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## THE HOLY BIBLE



Please memorize  
this portion  
**PSALMS 4:1-8**

1. Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.
2. O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? how long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing? Selah.
3. But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him.
4. Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah.
5. Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD.
6. There be many that say, Who will shew us any good? LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.
7. Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased.
8. I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.

## YOU WILL HAVE BLESSED PEACE IN GOD'S PRESENCE!



Sis. Angeline



Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ to the extended **Echo of His Call** family! It is my earnest prayer that each one of you continue to prosper in every way, even as your soul prospers in Christ.

As we celebrate International Women's Day this month, I would like to extend heartfelt greetings and blessings to all our wonderful women readers. May you enjoy good health, renewed strength, and abundant grace. My prayer is that God will continually help us to become the wise women portrayed in His Word - women who build their homes, nurture their families, and shine as lights in a world that desperately needs His love. Let us walk in wisdom, clothed with dignity and strength, reflecting the beauty of Christ in all that we do.



### THE GIFT OF REST: GOD'S DESIGN FOR OUR LIVES!

As I reflected on the incredible ability of women to multitask, my thoughts turned to my mother and grandmother - two remarkable women

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*from your dearly beloved brother...*



**Let integrity and uprightness  
preserve me, For I wait for You.**

- Psalm 25:21



Dearly beloved friends in the Lord Jesus Christ,

God has graciously enabled us to enter the month of March in this year 2026. Though the past months were rough and challenging, His grace has always been sufficient for us - and it continues to be so.

The Lord has blessed our School with a dedicated team of teachers and non-teaching staff. We celebrated our 28th Annual Sports Day on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026.



*St. Paul's Matriculation School - Sports Day*

Dr. P.E.R. Premchand was our Chief Guest, and the entire day was filled with vibrant sports activities. Many parents joined us, encouraging our children as they displayed outstanding talent and discipline.

We are grateful to God for enabling us to raise responsible citizens for our nation and the world. Please pray for our students who are preparing for the Government Examinations scheduled for April 2026. We request your prayers for more dedicated teachers and staff for our village English High School (St. Paul's Matriculation High School).



*Our main Church Men's Retreat – Joshua Warriors Team*

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We conducted a wonderful one-day retreat for the men of our Main Church under the banner **Joshua Warriors** at Mahabalipuram. Around 70 committed men participated in the retreat held on 26 January 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Lord poured out His power upon those who attended, and each one experienced a special touch from God.

The Lord also greatly blessed the resource persons, and the participants returned with renewed vision and commitment to reach India with the Gospel.

We are planning to organize a similar family camp very soon. Kindly pray for God's guidance regarding the right time, place, and resource persons.

### Our Other Ministries

The Lord continues to be gracious to all our ministries, including **Nehemiah Bible Colleges** and our monthly publications.

The next **Graduation Service for Nehemiah Bible Colleges** is scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> July 2026. Classes for the next academic year will begin in the first week of June

2026. Please pray that the Lord will send dedicated new students to our colleges. We offer:

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We thank God for all our workers in the mission fields and the administrative departments.

We continuously pray for you, and we request your prayers and support for our ministries.

May the grace of God be with you all.

*In Christ Jesus, your brother,*

**Pr. S. Sam Selva Raj.**

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who worked tirelessly, often without pause, to support their families and the ministry of my father. Their dedication led me to a profound realization: how vital REST truly is.

Though I speak primarily of women, men too struggle with the concept of rest. They labour diligently to provide for their families while juggling work and home responsibilities. In today's fast-paced, "on the go" world, rest seems like a luxury no one can afford. Even our children are overwhelmed - burdened with schoolwork, extra classes, and constant exams.

Yet Scripture reveals a powerful truth: after six days of creation, **God Himself rested on the seventh day** (Genesis 2:2). If the Creator of the universe chose to rest, how much more do we need it? Still, many of us feel there are

simply not enough hours in the day. The demands of home, work, and even ministry can feel relentless. I've often heard people say, "It was easy for God to rest - He's God! My work never ends." While that sentiment is understandable, we must remember this: God designed rest as part of our human lifestyle.

Over time, we have drifted away from His design. Today, we

sacrifice sleep, skip meals, and run ourselves ragged - like headless chickens - trying to keep up with life's demands. But God's Word calls us back to His rhythm of grace. Rest is not laziness; it is obedience. It is an act of trust that says, "Lord, I believe You are in control - even when I stop."

Let us explore what the Bible teaches about rest and why



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we so often struggle to embrace it. May we learn to pause, breathe, and find renewal in His presence - **for in Him we find true rest for our souls** (Matthew 11:28).

### THE POWER OF REST!

#### 1. Rest Is God's Rhythm for Our Lives!

**By the seventh day God had finished the work He had been doing; so on the seventh day He rested from all His work. And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy... Genesis 2:2-3.**

God created the Sabbath as a gift. Rest is an act of worship - a sacred time to draw near to Him, read His Word, meditate, pray, and enjoy His presence. When we rest in Him, we are renewed physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.

If we neglect rest, burnout becomes inevitable. God modelled rest not because He was tired, but to establish a rhythm for us to follow. Rest is not optional; it is part of God's divine design for life.

#### 2. Rest Is Preparation, Not Just Recovery!

When rest is neglected, it becomes a desperate attempt to recover from exhaustion rather than a proactive practice. Jesus Christ understood this principle clearly. He often withdrew to solitary places to pray before He was overwhelmed by ministry demands:

**Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed.** Mark 1:35.

**But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.**

Luke 5:16.

Jesus Christ's time with the Father was intentional and proactive. He knew that spiritual strength flows from regular communion with God.

#### BURNOUT: THE COST OF NEGLECTING REST!

A lack of rest leads to burnout - a struggle many of us face today. When we ignore God's rhythm of rest, we become drained physically, emotionally, and spiritually. And when we are burned out, we cannot serve effectively in the Kingdom of God.

Rest is not selfish; it is stewardship of our life and "calling" that God has entrusted to us. Burnout does not happen overnight - it creeps in slowly when we allow misplaced priorities, misplaced identity, and misplaced community to take control of our lives. Let us examine these areas and see how God lovingly calls us back to His design for renewal.

#### 1. Misplaced Priorities!

Burnout often begins when we take on more than we can

handle. We say "yes" to everything because everything seems important. However, wisdom teaches us to prioritize. Learning to say "no" is not selfish - it is necessary.

Even Jesus Christ recognised the need for balance:

**Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, He said to them, "Come with Me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."** Mark 6:31.

In Luke 10, we see Jesus Christ visiting the home of Martha and Mary. Martha welcomed Him warmly, along with His followers, and was understandably busy caring for her guests. We thank God for those who serve faithfully - like our hospitality teams in Church. Yet while Martha was overwhelmed and distracted, Mary chose to sit at Jesus' feet and listen to Him.

Martha had said "yes," but now she was struggling under the weight of her commitments. How many of us can relate? We say "yes" with good intentions, only to feel stressed and exhausted later.

Jesus Christ gently corrected her:

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March 2026

**S. Sam Selva Raj.**



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PRAISE & PRAYER POINTS - From March 19, 2026 To April 18, 2026

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



## ✠PRAISE GOD FOR...

- March 19** ⇒ God's blessings upon all our Prayer Partners, Subscribing Partners, Faith Partners, Life Partners, Great Commission Partners and Request Partners as well as their families.
- March 20** ⇒ His gracious blessing upon the Special Meeting conducted in Mahabalipuram for our **Nehemiah Bible College** students on January 24.
- March 21** ⇒ His blessings upon all our Associate Editors and their families.
- March 22** ⇒ His continued favor upon our **Global Vision for Youth and Kid Care ministry**.
- March 23** ⇒ His blessings upon **St. Paul's Matriculation School**, especially for granting us dedicated Christian teachers and a committed Principal.
- March 24** ⇒ The steadfast commitment of our Mission workers.
- March 25** ⇒ God's blessings upon our State Coordinators and their families.
- March 26** ⇒ Our Senior Pastor's faithful dedication in spreading the Gospel through various ministries.
- March 27** ⇒ God's protection over Senior Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj and his family, keeping them safe from every evil dominion.
- March 28** ⇒ His blessings upon our **BIBLECOR** (Bible Correspondence Course) and **Theological Correspondence Course**.
- March 29** ⇒ The growth and strengthening of our Christian ministries amidst political and religious opposition.
- March 30** ⇒ His continued favor upon our enduring commitment to the Magazine Ministry, faithfully upheld since 1969.
- March 31** ⇒ Divine favor upon the new believers anointed into our Church, that they may continue to grow in faith and wisdom.
- April 01** ⇒ His gracious provision in meeting all our needs for the previous month.
- April 02** ⇒ His blessings upon our **Nehemiah Bible Colleges**.
- April 03** ⇒ His blessing upon the **Joshua Warriors** Special Men's Meeting held in Mahabalipuram for members of our Main and Branch Churches on January 26th.

## ✠PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

- April 04** ⇒ Divine protection over all nations, especially amid global unrest and fears of war, praying for peace and stability.
- April 05** ⇒ The expansion of our ministries in every possible way and measure, for the blessing and benefit of all.
- April 06** ⇒ That God may grant us many more visions to build His Kingdom on earth.
- April 07** ⇒ Wisdom and divine guidance for Presidents, Prime Ministers, and all Government authorities around the world as they lead their nations.
- April 08** ⇒ Blessings and strength for our supporters, well-wishers, and friends who uphold our ministries through their prayers and financial contributions.
- April 09** ⇒ Protection for all people from viral fevers and newly emerging contagious diseases.
- April 10** ⇒ Successful admission of new students to **St. Paul's Matriculation School** for the 2026–2027 academic year.
- April 11** ⇒ For the youth and children across the world to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.
- April 12** ⇒ Unity, progress, and peace to prevail in every nation, in all aspects and areas of planning.
- April 13** ⇒ God's mercy upon our Prayer Partners, Subscribing Partners, Faith Partners, Life Partners, Great Commission Partners, Request Partners and their families.
- April 14** ⇒ The safety and protection of our Senior Pastor, Rev. S. Sam Selva Raj, and his family from all forms of evil.
- April 15** ⇒ Admission of deserving students into our **Residential and Evening Nehemiah Bible Colleges** for the 2026–2027 academic year.
- April 16** ⇒ For all the financial needs of our ministry to be met.
- April 17** ⇒ An end to the global economic recession, and relief for all who are suffering because of it.
- April 18** ⇒ That God's grace may once again be poured out upon the people, bringing comfort and renewed strength.

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The reason to post this is in response to the other communities who say Christianity did nothing to the world. Everyone should understand who does and who doesn't.

May the eyes be opened to see the power of Christ in single man and in the world.

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“Martha, Martha” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.” Luke 10:41-42.

Martha's priorities were misplaced, and the result was exhaustion. May the Lord help us priorities wisely in 2026, choosing what truly matters so that we may avoid burnout.

## 2. Misplaced Identity!

Burnout often occurs when we confuse what we do with who we are. Work becomes our worth, and ministry becomes our measurement. We fill our schedules, chase success, and sometimes even compete with others. But our value does not come from achievements - it comes from Christ.

Our identity is not found in possessions, status, or the world's standards. Our identity is in Christ alone.

... My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19)

Work is important, but never at the cost of our fellowship with God. Do not neglect Church or Christian fellowship at any cost.

Moses learned this lesson the hard way. Overwhelmed by leadership demands, he tried to carry the burden alone - until his father-in-law, Jethro, advised him to delegate (Exodus 18). Delegation and training are vital. We are not called to do everything ourselves.

Dear friends, God gives us grace for the race He has called us to run. If you feel tired or overwhelmed, ask yourself: “Is this something God has truly asked me to carry?” Burnout often comes from carrying burdens God never intended us to bear - especially alone.

## 3. Misplaced Community or Connection!

God never intended for us to live in isolation. From the beginning, He designed us for fellowship - with Him and with one another. When connection is lost, it can lead to anxiety, depression, and deep emotional struggles.

Burnout often results from being disconnected from the right people, in the right place, at the right time.

Lot chose to live in Sodom because the land appeared fertile and prosperous (Genesis 13:10). What he failed to notice was the wickedness of its people (v.13). His choice of a misplaced

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# PIT TO PALACE

(Life experiences of Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj)

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



## THE GRACE OF GOD SURROUNDS THOSE WHO TRUST HIM!

**... He who trusts in the LORD,  
mercy shall surround him. Psalms 32:10**

The various experiences - both good and bad—that I encountered from my childhood onward continually reminded me that the Lord Almighty was with me and that He was preparing to fulfil something great in my life.

I approached many people for support in the evangelical work I was doing for God, but no one was willing to join me. Yet, the grace of God kept urging me forward. Although I did not possess adequate knowledge about Jesus Christ or much ministerial experience, I carried a deep desire to help people who were weighed down by the burdens of this world.

With great difficulty, I managed to purchase a musical instrument called an accordion, which cost INR 750. Playing that instrument and singing the few songs I knew at the time, I would visit the poor neighbourhoods in Chepauk, Chennai. Remarkably, this is the same place where our main church and office stand today! I also engaged in street preaching in Chepauk while working in a government office during the day. My colleagues looked at me with amazement and often came forward to hear the truth I preached.

More astonishingly, there were times when, as I preached on the streets, sick people lying inside their homes were healed and came out to stand beside me. At times, they would faint as they stood next to me, and

those who witnessed this would scatter in fear. I too was shocked. I still remember how they - (who fainted) were laid out on those narrow lanes, lined up like fish - because I had no formal training or experience in such ministry, and I would stand speechless, unsure of what to do next.

In those moments, the Holy Spirit guided me to lay hands on the people and pray with genuine compassion. I obeyed, and as I prayed in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, they were healed and delivered from the bondage of the devil. These early encounters strengthened me greatly and deepened my love for God.

Today, after many years, God has enabled some of those very people to come to our church. A few are now actively involved in the ministry. Later, the Lord also enabled me to conduct large crusades in that same region, where He performed mighty miracles. Even now, God continues to use me to heal many who are sick or crippled, and to deliver those long held captive by the powers of darkness.

A few years ago, God helped me conduct similar open-air meetings in Kancheepuram, near Chennai. The Lord enabled me to evangelize that entire area. He causes me to remember the small places where I once ministered, and now He gives me opportunities to serve on a much larger scale. Glory be to His Holy Name!

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community led to devastating consequences - loss, heartbreak, and broken relationships.

Do not walk alone. Stay connected to your Church family. Build relationships that strengthen your faith. Talk about God - not gossip.

Is Burnout a Sin?

Feeling burned out is not a sin. Even Elijah, after a great victory, became exhausted and cried out:

... **“I have had enough, Lord.”** ... 1 Kings 19:4. God did not condemn Elijah - He

comforted him, fed him, and allowed him to rest.

God says the same to us today:

**“Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”** Matthew 11:28.



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God's Promise of Rest : ...  
"My presence will go with you,  
and I will give you rest."

Exodus 33:14.

Jesus Christ promises true rest: "Come to Me... My yoke is

easy and My burden is light."  
Matthew 11:28,30.

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Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7. I like the word 'cast', because it means to throw away - to stop carrying it yourself.

And Jesus Christ lovingly invites us again:

... Come with Me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest. Mark 6:31.

Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, came into this world, died for us on the cross and rose again so that we might live in peace and enjoy His rest. Why not trust Him today?

**A CLOSING  
REMINDER!**

*What a Friend we have in Jesus  
All our sins and griefs to bear  
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Oh, what peace we often forfeit  
Oh, what needless we bear  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer!*

... My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Exodus 33:14.



Let God's presence go before you - to give you rest.

**Trust in Jesus.**

**Take everything to God.**

**Talk to Him.**

**Receive the rest He freely gives.**

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