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Psalms 145:13

FROM THE EDITOR

September- The name for this month comes from the Roman word for “seventh” – septimus – as it was the seventh month of the Roman year.

The number 7 in the Bible is has great significance. It is often associated with completeness, or something being finished. From the seven days of Creation to many “sevens” found in Revelation, this number connotes concepts such as completion and perfection, exoneration and healing, or fulfillment promises oaths.

● Revelation often invokes the number seven in its discussion of God’s promise to save those whose names are written in the Book of Life and condemn those who aren’t. The fulfillment of this from God is revealed by groups of seven: seven seals, seven trumpets sounded by seven angels, and seven bowls of God’s promised wrath carried by seven angels.

● God made a covenant to His people never to destroy the earth again with floods. To commemorate this covenant, God created the rainbow which is comprised of seven colors.

“The Lord is faithful to ALL His promises and loving toward ALL He has made” Psalm 145:13.

No matter what we face, the one thing we can be certain of are the promises of God for our lives. God cares and what we go through in our lives matters to God. Even the Holy Spirit is a promise from God to all believers.

Let us keep standing on the promises of God when it comes to anything that concerns us which includes any circumstances.

***Cling to the Promises of God,
 He is the one true Promise Keeper!***

- Shiny Jayarajan

Pastor’s Greeting

Greetings to you in the sweet name of our Lord Jesus Christ. The word Vanakkam means “Vanangu” “Bow Down”. We use to say vanakkam to parents, teachers and Guru. This Culture is slowly going down.

But for Christian’s it is a very important virtue. Our Elders and others expects us to say “Vanakkam” “thothiram” to then. When I go for visit, the elder’s in the family ask their children to say vanakkam to Iyya. Then only the children greet but in some houses children’s automatically say vanakkam. That means their parents used to practice it in their day to day life, by using them their children have learnt that practice and have trained themselves to do so, especially in the Christian families it is a very important quality.

Once I visited a friend's house, there I saw a different scenario, when their children were leaving their house they simply touch the elderly person feet who is sitting in a chair as they go out.

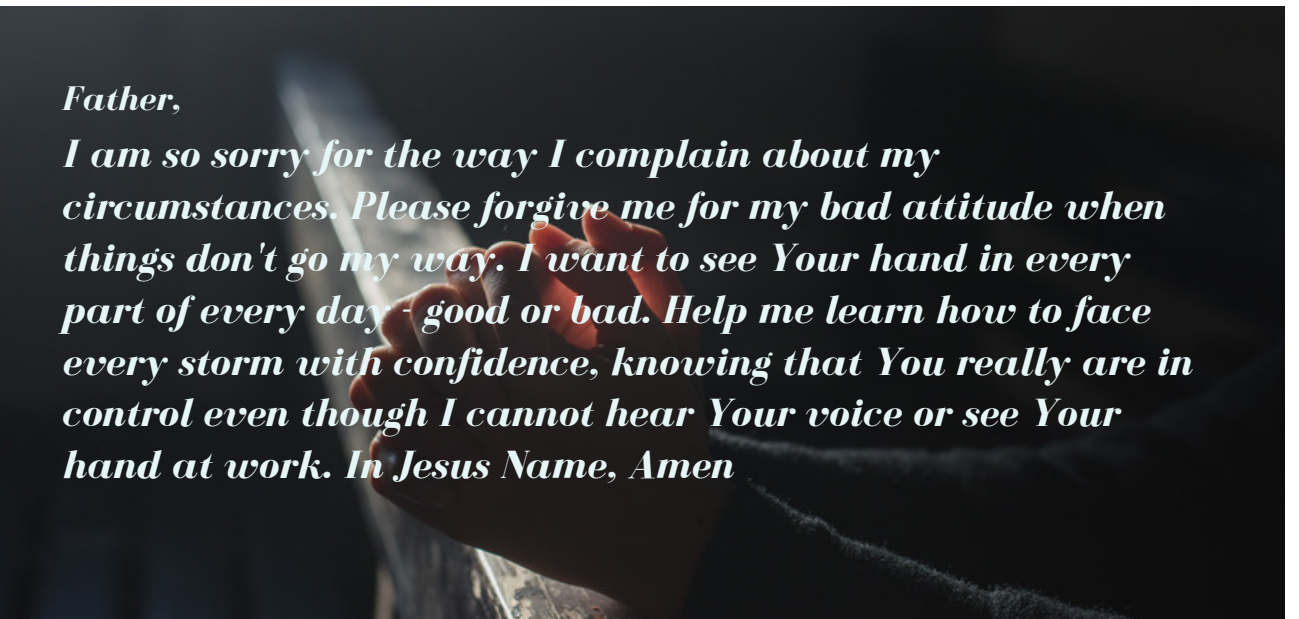
In another house, I saw all the children go to their mother to take a cross on their fore head before leaving. In doing vanakkam we have divine vanakkam , Spiritual vanakkam, formal vanakkam, friendly vanakkam, Respectable vanakkam out of this people identify us and evaluate us. Be faithful , truthful, witnessful, fearfully saying Vanakkam to your Elder’s , guru and parents.

When Paul writes letters he starts the letter with greetings. Meaning entering into Other's heart with ease. When you say vanakkam surely Whoever it may be, they will accept you and admit you. Then all your dealings will also become easy and happy. In the church, the pastor asks us to share " peace" among people. What it means is saying Vanakkam Or shaking hands leads us to together.

Togetherness is strength of the church, Strength of the society, strength of the nation.

This is the things that church and pastor’s are doing. If you understand in your inner heart, you will become real Christians, be a Christian, be a worshipful person and be worthful person.

- Yours lovingly,
 Rev. Dr. Y.Silas Gnanadoss



*Father,
 I am so sorry for the way I complain about my
 circumstances. Please forgive me for my bad attitude when
 things don't go my way. I want to see Your hand in every
 part of every day - good or bad. Help me learn how to face
 every storm with confidence, knowing that You really are in
 control even though I cannot hear Your voice or see Your
 hand at work. In Jesus Name, Amen*

TEACHER'S DAY - A Thought



Who is a teacher?

Since Teacher's day is round the corner, thought it would be appropriate to discuss about it. The word teacher is a person who teaches and gives us knowledge about various things including education, behavior and general knowledge. It doesn't matter what gender or age the teacher belongs to. He/she always tries to help us face different situations and learn things to survive in the world fighting real problems of life.

A TEACHER IS THE ONE WHO LEADS US TO TRUTH FROM DARKNESS

• GOD IS OUR FIRST TEACHER

• *Jesus as a teacher*

It may interest you to know that Jesus was a teacher. Other words come more quickly to mind — Lord, Savior, Master, and Redeemer. But here's an amazing fact. Of the 90 times Jesus was addressed directly in the gospels, 60 times he was called Teacher. This was the word the multitudes used. This was how the disciples referred to him. In the synoptic gospels the title Teacher is applied to Jesus thirty-nine times, twelve each in Mark and Matthew, fifteen in Luke, in the fourth gospel it is used six times to designate Jesus. That is forty-five times in the four gospels. First those in which Jesus is called the teacher by himself, Secondly, those in which He is called the Teacher by those friendly to him, including the twelve and his other followers.

• A Teacher who has never entered a class room

He never entered a classroom as we know a classroom. He never had a degree as we understand an educational degree, yet all the world was his classroom. No degreed teacher did anything greater than what Jesus Christ did. He was truly and absolutely the Master and the greatest teacher of all time, Jesus shared the truths of Heaven in ways his audience could understand. He taught through parables so that people could understand His messages.

• Was Jesus a teacher and did he teach well?

Before coming to earth as a man, Jesus lived in heaven with God. So Jesus was different from other men because no other man lived in heaven before being born on earth. In heaven Jesus had been a good Son, one who listened to his Father. Jesus was therefore able to teach people what he had learned from God. By listening to your father and mother, you can copy Jesus.

Another reason why Jesus was a Great Teacher is that he loved people. He wanted to help people learn about God. Jesus loved grown-ups, but he loved children too. And children liked to be with Jesus because he would talk to them and listen to them.

Consider his final words, his last instructions, his ultimate command as given to us "Go ye into all the world and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19 KJV). His final command was a teaching command. How well did it work? Look around you. Two thousand years have passed and today across the world over two billion people bear his name. Christianity has spread from Jerusalem to every corner of the globe. At this very moment multiplied thousands of missionaries are doing what Jesus said to do: teaching all nations. If the success of the students is the measure of the teacher, then no teacher was ever so successful as the one and only Master Teacher, Jesus Christ.

**A VERY HAPPY TEACHER'S DAY TO ALL TEACHERS, THOSE WHO ARE TEACHING US THE GOSPEL,
OUR PARENTS, SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS, VBS TEACHERS AND ALL FELLOWSHIP TEACHERS!
THANK YOU..**

- M HEPZHIBHA KERENA

The attacks we face on Spirituality

When we are in our spiritual journey, we often face hurdles that make us feel down. Let us discuss about those hurdles and see how our Teacher overcame them. Though the Devil may attack at any time, he always does it when he thinks it is to his advantage. We see this time and time again, in the Scriptures.

In particular, there are 4 ways in which one's spirituality can get attacked,

After A Start Of A Great Spiritual Experience

Mathew 3:16,17 ; Mathew 4:1

(And when Jesus had been baptized, just as He came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to Him and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is My Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the Devil)

Mathew 4: 5,6

(Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6 "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.)

Here Jesus was attacked by Satan through the Word of God (ref: *Psalm 91:12*)

We find that Jesus was attacked by Satan right after His baptism. This should teach us a lesson. After a great spiritual experience we should be ready for spiritual attacks from the enemy.

Jesus Reply: *Mathew 4:7* (Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.) with the reference of (*Deuteronomy 6:16*)

When Believers Are Physically/Mentally Weak

Matthew 4:2,3

(He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards He was famished. The tempter came and said to Him, "If indeed You are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread")

Here also Satan Attacks Jesus through his Power even though he knows that God can change anything to the way he wants. We also find Satan trying when believers are in a weak position - either physically or emotionally. Jesus was attacked after He had fasted for forty days.

Jesus Reply: *Mathew 4:4* (Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.') with the reference of (*Deuteronomy 8:3*)

Conclusion

Each and every time Satan tried to attack Jesus Spiritually, Jesus fought back through the Word of God and not by himself. By going through the chapter of "Ephesians 6: 13-17" we can know that every other armor of God is for our own protection except for the "sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." **Let us be well aware of the Word of God and fight satan against any of his attacks!!**

When A Believer Is Alone

Mathew 4:8

(Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me.")

Satan clearly knows that Jesus was all alone in the desert and continuously attacked him. We also find Satan attacking when people are alone.

Jesus Reply: *Mathew 4:10* (Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.) with the reference of (*Deuteronomy 6:13*)

From An Unexpected Source

Matthew 16:22

(And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to You.")

Here Peter was thinking human. Though Peter said that with concern for Jesus, he forgot that it was the divine purpose that Jesus was sent to this world. Often times Satan will attack us from an unexpected source - someone from whom we do not think. After Jesus had told His disciples that He was going to Jerusalem to die and then be raised the third day, He was rebuked by an unexpected source.

Jesus Reply: *Mathew 16:23* (Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.")

Always Comes Back And Attacks Again

Luke 4:13

(When the Devil had finished every test, he departed from Him until an opportune time)

After Satan attacks a believer and then leaves, he always returns

Jesus Reply: *2 Timothy 4:18* (The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen)

Though Satan does attack, and sometimes entices believers to fall into sin, ultimately we are victorious through Christ. This is the promise of God! The Apostle Paul declared.

- SNEHA SUNDER

CAREER TIPS



In the last couple of decades graduates from TN have largely chosen to do BE in Computer Science, as this degree ensured a quick, well paying and stable career.

Of late with IT expanding its realms, specialization has become the key to success. More and more specialists are in demand to take the next leap.

The fields that are fast expanding and require a huge amount of manpower are as below

DATA SCIENTIST - Data is the new oil and the science that enables managing it has become very critical. Insights provided by data science helps organizations take well informed decisions, thereby serving customers better and pushing the competition out of play. To be a successful data scientist one has to hone their skills on appropriate computer languages and also be an expert of advanced analytics. They also need to possess good skills in statistics and data mining.

MACHINE LEARNING (ML) is a layer of data science and both work in tandem. ML creates the models and processes on which data scientist run their program, hence a good ML is required to get desired results. The demand of ML experts is projected to double in the next decade.

FULL STACK CODING - A full stack coder is a web developer who works on both the front and back end of an application thereby is in constant connect with clients for developing UI and with internal teams for project planning and management. In recent ratings a full stack developer is one of the most desired careers for young individuals.

If you are planning to specialize these are few options you have. We'll see more options in the coming months.

ACTIVITY ZONE

God knows!



-ESTHER DEVADHARSHINI C

Caged Bird

A bird trapped in a cage
I sighed deeply as I looked at the skies,
The other birds were soaring high and mocking me.
Started questioning myself about the ifs and whys

“Why am I trapped in this cage?”
Don't I deserve freedom? Oh, look at him he is thriving in this place
If only I could soar high as well and escape this reality.
True my caretaker gives me food, shelter and love,
Yet Can I leave this world?

Then I realized the door was always easy to open by myself
So, I did and flew into the vast imagining all the things I could do.
Swoosh flew something big over me and overshadowed me.
What was it? Why is it chasing me? Hurting me?
What did I do? I did my best to escape the prey
I hid among the low bushes from the cold dripping rain.
Oh, why is the world so cruel?
As hunger loomed and weakness struck me I realised

I was not a bird trapped in a cage,
But a bird protected by it

-ASHWIN J

QUIZ

- 1) Which book in the Bible mentions a “huge man with six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot”?
- 2) Which animals in the Bible speak directly to a human?
- 3) Who's dead bones brought a man back to life again after the body touched them?
- 4) How long did Elijah pray for it not to rain?
- 5) What two trees does the Bible mention were in the middle of the Garden of Eden?

-NESTOR KEVIN

AUGUST THONI QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1 = b = 70 (Jeremiah 29:10; Luke 10:1)
- 2 = d = 50 (2 Samuel 15:1; 1 Kings 1:5)
- 3 = e = 12 (Mathew 19:28)
- 4 = a = 40 (Joshua 5:6; Acts 1:3)
- 5 = c = 06 (Genesis 1:31; Numbers 11:13)