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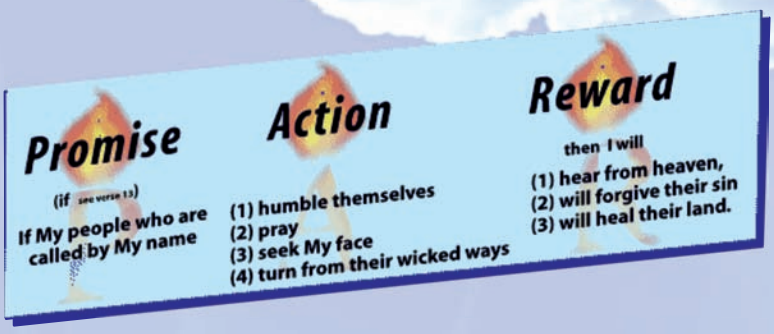

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EDITORIAL

Prayer

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Editor

Prayer in Latin "Precari" to ask earnestly, beg, entreaty is an invocation or act that seeks to activate worship through deliberate communication with God. It is a form of religious practice, may be either individual or communal that take place in public or in private.

To a Christian Prayer is a direct petition to God and a spiritual transaction with Our Creator of the Universe. Joyce Meyer quotes "Prayer is simply talking to God like a friend and should be the easiest thing we do each day."

"Taste and see that the Lord is good, blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him." Psalms 34:8. It is our role to seek Him with all our heart in time of need if not the darkness of the evil one encloses those who neglect to pray. "Prayer delights God's ear; it melts His heart, and opens His hand. God cannot deny a praying soul," claims Thomas Watson. How amazing it is to say that Prayer is the link that introduces and connects His Children with God.

There are many types of prayer mentioned in the Bible. Ceaseless Personal Prayer like the prayer of Hannah for a son, (I Sam 1:10-11). Intercessory Prayer offered by Moses on behalf of the rebelled children of God (the Israelites). Public Prayer offered by Jesus over the two fish and five loaves of bread (John 6:11). Group Prayers in (Acts 12:15). Further Prayer for healing, strength, protection, gift of Holy Spirit, prosperity, guidance and thanksgiving are also mentioned.

Prayer is the wonderful, relishing drive with God that does not bring God down to us, but takes us up to Him.

Is your prayer a steering wheel for blessings? Do we take Him at His word?

May the good Lord strengthen each one of us as we take time to read and be blessed.

POWERFUL PRAYERS IN THE BIBLE

Anna: Luke 2:36-38. She looked forward with hope.

Anna spent the majority of her life as a widow. God led her to pray day and night for the coming Messiah. Decades of waiting and praying, she saw baby Jesus at the temple and spoke of Him as a redeemer.

Hannah: I Sam 1:9-28.Turning Things upside down.

Hannah Prayed in the midst of a deeply personal family drama, yet her prayer expresses concern for the larger world. She prayed in bitterness of save and spirit so that she could have a son. Hannah's prayer is one of the greatest prayers mentioned in the Bible.

REMEMBER ME, STRENGTHEN ME

PRAYER AS THE RESTING PLACE OF HOPE

By John M. Fowler

He was a miracle child. His parents had given up all hope of ever having a child. Years of marriage produced nothing but hopelessness and tears. Their faithfulness to the duties of being part of Israel, their worship at the temple, their prayers and sacrifices, and years of hoping against hope led to nowhere except to the desert of futility and a life of meaninglessness. But there came a day when the heavens opened and an angel of the Lord hastened to tell Manoah's wife that she will conceive and bear a son.

So Samson was born. A judge in Israel. The hope of the hopeless. The strength of the weak. To bring justice and fairness of Israel, in the midst of oppression and fear. To crush Philistines, the sworn enemy of God's people.

Samson did succeed for a while. His strength was proverbial. He tore a lion that came to attack him. With three hundred foxes turned into a flaming torch, he burnt the standing grain of the Philistines. With jawbone of a donkey he avenged a thousand of Israel's enemies. That very strength, used without reference to the Source of that strength--became the beginning of his downfall. Vengeance here, uprooting of city gates there, 25 years of Samson's life as a judge over Israel finally ended with Delilah.

Once God becomes missing in the equation of life, the most valiant person becomes a laughing stock of the world. And so it came upon Samson.

Blinded and bound, the once mighty judge of Israel, the miracle child who was to stand as the medium of God's grace and justice to His people became the object of mockery and ridicule in the Philistine circus in Gaza.

It is at that moment when Samson reached his spiritual and emotional bottomless pit, he remembered his God. One last turning to his God.

One final prayer to the everlasting source of strength. **"**Then Samson called to the Lord, saying, 'O Lord God, remember me, I pray! Strengthen me, I pray, just this once…!'" (Judges 16:28, NKJV).

When all hope is lost, when ridicule stares at one's face, when life seems to have reached its tether, when the greatness of soul becomes empty and the laughing stock of the world, when you stand alone, stripped of all your inner strength and outer glory, when death

beckons you with its bewitching arms—as it did in Samson's case, the once strong and proud man searches for a place to stand, a final place to reach out to the promise of a forgiving God, and he finds that final place of hope in prayer. Samson cried out, "O Lord God, remember me...strengthen me, I pray, just this once."

Samson's broken life teaches us four great truths in the midst of our own brokenness.

First, turn to God.

He is never far away. He is always near, even at the door. Just a plea away. Be it in the promise of the morning or during the stress of the noon or in the shadows of the evening, God's hands are always stretched out, eager to grasp you from falling, ever ready to pull you out of the valley of despair. His eyes are watching over you. Just reach out, and say, "O Lord." Prayer with that recognition opens up infinite possibilities.

Second, say to God, "Remember me."

Not that God has ever forgotten you. The prayer simply means, "I had gone away. Step by step, moment by moment, I have wandered away from you. Now like a prodigal, I am returning home. I am giving after a long time my attendance to your everlasting call. Just remember me. Restore me." Prayer of a returning prodigal is the most precious to God's eyes, ears and heart.

Third, petition God, "Strengthen me."

"I am weak. I am tired. I am sick. My heart is about to explode in disarray. My conscience is hurling at me a thousand darts from all sides. My strength is gone. My legs are weak. I am about to collapse. Please, O God, strengthen me. Let your light shine through my darkness. Let your power life me up." When a weak and sinful person seeks out the strength of the everlasting God, such a prayer has the power to build the gulf between a sinful but repentant person, and his holy God.

Fourth, leave everything to God.

Samson is not sure how to close his prayer. In imagination and surrender, he prostrates Himself before the everlasting God. "I have nothing more to say. I place myself at your disposal. *Just this, once Lord, answer my prayer.* Just this once."

Once, with God, is the beginning of eternity, and inspiration included Samson in the gallery of saints (Hebrews 11:32). Grasp that "once moment" and experience the power of prayer in your life. Let prayer be your final resting place—now and forever.

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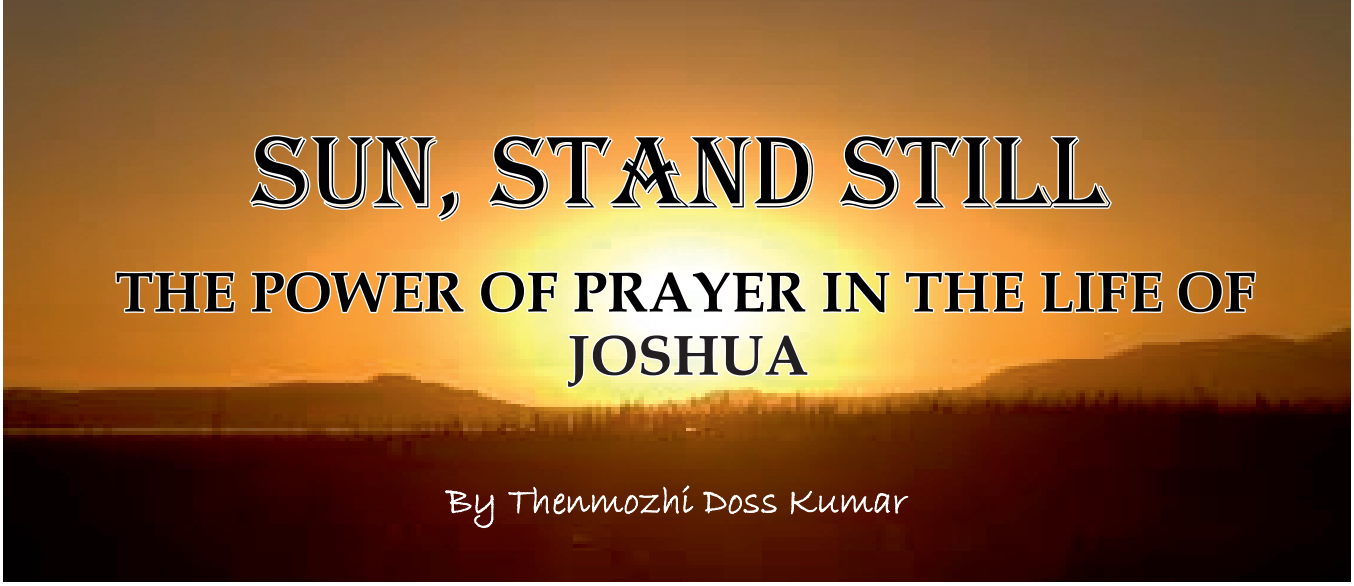


SUN, STAND STILL

THE POWER OF PRAYER IN THE LIFE OF JOSHUA

By Thenmozhi Doss Kumar

Rewritten by Dr. John M Fowler

"Courageous, resolute, and persevering, prompt, incorruptible, unmindful of selfish interests in his care for those committed to his charge, and, above all, inspired by a living faith in God."

Such is the description Ellen White gives to the strength and character of Joshua. Joshua and Caleb were the only two faithful ones among the great and mighty multitudes of the children of Israel that left Egypt on the way to the Promised Land. While sin, unfaithfulness, rebellion, refusal to trust in the God of the Passover, all that left Egypt died on the way. God chose Joshua after the death of Moses to lead the children of those who left Egypt and their children into Canaan.

Joshua is known for many great accomplishments. He was Moses' right hand man, as the commander of Israel to protect and lead effectively the multitudes of Israel across the desert for 40 years until the Promised Land became their home. He was the only person who was allowed to go up the mountain with Moses. He along with Caleb were the only persons of faith in God and dared to give a positive report from their spying mission into Canaan, while the other ten instigated the crowd with a cry of defeatism. He cleansed the camp when sin was found in its midst in the person of Achan and his infamous greed.

He marched Israel across the Jordan, and led in the fall of Jericho. In the midst of anguish, faithlessness, betrayal, fear of giants of war on their road to Canaan, Joshua stood as a pillar of strength, and let his God do the battle. And he is the man who left to history the legacy of total commitment: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15, NKJV).

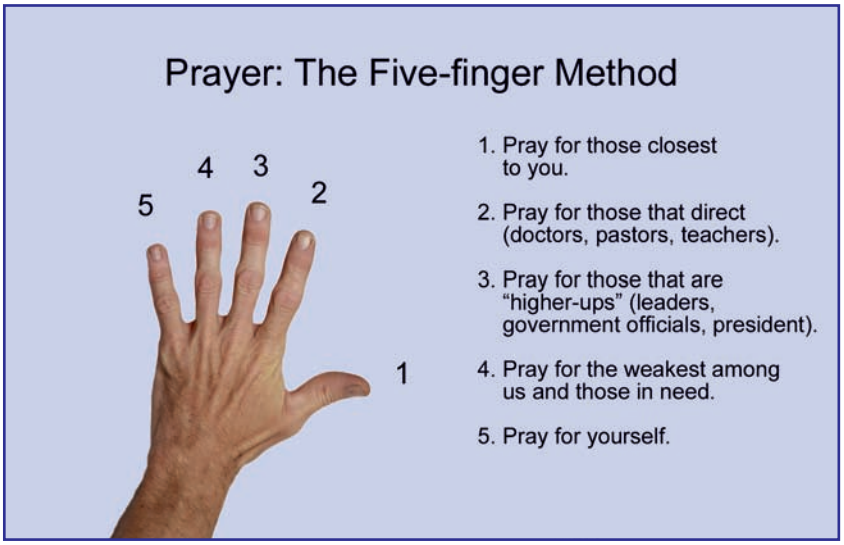
What enabled Joshua to do all that? In one word Prayer. Constantly, Joshua sought the Lord for direction, for hope, for victory, and for His people's faithfulness. One great example of how much he trusted in the power of prayer is found in Joshua 10.

The scene is graphic and frightening. The last great battle between Israel on the march to the Promised Land and the Amorite tribe of Canaanites was joined at last. Jordan has been crossed. Jericho has fallen. Fear had struck many of Israel's enemies. But the greatest of them all—the Amorites, the most feared Canaanite tribe—vowed to crush the oncoming Joshua and his people. At the height of the battle, Joshua looked to the skies, and it seemed that he might not have enough time to rout his enemies fully before the sun would set. And Joshua lifted up his eyes toward the heavens and "spoke to the LORD… and he said in the sight of Israel: "Sun, stand still over Gibeon; and Moon, in the Valley of Aijalon.

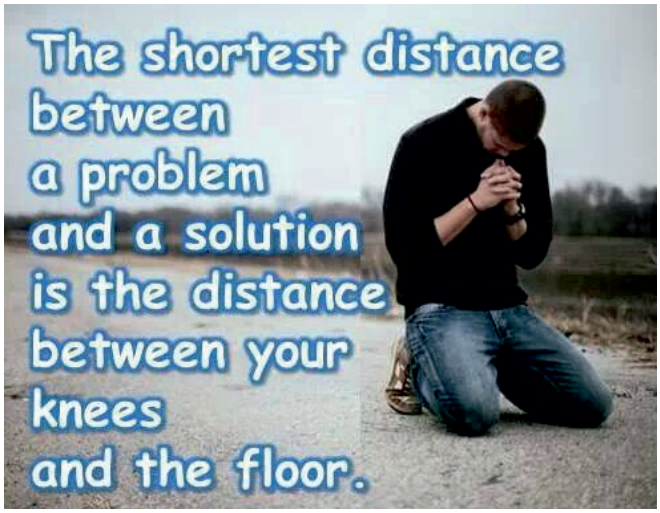
So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped…And there has been no day like that, before it or after it, that the LORD heeded the voice of a man; for the LORD fought for Israel" (Joshua 10:12-14, NKJV).

Joshua got the time he needed to defeat the enemy. He got the light he needed to brighten up his path. He got victory by the power of His Maker, by the Lord of the Exodus. He vanquished those whose gods were sun and the moon, and stood as a valiant witness to the worship of the Creator.

This is no time to debate the scientific question of sun standing still when we know that it is not the sun move, but the earth that moves. This is no time to wonder how God can work against the laws of nature that He Himself has made. This is no time to question at all. Joshua prayed. God heard. That's all it matters. "Prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven's storehouse, where are treasured the boundless resources of Omnipotence?"[2]



Prayer is the power to freeze the mouth of hungry lions in dark and dreary dungeon, or to order a large fish to deliver an evangelist where he should fulfil his commission, or to open wide the gates of a Roman prison and gently make an apostle to a prayer meeting that was focusing on his release.



In the case of Joshua, "the secret of success is the union of divine power with human effort. Those who achieve the greatest results are those who rely most implicitly upon the Almighty Arm. The man who commanded, 'Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon,' is the man who for hours lay prostrate upon the earth in prayer in the camp of Gilgal. The men of prayer are the men of power."[3]

So pray. Pray in faith. Pray always. Pray like Joshua.

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[1] Ellen G. White, *Patriarchs and Prophets,* 481.
[2] Ellen G. White, *Steps to Christ,* 95.
[3] Ellen G. White, *Patriarchs and Prophets,* 509.

Thenmozhi Doss Kumar

NATURAL REMEDIES

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." 3 John 1:2. We must choose the most nutritious items for by our bodies. We should eat every day grains, fruits, nuts and vegetables which are instructed by our Mighty God who is our Creator. These foods are healthy and nourishing.

Exercise is important for the quickness and equalizes the circulation of blood. God has plans for man's physical activities. Outdoor exercise is the best such as walking, working in the agricultural farms, sitting in the open air and rejoicing in the sunshine and breathing in the fragrance of trees and flowers.

Drinking water freely helps to supply the necessities of the system of the body. It assists nature to resist diseases. Warm baths open the pores and thus aid in the elimination of impurities. A cold and cool bath is an excellent tonic. The external application of water is one of the easiest and most satisfactory ways of regulating the circulation of blood. Great care should be taken to allow plenty of sunlight to enter our house. It is a life giving agency that brings cheerfulness and vigour. There should be self-control over evil habits. Some of the foods to be avoided are meat, pickles, and spiced foods, large quantity of salt that irritate the stomach, mustard and pepper. Foods which are very hot or very cold should be made warm. Liquid items should not be taken with meals because the food digestion becomes difficult and slow. Liquid should be taken half an hour before the meals which can put the digestive fluids into action. Always eat slowly in gratitude to God for providing us the best food items. All animal food should be avoided. Also avoid tea, coffee, tobacco and alcohol which are causing so many diseases.

During the ministry Jesus devoted the time to healing the sick than to preach. His miracles testified to the truth of His words that he came not to destroy but to save. Ministry of Healing P19.4. Our bodies are healthy and functional based on the foods we eat. Here are some natural remedies for body cleansing.

1. Colon Cleansing

To start with the body cleansing, we should first cleanse the colon. For this we need to take the senna leaves for five days. 20 grams of leaves should be boiled in a steel vessel for 10 minutes in a low flame. The intake of the decoction should be before 9 o' clock in the evening. The dinner should have been taken within or before 6 0' clock. Within five days it will cleanse all the wrong collections which cause many diseases. But pregnant women should not take this.

2. The blood cleansing

Go through juice fasting for 5-7 days. Vegetables and fruits can be made into juices through juicers. But vegetables and fruits should not be combined together, but always they should be taken into the body separately. Because vegetables are builders and fruits are cleansers of the body. These will supply rich resources to the body but will reduce the excess weight age.

3. Liver cleansing

First day morning as soon was one wakes up drink 5 lemon juice mixed with two teaspoons of olive oil (Extra virgin olive oil, cold pressed). Second day morning 10 lemon juice mixed with two tea spoons of olive oil. Third day morning 15 lemon juice mixed with two teaspoons of olive oil. This process will cleanse the liver completely.

4. Lung cleansing

In take Piperlongum by chewing slowly, but firmly and swallow it once or twice daily. After one hour drink hot water. Also need to do breathing exercise every morning. This can cause cleansing of the lung.

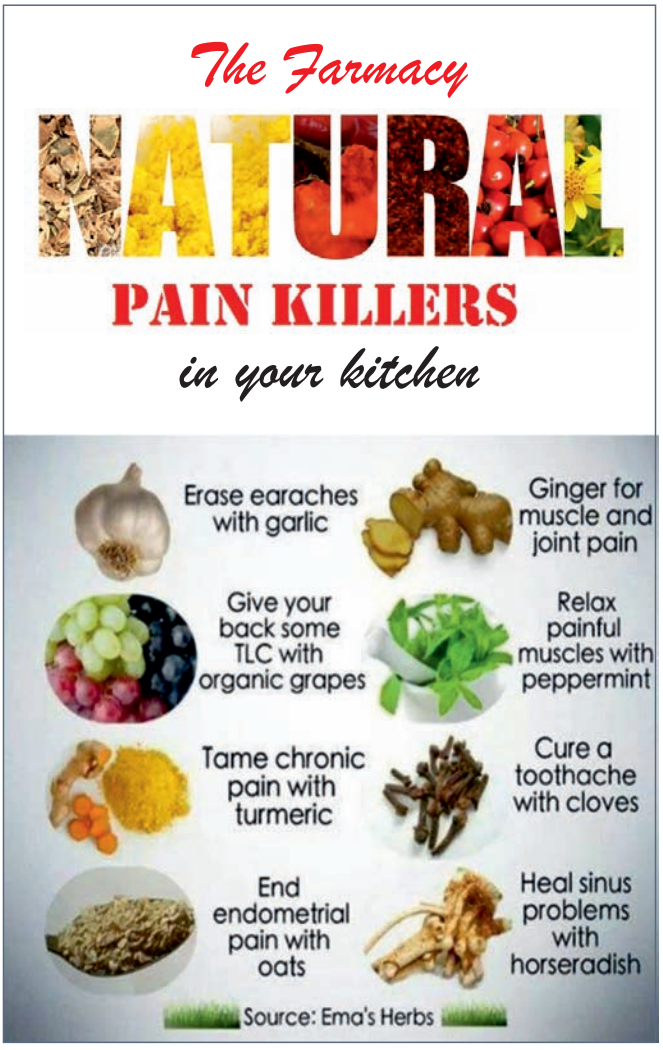
5. Kidney Cleansing

One bundle of coriander leaves after washing needs to be, boiled in a steel vessel in the morning in one and half glass of water. Boil it in a low flame for ten minutes. Drink it when it becomes warm. Do this for three days to five to six days depending on the body condition.

The skin also needs to be cleansed by sweating.

Courage, hope, faith, sympathy, love to promote health and prolong life. A contented mind gives a cheerful spirit is health to the body and strength to the soul.

"A merry heart doeth good like medicine".
The ministry of Healing. P241.



USEFUL REMEDIES

"When the head is congested, if the feet and limbs are put in a bath with a little mustard, relief will be obtained.

"There are many more simple remedies, which will do much to restore healthful action to the body. All these simple preparations the Lord expects us to use for ourselves; but man's extremities are God's opportunities.

"If we neglect to do that which is within the reach of nearly every family, and ask the Lord to relieve pain, when we are too indolent to make use of these remedies within our power, it is simply presumption. The Lord expects us to work in order that we may obtain food. He does not propose that we shall gather the harvest unless we break the sod, till the soil, and cultivate the produce. Then God sends the rain and the sunshine and the clouds to cause vegetation to flourish. God works, and man cooperates with God. Then there is seed time and harvest.

God has caused to grow out of the ground herbs for the use of man and if we understand the nature of these roots and herbs, and make a right use of them, there would not be a necessity of running for the doctor so frequently, and people would be in much better health than they are today.

I believe in calling upon the Great Physician when we have used the remedies I have mentioned. In regard to manner of labor we certainly need to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. We might be very zealous, but it might be an unwise zeal, and serve to hedge up our way. Then there is danger of being to circumscribed in our work as to do very little good."-Letter 35, (Feb. 6, 1890)

SHEPHERDESS ADVISORY SOUTH CENTRAL INDIA UNION OF SDA

"CHOSEN TO SERVE"

"When a great and decisive work is to be done, God chooses men and women to do this work, and it will see the loss if the talents of both are not combined" Evangelism 469.

All praises to God and appreciations to the Division Shepherdess Director, Mrs. Sophia Wilson for her presence on August 14-16, 2016 at SCIU office to encourage the shepherdess' of SCIU. The day began with a devotional message by Pr. Cheluvaraju R, Executive Secretary of SCIU. He spoke from the book of Proverbs about the 3 kinds of wives excellent wife, Foolish wife and quarrelsome wife and admonished the woman to be reverend in behaviour, not slanderers and to be self-controlled.

Mrs. Hepzibah Kore, former Shepherdess Director of SUD, took over the first session on the theme "Chosen to Serve" with a question "How fruitful are we as Pastor's wife?" She said God wants us to bear fruit that will last forever otherwise our prayers will not be answered according to John 15:16. God has already given us the ability to bear fruit and the two kinds of fruits are Inner fruit that is our character and the outer fruit – the fruit of the spirit. The secret of soul winning is the 3 As.

The first A – Abide, the second A – Allow the Lord to work in you and third A- Accept Pruning. She said God strolls through the garden of our heart, prunes away, cuts what cannot bear fruit. It is important to be united with the wine, do the work, for the work bringeth forth fruit as God has given us the great commission, "Go and make disciples".

The Second session was taken up by Mrs. Sophia Wilson on the theme "Chosen to Serve". She spoke about how God chose various people from different backgrounds like Abraham and the nation of Israel was formed because of him, Moses the murderer to lead the people out of Egypt, David the shepherd boy was chosen to be the king from.

Jesse's house and about how Gideon chose the 300 men to go for war against Midianites. She said we need to bend to struggle, come out of our zone of comfort to win people to God.

The four final thoughts she gave was as follows: (1). We are not our own, we need to surrender our will to His will according to I Cor 3:23 and I Cor 16:19 (2) Our body is His temple according to I Cor. 3:16, 17 (3) our thoughts, attitudes, speech everything must become of His according to I Cor 3:18, 19 and 4) We are not our own according to I Cor 6:19-20 Honor God with your bodies.

In the third session Pr Padmaraj, former president of SCIU spoke on threes C's: 1) Called 2) Chosen and 3) Commissioned. He said God has called us with a holy calling according to 2 Tim 1:9, he has chosen us to serve as royal priesthood according to 2 Pet 2:9 and commissioned us to work for him according to Mark 16:15.

The Second day's Advisory began with a devotional message by Mr. Chandrashekar D from the book of Proverbs 31. The first session was taken up by Dr. D Jayadev, He said God will choose foolish things of this world to teach a lesson to the wise. God will choose weak things of this world to accomplish great things. He spoke on Mathew 22:14 – for many are called, but few are chosen. He said God gives opportunity to present Him; it is up to you what you will choose to do with your calling. Choice is something that God gives to each of us.

The consecration service was taken up by Pr. Peter Halemane. Consecration prayer was offered by Pr Cheluvaraju. The advisory came to an end with the shepherdess' dedicating themselves to the Lord to do His work.

Mrs. Viobel Cheluvaraju,
Shepherdess Coordinator, SCIU

Our Prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our payers do make a difference."

Max Lucado

SHEPHERDESS INTERNATIONAL DAY

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"Women can be the instruments of righteousness, rendering holy service. It was Mary that first preached a risen Jesus. . . . If there were twenty women where now there is one, who would make this holy, mission their cherished work, we should see many more converted to the truth. The refining, softening influence of Christian women is needed in the great work of preaching the truth. . . . Zealous and continued diligence in our sisters tolling for the spread of the truth would be wholly successful, and would astonish us with its results."RH, Jan. 2, 1879.

By the grace of our Lord Almighty, the **Shepherdess Department of South Karnataka Section(SCS)** celebrated the Shepherdess International Day in various churches on May 20, 2017. **Esther Synthia Murali**, shepherdess coordinator of SCS reports as follows:

The Sabbath services were taken up by the women of the **Chamarajnagar Church.** Mrs. Pavitra Antony, the local pastor's wife took up the divine service on the topic, "Women in the Bible who served God". It was a blessing for the whole church.

It was a reviving experience at Mandya Church when we had a chain prayer session after the Sabbath services. Every women present in the congregation shared their personal problems and pleaded to the Lord for deliverance. I encouraged them to do so continually. Many women came personally and asked doubts from the Bible. I explained

to them and motivated them to persist in prayer and search the word of God.

Mrs. Anisha Koti is a very active shepherdess in **Holavanahalli.** She is very faithful in visiting her church members.

She gives excellent Bible studies. She was honoured as the best shepherdess by the South Karnataka Section during one of our meetings. She does door to door ministry. She gave the sermon and all the women of the church took active part.

The **Mysore Kannada Church** celebrated the Shepherdess day. I took the divine service and spoke on True Repentance. The pastor's wife, Mrs. Shivamma took the vesper service. The women of the church got together and decided that prayer must be an essential part of the church to grow and hence they planned for fasting and praying sessions every first week of the month.

The Shepherdess International Day was celebrated in **Kamgere Church** is in Kollegal taluk. Mrs. P Rajamma and Spoorthy took the Sabbath school sessions and the divine service was conducted by Mrs. Sharada Antony who spoke on the blessings of tithe giving.

The church today has thousands of faithful shepherdesses, serving the Lord with undivided dedication. The role they are playing to provide a more effective support system to strengthen the women, wives, mothers, and a daughter of their churches is awesome. I am sure that the Lord will help us to do more during the coming years.

The Shepherdess International day was celebrated in Bannimatti Church.Mrs. Lalitha Raju who works in Bannimatti Church conducted special program for the ladies. Sowjanya Ashok took part in the program. The song service was conducted by ladies. Mrs. Sowjanya Ashok gave witness about how the Lord lead her in the ministry. Mrs. Lalitha Raju arranged special program for the ladies in the afternoon. The ladies had the interaction session and question answer session.

The Shepherdess International Emphasis day was celebrated in Kotthadoddi Church, Marchathal Church, and Bellary Church. Mrs. Sugamma Jante, Mrs. Amtal Rajesh, Mrs. Shanta Mary took active part in the special programs.

I congratulate the SCIU field shepherdess coordinator team for enthusiastically and actively involving themselves in ministry.

Viobel Cheluvaraju,
Shepherdess coordinator, SCIU

SHEPHERDESS ADVISORY
Northeast India Union

Northeast India Union Shepherdess Advisory was held at Northeast Adventist College on August 1 & 2, 2017. 43 members attended the Advisory. The theme of this meeting was **"YOU ARE POWERFUL".**

We had morning and evening combine worship with LEAD Conference. Other sessions were conducted separately. Mrs. Sofia Wilson our SUD Shepherdess Co-ordinator presents to us as to how we are to support our husband as a pastor's wife and Dr. M Wilson, our SUD Secretary gave a presentation of what kind of attitude we are to have.

Pr. R Biakthansanga, Mizo Conference President presented to us the role of women in our church and Mrs. J Zimik, NEIU Children Ministries Director talks about our part in taking care of our children. We the Pastors' wives are really blessed by their presentations.

We also had praise and worship time, singing and listening to testimonies, and we are inspired by them. We also had gift exchange; Mrs. Sofia Wilson dismissed us with a prayer.

We thank God for his wonderful guidance that we can have a successful Advisory. We the Shepherdess members are really blessed and inspired by the presentations.

We pray and believe that we all will become more fruitful in spreading the gospel and supporting our husbands.

- Mrs. Lalbiakdiki,
Shepherdess Co-ordinator, NEIU.

SHEPHERDESS MEETING AURANGABAD

It was a great day for us as the Shepherdess Personnel for the Meeting held in North Maharashtra Section, Aurangabad on October 2nd, 2017. Mrs. Sophia Wilson, Shepherdess Director from SUD and myself, Shepherdess Coordinator from WIU conducted lively meeting for the Pastors wives.

The women were inspired as influential and valuable messages were given.

There were Bhajans and songs sung by the Pastors. They were heartily welcomed by Mrs. Nutan Battise, Shepherdess Coordiantor, NMS and Mrs. Sujatha Sankili, NMS. Mrs. Sophia spoke on the role of Pastors wife, admonitions to Pastors wives and the challenges. I spoke on the topic of a virtuous wife and how pastor's spouses should shoulder them in visitation and involvement in God's work. All the ladies were thrilled to get such an amazing manna.
The Shepherdess were thankful for the timely message to the Pastor's wives of North Maharashtra Section.

In closing dedicatory prayer was offered by Mrs. Bhadlekar. Fellowship lunch was served. All of us had a great time to fellowship with each other.

- Shakuntala Chandanshive,
Coordinator Shepherdess

AN INSPIRING WITNESS

One afternoon during a summer in 2016, I was at home. There was thriving in my heart to visit a home which was a minute walk from my residence. I have seen a family living in this house but didn't know who they were. I got up and went to that certain house and knocked at the door. The door didn't open for a long time. I kept knocking and sometime later a young girl unlocked the door. She was sobbing. I asked her, "Can I come in?" She said, "Please come in." I went and sat in the front chamber and watched at the girl's face and enquired her why she was in tears. She would not answer. I kept asking her. Finally she opened her mouth and poured out herself to me.

Jancy

She said her name is Jancy. Born and brought up in a Christian family. She was married to her uncle's son who was a drunkard. She has two little children a girl and a boy at the age of 6 and 3 respectively. Her husband was working in a private finance company. As he was to authorize loan, he gave a lady Rs. 1.25 lakhs which she didn't pay and he was not able to trace where she was. Therefore, he lost his work and was held accountable to pay that enormous amount. Due to this her family was pressed to severe financial crisis. No income, the whole family was starving and Jancy didn't know what to do. She didn't want to share this to her parents and put them in grief. Finally she decided to commit suicide that day. No one was at home then. She said "I was formulating to hang myself to die by closing the door. If you would have come few minutes late you would have seen only my body without life."

I comforted her with verses from the Scripture. I spent more than one hour showing many promises from the Bible. She was convinced and said that she will never attempt to end her life anymore and pray to Jesus for deliverance in time of struggle. There was peace in her appearance.

Then I prayed with her and came home. I kept visiting her and her husband. I told him drinking is evil and showed a lot of verses from the scriptures how to trust God and overcome temptations. He accepted and promised to give his life for Jesus.

Now he has found another job in a company and gave up alcohol. Jancy started coming to our SDA church in Manamadurai with her children. She is very faithful in attending the Church. The Principal of Seventh-day Adventist, Higher Secondary School, Manamadurai seeing her faith in Church attendance and hearing her testimony gave a job in the school. Her children Blessy and Blessan are in classes 2 and UKG. Now Jancy along with her husband is waiting to be baptized in to our church. May the good Lord bless this family as they continue to study the word of God and our church principles.

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"Women who are willing to consecrate some of their time to the service of the Lord should be appointed to visit the sick, look after the young, and minister to the necessities of the poor. They should be set apart to this work by prayer and laying on of hands. In some cases they will need to counsel with the church officers or the minister; but if they are devoted women, maintaining a vital connection with God, they will be a power for good in the church. This is another means of strengthening and building up the church."—The Review and Herald, July 9, 1895.

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