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THE HOLY BIBLE

Please memorize this portion

Psalm 66:12-20

12. Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.
13. I will go into thy house with burnt offerings: I will pay thee my vows,
14. Which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble.
15. I will offer unto thee burnt sacrifices of fatlings, with the incense of rams; I will offer bullocks with goats. Selah.
16. Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.
17. I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue.
18. If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:
19. But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.
20. Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

YOUR SORROW WILL BE TURNED INTO JOY!

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

(JOHN 16:20)

Your sorrow will be turned into joy! *Your sorrows and tears will pass away, Do not be dismayed son, nor be dismayed daughter, Our Jesus will not forsake you. Don't be disheartened thinking of the past, forget the past that happened, God will do a new thing; you will see even to-day, to-day itself! Do not be disheartened; yes, do not be disheartened, Our Lord God will not forsake you. God heals the broken hearted; He supports the bruised; Binds all the wounds, wipes our tears; yes, He wipes your tears, Do not be disheartened, do not be dismayed; God will not forsake you. He will not allow you to be tested beyond your strength; Gives you the needed strength; He will show you a way out, Yes, a way out! Do not be disheartened, do not be dismayed; He will not forsake you.*

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I shall not want" - Psalm 23:1**

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Dearly beloved in the Lord,

We greet you lovingly in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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As days go by, the Lord's ministry grows. People are greatly blessed. But we experience the same difficulties and struggles that happened to the Apostles of the early Church. As we demolish the strongholds of the devil through various ministries and through the gospel, it is no wonder that the devil gets irritated.

But we don't get discouraged. We preach and teach the doctrines preached by the first Apostles and our forefathers, without any compromise. We request you to pray for us. You are welcome to come forward to support us in any possible way. We need your support and fellowship.

We are going to travel a lot this month and also in the coming months. Kindly remember us in your prayers. The path of ministry done with real burden for the souls is really hard. Many family members of our servants of God are sick. We are comforted by your prayers and love.

We expect your letters and suggestions. We also pray for you. Moreover, we take all your prayer requests to God seriously and pray for you. We love you with the love of God. May the Lord reward all the dear brothers and sisters who regularly support us with their offerings! Amen.

Your servants in Christ Jesus,

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In the last few days, I had people, consultants, common and the chance of meeting people of middle class people, less educated, various hues and nations. Among God fearing and people without them I met scholars, leading God, students, tourists, pilgrims, doctors, people from power merchants, actors, writers, people politics, officers, industrialists, rich who call themselves believers and

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servants of God. I could witness different kinds of difficulties or struggles rock them. That is the reason people visit various pilgrim centres searching God.

Some devout people sometimes do things that they do not fully understand. Some undertake penance for many days in preparation to their visit to various pilgrim centres; but before their departure, some visit us soliciting prayer for them. I neither belittle nor ridicule them. But can't we see an urge and vacuum in them? For good people, it is their tradition and culture that stand as a barrier to get true deliverance.

In this world which is full of difficulties and turbulences, a few people think of the Kingdom of God and its expansion, separate themselves from the habits and traditions of the people of the world and live in peace and happiness duly keeping their holiness. What is the reason for it? It is the resurrection power of our Lord Jesus Christ which works in the life of even ordinary people. Every one of us must have this experience.

When the resurrection power of Jesus Christ comes to one's life, even if he is a useless one, he will be transformed into a useful man. Also when this power intervenes in the life of a chronically ill person, his disease will be cured! Jesus said, **...He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.** John 11:25. Even if an organ of a person does not function, when he accepts the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal savior, and believes that He is the Son of God and repents, he will receive supernatural healing of the Lord and he can live as a normal person.

Lazarus and Jesus Christ!

Lazarus, a friend of Jesus Christ died. But Lord Jesus Christ raised Lazarus from the dead. However, due to old age he would have died later. But, Lord Jesus Christ who died on the Cross, rose from the dead on the third day, did not die again! People who claim that they are the incarnation of God die. The graves in which their bodies are buried are always a closed one. But the tomb of Lord Jesus Christ alone is still open. This is a historically proved fact.

The Roman authorities and the Temple authorities gave

complete security to the tomb of Jesus. The Bible says: **So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard.** Matthew 27:66. But Lord Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day (Matthew 28:1-8).

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb, on the first day of the week after the Sabbath. Though Lord Jesus Christ had already told His disciples that He would rise from the dead on the third day, the ones who were with Him for 3.5 years and ministered with Him, were in their homes. They failed to show their true love to the Lord. But Jesus did not mind their short-comings. On the contrary, He appeared to them,



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S. Sam Selva Raj.

comforted them, changed them into powerful apostles and changed their sorrow into joy.

Dear friend, did not your small doubts, desires and lust of the flesh drive you off from the love of the Lord though you tasted the love of the Lord on various occasions and in different ways. Do not be disheartened, confess your shortcomings and come to Jesus again. **Your sorrow will turn into joy!**

A Caution to God's Children!

I tell you two decrees late Pastor G. Sundaram gave to the Church as to how one can receive the joy of the Lord by guarding the fellowship with Him.

Any servant of God or evangelist may go to any part of the world and minister. But he has to tie a cord around his waist and tie the other end to the Church the Lord has given him. If he does not have ministry work on Sunday, he must attend his church, worship the Lord with others, receive the Word of God patiently and obey.

Secondly, every one of us has been delivered from sinful thinking, sinful habits and bad relationship by His grace. But we should be cautious not to go back to the sin from which we were delivered. There are chances that they attack us. Be cautious!

For instance, if we are delivered from addiction by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we have to safe guard the deliverance diligently. We should not go near to that place for any reason. Also, we must get relieved fully from our old

bad friends and never have any relationship with them. If we are firm in our resolve, we will have victory and complete joy.

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary!



Mary Magdalene who was afflicted by seven devils was delivered by Jesus. She along with another Mary, visited the tomb of Jesus where the body of Jesus was buried. A great earth-quake shook that place, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and rolled



back the stone from the door, and sat on it (Matthew 28:2).

Dear brother, sister; there may be stone – blocks in your life which could not be rolled out. Sometimes it could not be moved away either by you or by the strong or rich. But fear not, God will make a way where there is no way. It may not be far off. God will charge His angels to guard you. The angels are working for you. They will move away the stones which are blocking your blessings and let you enjoy the blessings of the Lord and the angels will sit on the stones. You are on the

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PRAISE & PRAYER POINTS - From 2023 March 19 To April 18

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



✝ PRAISE GOD FOR...

- March 19** ⇒ All the activities of our **St. Paul's Matriculation School, Nehemiah Bible College and Theological Correspondence Course.**
- March 20** ⇒ Blessing our Church workers meeting held on 16.01.2023.
- March 21** ⇒ Blessing us with new subscribers for **Echo of His Call** YouTube Channel.
- March 22** ⇒ His blessings showered upon families of our workers.
- March 23** ⇒ Revival amongst youth and children of all Churches irrespective of denomination.
- March 24** ⇒ The Missionaries and their families engaged in God's work in remote areas.
- March 25** ⇒ The successful visits of our Senior Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj to different places in India and abroad which were a blessing to many.
- March 26** ⇒ Blessing our Prayer Partners, Faith Partners, Life Partners, Subscribing Partners, Great Commission Partners and their family members.
- March 27** ⇒ His abundant blessings on our commitment to Magazine Ministry since 1969.
- March 28** ⇒ Our Gospel Printing Press and its continuous functioning with efficient workers.
- March 29** ⇒ Our **Echo of His Call** Associate Editors and their families.
- March 30** ⇒ Enabling us to provide financial and prayer support to missionaries.
- March 31** ⇒ Meeting the needs of the people involved in printing of Bibles and Christian Literatures all over the world.
- April 01** ⇒ Blessing us with partners who support our ministries financially in the midst of their personal needs.
- April 02** ⇒ Blessing our Senior Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj and his family with divine protection and good health.

- April 03** ⇒ Blessing the world with Schools started by missionaries based on sound Christian Doctrines.

✝ PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

- April 04** ⇒ Revival across the world Churches.
- April 05** ⇒ Protection from unexpected natural disasters.
- April 06** ⇒ Welfare of **Echo of His Call** believers and their families belonging to main Church and branches.
- April 07** ⇒ Our Good Friday and Easter Services in our Main and Branch Churches.
- April 08** ⇒ Students of our Residential and Evening **Nehemiah Bible College** to be disciplined and dedicated.
- April 09** ⇒ Protection of children and youth from addiction to Narcotics.
- April 10** ⇒ Protection of children and youth from increasing bad habits around the world.
- April 11** ⇒ Our **St. Paul's Matriculation School's** 10th standard Students who are appearing for their Government Examinations.
- April 12** ⇒ The removal of child trafficking across the world.
- April 13** ⇒ Admission of new students for our **St. Paul's Matriculation School** for the academic year 2023-24.
- April 14** ⇒ Our **Nehemiah Bible College** Graduation Service to be held on 03rd June, 2023.
- April 15** ⇒ All the financial needs to be met for this month.
- April 16** ⇒ Admission of deserving students for our Residential and Evening **Nehemiah Bible College** for the academic year 2023-24.
- April 17** ⇒ Our Senior Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj to be blessed with new visions for his multifarious ministries.
- April 18** ⇒ The Presidents, Prime Ministers, Chief Ministers and Parliament Members of all nations of the world.

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threshold of God's blessing. Be firm. **Your sorrows will very soon turn into joy!**

Our Wrong Principles!

Children of God, be cheerful! Whatever may block your ways, our Lord Jesus Christ is powerful enough to remove them. The key to blessing of the human race is not available with any of the men in the world. That key is only with our Lord Jesus Christ. Leave all your sufferings with Him. If we go away from Him, it would bring great many sorrows and sufferings. Some among you have backslided in your personal life and in the ministry of God. This is a grave mistake. The Lord has raised you from poverty and deep pit and placed you in high places. How can you deny Him? Be diligent not to repeat the mistakes. Repent! While so, **your sorrows will certainly turn into joy.**

The Lord Who Seeks the Lost!

The Lord Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day. Yet His disciples went back to their old profession, fishing. It is something



puzzling. Still the Lord shows His love. The disciples as we have said, went back for fishing in the sea of Tiberias. The Lord who visited them said, "Children have you any food?"

Though the disciples tried their best, they could not catch anything. I have seen people who take up ministry and leave it by

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PIT TO PALACE

(Life experiences of Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj)

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



DIVINE VISITATION!

By God's grace, in the year 1971, the Lord gave me a burden towards the non-Christians living in Chepauk, Chennai. The people who lived in this area were good people and had deep faith in God. They were hardworking and they used to work night and day. Chepauk has many landmarks: many cinema theatres, Cricket stadium, Police Station, The beautiful Marina Beach which is the world's 2nd longest beach, Kamarajar Road which is also called Royal Road, the busy, very long and the most famous Mount Road, which is now called Anna Salai, the Light House, the Secretariat, the most important Railway Stations called Egmore Station and Central Station, many Government offices, Coovam River, the well known Santhome Church, Presidency College, Anna Memorial Building etc. This is an important part of Old Chennai (Madras). I was very much burdened towards the spiritual life of very poor, very rich and educationists in this area.

So, I started to pray every night from 8 P.M. to 10 P.M. along with two of my co-servants of God. One of them was Bro. I. Chandra Singh, who is now an industrialist in Pondicherry. The other one was Bro. I. Moses Packia Mani who is now a famous business man in Chennai. We used to kneel down and pray behind the statue of Mahatma Gandhi. As we realized that the movies have led the people to immerse in the world, we prayed that God should remove or close down all the movie theatres.

What a surprise! Honestly I declare! The Lord God answered our prayers. Some theatres like Paragon theatre, Star theatre, Elphinstone theatre, Devi theatre, Shanthi theatre, Anna theatre, Chithra theatre were closed down. So, we could proclaim the gospel to many people who were crazy about watching movies and who were leading lustful lives. Many of them accepted Jesus and started leading holy lives. But there was no Church in this area. The new

converts could not be directed to any Church here. We thought it was impossible to have a Church in this area. In the year 1980, God enabled us to start a branch of Church of God in India in Chepauk. But nobody dared to come to the Church to worship the living God on Sundays. My wife and my daughter who was a baby at that time, were the only people who worshipped with me for almost 5 years. I used to play my Accordion (a musical instrument) and preach. I had a lot of opposition for that.

One morning at 8 a.m., I cleaned up the Church area and it was time to start the service. Though I prepared the Church area to conduct the service, I was disheartened at the thought that no one would attend the service. So, I wanted to take rest in my bedroom and went there and closed my eyes. I could not sleep. I went into a kind of trance and had a dream.

I saw in my dream, my house was decorated with bright lights. I could smell a sweet fragrance in my house. Suddenly a 50 year old man entered into the area where I had prepared to conduct the worship service. He switched on all the lights and the fans. Then he knelt down and started praying quietly. Then I could see that the place was filled with people.



Rev. Dr. Bevin Lawrence & Mrs. Serena Bevin

I woke up and in a hurry, I called my wife and daughter and when we started to pray in our Church, I realized that the man who was already there praying, disappeared. My wife and I confessed our sins and started the service.

In a few minutes, there was a brother and his wife and their son, all dressed in white, knelt down along with us. This brother is Rev. Dr. Bevin Lawrence, who is now doing a lot of ministries,

having his headquarters in Kodaikkanal. He is a medical doctor and a Bishop. His wife is Mrs. Serena Bevin, who is now the Senior Associate Editor of **Echo of His Call** magazine. Together, they do a lot of ministries.

From that day onwards, I start all my Church services on time whether people come or not. I teach on this to all my co-workers and college students. God is good. *****

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giving some reasons and take up worldly professions. But their end will be disastrous. No one should commit such mistakes.

The Lord gave them some tips for a good catch of fish and they did. He is the exalted Saviour, Jesus Christ! By a profound exalted calling, He chose you, gave you gifts and talents and lifted you. How many devils are driven out by your prayers? How many are delivered from illness which could not be cured? Because of some problems or by some worldly pleasures, have you run away from the love of God!?

Think of Your Life for A While!

How did God deliver you from the problems that struck your children and others? When you were afflicted by illness, failures, difficulties, think how God delivered you miraculously? Does not it mean that the Lord is with you and kind toward you? Please do not desert Him but give Him the first place in your life. Your sorrow will turn into joy.

We encounter many storms in our lives every day. Those storms come from various directions, from various people at different speed.



We are confronted with storms, wind, whirl wind and tornado. Let us see the types of storm, when they struck us, what kind of wounds they inflict in our life and how we can overcome them by the power of God.

We have to act before the situation worsens. There is some space (time) for us between the attack and the situation goes out of hands. God is kind enough to give His grace to bring everything under our control. God wants us to handle with all wisdom and diligence. I here call it as storm, the things that confront in our mind and the problems that come by people. If we do not take safety measures when we perceive the rising of the storm, we may sink. That is why our Lord Jesus Christ talks of the storm in John 9:4. The Lord wanted to complete His work before its approaches. He did so. Satan is sitting in wait to derail us (I Peter 5:8). Meet your challenges bearing

in mind that God is in full control over your life. Be not angry. Be not sorrowful. Try to praise God in all situations. Repeat the promises of God. God is with me and for me. I am the one who overcomes all situations. May the God of Heaven bless you!

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