



# DAYBREAK *with* BIBLE READING

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# PREAMBLE

All Saints' Cathedral, Kampala's (ASCK) theme for this year, 2024 is: *"Conforming to the truth of God's Word, not the patterns of the world"* [Romans 12:1-2]. *The theme is calling us, the children of God, to be sure that our mind-set is shaped and controlled by the knowledge of the gospel, by the power of the Holy Spirit and by the concerns of the second coming of Christ (8:5-9; 13:11-14). The pattern of this world that we should avoid, include temporal fashion of the present time [2 Cor.4:18; 1 John 2:17]. The theme is calling us to be rooted in the Word.* Therefore, let us endeavor to study and apply the Word of God; it is the weapon with which we shall defeat the thief, the tempter, the devil (Matthew 4:4-10), the flesh and the world. We will benefit from the Word only when we apply what we study from it! The Word will turn us into humble persons, encourage us to serve God effectively and make us heroes/heroines for Christ! The Church is admonished not to be swayed by all kinds of false teachings that are common these days, by being faithful to the Bible. As a believer engages daily in the discipline of Bible reading and study, she or he gets spiritual nourishment and hope. We encourage parishioners to read the Bible daily - that way, they may be rooted in the Word of God (*Psalms 119:7-8, 11*) in order to be fruitful wherever they are, and gain hope beyond difficulties.

*"Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway" (Proverbs 8:34, NIV).* Nothing is more blissfully profitable than "spending time with God", daily. You do not have to spend hours studying the Word of God and praying, just set aside 15 to 30 minutes every day, at an appointed time, preferably in the morning. Then, He will guard and guide you throughout the day. It is a cardinal error to go anywhere without talking to God. It is like setting out on a journey without fuel. *"...If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here"* (Exodus 33:15, NKJV).

So, every day, sit somewhere in inner silence and let God talk to you, through devotionals such as contained in this booklet, as you study His Word. Then pray about what is going on in your life and around you; in the lives of those you care about in your nation and the world as a whole. In your prayer talk to God like a friend, because He is, and let Him speak to you as well. Learn to listen to God and recognise His call, like Samuel eventually did (*1 Samuel 3.4-10*), by reading and studying His Word.

Dear Reader, we shall, this second quarter of the year 2024, focus on the topics: **Christ from all the Scriptures; Conforming to the truth of the Word of God and Do not conform to the world**

For each sub-theme, we will pick excerpts from all over the Bible; Genesis to Revelation. Equip yourself with a good Bible, preferably NIV, ESV, NKJV, or LASB, a pen and a note book. If you can, please acquire a good Bible dictionary, commentary and a concordance. But central to all these, is the BIBLE as the critical authoritative reference. Let it be known to all that the entire Bible is about God's redemptive plan for mankind. Jesus Christ Himself told His disciples that, *"...These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled"* (Luke 24:44-ESV). Therefore, as you read the Bible every day, figure out what the passage teaches about the Person or work of Jesus Christ and apply that teaching to your own life.

As you read the Bible, look out for a **command to obey, a promise to claim, a rebuke to heed, a sin to repent of** and an opportunity to share with another person. Most importantly, the essence of this publication is to facilitate godly transformation by applying the Word of God in your life. Be expectant to hear your loving Father tenderly give you direction every day, telling you: *"...This is the way, walk in it..."* (Isaiah 30:21).



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# READERS' GUIDE

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*In this daily guide, the Bible Study for believers, each day's portion is structured as below:*

- (i) Referential indication of the reading for the day, with a summative statement of what it is about;*
- (ii) Brief notes for the day's text;*
- (iii) A meditation verse for the day; and*
- (iv) A suggested prayer.*

*It is suggested that you acquire and maintain a notebook for your Bible study. It is further recommended that (i) You start off your quiet time with a short prayer, confessing your sins and seeking God's forgiveness, and then invite the Holy Spirit to guide you as you listen to God through His Word; (ii) then read the text slowly and meditatively.*

*As you read and meditate: (i) take notes of any important convictions you encounter, including but not limited to (ii) the pick for the day as italicized in the notes, and (iii) also note down your own picks as per the final paragraph of the preamble.*

*Structure your notebook into your daily notes with dates and the relevant reading. At the end of the study of each theme, you may read through all the notes you have taken on the theme in order to "gather the sheaves" you have harvested from the Book, noting in particular, the holiness and goodness of God.*

*May the Lord bless you as He speaks to you through His Word.*

# THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024

## CHRIST FROM ALL THE SCRIPTURES



*In order to read, teach, preach, and understand Scripture fully and correctly, every passage must be seen as pointing to the Person and/or work of Jesus Christ. Not everyone agrees with that, but the theme for the meditations this month will be based on that view of Christology. Sometimes, it is easy to see Christ in a passage, as it is when reading Matthew or Hebrews, etc. Sometimes, it is very difficult, as it is when reading the laws or Judges, etc.*

*When Adam sinned, disobeyed God, all humanity became sinners and died, meaning they were cast away from God. Yet, God also decreed His plan to bring humanity back to Himself – redemption. Redemption, means paying a price to obtain the release of something. Humanity was under the sin-penalty of condemnation, and that price had to be paid. A sinner cannot redeem self, and another sinner cannot do it either. Only a righteous person can redeem a sinner, and the penalty must be paid. Jesus Christ paid that penalty for His people; He redeemed them out of condemnation and back to God. This is the essence of the Gospel.*

*God gave the Scriptures to explain redemption and all of its many details and applications. Therefore, all of Scripture is about redemption and about Jesus Christ the Redeemer.*

*What we will do this month, is to meditate on those passages that clearly point to Jesus; so that we can see how the principle operates. Hopefully, you will agree that Jesus Christ must be part of understanding every Bible passage, and perhaps you will gain the habit of doing it.*

**Monday, 1st April 2024. Bible study; Text: Luke 24:13-27**

The first two meditations this month will be from passages which teach us that all of Scripture instructs us about the Person and/or work of Jesus Christ. On the day Jesus was raised from the dead (*vv.1,13*), two disciples were returning to the village of Emmaus. Jesus joined them; but He prevented them from recognizing Him. He had an important lesson to teach about how the Scriptures pointed to Him and His work. If they had realized that He was risen from the dead, they might have been too amazed to understand the lesson. So, beginning with Moses (*Genesis through Deuteronomy*) and **ALL** the prophets (*Joshua through Malachi*) Jesus explained to them in **ALL** the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. There was certainly not enough time for Jesus to discuss every passage in the Bible, but He could have used many different passages to explain how the entire Scripture pointed to Him and to His work.

*This passage shows why we are required, why we must understand and teach Christ and His work from every Bible passage.* Because every passage teaches something about Christ or His work, then a sermon or lesson has failed, if it does not instruct about Christ. Jesus Christ is the only food for our souls (*Jn. 6:51*). So, if we do not learn about Jesus in a lesson, then our souls go hungry. God gives you the right to examine and question lessons you receive (*Act. 17:11*). For the sake of your soul and the souls of your fellow parishioners, speak to your pastor or teacher and encourage him (*lovingly, gently*) to teach and preach “Christologically”.



**Challenge:** *Since Jesus showed His disciples how Scripture instructs us about Him, let us all follow that same principle in our own reading and study of God's Word.*



**Our Father, thank You for Your Word, which instructs us about the Person and work of Your Son, our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Open our eyes to see Him everywhere in Scripture. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.**

**Tuesday, 2nd April 2024. Christ-centered Bible studies from confinement; Text: Acts 28:17-23**

Yesterday's and today's passages are important to understanding that every passage of Scripture teaches something about the Person and/or work of Jesus Christ. In today's passage, we read that Apostle Paul is in the custody of the authorities in Rome. He was not a dangerous criminal, so he was only under house arrest. (*Read Act. 21-22 for details.*) Paul called some

of the Jews who lived in Rome to come visit him so he could explain why he was there. This especially gave him the opportunity to explain to them how Jesus is the Messiah the Jews had been expecting for many centuries. These Jews heard that this “sect” was opposed by the Jews, but they knew none of the details.

The Jewish religion was to be based entirely on God’s Word, and it is important to see that Apostle Paul explained the message about Jesus only from Scripture; he was not using logic or reasoning. *Acts 28:23* says that Paul was trying to persuade his audience about Jesus, from both the Law of Moses and from the Prophets. This is almost the exact phrase Luke used about Jesus’ lesson in *Luk.24:27*. Only the word “all” is missing. But the emphasis remains. The only reason God gave us His Scripture is to instruct us on His plan and work of redemption. And because redemption requires a redeemer, therefore, every passage of Scripture is teaching us something about the Person and/or work of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ.



**Challenge:** *As both Jesus and Apostle Paul taught, let us read Scripture in a Christ-centered way, understanding every passage of the Bible as teaching something about Jesus Christ.*



**Our Father, please draw us closer to Jesus through every passage of Scripture. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

### **Wednesday, 3rd April 2024. God promises redemption by a Redeemer; Text: Genesis 3:1-15**

The two major events of this chapter are the reasons why we have Scripture. First is Adam’s disobedience to God – sin, and the resulting separation from Him – death. Because God is the only source of life (*Gen.2:7*), the penalty for disobedience is death (*Gen.2:17*). When God created Adam and Eve, He loved them and provided everything for their comfort, and He required that they love and obey Him in return. Sadly, they did not; they ate what was forbidden and died and were eternally separated from the blessings of God’s presence. Second, *God then made a promise to redeem them out of death. That redemption would be accomplished by a Redeemer, (Gen 3.16)*. The rest of the Bible instructs us on that and how it is applied to life.

Because sin was entered into by humans, humans must pay the death penalty, and if there is to be redemption (*payment for release*), then the Redeemer must be human so that He can give His life in exchange for human life. That is why we are told that the Redeemer will be born of woman – he will be human. But because humans have already been defeated by Satan, Satan



now has authority over humans. So, the Redeemer must also be able to conquer Satan, and the only One who can absolutely defeat Satan is God. Therefore, the Redeemer must be both fully human and fully divine, both God and man. From today's passage we learn that our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, is both God and man in one person. Now, live like one redeemed out of death and into righteousness.

*Question: Do you agree, believe, and trust that the only Redeemer, Jesus, is fully God and fully man in one person?*



**Father, thank You for providing for me with a Redeemer who purchased me out of condemnation, and thank You for making me believe Him and trust Him. In His name, I pray. Amen.**

**Thursday, 4th April 2024. Jonah inside the fish teaches us about the work of Christ; Text: Matthew 12:38-40**

The Pharisees came to Jesus and demanded that He performs a sign to prove He was from God. Their demand actually showed their hard hearts. Jesus' miracles, teachings, and love constantly demonstrated His authority from God; but the leaders simply refused to believe. Also, if He had done what they demanded, that would have admitted they had authority over Him, which they did not have. His authority was from His Father; so Jesus refused their demand. The only sign to be given was the sign of Jonah being in the belly of the fish for three days before going to preach to the pagans of Nineveh.

Would the people who lived before Jesus have understood that Jonah's preaching to the pagans was also about the future Redeemer? Would they have understood that Jonah being in the belly of the fish *before going to preach to pagans was also about Messiah being dead for three days before bringing salvation into the world (Mat.12:40)?* They should have. In God's book of redemption (*Scripture*), God sent His message of grace with His prophet Jonah to pagans, and He converted them. Redemption through God's Redeemer is how He was going to fulfill His promise to destroy Adam's curse, and how He was going to fulfill His promise to Abraham that His grace would come through Abraham to the entire earth (*Rom. 4:13*). Yes, the story of Jonah should have been understood by the religious leaders of Jesus' day.



*Challenge: Whenever you read any Scripture before Christ, please see what there is to learn about Him.*



**Our Father, thank You for sending Your Son, our Great Prophet Jesus, to preach to us about Your salvation by Your grace. In His name, I pray. Amen.**

**Friday, 5th April 2024. Get in God's ark – Jesus Christ; Text: Genesis 7:1-17**

Humanity's sin was so great that God decided to destroy us (*Gen.6:5-7*). However, Noah was righteous, meaning he loved and trusted Yahweh. So, God covenanted with Noah. A covenant is a gracious relationship of union, based on oath, sealed by blood. A covenant is the main structure of Scripture. God covenants with one person and includes everyone who belongs to that person. That is part of how God does covenant. We will see that again when Yahweh covenants with Abraham and Moses, both of whom are covenant heads, like Adam and like Christ. God covenanted with Noah, and his family was saved from drowning in the great flood.

God's plan was to destroy humanity by flooding, but He used a huge boat, an ark, to save Noah, his family, and some of the land animals. Noah was the one to build the ark according to God's directions. After boat construction was done, Noah's family and the animals entered it, and God closed them in (*verse 17*). As we read this passage redemptively (*which is the only way to read Scripture*), we see God covenanting with Righteous Redeemer, *Messiah, who builds the ark of salvation*. God brings those who belong to the perfect Noah – Jesus, into the perfect ark, which is the Person and work of the Redeemer, Christ. God seals them inside, where there is safety from God's wrath (*Rom.8:1*). Dear reader, if you want to be saved from God's condemnation against your sin, pray for God to put you into His eternal ark – Jesus Christ, and do not ever leave! (*Jos.2:19*).



***Question: Are you in God's ark of absolute safety, or are you still outside thinking about it, outside where judgment might fall on you at any moment? Please, get in Christ!***



**Ever-loving Father, I pray that You forgive me for my sins, and put me in Christ. In His name, I pray. Amen.**

**Saturday, 6th April 2024. God's great promise to Abram; Text: Genesis 12:1-3**

Abram (*later named Abraham*) was not from Judah, nor from Israel. He was from Ur of the Chaldeans (*Babylon, Gen.11:31*). He was not a worshipper of the only true and living God, Yahweh. He was a pagan (*Jos.24:2*). Then, one day, Yahweh chose Abram; and told him he would be a blessing to all

the families of the earth. This is a covenant promise, as was mentioned in yesterday's lesson: Yahweh covenanted with one person, and the blessings would come to everyone who belonged to that person. The promise to Abram does not mean that every person on earth would be saved. It means that some persons from every tribe, language, and nation would be saved (*Rev.5:9*).

We will not take the time here to follow the genealogy of Abram, but you should follow it back to God's promise of the Redeemer who would bruise the serpent's head (*Gen.3:15*). When reading the Bible redemptively, we will see that the promise to Abram is a continuation of God's promise of a Deliverer, a Redeemer, the seed of the woman. *That seed is Jesus Christ, who was the seed of the woman Mary.* If you read this story about Abram simply as an isolated religious lesson, then you miss the reason why the Holy Spirit put the story there; you miss the connection to Jesus Christ, who is the whole point of Scripture. All of Scripture is pointing to Jesus, is moving to Him, and is fulfilled by/in Him.



**Question:** *Do you see Scripture simply as a collection of individual, unrelated religious stories? Please, look for their connection and their movement to and fulfillment in Jesus Christ.*



**Our Father, open my eyes to see Your Word as one continuous whole piece moving toward Christ. In His name, I pray. Amen.**

### **Sunday, 7th April 2024. The Redeemer Himself pays the penalty for our sins; Text: Genesis 15:9-18**

In this ancient method of making a covenant, an animal was killed, cut in half, and the individuals involved walked between the parts. We read a little about this custom in *Jer.34:18* (*please read that*). The implication is that the persons involved must keep the promise of the covenant, or they will suffer death, like the animal whose body parts they are walking through. In our passage today, Abram was asleep during the covenant ceremony and did not walk between and through the body parts. But he saw Yahweh, represented by a flaming torch and a boiling pot, pass through, meaning that God Himself was going to pay the penalty if Abraham failed to keep the covenant. *Of course, he did fail, as we all do each time we sin.*

Jesus likely referred to this passage when talking to the disciples on the Emmaus road (*Luk.24*). Reading today's passage redemptively informs us

of how the Redeemer will deliver His people from God's condemnation against their sin. Scripture has already informed us that sin brings death (2:17); and today's passage informs us that the Redeemer will take that curse upon Himself. We have the blessing and privilege of living after the completed Scripture. Looking back, we see that Christ, the only Redeemer, had our sin put on Him (1 Pet.2:24), and He paid our punishment. We remember this work of grace every time we participate in the Holy Supper (Mat.26:28). God does this amazing work of grace, because it is the only way anyone can be saved from the condemnation due as a result of our breaking covenant. He is pleased to do so.



*Question: Do you think you can walk through those animal body parts and keep the promise? You cannot; it is impossible. Go to Jesus and trust that He will do it for you. Indeed, He already has.*



**Our Father, please forgive all our sins, especially our sin of trying to keep our part of the covenant. By Your grace we are trusting Jesus alone. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.**

### **Monday, 8th April 2024. Redemption would require the death and resurrection of a Son; Text: Genesis 22:1-18**

Yahweh promised Abraham that his descendants would inherit the whole world and bless all nations (Gen.12:3; Rom.4:13), but Abraham had no children. Eventually, God provided a son, Isaac, when Abraham was 100 years old, and his wife was 90! But, then, Yahweh tested Abraham's faith by commanding him to kill the promised son, as a sacrifice to Him. Abraham, of course, knew that Yahweh's promise to give the earth to his descendant was through Isaac, and the writer of Hebrews says that Abraham "considered that God was even able to raise Isaac from the dead" (Gen.22:8; Heb.11:19), which, in a sense, God did, because Abraham was determined to kill Isaac.

There are four important elements of redemption to mention in this passage. The first is the location of the sacrifice. Gen.22:2 says it was the mountain in Moriah. That was also the place where King David built an altar to Yahweh in Jerusalem to stop a curse (2 Sam.24), and it is the place where King Solomon built the permanent Temple with its altar (2 Chr.3:1). Secondly, we see the principle of a father giving his son to fulfill God's will. In this case, *it is a foreshadowing of God the Father giving His Eternal Son, Jesus Christ, to accomplish redemption.* The *third* principle is substitution. When God provided a ram to replace Isaac, it is a picture of Jesus being a substitute for all those who belong to Him. The fourth redemptive principle

is resurrection. Though Isaac was not physically resurrected, spiritually he was. Jesus Christ was physically raised from the dead to guarantee for His people that they will one day rise to eternal life.



*Question: Did you already know this about Mount Moriah? It is an important fact. Please do not read Scripture only as isolated stories? Please, look for the redemptive connections.*



**Our Father, thank You for Your book of redemption. Open our eyes to see Christ in every story. In His name, we pray. Amen.**

## **Tuesday, 9th April 2024. Jesus was brought low, then lifted high, so He could save many; Text: Genesis 50:19-21**

The story of Joseph (*Gen.37-50*) must be reviewed quickly. Joseph was the 11th of 12 brothers. The older brothers hated him and were able to sell him into slavery. At one point, Joseph was falsely accused and thrown into prison. At God's perfect time he was delivered and exalted to the highest office in the land – prime minister to Pharaoh, King of Egypt. God gave Joseph great wisdom, and when famine came to that part of the world, Joseph developed the plan that would rescue the people. When his family learned there was food in Egypt, they went there. After more than 20 years Joseph recognized them, and he gave them a home and land in Egypt, thus saving the very people that would become the nation of Israel, the nation of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

Those who lived before Jesus should have seen that redemption will be secured, in part, by rejection of the innocent Redeemer by His people, falsely accused, then raised up to glory. Apostle John writes that Jesus came to His own people (*the Jews*), but they did not receive Him (*Jhn. 1:11*). If Jesus had been received gladly, then He never would have been killed. But because the Jewish religious authorities betrayed Him to the Roman governor to have Him executed, even though He was innocent, He was able to take the sins of His people *upon Himself and bear the wrath of God against our sin*. On the third day, He was raised back to life and is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God, where He reigns forever. We all rejected Christ until God the Holy Spirit converted us and united us to the Redeemer.



*Question: When you read the story of Joseph, please remember to see the story of Jesus.*



**Our Father, thank You for preparing Your people to understand**

**how Your Son would redeem the very people who rejected Him.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we have prayed. Amen.**

**Wednesday, 10th April 2024. The blood of the first Passover protected the family inside; Text: Exodus 12:1-13**

Eventually, there was an Egyptian king who did not know about Joseph. The people of Israel grew in number causing the Egyptians to become afraid, so they enslaved Israel. But the oppression caused Israel to increase even more. About 400 years after their arrival, God sent His deliverer – Moses. After nine miracles of destruction against Egypt, there was one more, the death of every first-born son. But Israel was protected from that curse by sacrificing a year-old male lamb or goat that was without blemish and spreading the blood around the door outside. Then the animal was roasted and eaten that night. When Yahweh saw the blood, He would “pass over” the house, and no one inside would die.

All human beings are enslaved to sin, and Satan, who is the ruler of this world (*Jhn. 16:11*) has us in his grip. *We who are God's chosen people, like Israel, are powerless to break free.* But Yahweh has broken Satan's grip and has delivered His people out of bondage. God has provided His Lamb that has no blemish (*1 Pet. 1:19*) – Jesus Christ, and Christ's blood is spread upon the lives of His people. Though believers do not “eat” Christ, we are united to Him by the Holy Spirit, and we are refreshed in that union when we participate at the Lord's Supper. This is also an encouragement to Christian parents that their children are secure in Christ, unless that child leaves Christ (*Ex.12:22; Jos.2:19*).



**Question:** *Spiritually speaking, have you put the blood of Christ upon the door of your house, by accepting Him as your Lord and Saviour of your life? Please, do not give your children to the control of the world.*



**Our Father, we know our children are not an accident; You have placed them into our home. Please, keep them in Christ always. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**Thursday, 11th April 2024. Christ the Tabernacle of God; Text: Exodus 25:1-9**

When Yahweh brought Israel out of Egypt, through the Red Sea on dry ground, and brought them to Mt. Sinai, He gave them His Law, including the Ten Commandments. Other than the moral Law the most important items were the details about the Tabernacle (*Ex.25-40*), the tent where

the priesthood and the sacrifices were ordered and where God met with His people. The Tabernacle was originally designed to be placed at the center of the camp of Israel with three tribes encamped on each of the four sides. This arrangement symbolized that Yahweh was not only a God who was holy, transcendent, and exalted above all things, but who also willingly and graciously condescended to dwell in the midst of His people.

Apostle John writes in his Gospel that Jesus, who is God the Son, became flesh and dwelt (*actually, encamped or tabernacled*) among us (*Jhn.1:14*). Any of John's Jewish readers would immediately understand what he was saying: *the ancient Tabernacle had been a symbol pointing to a reality, which is Jesus Christ*. This time God did not dwell in a building but in perfect human nature, as one of us. It was a tabernacling far greater than the building in the wilderness. God could now be seen face-to-face and touched with the hands, as people do with each other every day (*1 Jhn. 1:1; Jhn. 14:9*). Redemption means purchasing people out of the debt due for sin. The Tabernacle did that, and Jesus Christ is the perfection of the Tabernacle and of redemption. Jesus is the perfect Redeemer! Hallelujah!



**Question:** *Have you gone to the Tabernacle to meet with God? Have you gone to Jesus Christ? Go to Him and never leave.*



**Our Father, as You brought the people of Israel to Yourself and to Your Tabernacle, bring me to Jesus. In His name, we pray. Amen.**

### Friday, 12th April 2024. Christ the True Ark and Mercy Seat; Text: Exodus 25:10-22

As discussed in yesterday's meditation, the Tabernacle was the center of Israel's community and worship. Today, we read that the center of the Tabernacle was the Ark, which represented the throne of God. The Ark was a box about 1.1m x .7m x .7m in size, and inside it contained the Ten Commandments, which were etched on stone tablets. The cover of the ark was a separately designed item called the Mercy Seat, from where Yahweh would speak with Moses. As the name indicates, it is where sinners received compassion and forgiveness from God the Judge. The Mercy Seat covers the Commandments, not because they were ignored or abolished, but because they were accomplished and fulfilled.

Sure, God can grant forgiveness, but God's Law had to be obeyed, and someone must pay the penalty for the broken laws. That is why the earthly work of Jesus Christ was so necessary. Just as Adam's disobedience

brought a sin nature to all human beings, so *Christ's perfect obedience is credited to all those who belong to Him*. One day, in eternal life, we really will be perfectly righteous, even as Jesus is. And when Jesus was on the cross, all the sins of all His people over all time were put on Him and He paid their death penalty completely. God's Law is not ignored, it is upheld, His justice against Law-breaking is satisfied, and mercy and forgiveness can now be dispensed freely.



*Question: Are you trying to satisfy God's Law by your obedience? It is impossible, so stop trying and just trust that Jesus did it for you.*



**Our Father, thank You for Your Son, who obeyed for us, died for us, raised for us, prays for us, and one day will come for us and bring us to You. In His name, we pray. Amen.**

**Saturday, 13th April 2024. The sweet aroma of Christ's peace offering;  
Text: Leviticus 4:27-31**

One of the main purposes of the book of Leviticus is *instructions about the many sacrifices and offerings*. When a person entered the courtyard of the tabernacle, the first object seen is the bronze altar, a large object whereon slaughtered animals were burned. In today's passage we read of a person bringing an animal as a sacrifice because of sin. The person puts his hands on the head of the animal, symbolizing that he is identifying himself with the animal and his sin is transferred to it. The animal is killed instead of the man, the blood is smeared on the horns/corners of the altar, and the rest of the blood is poured onto the ground at the base of the altar. The fat from the animal is removed and burned on the altar. The smoke rises and becomes a pleasing or soothing aroma to Yahweh.

As Jesus talked with the two disciples along the road to Emmaus (*Luk.24*), He certainly would have mentioned the sacrifices, which were central to Israel's worship. He would have explained that *the cross was His altar, that He was the "Lamb of God" (Jhn.1:29), that the sins of His people were transferred to Him, and His offering was a pleasing aroma to the Father; a sacrifice that satisfied divine justice and brought peace between God and His people*. The sacrifices had to be repeated every day, which implied they were only symbolic and did not really remove sin. The daily sacrifices pointed to a reality - Christ's one sacrifice for sin, a real human substitute for human sin, offered for all time.



*Question: Do you ever fear that Jesus has not paid the penalty for*



*all your sins? Heb.10:12 says, He sat down at the right hand of God, which means His work is finished. Just trust!*



**Our Father, thank You for the satisfying work of Christ on our behalf. In His name, we pray. Amen.**

### **Sunday, 14th April 2024. The bronze serpent and Christ; Text: Numbers 21:4-9**

Moses was leading the people of Israel to the promised land of Canaan. The most direct route would have been through the territory of Edom, which is the land of Esau, the twin brother of Jacob (*also called Israel*). The descendants of Edom had an ancient hatred for Israel, so the Edomites refused to allow Israel to pass through. So, Moses led his people by a much longer route, and God continued to provide miraculous basic food, which the people loathed – *manna*. They complained, so Yahweh sent serpents to bite them, and many people died. Moses prayed for Israel. Yahweh commanded a bronze serpent be made, hung on a pole, and when those who were bitten looked at it, they would be healed.

Jesus said this incident with the serpent is a picture of His work as Redeemer (*John3:14*). It is interesting, though, that the Israelites looked at an image of the thing that killed them and they were healed. What is killing us? Sin. So, when we look at Christ lifted up on the cross, are we looking at sin? Yes! Apostle Paul wrote, *God made him who knew no sin to be sin for us (2 Cor.5:21)*. Jesus Christ not only paid our sin penalty; He was **made to be** sin for us. Can Paul's emphasis get any stronger? Probably not. Jesus never even had the smallest sinful thought; yet He became sin for His people! If you are trusting Jesus as your Saviour, then you are absolutely safe from God's wrath against your sin!



**Question:** *As God's plan of redemption unfolds through Bible history, are you seeing it more clearly moving toward, and being fulfilled by, Jesus Christ?*



**Our Father, thank You for what You have done for us. We cannot even imagine being bold enough to ask that, but You gave it freely. For the honour of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

### **Monday, 15th April 2024. Jesus Christ is the Prophet like Moses; Text: Deuteronomy 18:15-19**

The *book of Deuteronomy* is the record of Moses' final words to Israel

before he died. In the middle of that book, he informs the people that there will be a prophet like himself who will come from Israel, and they must listen to that prophet. Of course, many prophets came out of Israel; but there were none like Moses, except Jesus. Here are some of the important similarities between Moses and Jesus: Moses delivered the people out of slavery, brought the people to God, spoke to God, gave God's Word to the people, established the Tabernacle sacrificial worship, and then led the people to the land of promise.

The work of Moses was important and necessary, but only for a time. All the work of Moses, found only in Scripture, pointed to Jesus Christ, who is the reality and the fulfiller. The deliverance we receive from *Jesus brought us out of enslavement to sin, death, and eternal condemnation. Hallelujah!* Jesus is God who took on flesh and came to us and spoke to us face-to-face. He is the Word of God. He is the Tabernacle, the altar, and the Mercy Seat. Jesus brings us into eternal life in the very presence of God. The only way we can know about these important things is from the Scripture, which makes the Bible most essential to our salvation and to our understanding of the Saviour.



*Question: The people of Israel cherished their identity with Moses. Do you cherish your identity with the greater Moses, Jesus Christ? It is an eternally greater union.*



**Our Father, thank You for joining us to Jesus. In His name, we pray. Amen.**

## **Tuesday, 16th April 2024. Joshua brings His people into “salvation”; Text: Joshua 3:1-17**

In *chapters 3 and 4*, of Joshua, we read about Yahweh using Joshua to lead the people of Israel into the promised land. It was a miraculous event, like crossing the Red Sea, and Yahweh exalted Joshua in the eyes of the people because of it (v.7). The priests who carried the ark stepped into the edge of River Jordan, and for a moment, water was blocked from flowing about 25 km north. As soon as the riverbed became dry, the people crossed into their new land. The name “Joshua” means Saviour, and at one level he is. Of course, Yahweh is the Saviour of Israel, but He worked His salvation through the man, Joshua.

The name “Jesus” is English for the Greek name “Yesou”, which is for the Hebrew name “Yehoshua” or “Joshua”, meaning “Yahweh Saves”. That is

why the angel Gabriel tells Joseph the name of Mary's child is to be Jesus, Yesou, Joshua, "because He will save His people from their sins" (*Mat.1:21*). His family, neighbors, and others did not call Him Jesus, they called Him Joshua. *Jesus Christ, the ultimate Joshua, was not only used by God to save His people, but our Joshua is the very God who saves us by His work of a righteousness life, substitutionary death, and resurrection. Our Joshua stepped into death and destroyed it so that He could carry us securely into eternal life.*



**Question:** *Are you expecting to cross the river of death into eternal life by your own efforts? You cannot do it. It is impossible. What power does a dead person have?! You need Joshua. Trust Him.*



**Our Father, thank You for sending Jesus Christ, our Joshua, to bring us into eternal life. In His name, we pray. Amen.**

### **Wednesday, 17th April 2024. King David's Son on the throne forever; Text: 2 Samuel 7:1-13**

When King David's throne was firmly established, and all his enemies were subdued, he was sorrowful that he lived in a palace, but Yahweh "lived" in a tent. David had an idea to build a fine house, a Temple for the Lord. But because He was a man of war, Yahweh said no. However, Yahweh loved David and honoured him by promising to build him "a house", a dynasty that would endure forever. God would raise up a son for him, one of David's descendants that would sit on David's throne. That son will build a house for God, and he would reign forever.

God was speaking about Solomon and about Jesus. Solomon did build a magnificent Temple in Jerusalem, and he would sit on David's throne. But he would die 40 years later, and the Temple would be destroyed nearly 400 years later. But *David's greater Son, Jesus Christ, would build the eternal Temple, the Church (Eph.2), which He is still building today, and He is seated on the eternal throne (Heb.1:8), which can never end.* As we read the Bible, we look back on the fulfilled promises, but David and Scripture were looking forward to the One who would build that eternal dwelling for God. Let us read with glad hearts, as we are part of that Temple that God continues to build.



**Question:** *Are you one of the eternal living blocks of the eternal living Temple of God? If you are not sure, ask God to forgive your sins and unite you to Jesus Christ.*



**Our Father, please give us Your grace to live like someone who is**

**part of Your Temple. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.**

**Thursday, 18th April 2024. The longing for David's great Son; Text: 1 Kings 11:9-13**

Yahweh's promise to David is that he will have a son to sit on his throne and reign forever – the Messiah, the Saviour. When Solomon came to the throne and displayed great wisdom and power, surely people thought that Messiah had arrived. But it was not long before Solomon showed himself to be just another foolish sinner – adulterous and idolatrous (*1 Kin.11:3-8*). As a result, Yahweh broke the Kingdom of Israel into two pieces – ten tribes to the north (*called Israel*) and two to the south (*called Judah*) for the sake of His covenant with David. The northern tribes immediately went into idolatry and never had a godly king. God eventually destroyed them. Judah only had eight godly kings, who were generally weak. Scripture was always looking to the coming of the great eternal Messiah King from Judah.

On the way to Emmaus (*Luk.24*), Jesus would have reminded the disciples that the One crucified and raised was descended from David. Others understood and believed it (*Mat.15:22; 20:30; 21:9; 22:42*). Redemption would be accomplished not simply by a descendant of David, which was necessary, but by a descendant who would also be divine (*MLk.20:42; Ps.110:1*). In Israel's theocracy (*rule by God*), only Yahweh was greater than their human king. So, for King David to refer to his future son as his Lord (*Psa.110:1*), he must be referring to a person who is both human and divine. Scripture understands the Messiah to be one Person with both divine and human natures.



**Question:** *The King eternal is on the Throne of Heaven, and He reigns over all things! Are you submitting to His rule?*



**Our Father, daily we find in our hearts and minds the struggle to submit to King Jesus. Please give us the grace to love and serve Him wholeheartedly. For His honour, we pray. Amen.**

**Friday, 19th April 2024. God put His Son on the Throne; Text: Psalm 2:1-12**

As Scripture looks forward to Christ, it sees Him as King over all things. God the Creator is the One to determine who the King will be. Yet sinners think they will throw off all constraints and take the throne for themselves, which is an impossible thing to do against all-powerful God. Such an effort actually causes God to laugh (*v.4*), which Scripture mentions perhaps only three other times, when He laughs at such foolishness. In spite of their

feeble ideas and attempts, God puts His Son on the throne. The Father and the Son then agree that the nations will be His.

When Jesus entered Jerusalem during His last week on earth, He fulfilled what today's psalm and what the prophets said. *Zec.9:9*, Rejoice greatly, "O Jerusalem, your king is coming to you, riding on a donkey". Jesus was greeted as King (*Mat.21:5*); but by the end of the week, the crowd shouted for Him to be killed. Our psalm for today calls for us to "kiss the Son", meaning to love, submit, worship, and serve Him. Jesus Christ is the King eternal, and one day every knee will bow to Him (*Isa.45:23; Rom.14:11*). Jesus Christ is now on the throne. Let it not be that we refuse to bow to him so that He is angry, and we perish.



**Question:** *Have you kissed the Son and bowed to His Lordship with sincerity of heart?*



**Our Father, please grant us the humility necessary to submit to the Lordship of Christ, for He is worthy. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **Saturday, 20th April 2024. The blameless man will dwell with God; Text: Psalm 15:1-5**

The worship of God was often on mountains. Abraham was to sacrifice Isaac on Mount Moriah, Moses led the people to Mount Sinai, Jerusalem was on a hill, and the Temple was on a hill inside the city, even pagans worshipped their gods on hills (*e.g., 1 Kin.14:23*). As worshippers of Yahweh from all over Israel approached the city to worship, perhaps they recited *Psalm 15* as a way to prepare themselves. However, the demands upon a person are very high – perfection! Read again the list of expectations. Certainly there were many good people in Israel at that time, but there was no one who met all the criteria listed.

But David was not really thinking about what we had to do, he was looking forward to Messiah. David understood the system of substitution. He saw it every day when he looked over at the Tabernacle. *The Messiah would accomplish for His people what His people are not able to accomplish for themselves.* In order to approach the Ark of the Tabernacle there had to be a pure sacrifice. The Messiah would accomplish pure righteousness for His people. Then the pure blood sacrifice had to be brought into the Ark, and the Messiah's pure blood would be the substitute for His people's sin, thereby making it possible for His people to be accepted by God. The resurrection of the Messiah proved it all was indeed accomplished.



**Question:** *Do you think you can present yourself blameless before God, with not even one piece of blame?! It is not possible. But Jesus did it. Trust that He did it for you.*



**Our Father, please give to us the blameless work of Christ as satisfaction for our righteousness in Your sight. Thank You. In His pure name, we pray. Amen.**

**Sunday, 21st April 2024. The God of Israel abandons none of them; Text: Psalm 22:1-5**

In this *psalm*, written by King David, a troublesome scene is set before us. We see a man of faith is crying out to God, but God does not answer him. Indeed, the man senses that God has forsaken him. We are not told the man's difficulty; but God does not save the man, and God does not even listen to him. But the man never abandons his faith. Many people quit believing during difficult times thinking that God is fake, but this man still refers to God as "my God", and to his God he cries out in trust. Even the man's fellow countrymen mock him. David is a prophet, so he writes exactly what God the Holy Spirit wants David to write.

Because the Scripture is a book of unfolding redemption, the insightful reader, during David's day, might expect the Redeemer to face such a difficult time of abandonment by God. When Jesus spoke these words from the cross (*Mat.27:46*), a godly, biblically-minded believer would naturally remember *Psalm 22:1* and realize what Jesus was experiencing. Jesus was really being abandoned by God. Messiah Jesus was being abandoned by God so that those who belonged to Him would not be abandoned, which was the just punishment for sin. *When the penalty was finished, Jesus was raised from the dead, which is why we know with confidence that we will not be abandoned.*



**Question:** *If God's Son could cry out in horror at being abandoned for His people, then not belonging to Jesus will be eternally horrific. Do you belong to Jesus?*



**Our Father, please do not abandon us. Give us Jesus. In His name, we pray. Amen.**

**Monday, 22nd April 2024. Christ our Lover comes for us - believers, His bride; Text: Song of Songs 2:8-13**

This book of Scripture is usually considered to have been written by

King Solomon. The topic is about romance, love, and marriage, including sexual intimacy, which has caused many people to think it should not be included in the Scriptures. Let us always remember that God created sex to be enjoyed; but only within the confines of marriage between one man and one woman, for life. In the passage for today, we see the beloved man running toward his beloved wife (*or wife to be*). He is coming to take her away. The long winter is over, and Spring has finally arrived. The waiting is over. Finally, the two lovers can be together and enjoy the flowers and the fruits of their love.

As Scripture unfolds, we see that God's relationship with His people is intimate and has always been likened unto a marriage, even a romance. We will see this again in the prophet Hosea. When Jesus came unto His own people, He came like a lover calling to His beloved to come away with Him. In the *book of Revelation*, we read that Christ's people are called His bride (*Rev.21:2,9; also Mat.22*), and in *Revelation 22:12* Jesus says, "*behold, I come quickly*". In that place the end of time has arrived, the winter is past, so to speak, the spring has arrived, and *He is coming for His people to bring them to Himself*. He is bringing His reward, the flowers and the fruits, and He and His bride will enjoy their blessed marriage forever.



**Question:** *The Church's husband, Jesus, is coming one day. Are you ready to meet Him? Are you trusting Him as your Saviour from God's condemnation against your sin?*



**Our Father, increase my love for and trust in our Husband, Jesus. In His name we pray. Amen.**

### **Tuesday, 23rd April 2024. Texts: Isaiah 7:14 and 9:6**

Prophet Isaiah wrote so vividly about the Person and work of the Messiah that the Book of Isaiah has, humorously, but seriously, been referred to as the fifth Gospel (*the others being Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John*). Today we will look at two separate verses. The first prediction, a sign, is: a virgin will conceive a son, meaning the conception will not be from union with a man, but by God placing the child into the virgin's womb. The child's name will be "Emmanuel". *So, the child will be a person with both a human nature and a divine nature*. The second prediction is about the child's titles. These are not human titles. They are titles that speak of God's divine wisdom, power, infinitude, and reign.

On the Emmaus road Jesus would have reminded His disciples of His

birth from Mary, who was a virgin when He was placed within her womb by God the Holy Spirit. Apostle Matthew ensures that we understand His prophesied name, *Emmanuel*, which means “God with us” (*Mat.1:23*). Regarding His titles, Jesus Christ is the *Wonderful Counselor*, as Paul writes, Christ is wisdom from God (*1 Cor.1:30*); Jesus is *Mighty God*, which He proved by His many miracles and in His exhortation to His disciples, “I and the Father are one” (*Jhn.10:30*); *Everlasting Father*, which John makes clear in the very first sentence of his gospel (*Jhn.1:1*); and *Prince of Peace*, which He fulfilled as He entered Jerusalem on a colt, thus fulfilling Zechariah’s prophecy (*Zech.9:9; Mat.21:5*).



**Question:** *Do you believe these things about Jesus? They say a lot about who He is.*



**Our Father, how wonderful it is that You would send Your Son to be our Saviour. Thank You! In His name, we pray. Amen.**

### **Wednesday, 24th April 2024. Israel is gladly trusting in lies and death; Text: Isaiah 28:14-18**

Prophet Isaiah is writing very strong, accusing words, as if the people of Israel were saying them. No one actually says, “I want to build my life on lies.” But if that person rejects God, then they are in fact saying, “I am going to build my life on lies.” When Northern Kingdom (Israel) separated from Judah, they immediately built idols and rejected God; they rejected life and truth; they built their kingdom on death and lies; they have taken shelter under falsehood. There is never any protection in falsehood. But in spite of Israel’s folly, God placed in Zion (*the True Jerusalem*) a cornerstone, a secure foundation. He was looking toward the Messiah.

A cornerstone is an exact tool of architecture. Four necessary dimensions come from it – height, direction right, direction left, and level. The cornerstone had to be exact for the building to be perfect. *The cornerstone Isaiah foresaw was Jesus Christ, and He is the perfect cornerstone of His Church, the Temple of God’s eternal dwelling.* This principle of the cornerstone is so important that it is mentioned also in *Psa.118:22* as well as by the apostles in *Mat.21:42; Act. 4:11*; and *1 Pet.2:6-7*. Jesus Christ is building His Church (*Mat.16:18*); God is building His eternal Temple (*Eph.2:21*). Jesus is the cornerstone, and the teaching of the apostles is the foundation drawn from that precious stone (*Eph.2:20*).



**Question:** *The Scripture is absolutely necessary for your spiritual well-being. Are you spending time in God’s Word, building your life*



*on Christ as you read and trust what you read?*



**Our Father, thank You that You have delivered us from lies and death and have built me into Your eternal Temple. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

### **Thursday, 25th April 2024. Messiah Jesus comes humbly; Text: Isaiah 42:1-9**

For such an important calling as Saviour, one would think it necessary to broadcast His arrival; but that was not God's plan. The Messiah will not be like the proud who blow trumpets and call attention to themselves, nor like generals who ride in with armies, nor like politicians who push away the small, and seek only the friendship of those who are powerful. The Messiah will not cast aside the weak and feeble. He will care for those who know they are nothing in God's sight, and He will nurture them to health. Such ones are precious in His sight. The work set before Him will be long; but *He will not quit until He has established world-wide justice.*

This was the work the Lord Jesus Christ was doing during and since His earthly ministry, and this He would have explained to His Emmaus road friends. His ministry was not by common methods. Many of the people He healed were commanded to tell no one (*Mat.12:16*). There were times when people thronged Him, but He avoided that (*Mar.1:38; Luk.4:21*), or they tried to make Him king, but He evaded them (*Jhn. 6:15*). Even when circumstances pointed to Him and He accepted it, He looked like a mad man (*Jhn.7:37*). His ministry would humbly speak for itself. Jesus came not be served but to serve (*Mar.10:45*) the poor in spirit (*Mat.5:3*), which is also what He required of His disciples (*Mark10:43-44*).



**Question:** *Do you acknowledge that you are poor and desperate before God? Only then can you receive His grace.*



**Our Father, we are in great need of Your grace. Teach us how to be Your humble servants, as Jesus is humble. In His name, we pray. Amen.**

### **Friday, 26th April 2024. Scripture tells us salvation goes out to all nations; Text: Isaiah 49:1-7**

Today's passage has Messiah speaking to the nations outside of Israel. He informs them that He is God's servant to Israel to bring them back to God. However, it is a task too small for the great Saviour. God will also make Messiah to be the Saviour for peoples in other nations of the world,

to deliver them from their darkness of sin. He will be a light that brings them to God. This is not the first time God has promised to deliver other nations. Very early in Scripture Yahweh's promise to Abraham was for the world. Before there was a nation of Israel God said to Abraham, *"in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed"* (Gen.12:3). *God's intention had always been to glorify His name through world-wide salvation.*

Within the nation of Israel God provided the Law, the sacrificial system, and the promises for salvation. Israel was also the context in which Messiah Jesus did His earthly ministry. But that does not mean salvation was only for Israel. Jesus often ministered in gentile Galilee, Samaria, and east of River Jordan. Apostle Paul compares Israel to a great olive tree (Rom.11:16-24). Some of the branches of the tree are natural, meaning Israelites who are believers by grace, and some of the branches are believing gentiles who have been grafted in by grace – one tree. It has always been God's plan to have one world-wide people who, by His grace, love and serve Him from the heart.



*Question: If you have been grafted into the one olive tree, you are a citizen of the eternal Kingdom of Christ, more than a citizen of Uganda. Do you see yourself that way?*



**Our Father, we were dead branches, and You united us to life in Christ. Thank You! To the glory of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

### **Saturday, 27th April 2024. A clear statement of the Gospel before Christ; Text: Isaiah 52:13-53:12**

If you did not read today's passage, you **MUST** do so now. Prophet Isaiah's message is so clear any Israelite could have understood it. He explained it correctly, because of the Temple sacrificial system. First, on Messiah's side, He bore the griefs and sorrows of His people. He bore their transgression, iniquities, and sins, which are the breaking of God's Laws, and He was oppressed. On God's side, God struck, smote, afflicted, pierced, crushed, chastised, and wounded the Messiah. *Lastly*, the result is God's people are at peace with God and healed. This is what the animal sacrifices symbolized; this is what they pointed to, and this is what the Messiah would accomplish.

Jesus surely mentioned this very important passage to His friends on the road to the Emmaus village. There were times when Jesus was approached by those with the sorrow of leprosy who begged Him for healing. He

touched them and took away the disease (*Luk.5:13*). He did that with all diseases He cured. And when *Jesus was on the cross, He bore our sins in His body on the tree (1 Pet.2:24)*. God laid on Him **all** the transgressions of **all** His people of **all** time. This satisfied God's judgment and put away condemnation. We know that because today's passage says, Yahweh's will shall prosper in His hand (*53:10*). If you trust that Jesus did that for you, then your sin penalty has been paid by Christ, you are cleansed and forgiven, and *you will be with God forever*.



**Challenge:** read this passage every day for the coming week, along with the regular devotional readings.



**Our Father, thank You for what You have done for us in Christ. Give us grace, more and more every day, to love You and serve You well. For the honour of Christ. Amen.**

### Sunday, 28th April 2024. The Gospel goes out to bless the world; Text: Ezk.47:1-12

This passage is a vision Ezekiel has of God's blessing going out of the Temple to the world. The Temple is the place where a person becomes right with God, where sin can be forgiven because an animal is killed as a substitute for the sinner. In the vision, Ezekiel sees the blessing of God going out like a river. It starts small, trickling away from the altar, increasing in depth and width until it is too deep to cross. Along the shores of the river the vision shows many kinds of trees that grow fruit every month, and the water produces an abundance of fish. In reality the Dead Sea in Israel is so salty that nothing lives in it, but in the vision, when the water arrives at the Sea, the Sea comes to life.

*Ezekiel's vision is a picture of God bringing the blessing of Christ's salvation to the nations, which are spiritually dead.* It started with the altar of Jesus' cross (*Jhn.12:32*). His life-giving death then went into Jerusalem (*Act.2:41*), and eventually beyond, according to His command (*Mat.28:19: Act.1:8*). The rest of the book of Acts shows that, as do mission efforts around the world today. There are still many places to go. In the *book of Revelation*, we read of a similar river flowing from God's throne, the throne which is symbolized by the ark cover (*Mercy Seat*) in the Temple. The river flows down the middle of the eternal city and brings spiritual healing to the nations, where Adam's curse of death is removed.



**Question:** Have you come to the healing river of Christ's death? Have

*you trusted that He died to pay your death penalty for your sin so that you can be reconciled to God?*



**Our Father, thank You so much for these life-giving waters. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.**

**Monday, 29th April 2024. Not My People, become the people of God; Text: Hos.1:1-11**

Prophet Hosea was to live out a prophecy that would demonstrate to the people how Israel behaved toward God. Hosea married a woman, Gomer, who would eventually be unfaithful (*Hos.2*), as Israel would be unfaithful to Yahweh. *Firstly*, Hosea and Gomer would have children with names given by God that showed His contempt for His faithless people (*1:4,6,9*). Because Israel would serve other gods, they would no longer receive mercy, and they would no longer be called God's people. *However*, God promises that He will again be merciful, and Israel will be so numerous that it will be impossible to count them, like the sand by the sea, and they shall be called Children of the Living God.

This prophecy is fulfilled in two ways, both fulfilled in Christ. *Firstly*, in *Hos.3:5*, God will return fallen Israel to Himself and to Jesus Christ, whom Hosea refers to as David their King. *Second*, Apostle Paul also speaks about Hosea's prophecy as being fulfilled in the gentiles as well. In *Romans 9:25*, quoting *Hos.1:10*, Paul writes, "Those who were not my people I will call my people." Generally, the gentiles were not part of God's people, with few exceptions. However, once the earthly ministry of the Messiah, Jesus, was completed, His saving message has been going out to the world. Likely, everyone reading this is a gentile. If you are trusting Jesus as your Saviour, then you are equally a part of God's people, as are Hosea and Peter and Paul.



**Question:** *You were once not part of God's people, as we all are by nature. Are you now? If not, then trust in Jesus, and welcome home!*



**Our Father, thank You for making us Your children in Christ. In His name, we pray. Amen.**

**Tuesday, 30th April 2024. The last chapter of the Old Testament before Christ, looks to His coming; Text: Malachi 4:1-6**

The central point in today's passage is a warning that Yahweh is going to return some day to judge those who are arrogant (*who stand up against God*) and those who are evil-doers (*who break God's Law*). It will be a

day of burning judgment, and the wicked will be as stubble. Yahweh has graciously provided a notice of when that day will be: He will first send Elijah the prophet before that day arrives. Of course, the exact day and time are not provided; but Elijah was unmistakable. Also, when he returns, everyone will know. One of the marks of his ministry will be reconciliation in families. When people are reconciled to God, reconciliation to others will follow.

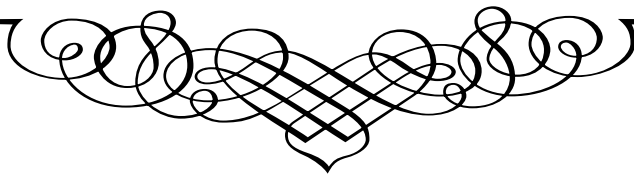
Some of Jesus' disciples asked Him about the Elijah prophecy, and He said that Elijah had returned (*Mat.17:10-13*). They realized He spoke about John the Baptizer. Jesus came to the people of Israel, and though many people believed in Him (*1 Cor.15:6*) and the number grew (*Act.4:4*), the great majority rejected Him. Persecution arose and the Church was scattered from Jerusalem (*Act.8:1*), but the numbers continued to increase. We know from history that the Roman empire destroyed the city of Jerusalem and the Temple in 70 A.D., according to the word of *Malachi 4:6*. However, *the Word of Christ continues to advance around the world.*



**Challenge:** *The entire Scripture points forward to or points back to the redemptive work of Jesus Christ the Redeemer. Let us all have our own daily Emmaus road experience. It will not always be easy, but it will surely be rewarding.*



**Our Father, thank You for Your Word and for helping us to see Christ in it. In His name, we pray. Amen.**



# THE MONTH OF MAY 2024

## CONFORMING TO THE TRUTH OF THE WORD OF GOD



*To conform, means to comply with set rules or set standards. Therefore, to conform to the truth of Word of God is being guided and focused by the Word of God. It calls for all Christians to be transformed from the inside out. You change how you think and your mind should be renewed so that you begin to know God's will for your lives (Romans 12:2).*

*In the process of conforming to God's Word, a Christian should respond to God's mercy and His forgiveness of his/her sin in Jesus Christ (Eph. 2:4-5). A Christian abandons the pursuit of pleasure, status and possessions (Matt.16:26), although God can still provide him/her with these, and he seeks to know what God wants him to do, and to serve His purpose (John 4:34). When you are conforming to the truth of the Word of God, meaning you are obedient to God, you do many godly things, including those below we sample for our study for the Month of May 2024.*

**Wednesday, 1st May 2024. You resist temptations: Text: James 1:12-15**

You can conform to the truth of God's Word by resisting temptations and pressure from your own desire (*v.14*). Temptations can be strong, and sometimes many. Many times, doing evil is always sweet; but later becomes very bitter and dangerous (*Pro.20.17*).

The Bible teaches us that every temptation is common to man and God will always provide a way out (*1 Cor. 10:13*). You can only resist temptation if you are in Christ. It is only when you are in Christ that the Holy Spirit gives you power to flee or to stand firm against it. (*1 Cor. 6:18*).



*Meditate on verse 14. How are you going to respond to it?*



**Our loving Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, help us not to conform to this world, but be transformed by the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Thursday, 2nd May 2024. You gain eternal life; Text: John 3:16-21**

When you conform to the truth of the Word of God, then you receive eternal life (*v.16*). When you conform to the truth, then you align with Christ; the Truth, the Way and the Life (*14:6*). Many people are lost, and cannot conform to the truth of God because they have not received and believed in Christ.

You receive Christ by faith only through prayer; then the Holy Spirit, who comes in you at the point you receive Christ, helps you to conform to the Word of God. *Without the Holy Spirit you are powerless and will live a defeated life.*



*Meditate on verse 16. How are you going to apply it to your life?*



**Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, thank You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who came to save His own. Amen.**

**Friday, 3rd May 2024. Mercy and truth are part of you; Text: Proverbs 3:1-6**

When you conform to the truth of the Word of God, you shall depict the steadfast love and faithfulness of God (*v.3*). The reason we encounter people with callous hearts, even among Christians, is because they have failed to conform to the Word of God. The killing and stealing we see sight

today is because people have not experienced mercy and the truth of God's Word.

You will conform to mercy and truth of God only when you are genuinely in Jesus Christ. It is when you are in Christ that you realize how God has been merciful to you and you extend this mercy and truth to others (*Col. 3:13*). The reason we see a lot of lies and cheating is because some people have not embraced Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord, and *for some who have embraced Christ, they are living defeated lives as they do not yield to the leading of the Holy Spirit.*



*Meditate on verse 3. How are you going to apply it to your life?*



**Our loving Father in heaven, the Lord of heaven and earth, we pray that steadfast love and faithful from You will never forsake us. In the name of Jesus Christ we have prayed. Amen.**

### **Saturday, 4th May 2024. You preach the gospel for God's glory; Text: 2 Corinthians 2: 12-17**

You are conforming to the truth of the Word of God whenever you are in ministry for God's glory, and not for personal gain. Many people today have turned the gospel into a money-making venture. This explains why many *false pastors* are telling people what people want to hear. Many people want to be prayed for, for miracles without first embracing Christ, the miracle worker. The reason we see many false Pastors wanting people to focus on them because they "conduct healing and deliverance services", some for pay out-right, or to be rewarded later, in form of "thank you". This is proper peddling of God's Word, and it is false and heretical.

*You will only preach the gospel genuinely, as one commissioned by God, when you are in Christ; for He is the radiance of God's glory and exact representation of God's nature (Heb. 1:3).* If you are in the ministry for personal gain, please repent and the Lord will forgive you.



*Meditate on verse 17. How are you going to respond to it?*



**Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, help the people who are in Your ministry for personal gain to repent. Amen.**



**Sunday, 5th May 2024. You proclaim the gospel to the whole world; Text: Mark 16: 14-20**

*A Christian, who is conforming to the Word of God, must proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ (v.15). This is the message that Jesus Christ left with His disciples; to tell everyone that, through His death and resurrection He had paid the penalty for sin; and that *whoever believes in Him would be forgiven*. If you are conforming to the Word of God, the Lord will give you the opportunity and strength to witness for Him anywhere, including your office or home.*

You will effectively witness for Christ only when you are filled by the Holy Spirit (*Eph.5:18*). You are filled by the Holy Spirit by faith alone.



*Meditate on verse 17. How are you going to apply it to your life?*



**Almighty Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, build me up me to proclaim the gospel to the whole world, beginning with my family. Amen.**

**Monday, 6th May 2024. You go through the narrow gate; Text: Matthew 7:12-14**

To conform to the Word of God, you must pass through the narrow gate (*v.13*). By passing through the narrow gate does not mean that becoming a Christian is very difficult; it means there is only one way to God and have eternal life, and only a few find and walk through that gate. *One who conforms to the Word of God is the one who has found and walked through that gate.*

Jesus Christ calls us to relate with God through Himself for He is the Way, the Truth and the Life (*John 14:6*). When you see many people joining evil, do not be surprised; know that many are on the wider road heading for destruction, apart from those few who will find the narrow road, and conform to the Word of God.



*Meditate on verse 13. How are you going to apply it to your life?*



**Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, help the many who are lost to find the narrow gate leading to eternal life. Amen.**

**Tuesday, 7th May 2024. You love God; Text: John 14:15-17**

A person who is conforming to the Word of God does not only orally profess Christ, but he also lives in obedience to Him (*v.15*). That *obedience comes out of love, not fear*. When you love Christ, you obey Him and do what pleases Him! As you obey Jesus Christ, you conform to His Word.



*Meditate on verse 15. How are you going to apply it to your life?*



**Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, edify me, I pray, so as to obey You as a sign of the love I have for You. Amen.**

**Wednesday, 8th May 2024. You are victorious; Text: 1 John 4:1-6**

When you are victorious, because the *Holy Spirit in you is greater than the devil who is in the world*, then you are indeed conforming to the Word of God (*v.4*). The world is pervaded by the schemes of Satan since he has captured the human race through temptations. However, the one conforming to the Word of God will be victorious because the Holy Spirit is at work in him/her.

You cannot have the Holy Spirit working in you unless Jesus Christ is your Saviour, and you submit to His Lordship. Jesus Christ in you qualifies you to be a child of God (*Jhn. 1:12*). All who conform to the Word of God, and apply it to their lives, must have received and believed in Jesus Christ that His work on the cross paid for their sins. And *there is nothing they can do to add to gain salvation and eternal life*.



*Meditate on verse 4. What is God teaching you in this verse?*



**Father in Heaven, in the name of Jesus Christ, I thank You for the finished work of Jesus Christ, through it I have gained citizenship of Heaven. Amen.**

**Thursday, 9th May 2024. Your citizenship is in heaven; Text: Philippians 3:12-21**

A Christian who is conforming to the truth of the Word of God has his/her citizenship in heaven. (*v.20*). *As a citizen of heaven, a child of God must promote heavenly interests on planet earth*; these include repentance and forgiveness in the name of Jesus Christ, and his lifestyle should showcase heavenly citizenship. And one way to live life worthy of citizenship of heaven is to conform to the truth of the Word of God.

*It is impossible to live a heavenly citizen life unless you are in Christ. On your own you will do nothing (Jhn. 15:5). Only the Holy Spirit will enable you to live a victorious life. And you cannot have the Holy Spirit unless you receive and believe in Jesus Christ as your Saviour, and submit to His Lordship, (Rom. 8:9).*



*Meditate on verse 20. What is God teaching you in this verse?*



**Father in Heaven, in the name of Jesus Christ, I thank You for the finished work of Jesus Christ, through it I have gained citizenship of Heaven. Amen.**

### **Friday, 10th May 2024. You overcome the world; Text: 1 John 5:1-5**

He /she who has overcome the world is the one conforming to the truth of the Word of God (v.5), for he/she believes that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Many have failed because they have failed to overcome the world. *No one can overcome the world by his own power or by the hand of flesh. Only in Christ that are you more than a conqueror (Rom. 8:37)*

Jesus Christ came that we may have life in abundance by living a victorious life (John 10:10). In Christ alone do we have the power that raised Him from the dead (Rom. 8:11). *If you conform to the Word of God and apply it to your life, you overcome the world.*



*Meditate on verse. How are you going to apply it to your life?*



**Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, thank You for forgiving me my sins through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **Saturday, 11th May 2024. You appreciate God for Christ's death; Text: Romans 5:1-11**

We conform to the truth of the Word of God as an appreciation for His forgiving us through the death of Jesus Christ (v. 8). Considering that we were lost in our sins without God and God Himself revealed Himself to us by His own grace, we need to conform to His Word. That Jesus Christ, God Himself, humbled Himself and died a shameful and painful death for His own, should cause us to conform to the truth of His Word.

It is amazing that Jesus Christ, God the Son, died for His own and He is our advocate in heaven (1 Jhn. 2:1-2). Considering that no one can hire this Special Advocate, who shed His blood to reconcile us to God, *then those*

who know that He is their advocate should endeavor to conform to His truth.



*Meditate on verse 8. How are you going to respond to it?*



**Our everlasting Father in heaven, in the name of Jesus Christ, I thank You for showing us Your love by the finished work of Jesus Christ, Your Son on the cross that paid for all our sins. Amen.**

### **Sunday, 12th May 2024. God loves You first; Text: 1 John 4:13-21**

When a believer realizes that God loved him/her first, and by His grace revealed Himself to the sinner, that should compel one to conform to the truth of the Word of God (v.9). What a miracle to a believer, that the Lord of heaven and earth, eternally not created, could reveal Himself to the sinful man! This gesture and act should compel every believer to conform to the Word of God and apply it to his/her life always.

The Bible teaches us that God so loved the world and gave it His Son, and through the Son, His own would have eternal life! Hallelujah! (*Jhn. 3:16*). *The love of God should motivate us to conform to His Word unlike the fallen angels who had no chance to repent.* God's love compelled Him to give mankind a chance to repent. And through Jesus Christ only, a sinner is reconciled to God! Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life, through Him one receives eternal life.



*Meditate on verse 19. How are you going to respond to it?*



**Our loving Father, the Lord of heaven and earth, I thank You for loving us! In Jesus' name I have prayed. Amen.**

### **Monday, 13th May 2024. Loves others; Text: 1 Peter 4:7-11**

Knowing that God has loved us so much to the extent that He offered His Only Son to pay for our sins, we also need to love one another (v.8). when a Christian loves, he should not keep the record of wrongs. And this love should be in response to how God has loved him or her. As we conform to the truth of the Word of God, we need to continue growing in love for God and His people.

True love is established in knowing Jesus Christ as one's Saviour and Lord. *You love because the Lord has loved and forgiven you all your sins.* When you are in Christ, you love genuinely because God is love (*1 Jhn. 4:16*).

When you are in Christ, then you are reconciled to God through His Son, Jesus Christ on the cross.



*Meditate on verse 8. How are you going to apply it to your life?*



**Our loving Father in heaven, enable us to love one another as a response of Your love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, I have prayed. Amen.**

### **Tuesday, 14th May 2024. Jesus Christ lives in you; Text Galatians 2:15-21**

As a child of God, *you must always crucify the sinful desires that hinder you from obeying Christ*, now that we have become one with Him (*v.20*). In order to achieve this, we must strive to conform to the truth of the Word of God and be able to apply it to our lives. When Christ lives in you, then you are no longer controlling your own life, instead, Christ directs and empowers all that you do. As Christ empowers you, then you conform to His Word!

Praise God for Jesus Christ who has rescued us, His own, for we were all dead in our sins (*Heb. 2:1*). We were all lost without God, and God saved us through the shedding blood of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.



*Meditate on verse 20. How are you going to respond to it?*



**Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I thank You for the gift of Jesus Christ who lives in me. Amen.**

### **Wednesday, 15th May 2024. You do not conform to your former ignorance; Text: 1 Peter 1:13-17**

The life and character of a Christian should always be in the process of conforming to the Word of God, not dwelling on the things of the former ignorance (*v.14*). You should obey the leading of the Holy Spirit to conform to the truth. Today many Christians live defeated lives because they do not obey the Holy Spirit to advise them, they are carnal, and must repent and find mercy in Jesus Christ's work on the cross.

Jesus Christ calls us to Himself wholeheartedly (*Mar. 12:30*). *You cannot be a Christian and still live in your former sins*. Repent and find forgiveness in Christ alone.



*Meditate on verse 14. How are you going to respond to it?*

**Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, help me not to conform to the passions of my former ignorance. Amen.**

**Thursday, 16th May 2024. Do not be friends with the world; Text: James 4:1-5**

A Christian who is conforming to the truth of the Word of God does not befriend the world. For this makes him an enemy of God (v.4). Take note that it is not bad having a pleasurable life, after all God is the one who equips us with good gifts for us to enjoy. However, *having friendship with the world entails seeking pleasure at the expense of obeying God or at the expenses of others.*

Jesus Christ teaches us that the world would hate a Christian because he does not belong to the world (*Jhn. 15:19*). If you are a child of God, by receiving and believing in Jesus Christ, the world will hate you as you conform to the Word of God.



*Meditate on verse 4. How are you going to respond to it?*

**Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I pray You reveal to me how not to befriend the world at the expense of obeying Your Word. Amen.**

**Friday, 17th May 2024. You are a new creation; Text: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

You conform to the truth of the Word of God because you are a new creation in Christ (v.17). A believer in Christ is elected (*Eph.1:4,11*) justified (*Rom. 8:1*) sanctified (*1 Cor. 1:2*) and glorified (3:18). Therefore, conforming to the Word of God. A Christian is a new person on the inside as the Holy Spirit gives him new life. He is recreated and lives in unity with Christ (*Col 2:6-7*)



*Meditate on verse 17. How are you going to apply it to your life?*

**Father in Heaven, in the name of Jesus Christ, I thank You for making me a new creation in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### Saturday, 18th May 2024. You are not ashamed of the gospel; Text: Romans 1:16-17

A Christian who is conforming to the truth of the Word of God cannot be ashamed of the gospel. For it is the power of God for salvation (*v.16*). Salvation is to Jews first because they are chosen people of God, not because they deserved it (*Deu. 7:7-8*); but because God wanted to show His love and mercy to them as it would be through them that the Messiah would come to save His own.

When you are in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, *you are bold to witness for Christ because the Holy Spirit empowers you (Act. 1:8)*. You receive the Holy Spirit by faith alone at the point you receive and believe in Jesus Christ as your Saviour, and submit to His Lordship.



*Meditate on verse 16. How are you going to apply it to your life?*



**Almighty Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I pray that You empower me not to be ashamed of the gospel. Give me the boldness to witness for You. Amen.**

### Sunday, 19th May 2024. You are saved by the grace of God; Text: Titus 3:1-6

The moment you realize that you have been saved by God's grace, not by your works of righteousness (*v.5*), then you are moved to conform to the truth of the Word of God. Salvation is by the grace of God not by works, (*Eph. 2:8*). You do not deserve it, and you cannot work for it. *It is complete in what Christ alone has done for His people.* And you propagate it as you conform to the Word of God.



*Meditate on verse 5. What is God teaching you in this verse?*



**Loving Father in heaven, in the name of Jesus Christ, I thank You for saving me by Your grace alone. Amen.**

### Monday, 20th May 2024. You are careful how you live; Text: 1 Timothy 4:11-16

The Bible teaches us that in order not to go astray, we need to watch over ourselves and the teachings we receive and give (*v.16*). *One way of watching over ourselves is conforming to the truth of the Word of God.* The Word teaches, rebukes, corrects and trains in righteousness. (*2 Tim 3:16*)

The Bible encourages us to be careful how we live (*Eph. 5: 5-17*). One can effectively be careful only when he is in Jesus Christ. Only the Holy Spirit can enable one to be alert at all times. All your personal efforts are bound to fail.



*Meditate on verse 16. How are you going to apply it to your life?*



**Almighty Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I pray You fortify me to watch over myself and to discern the teachings that I receive. Amen.**

### **Tuesday, 21st May 2024. You were once dead in sins; Text: Ephesians 2: 1-10**

When you realize that you were once dead in your sins (*v.1*), and that God rescued you by His own grace (*vv. 4-5*); then you need to conform to the truth of His Word to *appreciate what God has done for you*. It is in His Word that God speaks to His children. Therefore, endeavor to remain in the Word.

You cannot study and understand the Word of God unless the Holy Spirit is guiding you. You can only have the Holy Spirit when Jesus Christ is your Saviour, and submit to His Lordship.



*Meditate on verse 5. What is God teaching you in this verse?*



**Heavenly Father, in the Name of Jesus Christ, I thank You for making me a new creation in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **Wednesday, 22nd May 2024. You have peace in Christ; Text: John 16:29-33**

As we witness wars between nations and strife in families, we may become anxious; but the Bible teaches that only in Jesus Christ can we be peaceful because He defeated the devil and overcame the world for us, His children (*v.33*). The reason a child of God should endeavor to conform to the Word is because God speaks and encourages us through His Word.

Jesus Christ, our God Son, encourages us not to be troubled and afraid, instead, *to rest and take confidence in His peace (Jhn. 14:27)*. Focus on Jesus Christ, not on the evil that is surrounding us. You will effectively focus on Jesus Christ when He is your Saviour, and submit to His Lordship.





*Meditate on verse 33. How are you going to respond to it?*



**Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I thank You for Your Son, Jesus Christ. He overcame the world for us. Amen.**

**Thursday, 23rd May 2024. You believe that Jesus Christ is the Messiah; Text: John 17:1-5**

*You will not know the true God of the Bible and His Only Son, Jesus Christ, unless you conform to the truth of the Word of God (v.3). To know God involves affection and commitment, not only intellectual grasp. You can only receive eternal life by knowing the true God of the Bible through His Son, Jesus Christ. In Jesus Christ alone, you enter a relationship with God and continue to fellowship with Him as you conform to His Word.*



*Meditate on verse 3. How are you going to apply it to your life?*



**Our Father in heaven, in the name of Jesus Christ, help me to know You through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Friday, 24th May 2024. In Christ alone, you are not condemned; Text: Romans 8:1-8**

*When you are in Christ, then you are accepted as a child of God. You have immunity and security. Therefore, you cannot be judged and punished. For you are justified in Him. (v.1). Without Christ, you have no hope. However, through the death of Jesus Christ, God has declared you not guilty and has given you victory over sin; and power to conform to His Word.*



*Meditate on verse 1. What encouragement do you get from this verse?*



**Father in the name of Jesus Christ, I thank You for Your guarantee that I am no longer condemned now that I am in Jesus Christ. I pray You bear me to continue conforming to Your truth. Amen.**

**Saturday, 25th May 2024. In Christ alone you have eternal life; Text: Romans 8:12-17**

*In Jesus Christ alone can you put to death the deeds of the body (v.13). For you to put to death deeds of the body, means that you must take an active role in fighting sinful habits. And on your own you cannot succeed; only the Holy Spirit gives you power to defeat the temptations. The Holy Spirit, who comes in you at the point you receive Christ as your Saviour and Lord, gives you power to continue conforming to the Word of God.*



*Meditate on verse 13. How are you going to apply it to your life?*



**Our loving Father in heaven, the Lord of heaven and earth, give us the ability to live according to the leading of the Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, I have prayed. Amen.**

### **Sunday, 26th May 2024. You walk by the Spirit of God; Text: Galatians 5:16-26**

When you walk by the Spirit, it means making choices and taking decisions as led by the Holy Spirit. You are being guided by the spiritual power that comes from God (*v.16*). You walk by the Holy Spirit when Christ is your Saviour, and submit to His Lordship. And you *continue to walk with God as you continue to conform to His Word*.



*Meditate on verse 16. How are you going to apply it to your life?*



**Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, help me to walk by the Holy Spirit, not by the desires of the flesh. Amen.**

### **Monday, 27th May 2024. You strive to know God; Text: Philippians 3:8-11**

Paul yearns to know God, meaning to have a deeper personal union with Him, not just mental awareness (*v.10*). *The power that resurrected Jesus Christ is manifested as one participates in the sufferings of Jesus Christ*. Therefore, the need to conform to His Word. It is the truth of the Word of God that one continues to shine despite difficult circumstances surrounding him or her.



*Meditate on verse 10. How are you going to apply it your life?*



**Our loving Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, help me to stand firm even in the midst of suffering. Amen.**

### **Tuesday, 28th May 2024. You appreciate that the Lord is patient with you; Text: 2 Peter 3:8-13**

The Lord is not slow, but patient so that more sinners will repent and accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour (*v.9*). God's delay in judgement is for the sake of God's people, the elect, not the world at large. The Lord is not in agreement that any of His elect should perish (*Jhn. 6:39*). This gives the reason and *urgency to witness for Christ as your Saviour, and submit to His Lordship*, then conform to the truth of His Word.



*Meditate on verse 9. What is God teaching in this verse?*



**Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I thank You for Your love and care, wishing that none of Your elect should perish. Amen.**

### **Wednesday, 29th May 2024. You walk in the light of God; Text: 1 John 1:5-10**

Without the shedding of blood, there can never be the forgiveness of sin. This is what was practiced in the Old Testament as a symbolic action pointing to Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world (*Jhn 1:29*). Jesus Christ did not die for His own sins because He had none. Instead, *He died that the elect get saved (v.7)*. To walk in the light, meaning to reflect God's perfection in our daily lives. This includes *practicing correct doctrine (truth) and moral purity (holiness)*. Therefore, the need to conform to the truth of the Word of God.



*Meditate on verse 7. How are you going to apply it your life?*



**Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, help me to walk in Your light. Amen.**

### **Thursday, 30th May 2024. Your old self was killed in Christ; Text: Romans 6:5-7**

Once Jesus Christ becomes your Saviour, and you submit to His Lordship, it means that *your old self is crucified with Him so that you are no longer enslaved to sin (v.6)*. To a believer, the power of sin is broken. The old self, meaning one who is in Adam is put to death in Christ. A Christian may sin, but he is not enslaved to sin, he can now choose to live for Jesus Christ. One way of choosing to live for Christ is to conform to the truth of the Word of God. The moment Jesus Christ becomes your Saviour, and you submit to His Lordship, the Holy Spirit gives you power to defeat temptation as you choose to obey God and His Word.



*Meditate on verse 6. How are you going to apply it to your life?*



**Gracious Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I pray that, by Your Spirit, You lead me to crucify the old desires and stand firm against temptations. Amen.**

### **Friday, 31st May 2024. You are an ambassador for Christ; Text: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

As a child of God, *you are an ambassador for Christ (v.20)*. A child of

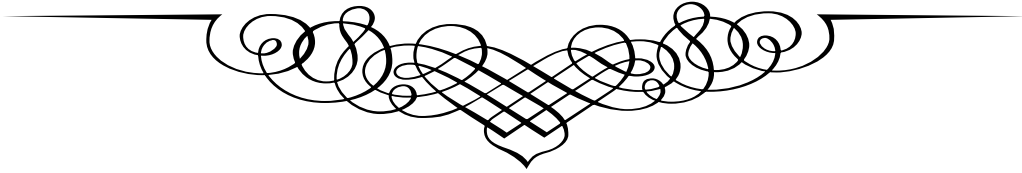
God is one who has been reconciled to God through the work of Jesus Christ on the cross. Reconciliation restores the loving fellowship with God. As ambassadors representing Jesus Christ, we carry the message of reconciliation to the world, and in order to remain focused to the one sending us, *we must conform to the truth of the Word of God.*



*Meditate on verse 20. How are you going to apply it to your life?*



**Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I pray that You induct and fortify me so that I can be Your good and faithful ambassador, in this fallen world. Amen.**



## THE MONTH OF JUNE 2024

# DO NOT LOVE THE WORLD



*The term “world” can mean the earth and the **physical universe** (Hebrews 1:2; John 13:1). It can also mean the **humanistic system** that is at loggerheads with God (Matt. 18:7; Jhn. 15:19; 1 Jhn. 4:5). The world can also refer to the **evil system that is controlled by the devil** that leads people away from worshipping God.*

*If you love the world, then the love for God is not in you (1 Jhn. 2:15). We should not love the world because it is arrayed in rebellion against God (2:16).*

*By not loving the world, the Bible is teaching us not to associate or love the world’s corrupt value system, where Satan is god and has his value system that works against God. Many times, the world applauds sin, and when we love it (world), it means we are devoted to its treasures, philosophies and priorities. A believer who continues to love the world, his spiritual growth is crippled and becomes fruitless for the Kingdom of God (Matt 3:8; Luk. 6:43-45, Jhn. 15:1-8). The Bible encourages us not to be consumed by the love for the world. This is our study for this month.*

**Saturday, 1st June 2024. Do not turn the gospel into business; Text: John 2:13-17**

Jesus Christ was angry with Jewish leaders and merchants who were exploiting people who had come to worship (v.15). Part of the temple that had been designated for gentiles, had been turned into a market. The leadership did not mind that the house of God which was meant for worship, part of it, was now being used for making profits. *If you go to church for business dealings and personal contacts, you are wrong, and this is heretical.*

Some people today, ushers, pastors, council members are in church mostly for personal gain. This is the reason you hear about loss of money and stalled church projects. Some people go to church to look for spouses rather than truly worshipping the Lord. All this is part of loving the world or conforming to the pattern of this world. It is only in Christ that this thirst for the world pleasures is quenched (*Jhn. 4:13-14*). If you are one of those going to church for material or personal gain, repent and the Lord will forgive you. Let Jesus Christ be your Saviour, and submit to His Lordship.



*Meditate on verse 16. How are you going to apply it to your life?*



**Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, forgive us whenever we have sought you for personal gains other than worshipping You in truth and spirit. Amen.**

**Sunday, 2nd June 2024. Friendship with the world is enmity with God; Text: James 4:1-12**

The Bible teaches us that the love for the world creates enmity with God (v.4). The adulterous people, meaning people who are unfaithful to God. The corruption, killing and all sorts of evil we witness today is because many, including some Christians, have embraced love for the world.

Instead of yearning for the world, and all that is in it, *embrace Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Saviour, and submit to His Lordship*, for in Him you fellowship with God who is our all in all (*1 Cor. 15:28*). If there is anything you have acquired wrongly, repent and make restitution.



*Meditate on verse 4. How are you going to respond to it?*



**Loving Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, help me to love You with all my heart so that I shun the world with all its pleasures. Amen.**

**Monday, 3rd June 2024. Believe in Christ; Text: John 3:9-17**

Instead of loving the world, which is temporal; love, receive and believe in Jesus Christ as your Saviour, and submit to His Lordship. *For in Him, alone, there is eternal life (v.16).* God's love is not self-centered; it goes out calling others to come and have eternal life. This love of God is courageous, for if one experiences it, he goes out to love and witness to others, other than selfishly acquiring the whole world at the expense of eternal life.



*Meditate on verse 16. How are you going to apply it to your life?*



**Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I thank You for the love You have for us by giving us eternal life through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Tuesday, 4th June 2024. The world does not know God; Text: 1 John 3:1-10**

As a child of God, you are an alien, pilgrim, sojourner, or stranger to the world because the world that does not know God cannot know you (v.1). *Therefore, as a believer, the pleasure of the world should not consume you.* You are a special person, a member of the family of God.

Many times, some Christians have been caught in this saga of love for the world. The solution is to repent and receive forgiveness from God (1 Jhn. 1:9). You become a child of God by receiving and believing in Jesus Christ as your Saviour, and submit to His Lordship.



*Meditate on verse 1. how are you going to respond to it?*



**Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I thank You for giving us eternal life.**

**Wednesday, 5th June 2024. The world offers physical pleasures; Text: 1 John 2:16-17**

The world offers temporal physical pleasures (v.16). As a child of God, you should avoid such. We should not crave such to the extent of worshipping them instead of worshipping God, the Creator of the world. The love for the world includes craving for physical pleasures, for things we see, causing covetness and taking pride in what we have achieved. This is the danger of loving the world rather than God.



*Meditate on verse 16. How are you going to respond to it?*



**Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, teach me not to love the world, but have genuine love for You. Amen.**

**Thursday, 6th June 2024. The world does not give us peace; Text: John 14:18-27**

*The world does not give us peace. We get peace and blessings from God (v.27).* We are living at a time that is so advanced in warfare materials. These materials have been designed for war not peace. Even those powerful organizations originally created to foster peace, have totally failed. Look at good laws that have been enacted to bring peace in this country; land laws, family laws, name them, all have failed.

Only Jesus Christ can give us peace for He is the prince of peace (*Isa. 9:6*). Family leaders must embrace Jesus Christ for the society to have peace. Good laws and material things will never give us peace.



*Meditate on verse 27. How are you going to respond to it?*



**Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, we thank You for the peace we have in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

**Friday, 7th June 2024. Our riches cannot give us eternal life; Text: Matthew 16:24-28**

Many times, people, especially those who have not embraced Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, make choices as if there is no afterlife. It should be noted that *how we live in this short period on earth determines our eternal state*. Our wealth and social status can never give us eternal life (*v.26*). You may serve the devil and gain the whole world, but that is for a short period, and then go to hell forever.

So, instead of worshipping the world's riches, worship the Creator through His Son, Jesus Christ. However rich and good you are, you cannot obtain eternal life, unless you are in Christ. You receive Christ by faith alone through prayer.



*Meditate on verse 26. How are you going to apply it to your life?*



**Our loving Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, we thank You for giving us eternal life through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**



**Saturday, 8th June 2024. The world will pass away; Text: 1 John 2:15-17**

*No one should have hope in material possession on this earth; because it is passing away (v.17).* Instead, believe in Christ and do the will of God. Doing the will of God does not mean that our obedience merits eternal life. Only the obedience of Christ satisfied the anger of God. We receive eternal life by the grace of God (*Eph. 2:8-9*). It is when we are cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ that we are able to respond to the will of God out of gratitude.



*Meditate on verse 17. How are you going to respond to it?*



**Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, teach us how to do Your will. Amen.**

**Sunday, 9th June 2024. Receive and believe in Christ; Text: 1 John 4:13-21**

Believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, meaning that Jesus Christ is unique, truly human, and truly divine (*v.15*). Once you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, then you are saved. *If you are saved, you live to serve and worship God, the Creator, not the world.*



*Meditate on verse 15. How are you going to apply it to your life?*



**Our loving Father in heaven, thank You for Jesus Christ Your Son, whose blood washed away our sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, I have prayed. Amen.**

**Monday, 10th June 2024. You do not owe anything to the flesh; Text: Romans 8:12-17**

When you are a Christian, you do not owe anything to the flesh (*v.12*). The flesh does not necessarily mean the body, but self-serving and self-reliant. This is what people who love the world do. They are self-centered and full of pride. Sometimes you hear them elaborating on their achievements, relying on their possessions for security with all their limitations.

While the people may take pride in themselves, a Christian knows; it is God who works everything through him/her (*2 Cor. 3:5-6*). *Whenever you contemplate on where Christ has picked you, it should make you humble.* Therefore, embrace Christ as your Saviour, and submit to His Lordship.



*Meditate on verse 12. How are you going to respond to it?*



**Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, teach us to be humble before You and other people. Amen.**

**Tuesday, 11th June 2024. In the world, one is blinded by the devil; Text: 2 Corinthians 4:1-6**

The devil, or Satan, is proudly influencing this world. Therefore, the love of the world is tantamount to you loving and serving Satan (*v.4*). If you love the world, then you are still under the veil (*Isa. 25.7*); your heart is still hardened, making it difficult for you to recognize that Jesus Christ is the Messiah. *The gospel or the good news is that Jesus' death on the cross reconciled the sinful man to God.* The gospel should be proclaimed and modelled by every child of God. And it is possible only in Jesus Christ.



*Meditate on verse 4. What is God teaching you in this verse?*



**Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, give me the ability to proclaim and model the gospel of Jesus Christ. eAmen.**

**Wednesday, 12th June 2024. Do not participate in works of darkness; Text: Ephesians 5:1-14**

When one is in love with the world, chances of participating in acts of darkness are very high (*v.17*). Works of darkness include any pleasure or activities that result in sin. *Not only should you not participate in such, but you are also to expose it.* The stealing, unfaithfulness in some marriages, teenage pregnancies must be exposed.

However, unless you have Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour, so that the Holy Spirit gives you power and wisdom, you cannot be effective (*Acts 1:8*). In the process of exposing evil, do not slander or gossip about others. As a Christian, your silence over evil can easily be interpreted as an approval.



*Meditate on verse 11. How are you going to apply it to your life?*



**Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, help me not to take part in works of darkness. Amen.**

**Thursday, 13th June 2024. You are not of the world; Text: John 15:18-25**

As a child of God who has accepted Jesus Christ to be your Savior and Lord, you are not of the world and the world will hate and mock you (*v.19*). indeed, this is one of the signs that you are a child of God; because the

righteousness of God will shine uncomfortable light on their sins, and in return, you shall receive hatred from those that are lost in the world (*Jhn. 3.20-21*).

Therefore, stand firm in the Lord and the Holy Spirit will strengthen you in resisting all temptations. Because you are special, you belong to God, He bought you at a high price by the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ; rejoice and do not compromise.



*Meditate on verse 19. How are you going to apply it to your life?*



**Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, thank You for pulling me out of the world into Your light. Amen.**

### **Friday, 14th June 2024. Use God's methods to fight wars; Text: 2 Corinthians 10:1-8**

As a child of God, do not use human plans and methods to fight battles. Use God's; prayer, faith, hope, love and God's Word (*v.3*) as your spiritual master weapons. Since you belong to God, then use God's methods; they are very effective. *God has never and will never lose a war.* The power that resurrected Jesus Christ will defeat every scheme of the enemy. You receive the Holy Spirit at the point you receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour, and submit to His Lordship.



*Meditate on verse 3. How are you going to apply it to your life?*



**Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, give me victory over the schemes of the enemy. Amen.**

### **Saturday, 15th June 2024. The world does not know God; Text: John 16:1-4**

*You should not belong to the world because the world does not know God (v.3).* The world is temporarily under the authority of Satan (*1 Jhn. 5:19*). You do not belong to the world if you received Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord. You receive Jesus by faith through prayer. If you have not, you can receive Him right now, and God will forgive you all your sins and grant you eternal life.



*Meditate on verse 3. What is God teaching you in this verse?*



**Our Father in heaven, in the name of Jesus Christ, may You reveal Yourself to those who are lost so that they receive Your forgiveness. Amen.**

**Sunday, 16th June 2024. Your body is a temple of the holy spirit; Text: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

Let the love for the world not consume you because your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit (v.19). We live in times in which some people, even those who confess Christ as their Lord and Saviour, say that they have a right to do whatever they want with their bodies. This is wrong because when one accepts Christ as his Lord and Saviour, the Holy Spirit comes to live in this person. God bought you with the expensive blood of His Son, Jesus Christ. *Therefore, you are not your own, you belong to God.*

If you have never accepted Christ as your Saviour, today is your day (2 Cor. 6:2). It is when you are in Christ that you realize the danger of loving the world with all its consequences of serving the devil.



*Meditate on verse 19. How are you going to apply it to your life?*



**Our loving Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I thank You for redeeming me with the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Monday, 17th June 2024. The world opposes God and His Son; Text: John 16:1-4**

In *verse 2*, Jesus is telling His disciples how the people of the world, who do not know God will treat them (v.3). *Forewarned is forearmed*. Therefore, God is not surprised when His children are treated violently by the world because they do not love and belong to the world. The world opposes God and His Son, and so His children. *Therefore, remain strong in Christ as you obey the leading of the Holy Spirit moment by moment.*



*Meditate on verse 3. What are you learning from this verse?*



**Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, strengthen Your children, especially those under persecution. Amen.**

**Tuesday, 18th June 2024. Teach sound biblical doctrine; Text: Titus 2:1-10**

Instead of loving and getting lost into the world, the Bible encourages older men to be good examples (v.2). As an elder, you should teach young men by your word and example, for this is how values are propagated from one generation to the other.

*You cannot teach good values and live as an example, unless you are in Christ (Jhn. 14:12). This is because good works do not save or add anything to your salvation. Receive Christ today and abandon the love for the world.*



*Meditate on verse 2. How are you going to apply it to your life?*



**Our loving Father in heaven, in the name of Jesus Christ, help men in our society to disciple their families. Amen.**

### **Wednesday, 19th June 2024. You have been crucified with Christ; Text: Galatians 2:17-21**

*Much as you are in the world, you have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer you who lives (v.20). But Christ lives in you. Therefore, you cannot love the world. A Christian cannot afford to love the world because, legally, God looks at him as if he had died with Christ and relationally he became one with God.*

As Christians, we must regularly crucify those sinful desires that come now and again to hinder us from following Christ. Such sinful desires are part of one's love for the world. When you are in Christ, the Holy Spirit will help you to resist those temptations and you *will emerge with a testimony and victory in Jesus Christ!*



*Meditate on verse 20. How are you going to apply it to your life?*



**Our heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, help us to live by faith in You. Amen.**

### **Thursday, 20th June 2024. Love your enemies; Text: Luke 6:27-36**

While the world encourages us to revenge and hate our enemies, the *Bible teaches us to love our enemies (v.35)*. As God has forgiven and shown His mercies, we need to show mercy too. By loving our enemies and doing good, you will demonstrate that you are sons of God by imitating God who cares and has compassion even to those who do evil. You will effectively do this if you hate the world and surrender to God through His Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour, and submit to His Lordship.



*Meditate on verse 35. How are you going to apply it to your life?*



**Heavenly Father, in the Name of Jesus Christ, give me the ability to love and care for my enemies. Amen.**

**Friday, 21st June 2024. Consider your personal character; Text: 1 Peter 3:1-6**

People of *the world* are preoccupied with outside appearances, rather than personal character (v.3); otherwise, and for instance, there is no problem with braiding women's hair or wearing gold jewelry. The key area here is modesty.

It is only God who can touch one's heart through His Son, Jesus Christ. For it is in Christ, that one becomes a new creation (2 Cor. 5:17). Only the Holy Spirit can shape your character.



*Meditate on verse 3. How are you going to apply it to your life?*



**Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, let the Holy Spirit continue to shape my character always. Amen.**

**Saturday, 22nd June 2024. Husbands to love their wives; Text: Ephesians 5:22-33**

A husband who is not in the world will always know that a wife is a helper and a gift to him. Therefore, the husband must love her with a self-sacrificing love like that of Jesus Christ and the church (v.25).

Many husbands of the world have not loved their wives as they ought to have. Some have mistreated their wives, and others have killed them. *A husband will love his spouse genuinely only when he is in Jesus Christ.* He extends the love Christ has for him to his spouse. Receive Jesus Christ today and the Holy Spirit will guide you on how to love your wife.



*Meditate on verse 25. How are you going to apply it to your life?*



**Heavenly Father, in the Name of Jesus Christ, I pray for reconciliation and love to prevail in many families. Amen.**

**Sunday, 23rd June 2024. God is Love; Text: 1 John 4:7-13**

Worldly people do not know God. Therefore, they cannot have genuine love (v.8). It is only when you know God, that you can have genuine love, because *God is love*. The betrayals and killings we are witnessing today occur because people do not know God; and, therefore, do not love one another.

You can only know God through His Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour, and submit to His Lordship. (*Jhn. 14:7*). If you have never known who God is, receive Jesus Christ today as your Saviour and Lord, then you will know God.



*Meditate on verse 8. How are you going to respond to it?*



**Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I thank You for revealing Yourself to me by Your own grace. Amen.**

### **Monday, 24th June 2024. Jesus Christ is our advocate; Text: 1 John 2:1-6**

This world will condemn you; Satan will accuse you; demanding the death penalty for you. However, never lose hope. The best advocate ever, Jesus Christ, is your defender (*v.1*). Jesus Christ our advocate, has already suffered death penalty on your behalf. In Christ alone you are justified; and *there is nothing you can do to add to what Jesus Christ has already done. Just believe in Him alone and receive eternal life.*



*Meditate on verse 1. How are you going to apply it to your life?*



**Our loving Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I thank You Jesus Christ, our advocate. Amen.**

### **Tuesday, 25th June 2024. Do not envy the wrongdoers; Text: Proverbs 23:17-21**

At times you may be tempted to envy the seemingly pleasurable moments the people of the world are having, however, the Lord is encouraging us never to envy them (*v.17*). Instead, *pleasing God should be our priority*. Those who ignore God and are not bothered by His laws may seem happy temporarily, but in fact have no future. Only those who fear God and know Him through His Son, Jesus Christ, have eternal life. They may not achieve much in this life; but much is awaiting them in heaven.



*Meditate on verse 17. How are you going to apply it to your life?*



**Our Father, the Lord of heaven and earth, forgive us whenever we envy the people who do not know You. In the name of Jesus Christ, I have prayed. Amen.**

**Wednesday, 26th June 2024. Seek divine wisdom; Text: 1 Corinthians 3:16-20**

The Corinthians were taking pride in the wisdom of their leaders and teachers, which was not right (*v.18*). Otherwise, Paul was not telling them to abandon the pursuit of knowledge. On the contrary, he was advising the *believers not to glorify the wisdom of man*, but the eternal wisdom of God. We get the wisdom of God through His Word (*2 Tim 3:16-17*).

Like people of the world, today we sight and hear of many Christians glorifying their pastors, programs, methodology and techniques. This is wrong. Let us seek the wisdom of God through the Holy Spirit whom one receives at the point he/she accepts Christ to be his/her Saviour, and submit to His Lordship, (*Act. 6:9-10*).



*Meditate on verse 18. How are you going to respond to it?*



**Father, our Almighty God, the Lord of heaven and earth, in the name of Jesus Christ, forgive us for the many times we have glorified the wisdom of man. Amen.**

**Thursday, 27th June 2024. The world is full of hatred; Text: Proverbs 10:9-13**

The world exhibits practices of revenge, which escalates a cycle of problems. This should never happen to the children of God. They should, instead, respond in love (*v.12*). *This does not mean covering up sin, but rather, by the grace of God, to wait patiently so that the offender sees his error and repents.*

For you to de-escalate hatred, you need the Holy Spirit to give you patience and wisdom (*Act. 6:3*). You receive the Holy Spirit when Christ is your Saviour, and you submit to His Lordship. Many times you must have witnessed hatred in the Bible-believing churches, fellowships and organizations. The members involved must repent and the Lord will forgive all the sins (*Col. 2:13*).



*Meditate on verse 12. How are you going to respond to it?*



**Our loving Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray You build and increase in us love for one another. Amen.**



### Friday, 28th June 2024. Express God's love meaningfully; Text: Romans 12:9-21

The Bible encourages believers not to fake love, but to express God's love meaningfully (v.9). *A Christian should hate sin, not people.* Should invest time and energy in what is good. This is quite different from what the world does. For one to express true love, he must hate sin and invest in what is good as the Holy Spirit guides him/her. You receive the Holy Spirit when you accept Christ to be your Saviour, and you submit to His Lordship. If you are still in the world, repent and receive forgiveness from God through His Son, Jesus Christ.



*Meditate on verses 9-10. How are you going to apply them to your life?*



**Our Father in heaven, in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray You build in us grace to have genuine love, hate sin and invest in what is good. Amen.**

### Saturday, 29th June 2024. Praise God among nations; Text: Psalm 108:1-6

Instead of loving the world and worshipping what is therein, proclaim and *praise His name among nations (v.3).* God of the Bible is the Creator of all things, seen and unseen. He is Lord of the universe, unlike small gods created by man; which are limited mostly to individuals and tribes, which cannot help because they are false.

Many people belong and love the world. They are lost in worshipping false gods, the reason we see many shrines and witchdoctors. They need to repent, and God will forgive them all their sins. You cannot praise God among nations unless you accept Jesus Christ to be your Saviour, and submit to His Lordship.



*Meditate on verse 3. How are you going to apply it to your life?*



**Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I pray that You fortify me to give thanks to You alone among nations. Amen.**

### Sunday, 30th June 2024. You are no longer of the world; Text: Ephesians 2:1-10

As a child of God, *never forget your past from where Jesus Christ picked you from.* Your memories can fuel you to thank God for all that He has done for you (vv.1-2). *You were dead in your sins. Sin causes death, spiritual death*

*(Romans 6:23).*

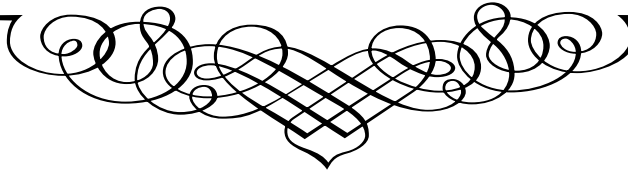
However, when one believes in Jesus Christ, God does not count his/her trespasses against him/her (*2 Corinthians 5:19*). As a Christian, do not go back to where God picked you from, in love with the world. Obey and serve Him because you love Him.



*Meditate on verse 1-2. What is God teaching you in these verses?*



**Our loving heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I thank You for giving me new life in Christ, praying that, by the Power of Your Spirit, You build me up to stand firm and serve You with gratitude, unto everlasting life. Amen.**



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