Just like today, there were revivals, worship, and spiritual gatherings back then. Yet, where was the knowledge of the Word among the people? If we were told that the Day of Judgment is near, what would we think? Zephaniah was the prophet who ministered in such a setting.

Like several other Minor Prophets, this book is named after its author. The name Zephaniah means "The Lord Hides" or "Hidden by the Lord" (2:3). The root meaning of "the Lord hides" conveys the imagery of a person unexpectedly witnessing another's nakedness, recoiling, and covering their face. Furthermore, among the millions of Jews living in those days, three other individuals bore this name, as Jews typically did not give themselves such a name lightly.

He stood out among the prophets as one of royal lineage, being the fourth-generation descendant of King Hezekiah (1:1). Because of his royal descent, King Josiah, who was ruling Judah at that time, likely listened attentively when Zephaniah preached.

The prophet himself specifies the era of his ministry as the reign of King Josiah (640-609 BC). Observing the moral and spiritual condition of the nation (1:4-6; 3:1-17) steeped in idolatry and wickedness—indicates that these prophetic words were delivered before Josiah's reforms. In 628 BC, Josiah tore down the idol groves and altars of Baal, ground the idols to powder, cut down all

images (2 Chronicles 34:7-8), and burned the bones of false priests. In 622 BC, the Book of the Law of Moses was discovered (2 Chronicles 34:8; 35:19). Consequently, Zephaniah likely prophesied between 635 and 625 BC, making him a contemporary of Jeremiah.

Politically, the people of Judah believed no harm would come to them due to the weakening of Assyria in the north. Spiritually, the 40+ year reign of King Manasseh (son of Hezekiah) and the 2-year reign of Amon (grandson of Hezekiah) were filled with wickedness and rebellion. In 622 BC, while repairs were underway in the Temple of the Lord, Hilkiah the High Priest found the Book of the Law (2 Kings 22:8). After King Josiah read it, he instituted sweeping reforms (2 Kings 23). The prophetic words spoken by Zephaniah during Josiah's early years prior to this massive revival—undoubtedly influenced many of Josiah's reforms.

Zephaniah's message regarding the "Day of the Lord" warned Judah that the end was near and that God's judgment through King Nebuchadnezzar was imminent. The day he warned about as the "Day of the Lord" would be a day of wrath, trouble, distress, destruction, desolation, darkness, gloominess, thick darkness, and the sound of trumpets and alarm. Amidst such divine wrath and warnings, the prophet exhorted the people to seek the Lord. He proclaimed that even in judgment, there is a hiding place and a promise of ultimate salvation for His remnant believers (3:9-20).

The book presents an uncompromising condemnation of sin. He addresses a people who believed themselves to be redeemed and says, "Seek the Lord." He turns to the humble and says, "Seek humility." He turns to the revival people and says, "Seek the Lord's Word." To help you understand, imagine tapping a person who is driving a car quickly on the shoulder, stopping them, and telling them, "Drive the car!" What would the driver think? That is precisely what it was like.

Furthermore, it presents the judgment soon to be executed upon Judah. The statement "I will restore to the peoples a pure language" (3:9) is noteworthy; the word translated as "language" literally means "lip." When paired with "purity," it signifies that the inner sin of man will be cleansed.

This book can be divided into two main sections:

First - The Judgment of the Lord (1:1-3:8): Upon the whole earth (1:2-3), upon Judah (1:4-2:3), and upon the nations (2:4-15) (Philistia, Moab/Ammon, Ethiopia, Assyria).

Second - The Blessing of the Lord (3:9-20): Upon the nations (3:9-10) and upon Judah (3:11-20).

Let us read the book of Zephaniah from this perspective and prepare ourselves for the Day of the Lord.

COME, LET'S GO TO THE NEXT VILLAGE!

KASBA PURNEA FIELD PURNEA BIHAR

INTRODUCTION:

Kasba is a Block of Purnea District which is North Eastern Part of Bihar under Kosi seemanchal division. Maa puran devi temple is famous temple here. That is the reason it is called as Purnea dist. Some say due to "pum Aranya" "complete jungle was later called as Purnia. Highly agrarian economy featuring major yields in maize (often called the "Corn bowl of Bihar"), Jute, and bananas. Purnea Dist. has a total population of 2,543,942. The literacy rate of Purnea dist. is 35.10% only.

Purnea with its highest rainfall in Bihar and its moderate climate has earned the sobriquet of 'Poor's man's Darjeeling'.

Religions in Purnia:

Hinduism - 75.19 %, Islam - 23.26%, Christianity - 0.60%, Sikhism - 0.12%, Jainism - 0.35%, Others - 0.52%. Maithili is the native language of Purnia, including its Angika and Purbi Maithili dialects. Hindi and Urdu, the official languages of the state of Bihar, are widely spoken

Musahar People:

Musahar are SCHEDULE CASTE community found in the eastern Gangetic plain and the Terai. They are also known as Rishidev, Sada, Manjhi, Banbasi. Bihar, the word Musahar is said to derive from the Bhojpuri *mūs+ahar* (literally rat eater), on account of their traditional occupation as rat catchers

The Musahar population in Purnea district was recorded at 209,448 people, making them the largest Scheduled Caste group in the

district. They are now mostly landless agricultural labourers and sometimes still have to resort to rat catching to survive during lean times. They are one of the most marginalised castes in India, even below Dalits.

Musahar are primarily bonded agricultural labourers, but often go without work for as much as eight months in a year. Children work alongside their parents in the fields or as rag-pickers, earning as little as ₹25-30 (\$0.35-0.40) a day. The Musahar literacy rate is 3% overall, and falls to an abysmal 1% among women. By some estimates, as many as 85% of some villages of Musahars suffer from malnutrition and with access to health centres scant, diseases such as malaria and kala-azar are prevalent

"We are no longer untouchables officially but there is a subtle discrimination," Saudagar Rishi said. "There is no school, no hospital, no roads for us and no employment opportunities. We are going to the Moon, but here on Earth society still divides people by caste

They make between 3,600 rupees (\$42) and 12,000 rupees annually, according to India's National Human Rights Commission statutory body

Favourable Conditions:

1. This is poor man's Darjeeling to enjoy
2. Already we have a team of Missionaries to support in nearby dist. like Araria and Kishanganj
3. We have around 500 Believers and 3 Day care centres

Pray:

1. Pray for passionate Missionaries to go among these people
2. Pray for Educational missionaries to come and teach these deprived community children
3. Pray for medical and para medical people to come and lift their health
4. Pray for Employment opportunities for their dignified living





POLAND

Poland is a historic Central European nation known for its rich cultural traditions, resilient mindset, and strong Christian heritage. Often referred to as the “Heart of Europe,” Poland has played a vital role in shaping European history.

- Capital : Warsaw
- Language : Polish
- Political System: Parliamentary Republic
- Population : 38 million

Overview:

- ▶ Catholicism stands as the dominant religious tradition, with approximately 85–90% of the population identifying as Roman Catholic.
- ▶ Protestant and Evangelical communities are growing, particularly among the youth and urban populations.

Special Events:

- ▶ Saint John Paul II, born in Poland, served as the head of the Catholic Church from 1978 to 2005 and remains one of the most influential spiritual leaders of modern times. In September 2026, the Catholic community in Poland is set to host several major Christian events, including faith-based tours, educational seminars, and the Saint John Paul II Pilgrimage (September 10–19). This pilgrimage invites believers from around the world to walk in the beloved Pope's footsteps, reflect on his legacy, and deepen their faith through prayer, fellowship, and cultural encounters.

- ▶ From September 5 to 27, 2026, Poland will host a major sporting event – the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup.

Prayer Points for Poland:

- ▶ Let us pray that the majority of the Roman Catholic community in Poland experiences a deep, personal encounter with Jesus Christ. May their faith transcend tradition and ritual to become a vibrant, living relationship with the Lord.
- ▶ Pray for pastors, missionaries, youth leaders, and Christian organizations ministering throughout Poland. May they be encouraged, protected, and strengthened by the Holy Spirit as they share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- ▶ Pray for the planting of many evangelical churches across Poland and for deep unity among believers.
- ▶ Pray for the youth of Poland to be strengthened in their faith and to follow Jesus with boldness and joy. Let us pray that God raises them up as a new generation of leaders who live according to God's Word, share the Gospel courageously, and serve as examples of love, purity, and faith in Jesus within their schools, families, and communities.

**“And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.”
(Galatians 6:9)**



SPECIAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR CHILDREN'S HOME, DAY CARE CENTRES, AND SCHOOLS

When God blessed the mission fields of the Friends Missionary Prayer Band (FMPB) with a rich harvest of souls and churches, Children's Homes, Schools, and Day Care centres were established to build self-sustaining churches and to raise a godly future generation. Initially fulfilled through the Nava Jeevan Seva Mandal movement in our mission fields, this work was later undertaken directly by our movement considering the growing need. God has raised up numerous supporters for the children, homes, and schools to carry out this ministry effectively to this day. Let us praise God for the supporters sustaining these ministries and pray for their continued growth and expansion.

Praise Points:

- ◆ Let us praise God for the 2 schools run by our movement, the 886 students studying in them, the 7,443 boys and girls residing and studying in 48 hostels, the 3,181 children benefiting from 30 day-care centres, the 2,250 children studying in 22 primary school centres, and all the teachers, hostel wardens, and staff working in these educational institutions and hostels.
- ◆ Let us praise God for the 1,762 children staying and studying in 22 hostels run by Nava Jeevan Seva Mandal, the 1,162 children receiving education in 9 day-care centres, the 74 girls staying and studying in the baby and girls' home, and all the staff ministering in these places.
- ◆ Let us praise God that the students and hostel children, along with their academic education, are learning Scripture verses, Bible stories, prayer life, and missionary biographies, thereby sharpening their talents and growing in their spiritual lives.
- ◆ Let us praise God for all the buildings constructed for educational institutions, children's homes, community colleges, and day-care centres across mission fields, and for all the supporters who vision-fully pray and contribute toward their construction.
- ◆ Let us praise God for all the former hostel students who completed their higher studies and are now working in government and private sectors, as well as those serving as missionaries and evangelists.
- ◆ Let us praise God for the newly opened day-care centres in Mansa, Sangrur, and Budhlada in Punjab, and Wadi in Maharashtra, as well as the newly started primary school center in Guttamu, Jharkhand.
- ◆ Let us praise God for answering our prayers and enabling the reopening of the Allapalli hostel in Maharashtra.

Prayer Points:

- ◆ Let us pray for the health, strength, and safe travel of all students commuting daily to school from hostels, whether on foot or by vehicle.
- ◆ Let us pray that God grants health, strength, and protection to all teachers, hostel in-charges, wardens, cooks, and support staff, and continues to bless them.
- ◆ Let us pray for the families of all supporters who prayerfully and faithfully meet the educational needs of the hostel children, that the Lord may fulfill their needs and bless them.
- ◆ Let us pray that all children residing in our educational institutions and hostels grow in their spiritual lives and actively participate in the ministries of our local churches in their respective areas.
- ◆ Let us pray that former hostel students who have completed higher education and are working in government and private organizations live as witnesses for Christ, attain high positions, and continue to glorify God's name.
- ◆ Let us pray that former hostel children working in various places become a blessing to their own communities.
- ◆ Let us pray for children who were transferred from day-care centres and primary school centres into children's homes to facilitate their schooling that they adapt well to their new environments and find favourable conditions.
- ◆ Let us pray with burden for a swift resolution of the issues surrounding the Alwar Children's Home so it may reopen, for all hostel children to return to stay and study, and for quick government approvals.
- ◆ Let us pray for opportunities to open up for the children of believers in our mission fields who currently lack access to education.



Post-Exam Syndrome



What?

Post-exam syndrome is the “after-effect” of prolonged exam pressure. The exam may be over, but the mind and body can take time to recover. It is not a formal medical diagnosis, but it describes the emotional, physical, and psychological symptoms that some students experience after examinations.

Who?

Studies indicate higher levels of post-exam distress among:

Students preparing for highly competitive entrance examinations (e.g., NEET and IIT-JEE entrance exams), Class 10 and 12 students, University and medical students, Students with perfectionist tendencies, Students with previous anxiety or depression and Students lacking family or peer support.

Why?

This can happen because students spend many months studying under stress and pressure. When exams suddenly end, they may feel tired, empty, or unsure about what to do next. They may also worry about their marks, parents' reactions, college admission, or future plans. Long hours of studying can leave them mentally and physically drained. After exams, their sleep, meals, exercise, and daily routine may become irregular. They may also keep thinking about the questions they answered wrongly, which can increase their stress and worry.

How it affects a student?

The student will keep on overthinking, has difficulty in concentrating, feels mentally tired, irritated all the time, sleeps too much or too little, will have stomach discomfort, headaches, loses interest in daily activities, avoids social gathering, excessive screen time and procrastination.

Statistics:

- ◆ According to 2026 analysis by India Today traced at least 93 reported student suicides linked to NEET over five years, with 2025 recording at least

32 suicides, the highest number in that period. These are media-traced cases, not an official government count.

- ◆ A 2025 research study examining IIT-JEE and NEET aspirant suicides identified 79 cases in its study period. Rajasthan accounted for 55 cases (69.6%), Tamil Nadu for 13 (16.5%), and Telangana for 3 (3.8%).
- ◆ Research on earlier NEET years found that suicides connected with the examination tended to increase around the result period; one study found about 55% of identified cases in 2018–2019 occurred in the month results were announced.
- ◆ The NCRB data show that thousands of student suicides occur in India each year.
- ◆ These figures highlight the importance of emotional support, counselling, and reducing excessive academic pressure.

Pray for:

1. The Lord to give them peace instead of anxiety, rest instead of exhaustion, and hope instead of fear.
2. The students to overcome overthinking and regret of fearing the mistakes made in exams.
3. The Lord to guard their hearts against the sudden wave of restlessness and fear.
4. The Lord to restore their energy and help them develop healthy routines.
5. The Lord to surround them with understanding parents, teachers, friends, and mentors who support them emotionally.
6. The Lord to give families “wisdom” to encourage students with love rather than pressure.
7. The Lord to give them courage to face their results, wisdom for their future decisions, and confidence that Jesus is with them in every season.

THE MISSIONARY WHO BROUGHT DAWN TO THOSE WAITING FOR THE DAY

A SWEET CONVERSATION WITH MRS. JOYCE PACKIANATHARAJ

Introduction of the Missionary:

My name is Joyce Packianatharaj. I was born on October 19, 1948. My father is Mr. Thangiah and my mother is Mrs. Jessammal. I was born as their third daughter. From my childhood, I was brought up in Bible reading, personal prayer, family prayer, and church discipline.

Question: When did the turning point occur in your life?

Missionary's Answer: When I was 12 years old, I learned that an ascetic named Amirthabai was visiting a Pentecostal church, and I went to see them. While prayer was going on there, they came to where I was standing and asked, "The Lord is calling you for ministry. Will you go?" The first time they asked, I said, "I am a small child; I don't know." They asked the same question a second time. I replied, "My mother and father will not allow me." The third time, in a slightly deeper voice, they asked the same question. I said, "If Jesus calls, I will go."

Question: How did you join the ministry as a missionary?

Missionary's Answer: In 1971, I got married to Mr. Packianatharaj. My husband was raised according to Christian discipline. Since his father passed away during his childhood, he studied amidst hardships and worked in a company. After our marriage, we moved to Ooty. A few days later, I secured a government job in a local hospital, and life was going smoothly without any lack. Since my husband served as an FMPB prayer group leader, he left to attend the FMPB Gideonite Camp held in Palayamkottai. At that time, the Holy Spirit spoke to my husband specifically about going to North India. So he told me, "I am going to North India, and you must come with me. The children will stay and study in a hostel," and he showed me the letter written by FMPB General Secretary, Brother Patrick. I argued, "Should we leave the government jobs that both of us have? God wouldn't call us like this. Let the God who called you call me too; then we can go." That evening, when I attended a women's fellowship gathering, God spoke to me through the verse Genesis 28:15. Coming home, I told him, "The God who called you for ministry has called me too," and declaring that whether we live or die, we must do the Lord's ministry, we joined the mission field.

Question: What were the challenges you faced after committing to go as a missionary?

Missionary's Answer: To go to North India and minister, learning Hindi was essential. So I studied Hindi and wrote exams. Later, they sent us to Gujarat for ministry, so we learned the Gujarati language. Then they sent us to a village named Piplavada. During rainy seasons, buses would not run there. Loading our luggage onto a bullock cart, we walked 10 km. Then we had to cross a deep river. There was no bridge, and we didn't know how to swim. At that time, tribal brothers tied three large teak logs together, placed a tin box on top, seated both of us on

it, and by rowing, pushing, and pulling, they safely brought us to the opposite bank. Walking another 11 km, we reached Piplavada. Since we did not own bicycles, walking was our only option wherever we went. It was a very underdeveloped village; there were no shop facilities to buy good quality items, and there was no electricity or water facility. We became exhausted.

Question: What resolution did you make after overcoming these challenges?

Missionary's Answer: For the first time, we received a call to pray for a young man in a village called Bardi Pada who was suffering from severe stomach pain. Even after a sorcerer branded him with hot iron in five places, the pain did not stop. We went and prayed for him. The next morning, the whole family came, confessed, "Truly, your Jesus is good," and accepted Jesus completely. As a result, our weariness left us. Through the many miracles that took place as we ministered with great enthusiasm, 128 people were baptized on a single day within six months and joined the church. We built seven churches in Piplavada, Dangs district. As this encouraged us even further, we resolved to go to many places and proclaim the Gospel.

Question: What is the vision God gave you in the path of ministry?

Missionary's Answer: The areas where we labored and left behind are now growing and bearing fruit by the grace of the Lord. Whether Paul plants or Apollos waters, it is God who gives the growth. My vision is that the entire states of Gujarat and Maharashtra must be reached with the Gospel.

Question: What would you like to say to the readers of Kerith?

Missionary's Answer: Jesus surrendered Himself to do the Father's will. Let us also yield ourselves to do the Lord's will, lay aside sin to inherit eternal life, run with patience the race set before us, and receive the crown of life. Staying steadfast in our calling without fainting, let us win souls.

Prayer Points:

- ◆ Let us pray for the Gospel to reach people who have never heard it even once.
- ◆ Let us pray for the spiritual eyes of people who hear the Gospel but have not repented from a life of sin to be opened.
- ◆ Let us pray that those who have accepted Jesus live as witnesses and proclaim the Jesus they have known to others.



Prodigal Mate



Hello all, this month we are going to pray for our friends. In this world, after our parents, the ones closest to us are our friends. It is an unavoidable relationship. But we have two types of friends. We might have many friends, yet still feel as though we are in loneliness. Or we might have only two or three friends, but we live with the confidence that no matter what situation we are in, they will stand shoulder-to-shoulder with us. Many of us fall into one of these mindsets. Now, think about who your true friends really are!!

According to surveys, three out of four youths in India feel lonely despite having many friends. We call this the 'Loneliness Paradox'. Similarly, 80% of youths share everything with their friends more than with their family members. However, in this current era of AI, instead of cultivating real friendships, youths are developing deep friendships with AI chatbots. This is definitely something we must take serious notice of. Friend, think about it yourself! How can a lifeless AI give you crucial life decisions or lasting solutions during your times of trouble??? Are you, while reading this, also talking to AI chatbots in your loneliness and trying to find answers to your current struggles? Stop it right now!!! You need nothing more than your God, who created this world, who created even you, and who has beautifully sculpted your life, and His Word! Wake up, realize it!!

So, our first prodigal mate is AI itself. Looking at recent events, we see Arjun Avind (17 years old), an Indian living in America, who killed his own mother and brother on the advice of an AI chatbot because they scolded him. And 24-year-old Shweta, who killed her father, mother, and sister for money and for her boyfriend with the help of AI!! Do not get trapped by this deadly friend!!

Next, let us pray that God delivers us from habits and friends that drive us toward such wrong decisions. Recently, Amudhan from Coimbatore was beaten to death by his fellow students over drugs. Furthermore, toxic friends mock and ridicule even our appearance or family, causing us mental distress. Many college-going youths get trapped in love traps set through their own peers!! We must stay away from such people.

Prayer Points

- ◆ Let us pray earnestly that young people and youths are delivered from AI chatbots.
- ◆ Let us pray that God completely puts an end to murders committed by youths with the assistance of AI in India.
- ◆ Let us pray that youths sit at the feet of God to gain the wisdom and mindset needed to make major life decisions and find solutions to their problems.
- ◆ Let us pray with burden that Christian youths stand as true friends to youths who do not know God.
- ◆ Let us pray earnestly that youths avoid friends who lead them toward substance abuse and explicit clubs, and instead live their youth in holiness.
- ◆ Let us pray with burden for youths who are trapped and struggling with friends who mock and ridicule them.
- ◆ Let us pray for youths who get involved in various fights and gang clashes for the sake of their friends.
- ◆ Let us pray for youths who are suffering from financial distress caused by friends who waste money on gambling.
- ◆ I pray with burden for my friend and for his/her salvation.
- ◆ I pray that I may remain a good friend to those around me at all times, and stand as a true friend until the end, just like David and Jonathan in the Bible.

DOES YOUR GOD SPEAK IN OUR LANGUAGE?

BIBLE TRANSLATION MINISTRY- KULHAIYA BOLI LANGUAGE

Kulhaiya boli is a regional dialect spoken mainly by the Kulhaiya Muslim community in the north eastern part of Bihar. It is widely considered a local dialect or variant related to Maithili and is influenced by surrounding Bihar and Bengali linguistic

- ❖ **Region:** Spoken in the Seemanchal region of north eastern Bihar, prominently in the Araria and Purnia districts.
- ❖ **Linguistic Classification:** Classified academically as a dialect of the Maithili language, sharing heavy regional overlap with other local tongues like Thethi and Surjapuri.
- ❖ **Speakers:** Primarily used within households and local community communication by the Kulhaiya ethnic/social group.
- ❖ **Cultural Context:** Coexists with Hindi, Urdu, and regional languages as part of the diverse linguistic landscape of the Purnia division

Kulhaiya Muslim

Introduction:

The word 'Kulhaiya' came from Persian language combining words 'kul' meaning complete and 'haya' meaning modesty. Some chronicle accounts of the community state that it came from word 'Kulah' which means turban cap which the founding members from Yemen wore while others believe it to come from Sanskrit word 'Kul' meaning tribe or family.

The founding members of this community belonged to the Hadhrami-origin tribe of Yemen settled on the coast of Horn of Africa who came as mercenaries and sellsword to North-east Bihar via Sindh and Kutchh, on the invitation of the Bengal Sultanate for reinforcement of Purnea Division army bastion.



Population:

The population of the Kulhaiya community is approximately 1.25 million (12.5 lakh) people, according to the Bihar caste-based survey data

The community is predominantly Muslim and is officially categorized under the Extremely Backward Classes (EBC) or Other Backward Classes (OBC) demographic groups in Bihar.

Education:

According to the 2011 Census, male literacy rate of the community is 88% and 55.6% for female.

Kulhaiya Community suffers from scarcity in basic requirements such as schools, colleges, hospitals, roads. They are backward in terms of education and their economy is based on agriculture, small shops, tongas, bullock carts. A large number of the community migrated to other places in search of jobs and bright future

FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS:

- ❖ Maithili New Testament is available in the name of Jeevan Sandesh which is close aid to kulhaiya boli language
- ❖ FMPB has got mission fields like Araria, Kisanjanj and plan to start at Purnea which is the same area kulhaiya language is spoken

Pray for

1. Pray that the Lord may raise Bible translators among Kulhaiya Boli speakers
2. Pray that the Lord may raise Pioneer Missionaries among Kulhaiya Boli speakers
3. Pray that the socio-economic status of kulhaiya people may improve





HIV IN UNI

- Recent official data reveals that over 7,000 university students and young adults in Karnataka tested HIV positive, prompting widespread health campaigns across campuses. This alarming trend highlights urgent vulnerabilities among the youth demographic.
- Pray that Lord lifts up the students from their poor decisions about life. The students should not fall into temptation and give up to sin. Let them heal.

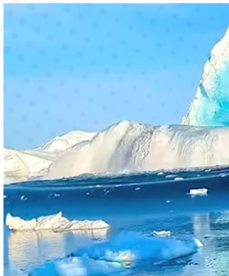
BORDER CHAOS

- Around 49,000 African migrants crossed into the Spanish enclave of Ceuta from Morocco within 24 hours, overwhelming border guards and creating extreme humanitarian chaos.
- Let's pray God brings peace, safety, and humane solutions to the chaotic borders and those displaced from their homes.



WARNING SIGN

- Colossal icebergs are collapsing and flipping over, compounding environmental fears alongside severe seismic activity in Colombia and ongoing volcanic activity at Mount Etna.
- Let's pray that our Creator God protect communities from natural disasters and guide humanity to better steward our changing earth.



CLASSROOM CRISIS

- Nationwide trend of campus substance abuse, Class 11 students at Thane's Gyanodaya Vidya Mandir College and students at a government school in Nagercoil were both caught on camera consuming drugs & alcohol inside their classrooms
- Let's pray that Lord will lift up our educational institutions, that moral guidance and strict discipline will shield students from destructive addictions. May wisdom and accountability be restored in every classroom.



BLOCKBUSTER VS REAL

- While global conflicts escalate and economic pressures mount, audiences worldwide have poured billions into superhero blockbusters like Spider-Man: Brand New Day, driving it past the \$2 billion mark in record time.
- Pray that the world will open their eyes to the suffering in our world, that humanity might prioritize healing, peace, and the relief of the needy over fleeting distractions.

RETWEET AGAIN

- Elon Musk joked about buying the UK following a satirical Babylon Bee article, echoing his 2017 Twitter acquisition remarks that preceded his actual purchase now rising concerns about the ongoing conditions of UK
- Let's pray that Lord shall bring peace to the troubled landscapes of the UK, easing social tensions, feeding the hungry, and guiding leaders toward wisdom and unity.



PASSION OF PAUL IN CORINTH



MR. ISRAEL NATHANIEL EDWARD

Last month, we saw Paul's response to Epicurean and Stoic philosophers in Athens. It gave us an apologetic framework on how we can connect the gospel to truths already present in a culture without affirming that culture's false religion. This month, we are going to see how Paul responded to an entirely new situation in Corinth.

The City of Corinth was located at a crossroads for travelers and traders. Goods flowed through the city from Italy and Spain to the west and from Asia Minor, Phoenicia and Egypt to the east. It has been estimated that in Paul's day Corinth had a population of about 250,000 free persons, plus as many as 400,000 slaves. Corinth contained at least 12 temples. One of the most infamous was the temple dedicated to Aphrodite, the goddess of love. The worship of Aphrodite fostered prostitution in the name of religion. At one time 1000 sacred prostitutes served her temple. What could Paul do in this licentious city?

God had arranged a safe place for him beforehand. He found a Jew named Aquila who was a tentmaker by trade. Since Paul worked at the same trade, he stayed with them and worked with them to earn his living. Every Sabbath, he persuaded Jews and Greeks in the synagogue to believe that Jesus was the Christ. But when Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia with the gifts of Macedonians, he became fully absorbed in preaching of the Gospel to the Jews. When Jews opposed him, he left the synagogue and turned to the Gentiles. As the Lord strengthened him in a vision, he taught the word of God among them for a year and six months (Act 18:1-11). Unlike Athens, here Paul chose not to use persuasive words of wisdom and it resulted in the demonstration of the Holy Spirit's power (1 Cor. 2:4).

What was the result?

Many Jews and Gentiles accepted the Good News. Crispus, the synagogue ruler and his household were baptized by Paul himself (1 Cor. 1:14). Later, Sosthenes, another synagogue ruler too accepted Christ (1 Cor. 1:1). Aquila and Priscilla became strong believers by observing Paul's life from close quarters and by hearing his teachings. That helped them to become good teachers of the way of God (Act 18:26). Eventually, they moved again to Rome and led a church in their house (Rom. 16:5). God worked

mightily among the Gentiles and those who were sexually immoral, idolaters, thieves, drunkards and verbally abusive became believers (1 Cor. 6:9-11). Titus Justus whose house was next to the synagogue, Stephanus and his household and Gaius, an important leader were notable members of the church.

Paul's letters show that the Corinthian church was spiritually gifted but deeply troubled. Paul wrote 1 Corinthians, probably around AD 53-55, to correct their problems. The church apparently responded at least partly to Paul's correction. Paul later wrote 2 Corinthians, probably around AD 55-56, and speaks of reconciliation, restoration, generosity, and renewed cooperation. By the time Paul wrote Romans, probably from Corinth around AD 56, the Corinthian Christian community was sufficiently established that Paul could describe the city as the place from which he was writing.

Christianity continued in Corinth after the apostolic period. The First Epistle of Clement, written from Rome to the Corinthian church around AD 96 proves that roughly 40 years after Paul, the church at Corinth was still functioning. During the Roman period, Christians in Corinth experienced periods of persecution, as did Christians elsewhere in the empire. The most famous later martyr associated with Corinth is Leonas (Leonidas) and his companions, traditionally associated with the persecution under Emperor Decius in the 3rd century. The church nevertheless survived. In AD 365, a massive earthquake damaged Corinth. Then in AD 395, the city was attacked and devastated by the Goths under Alaric. The ancient city declined considerably thereafter. The Christian community, however, continued. Corinth remained an important bishopric, and archaeological evidence demonstrates substantial Christian activity in the area during the later Roman and Byzantine periods.

What do we learn?

We should not be overwhelmed by existing situations. God often opens a small window of opportunities and uses us to establish his Church. Although the winds of immorality and greed could have easily quenched the feeble church in Corinth, God did not allow that to happen. Similarly, he will bless our efforts if we depend solely on him like Paul.



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Moses' Vision Encompassed Three Main Aspects:

1. Children are a heritage from the Lord: A family blessing of being filled with children and being favored and recognized by brothers and the community.

2. Dipping feet in oil: This signifies an abundant olive harvest an overflow of "Golden Oil" so great that it was not just used for anointing the head, but for washing the feet as well. The 20-mile-long and 9-mile-wide region of Asher between Tyre and Carmel became a fat valley, serving as a primary source of olive oil.

3. Iron and bronze sandals: Since Asher's territory formed the northern border of Canaan, the Lord gave them sandals of iron and bronze to withstand frequent pressures from enemies, along with the necessary strength to live as witnesses in daily life, just like Anna.

Thus, the Asherites received complete blessings: family blessings, material blessings, and blessings of daily strength.

Conclusion:

Happiness and contentment are closely linked; we cannot attain them by searching the external world, for they abide quietly in the depths of our hearts. Research articles suggest that happiness begins with gratitude and emerges as a reward of contentment. Filled with an abundance of blessings, the tribe of Asher provided dainties fit for kings. Jesus said, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent me" (John 4:34). Where there is food, there is love. Yes, the Lord calls us to offer food fit for the King. With the awareness that we are blessed to be a blessing to others, let us strive to fulfill the words of Jesus: "Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." Let us cultivate a mindset of being content with what we have and finding joy in giving. Let us testify to the world through our lives that true blessing is not about mere material prosperity, but about living with the purpose of heart-satisfying contentment.

"Now godliness with
contentment is great gain."
(1 Timothy 6:6)



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Blessings of Youth Meetings



OUTREACH MINISTRY OF THE PAMMAL YOUTH PRAYER GROUP KORUKKUPET – THE LIGHT OF CHRIST REACHING THE FORGOTTEN

We, the youth prayer group of FMPB, were blessed by God with a rare opportunity to step beyond our comfortable environments and enter the streets of Korukkupet to minister.

Korukkupet is an area facing significant social and economic challenges. Many women involved in commercial sex work reside there, and the impact of drug distribution is also prevalent in the region. These conditions have caused deep pain and complexity in the lives of many people living there. The place where we gathered for worship and shared the Word of God was very small and humble. However, God reminded us of a profound truth: to transform their lives, we do not need a grand building, having a deep desire to preach the Gospel to them is more than enough. Fueled by this realization, we preached the Gospel with great joy. God taught us what true ministry really looks like. To God alone be the glory!

FMPB Youth Prayer Group, Pammal



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Korukkupet



HOLINESS... LET US PRESERVE IT



Marriage is an institution ordained by God. Marriage is a relationship intended to endure for a lifetime. Marriage is not a contract, but a covenant.

God knew us even before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:4). He has set the course of our life's race (Hebrews 12:1).

He has numbered even the hairs of our head, and He has also appointed our life partner for us (Matthew 10:30). Those who choose shortcut paths instead of walking in God's ways will inevitably face the consequences.

Therefore, when we wait for God's will and joyfully receive what He grants in His perfect time, married life becomes blissful and blessed. Desiring intimate relationships before marriage is lust. Like Dinah, who associated beyond limits with acquaintances and lost her chastity, there are many young women today. Many have been drugged, stripped of their virtue, and forced into brothels.

The number of men and women affected by HIV and AIDS is alarmingly high today. When we hear that 7,000 youths in the state of Karnataka are affected by HIV, as young people, you must exercise extreme caution. Preserving purity until marriage is essential. Rather than prioritizing romance, choosing a life partner through prayer is the best path.

In these days when many claim that homosexuality is natural and justified, we must address these views based on the Scriptures. Homosexuality is contrary to nature (Leviticus 18:22). The Bible strongly condemns it and prescribes severe consequences (Leviticus 20:13). Romans 1:26, 28 notes that those who indulge in it are given over to shameful lusts. They cannot inherit the Kingdom of God (1 Corinthians 6:9, 10). God also despises bestiality and sexual impurity (Exodus 22:19, Leviticus 18:23, 20:15, 16).

Another deception used by the enemy today is the concept of living together before marriage. Be watchful; this is an impurity that God detests.

God, who loves holiness, says, "Be holy, for I am holy." If you preserve your purity during youth, you can begin married life with a clear conscience and true peace. Therefore, wait until God gives, and enjoy the right life partner He bestows. For those who violate this and engage in premarital relationships, guilt will continually weigh on their conscience. Therefore, take care not to defile your body.

Joseph stands as an example for us (Genesis 39:6, 12). Live in God's presence with the awareness that "God is with me and sees me," and overcome incoming temptations. Resist the devil in all sinful matters, but when it comes to sexual sin, flee from it (2 Timothy 2:22). (Don't fight, but flight). Keep your body holy, as God dwells within it.

"God has called us to holiness" (1 Thessalonians 4:7). Therefore, if you have fallen into such sins, stop them immediately. Cut off wrong relationships, step away from toxic friendships, repent, confess your sins, receive forgiveness by faith, and live a holy life. The holy God will perform miracles in your life and grant you the good things you anticipate. Do not faint; stand firm in faith.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service." (Romans 12:1)

THE TEN VIRGINS

Introduction

Jesus Christ taught the people about the Kingdom of God through many parables. Among them, the Parable of the Ten Virgins is one of the most profound and directly challenges our spiritual life. This parable is recorded in Matthew 25:1-13.

Here, Jesus begins the parable by saying, "The Kingdom of Heaven." Therefore, this is not merely a parable about a wedding; it is a spiritual message given by Jesus regarding how those living in the Kingdom of God ought to live.

1. The Kingdom Field – A Field of Calling:

All ten virgins were called to meet the bridegroom. They all took their lamps and waited for him. This shows that the call to the Kingdom of God is given to everyone. However, being called alone is not enough; one must accept that call and live a life worthy of it. Being called into the Kingdom is grace. Living a life worthy of that call is our responsibility.

2. The Kingdom Field – A Field of Preparation:

Five virgins were wise. They took oil along with their lamps. The other five took only their lamps. Even when the bridegroom was delayed, the wise ones did not lose their preparation. Through this, we learn that we must always be prepared in our spiritual lives. A lamp without oil will not burn. Similarly, outward devotion without a relationship with God will not endure.

Our Preparation:

- Be in prayer.
- Abide in the Word of God.
- Live a holy life.
- Remain steadfast in faith.
- Wait in expectation of Christ's coming.

In the Kingdom field, it is not last-minute preparation that matters, but daily preparation.

3. The Kingdom Field – A Field of Watchfulness:

At midnight, the cry rang out: "Here's the bridegroom!" At that moment, the wise virgins were ready. They went into the wedding banquet with the bridegroom, and the door was shut. This reminds us of the Second Coming of Christ. We do not know when He will come. Therefore, we must live watchfully every day.

"Therefore keep watch" (Matthew 25:13)

Being Watchful Means:

- Not forgetting Christ.
- Turning away from sin.
- Remaining steadfast in prayer.
- Guarding our faith.
- Being prepared for the Lord's coming.

Being prepared before the door is shut is the wisdom of the Kingdom field.

Conclusion:

All ten virgins received the same calling, but not all possessed the same preparation. Therefore, our life in the Kingdom field must demonstrate three things:

1. Accept the call.
2. Be prepared.
3. Stay watchful.

The Bridegroom is coming! Let us be prepared to meet Him.



MOST NOBLE FELIX

Out from the dark, abyssal shades of birth,
Where history groans beneath a wretched
birth,
A slave arose, by wondrous, fateful chance,
To hold a governor's imperial lance.

A rare marvel, like a blossom on a barren
tree,
That struck all mortal eyes with memory.
Upon the Senate's throne he set his heel,
And ruled the kingdom with an iron steel;

To dead works gave he breath, and nurtured
ill,
While virtue's spotless truth he sought to kill,
Exalting trees of foul corruption high,
Beneath a tainted, shadow-clouded sky.

He dressed untruth in robes of woven gold,
And sold a mortal's breath for coin untold.
If any raised a voice to counter reign,
He answered straight with swift, relentless
pain;

By magical deceit and tyrant's fence,
He guarded greed and crushed all inno-
cence.
Abuse of power, arrogance, and spite,
Rebellions bred within the womb of night;

Political deceit and lust for gold
Red carpets spread for pride so fierce and
bold.

He choked the freedom of the valiant brave,
And labeled heroes as a robber knave;

To brave Eleazar, deceitful word he sent,
And without trial, to the cross he meant.
Afraid of High Priest Jonathan's stern call,
He bribed the Sicarii to work his fall;

A master weaver of political scheme,
Who sought for gold to feed his greedy
dream.

He mocked Saint Paul, who offered him no
bribe,
Calling him plague among a wretched tribe!

He sowed the seeds of violence in the dust!
Shall he reap peace, who traded in unjust?
The wheel of Fate for no man shall abide,
Nor power stay within a mortal's stride!

Though born of wretched, low, and humble
state,

He walked in pride, defying solemn fate;
No path to grace, a failure in the page,
Lost to renown, and broken on the stage
A fallen wretch whom Time itself shall spurn,
Whose memories in tears and curses burn!

JAMES SON OF ALPHEAUS

Introduction

The book of Matthew 10:2-3 records that, James, Son of Alphaeus was one of Jesus' twelve apostles and among one of the three people named James mentioned in the New Testament. James, son of Alphaeus, is also called "James the Less" (Mark 15:40).

Since there was already another James (James, son of Zebedee) among the twelve apostles, equating James, son of Alphaeus, with "James the Less" made sense. The word less should be understood to mean "little" or "younger." The history records that James the son of Alphaeus was the first cousin of Jesus on the basis that James's mother was the sister of Jesus's mother.

Ministry of James, Son of Alphaeus:

He appears only four times in the New Testament, each time in a list of the twelve apostles. Some traditions placed James the Lesser in Persia and Egypt, but these seem even less reliable.

1. James, Son of Alphaeus was a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ (Matt. 10:1).

He did what his Lord equipped him to do:

- He preached the gospel of the kingdom, v. 7
- He did some great things in Christ's name: (Matt. 10:1ff.; 2 Cor. 12:12)
- Healed the sick, v. 8
- Cleansed lepers, v. 8
- Raised the dead, v.8
- Cast out devils, v.8
- He was persecuted, v. 22
- He was, above all things, a servant, v. 25

2. James, Son of Alphaeus was a faithful and obedient servant of Jesus Christ. (Acts 1:13)

- He wrote no epistles (like Paul)
- He preached no classic sermons (like Peter)
- He founded no church that we know of, nor did he pastor any great church
- Faithful in all things, even that which is least
- Faithful unto death.

James, Son of Alphaeus, was not of the stature of Peter or John. The way James, Son of Alphaeus, was, when people saw him, they were reminded first of Jesus.

The Ministry and lessons from the life of James, Son of Alphaeus:

The New Testament records very few specific details about his personal ministry. Scripture does not record any specific words or independent actions attributed directly to him during Jesus' earthly ministry, earning him a quiet and humble profile among the apostles.

According to Eastern and Western church traditions, after the descent of the Holy Spirit, James preached the Gospel in regions including Judea, and later travelled on missionary journeys to places like Persia, Egypt, or surrounding Mediterranean areas.

Early church accounts note that he participated in the early outreach and foundational growth of the Christian community.

Death of James, Son of Alphaeus:

Tradition implies that it was James the Less who may have taken the gospel to Persia (modern Iran) and was martyred there. Multiple accounts describe a martyrdom of James, Son of Alphaeus stoned by enraged Jews when preaching in Jerusalem was stoned to death by the Jews, and was buried there beside the temple.

Traditional accounts vary on his death; some hold that he was martyred in Egypt by crucifixion, while other traditions state he was thrown from the pinnacle of the Temple in Jerusalem and beaten to death around 62 AD.

James, Son of Alphaeus – a voice of challenge for FMPB

Young friends, FMPB is looking forward silent, vibrant and Christlike leadership candidates for the cross-cultural ministry. The ministry in North India is a challenge but live like Jesus and to be a manifester of Jesus' characters are matters. The Love of God provides shelter everyone under the shadow of Kingdom of God, here on the earth in the present days.

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