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**A WOMEN WHO FEARS THE
LORD IS TO BE PRAISED.
HONOR HER FOR ALL THAT
HER HANDS HAVE DONE
AND LET HER WORKS
BRING HER PRAISE AT
THE CITY GATE.**

Proverbs 31:30,31



Need More 'Angels' on Knees!

A mother is a blessing that no one can replace. We live in a time when mother's responsibilities and relevance are increasing. Life become more miserable to children and women. Too many women living in fear of harassment, abuse, domestic and sexual violence and in too many cases murder. Because of war, internal conflicts and terrorism millions of people have flood from their homes and millions displaced internally and have fled over borders, people including innocent babies became refugees. Its very painful to know that the cries of small children increasing day by day not only outside of our homes, but inside too.

On the way to Calvary Jesus said to the weeping ladies "don't weep for me, but for yourself and your children." When media like Facebook and Whatsap rob us of our big time, don't we have time to look at the faces of our family members? Does this prevent us from looking into the face of God? Now a days, the possibilities for reaching the unknown people are more, but it's very sad, the known people in our family become more far or unknown to us!

"Nomophobia" is the phone addiction means the obsessive use of a smart phone or the fear of being without a mobile device. Every cell phone user is at risk of developing an addiction to their device, teens are more likely to be addicted to cell phones than any other age group. 'Gaming Mental Disorder' or video game addiction is the important challenge to the parents of young children. It causes mental health issues such as anxiety, depression, poor sleep, poor school performance, poor work performance etc. Moreover this, our children are alienating from the family, dear ones, church and society. They lose their self- esteem, self-control and become more introverted to the society.

In the last few decades tremendous changes happened in the life of our young people. It's a time of boundless freedom. Their family and social relationships, politics, love affair, intellect, sex, church life, life- styles and life boundaries influenced international view. Lack of interest in spiritual matters is now seen in youth. In many churches in Europe attendance is declining. The number of apostates and atheists increasing. This is due to the influence of consumer culture, the rise of secularism, the rise of liberal democracy, international market consumerism, the proliferation of cyber modernity, the grip of information technology etc. Legal validity of homosexuality, homosexual marriage, divorce, living together also bringing doubts and confusion in young generation.

Yes, "motherhood" is not an easy thing now. We need to take the responsibility to pray more for ourselves and our next generation. Thankfully remembering our lovely mothers who worked very hard, prayed continually and shed their tears to uplift their children and protect from all kinds of hardships. Let me use two quotes of Abraham Lyncoln - "I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life." "All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother."

Its telling "the best academy is the knees of mother".

May God bless all our mothers.
Happy Mother's Day!!

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THE CARE OF A MOTHER'S HEART

Mother is a symbol of Love. As God wants to be with every child to experience His Love, so He created Mother to show that love. It is an amazing love. Mother's Day is the celebration surrounding the role of the mother in the family. This is the day to celebrate, express our love, honour her from the bottom of our heart. Every person will show their emotions to remember their mothers on this special day. Joy and sorrow of tears roll away from the eye. Some people may say there is no God, but no one can say that there is no mother. The word mother is an amazing taste. When we call someone in our own language Mother it touches the inner heart of the woman.

We have many role models mothers in the Bible who cared and sacrificed to save, train, mold to live an exemplary life.

M – Mentor: Timothy's mother Eunice and his grandmother Lois raised him in the faith. 2 Timothy 1:5, Mothers do influence their sons and daughters! One of life's greatest blessings is to have a godly mother. One of the greatest gifts to the children is a godly mother. Through faith in God and by honoring His Word, godly mothers have great influence as they train their children.

O – Organizer: Mothers are in the divinely given position to model for their goals and richness of the organizing the family. They work inside and outside of the

home. Lydia was a native of Thyatira and a seller of purple colour. She was a businesswoman and hearing the gospel. God opened heart and gave attention to the gospel. She was saved. She organized and invited Paul to visit her house to preach the gospel to save everyone in the family. Acts 1: 13-15.

T – Trainer: From the day child born, mother starts to train the baby to get the milk and satisfy the hunger and sleep. She trains the child from her hands to recognize the father and family members, to crawl, to walk. There will be no end for this training until the child gets proper shape. Jacob trained Moses to love and care about his community even in the difficult circumstances. Each of us have an opportunity when raising our children or interacting with the children in our family, corps, and community to influence them for Christ and His ministry.

H – Hard worker: "She rises also while it is still night and gives food to her household and portions to her maidens. Mother is like a menu book in the family. Every person in the family has different taste. Children choose different items; elderly people choose different tastes, and they will order. She will be immense in the kitchen to prepare and provide delicious food to satisfy everyone in the family. She considers a field and buys it; from her earnings she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength and makes her arm strong. She senses that her gain is good;



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her lamp does not go out at night." Verses 15-18. Your arms were always open whenever child needed a hug without payment. Her heart understood when we needed a friend. Her gentle eyes will always watch when we needed an answer. Her strength and love have guided us and gave us wings to fly until we reach the goal.

E – Encourager: When the people in the family are in low spirits. She knows the mind and spirit of the family members. "She extends her hand to the poor; and stretches out her hand to the needy. She is not afraid of the snow for her household; for all her household are clothed with scarlet." Verses 20-21. God made her an extraordinary person in the family.

R – Retainer: "Strength and dignity are her clothing and she smiles at the future. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and bless her; her husband also and he praises her..." Verses 25-28. Let our actions show how we care and love in the need of their old age. Let us remember the people who lost their beloved mothers in this pandemic. 🍷



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A GODLY MOTHER

We all love our mothers. I still remember, being a daughter of an officer couple, I watched my mother who was not only a servant of God to others, but to the family of five children as well. I recollect how my mother was serving us despite her busy life being an officer of the Salvation Army. In order to attend her ministry tasks, she used to wake up very early morning, and used to keep the breakfast and lunch before she goes to the field. I never noticed her tiredness or negligence in keeping our family happy although there were many times that her officership was very much packed and crammed. When we think about Mother's Day, the immediate thought everyone might get was that the mother is the replica of God. It is true, the mothers are visible Gods.

When I read the scriptures, I always think about Paul's letter to Thessalonians which is an instruction to practice. 1 Thessalonians chapter 2 is interesting, because in this chapter we find a divinely inspired description of both a godly mother's essential qualities and a godly father's essential qualities. Paul shares these descriptions by way of analogy. He is sharing how he and his co-workers ministered to the Thessalonians. But in sharing about his ministry to the Thessalonians, I could relate some direct comparisons to the qualities of godly mothers and fathers. And so here I find in God's Word a concise description, a divine blueprint as it were, of what mothering and fathering is all about. I would like to share few thoughts about a godly mother's qualities based on the verses six to nine.

I. The Godly Mother and Gentleness

A godly mother is gentle with her children, not a burden to them. Paul says: "As apostles of Christ we could have been a burden to you, but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little

children." (1 Thessalonians 2:6-7) . The mothers use gentle words. The Bible tells us that "the tongue has the power of life and death." (Proverbs 18:21) . The words of the mothers mould and shape children for life. As children tend to see through their parents' eyes. And so, every word mothers speak, whether gentle or harsh, whether kind or unkind, helps to shape child's self-understanding. The mothers will also gentle to exercise loving but firm discipline. A gentle mother is not a pushover. She doesn't let her children do whatever they want whenever they want whether it is good for them or not. She never allows her children to treat her with disrespect. She exercises firm but loving discipline knowing that Proverbs 13:24 says: "He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him." Proverbs 6:23 says that "the corrections of discipline are the way to life." Proverbs 29:17 says: "Discipline your son, and he will give you peace; he will bring delight to your soul." A gentle mother does not neglect the God-given responsibility to discipline her children. The mothers carry children's burdens. That's what Paul said to the Thessalonians: "We could have been a burden to you, but instead we were gentle among you. A gentle mother will carry burdens for her children according to their age and ability.

II. The Godly Mother and Seeding Gospel

A godly mother shares the gospel as well as her life with her children. In verse 8: "We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us." Paul, Silas and Timothy had come to the Thessalonians to preach the gospel to them. But they loved them so much they also shared their very lives. In fact, Paul says he and his companions were delighted to share their lives with the Thessalonians. It was not some unpleasant duty or obligation that

they had to fulfil. They were delighted to do it. The word "delighted" here means "to be well pleased, to be gladly willing." A godly mother also shares both gospel and life with her children. And this is no unpleasant task to her. It is her joy and her delight. The godly mother not only shares her life with her children, she also shares the gospel with them as well. The Godly mothers read them God's word. This is the most important thing mothers can do to pass faith on to children. The Scriptures make us wise for salvation. The godly mothers lead their children in praying and offering thanksgiving to God in every situation. The godly mothers always try to make an impact to belike Jesus.

III. The Godly Mother – Her Effort to Fulfil Roles

A godly mother works hard to fulfill her role. Paul uses two words to describe his work among the Thessalonians – toil and hardship. These words apply equally well to mothering. The first word, toil, is defined in the lexicons as: "exhausting labor, trouble, sorrow, weariness, hard work, wearying toil involving sweat and fatigue, the weariness which follows the straining of all one's powers to the uttermost." In Luke 11:7 the same word is translated, "Don't bother me." . Children make so many demands ,and mothers work hard to meet those many necessary demands. Mothering is tiring work. It is not only tiring work. It is difficult work. That's what that second word, "hardship," means in verse 9. There is no such thing as working mothers and non-working mothers. Every mother is a working mother. It is part of the job description. Mothers never stop mothering – day in and day out, all day, all night long. "A man may work from sun to sun . . . (but a mother's work is never done.)"

Dear Children, we must honor mothers for their multiple roles. They are raising or have raised a generation of children to live in this world and bring glory to God. Nothing could be more important than that. As we observe and celebrate this mother's day, let us be reminded by God's love by means of our dear mothers to us. Let us support and honour our mothers. 🐾



Mother A Super Woman

Another Mother's Day has come, and we are so much excited to wish our dear mothers with a token of love in kind. Once a famous poet said, "if there were no mothers, there was no world". Obviously, this is true. The World arise out of a mother's womb, and it is a continued evolution. I remember my mother who strived hard for us and I am proud to say that my present status I enjoy is the hard work of my mother. No doubt, this is the same experience to all of us. Mothers are the precious gifts that God presented to humankind. I love to share about the importance of remembering God — remembering who He is, what He has done for us, and who we are in Christ. Mother's Day is a special day set apart for remembering our mothers and for calling to mind all that they have done for us, all that they mean to us, and who we are because of them.

Our mothers are the instruments in God's hand to bring us into this world. God knit us together in our mother's womb (Psalm 139:13) and He placed us into her arms at birth. What a joy and blessing it is for a mother to cradle her new-born child for the first time at birth and then to hold her child's hand throughout life. As we contemplate this Mother's Day, I would like to insist on the facts about the mothers who are the real super women, based on the scriptures 1 Samuel 1:1–20

Mother's devotion to husband

The most important attribute of a godly mother is her relationship, not with her children, but with her husband. What the mother communicates to her children through her marital relationship will stay with them for the rest of their lives. By watching her and her husband, their children learn the most fundamental lessons of life—love, self-sacrifice, integrity, virtue, sin, sympathy, compassion, understanding, and forgiveness. Whatever mother teach them about those things, right or wrong, is planted deep within their hearts.

That emphasis on marriage was very evident between Elkanah and Hannah. They were dedicated to the faithful worship of God (1 Samuel 1:3), and they were dedicated to loving one another (1 Samuel 1:4-8). Their situation—being unable to have children together—was like an open wound. But it was an experience that drew out of Elkanah tender expressions of love for his wife. A godly mother as a super woman, and through her devotion resembles—dedication to loving God, dedication to loving one another.

Mother's devotion to God

Like many women today, Hannah struggled with the pain of infertility. She wanted God's best, to be a mother. In her sadness, Hannah didn't complain to her husband. That's a beautiful characteristic. She understood that God was the source of all blessings, that God alone could alter her sterility. Her distinctive virtue was her constant faith. First Samuel 1:12 says, "It came about as she continued praying before the Lord". Her prayers were constant. She stayed there praying with a broken heart, pouring out tearful prayers. Hannah knew where to go with her problems.

Hannah was willing from the start to give the child back to God, for life (1 Samuel 1:11). It wasn't about her. It wasn't about getting what she wanted. It was about self-sacrifice, giving herself to that little life to give him back to the Lord. After coming to that place in her heart, after expressing her desires to the Lord in prayer, she experienced the peace of humble devotion to God. She "went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad" (1 Samuel 1:18).

Mother's devotion to Her Home

According to His perfect will, God gave Hannah a son—Samuel. Hannah named her son in remembrance of God's goodness, and she devoted herself to her motherly responsibilities—she was fully committed to her home. Hannah was totally committed to stay in the home until that little life was trained. She had important work to



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do—nursing, loving cherishing, instructing. Hannah understood how vital those early years are, when 90 percent of personality is formed. She prepared him in those formative years for a lifetime of service to God—such a high calling.

To the mother's of present days....
For those of you who are mothers, think about Hannah this Mother's Day. Be devoted to your husband; be devoted to your God; and be devoted to your home in the fear of the Lord. That's your high calling and your greatest joy, and this makes you as super woman of God. I encourage you to strive hard to receive these divine characteristics.

I would like you to remember mother as famous poet Shari Abbott described
M reminds me of her Marvellous love
O reminds me I have One mother
T reminds me of her Tender care
H reminds me of her Heart of gold
E reminds me of her Endless service
R reminds me to Remember her...
not only on Mother's Day,
but every day throughout the year.

On this Mother's Day, whether your mother is by your side or far away, still on earth or promoted to glory, let us give thanks to God for the gift of our mothers life and the life He has given us through her. May God Bless us all. I wish all mothers a happy Mother's Day, and advise all children to honour the mothers with heartfelt love. 🌸

MOTHER THE MAKER OF A HAPPY HOME

Home is a primary need for every person. People believe that "Home is where the hearts are. Somebody said, "A house is built by wood and stones, but a home is built by the hearts of people". Home is considered as a better place where people love and care for each other. It provides better security and privacy. In the home the position and responsibilities of the mother is very important. Of course, the father is the head of the family, but the mother has special responsibilities in the governance of the family. She bears many duties such as nursing. Cooking, teaching, caring her husband and children, receiving of guests, keen on health and sanitation and countless other chores. A home that has no mother may be likened to a deserted village.

When we speak of a mother it means any woman who has a child. But to be a mother in the real sense of the word requires mature womanly qualities. It does not depend on type of personality. It says that God cannot be everywhere, so he created mothers. To fulfil the task of a mother which God has assigned to her she depends upon God and his will.

The greatness of a mother said by important people:

William Carey, "the mother is the keeper of the key for the happiness of the family"
Napoleon, "Without mother the world is like a wilderness where there is no water".
H. Benison, "a good mother is better than a fighter for the country".

Characteristics of a godly or an ideal mother who makes her home happy. Proverbs 31 gives us the clear picture it.

An Ideal Mother always depend upon God v 10. Women are always considered as weaker vessels. But a Christian mother become stronger through wisdom, grace, and fear of God. She commits herself and the whole family in the hands of God to make her home happy. A Godly mother knows it well that without the help of God she can't do anything. The source of her strength relays upon God alone. Our Founder General William Booth said, 'the greatness of a man's power is the measure of his surrender'. It is true with a godly mother the moment she surrenders her life to God; God help her to make her home happy. This dependency upon God leads her to have a strong relationship with God and makes her as a prayer warrior. There is no doubt it is this prayer pillar she builds her home to make it happy.

An Ideal Mother is a good teacher. A common saying, 'home is the first school for a child and mother is the first teacher'. It is the mother who raise up her children for the next generation.

Proverbs 31 :3-7 talks about King Lemuel's mother. We know little about King Lemuel, but his wise mother taught him much about the good behaviours and the duties of a righteous leader, she taught him about moral life, good character, abstinence from alcohol and other intoxications. A good mother teaches her children good manners and habits, good language, good attitude, good behaviour, fear of God and the love of God and the humanity. She also teaches the values of the kingdom of God, i.e.; to be kind, love the needy and poor and do justice without bias. All these helps a child to be happy and to be godly.

Some mothers encourage their children from their infant stage to get the knowledge of modern technology. When we think of the present-day educations, modern technologies are very necessary, and they are not wrong. But we must be very careful about the use and miss use of it. Miss use of internet and technologies can spoil our children and their future and the happy atmosphere of the home. So, an ideal mother is keen on her child in teaching the do's and don'ts of a happy life.

An Ideal Mother works hard. Proverbs 31:13-18 Either a housewife or a working mother the kitchen works seems simple, but it is not so. Even though it is tiresome and too demanding she consider it as very important. She cooks healthy and tasty food mixed with her love for her family. She never sits idle or lazy which brings poverty and destruction of her family (Proverbs 10:4). A Christian mother gets up early in the morning and go to bed late in the night. She never be lazy and idle. She manages the finances very well including her investment and bring profit and success to the family, not failure. She spread the light into the family.

An Ideal Mother is selfless

Proverbs 31:19-28 talks about a mother and how she behaves in the home. She respects everybody no bias. she speaks of good of others. Leading a life of gratitude and works for peace in the town. The mother is the key person for the creation of a pleasant family tie. She respects the friends and relatives of her husband. She never segregates the family tie. The children establish strong connections with their family members and feel a sense of belonging in the family. She shows selfless love towards



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everybody. Maintains a good family relationship with husband, children and all in-laws and extended families. The home is kept warm by the presence of the mother. For visitors and guests too, a home looked after by a righteous mother is comfortable. Living in a Christian life in a family can be a powerful force, having for greater effects upon the world than preaching. George Herbert says that the leadership of a good mother is better than that of a hundred leaders.

An Ideal mother leaves a good legacy.

Proverbs 31:29-31 talks about a good mother who leaves a legacy. People remember her as great and beautiful in spirit. Everyone is appreciating her goodness and praising her for her good deeds which she left behind. There is no doubt such mothers are the true makers of a happy home on this earth.

St. Agustin said, "Give me a mother, let me change the world". Napoleon too said "what France needed for reformation is a mother".

Sam Kamaleson one of a great evangelist in India said the reason for the moral degeneration of India may be ascribed to the failure of mothers to give proper guidance to children.

Bible also says Proverbs 22:6 train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not turn from it".

D. L. Moody once said how mothers can pave the way for the spiritual life of their children. He said, "The secret of my happiness is that I have a good mother. If all mothers in the world are like mine there will be no need to open the jails".

Thus, if mothers I mean all mothers whether single or married or widow look after their children in the proper way their homes will become happy and can produce great men and women for the world.

As we celebrate the Mother's Day let all children and all members of the family remember her and appreciate their mothers who sacrifice their lives to make their home happy.

WISH ALL THE MOTHERS A HAPPY MOTHERS DAY. MAY GOD BLESS US ALL 🍀

Mother's Role

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Wishing all mothers happy mother's day. This month has its significance in celebrating mother's day. Without a mother, expecting growth in holistic way in family is vain. Mother holds full responsible in the family. If we read, Proverb 31 whole chapter speaks about the mother and her virtues, responsibilities, her endeavours to grow her children, moral value and the worthiness of a mother being a woman.

Mother right from the time she becomes mother by conceiving she takes great task in nurturing the embryo to until the death. She always monitors the family members.

She organises the things to be done in a perfect way without any scarcity. Until death we are learners. We need to receive training from our mother as said in the Deuteronomy 6 God is instructing mothers to train their children in the path they should go. Proverb22:6, the training mother gives in childhood will not let the child come out of his ways.

She helps each and every person in the family even from crawling kid to elder who is in bed. She earns to develop her family and rules the family to go in good ways and replenish the family attention.

Mother Is a caretaker

The whole burden of child baring and greater part of child rearing ask are carried out by the woman in the family. She is primarily responsible for child's habit of self-control, orderliness, industriousness, theft or honesty. Her contacts with the child during the most formative period of his development sets up his behaviour pattern. She is thus responsible for the maintenance of utmost discipline in the family. Moses' mother Jochebed played a significant role

in his life. Her loving and caring mind did not stop her from taking part in saving his son from dangerous situation. Her spontaneous thought saved her son and trained him to become a leader according to the will of God. If she might left his son in such crucial circumstances, the days would be different. But the life of Jochebed a loving and caring mother protected her son from dangerous situation.

At present if we see the situation, there are many mothers leaving their just born babies in the bins pits footpaths, and orphanages like on. True mother never try to make the children suffer at any cost. She takes the burden and makes the child lighter to enjoy the pleasures, which they had.

Mother is also a first teacher of child. She transmits social heritage to the child. It is from mother that the child learns the laws of the race, the manner of men, moral code and ideals. The mother, because of her intimate and sustained contact with the child, she is able to discover and nurture child's special traits aptitudes and attitudes, which subsequently play a key role in the shaping of his personality.

As a mother, she is the family health officer. She is very much concerned about the physical well being of every member of the family, the helpless infant, the sickly child, the adolescent youth, and senescent parent. She organizes the home and its activities in such a way so that each member of the family has proper food, adequate sleep and sufficient recreation. She made the home a place of quite comfortable and appropriate setting for the children through her talent. Besides, she cultivates taste in interior design and arrangement, so that the home becomes an inviting, restful and cheerful place.

The mother is the central personality of the home and the family circle. All the members turn to her for sympathy, understanding and recognition. Mother devotes her time, labour and thought for the welfare of the members of the family. For the unity of interacting personalities, man provided the temple, mother provides the ceremonies and the atmosphere.

When we are child mother plays all these key roles. It's our responsibility to see our mothers in their old age. Proverbs 23:22 "despise not thy mother when she is old." It is a great privilege to look after our mothers when they are old. 1Timothy 1: 5 But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show godliness to their own household and to make some return to their parents, for this is pleasing in the sight of God.

Proverbs 30:11 There are those who curse their fathers and do not bless their mothers. Remember one day whatever you sow the same you reap.

Love your mother as Heavenly father Lord Jesus Christ loved you. This brings a heavenly and physical blessing and will flourish in your life all the riches in glory what God wants to bestow upon you.

Wishing all mothers happy Mother's Day.



THE POWER OF PENTECOST

We are aware that the universal Church observes 'Pentecost Sunday', as a way of marking the coming of the Holy Spirit after the ascension of Jesus Christ and it acts as a great reminder that Jesus did not leave earth but instead ascended to heaven and sent the Holy Spirit to come and guide the people. When Lord Jesus ascended into heaven forty days after His resurrection, he instructed the Apostles to wait in Jerusalem for receiving the Holy Spirit. Ten days later the eleven Apostles, while united in prayer in the Upper Room, the Holy Spirit descended upon them as tongues of fire, as recorded in the second chapter of Acts. The Apostles, filled with the Holy Spirit, began to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ in various languages of the people. Scripture records that through this miracle 3,000 souls were baptized and added to the Church that same day. Because of this, Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church. If we read the Old Testament, we will discover that Pentecost was one of the Jewish feast days. Only they didn't call it Pentecost. Pentecost is the Greek name (meaning "50th day" after Easter) given for the ancient Jewish festival called, Shavuoth. Shavuoth is the God-ordained celebration of "First Fruits" during the Festival of Weeks, commanded to Moses in Exodus 34:22-43. It is mentioned five places in the first five books — in Exodus 23, Exodus 24, Leviticus 16, Numbers 28, and Deuteronomy 16. Many Christians recognise the Descent of the Holy Spirit as the birth of the Church.

Luke's narration in Acts could lead us to believe that the disciples went through an instantaneous transformation: receiving the Spirit, speaking in tongues, then preaching effectively to a multi-cultural crowd. In reality, that which seemed to happen in an instant was the effect of meeting with the risen Lord, prayer and discernment. Instead of a miraculous conversion, it took them 50 days of communal prayer to open their hearts and minds to what God was ready to do among them and in all of them.

Pentecost is the fulfilment of the Scriptures & Prophecies

As we have many a times mediated or read, fifty days after the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Spirit of the living God came upon the disciples of Christ in a decisive demonstration of heaven's worldwide redemptive mission. Peter stood and preached on that glorious day when the church was empowered to fulfil the mission of Christ. And when Peter preached, he quoted Joel Chapter 2. Pentecost fulfils the ancient prophecies of Holy Scripture. Peter was saying that "the festival of harvest" had then yielded untold

loads of shattering change in the universe as a result of the empowering of the disciples by the Holy Spirit. We must remember as we gather in our churches, as we live our lives, and as we lead our families in devotion, that Almighty God is fulfilling the redemptive mission of the ages by the empowering of his people to fulfil the Great Commission. And all of this was prophesied in the Old Testament and revealed for God's glory and our good, and for the salvation of millions of souls.

Jesus' Promises fulfilled through Pentecost

Acts Chapter 1 clearly indicates the central proposition from which successive narrative milestones flow. Luke mentioned that the acts of the apostles and disciples are the supernatural fulfilment of the promise and plan of the risen Christ. Pentecost commemorates an important event in the church, the day when God fulfilled a promise that Jesus made to his disciples. On the night of the last supper, Jesus spent the evening eating and talking to His disciples. They did not fully understand what Jesus was telling them about his death and ascension, but it was clear from their responses that they were worried. He said that he would not leave them alone. Instead, He would ask His Father to send a Companion to them—the Holy Spirit. On that day, Jesus' promise to His disciples was fulfilled. He sent them a Companion, a Helper, to guide them and live in each of them. From that day on, His disciples went out to live out the Great Commission and make disciples of all nations. Where they did not have the strength to do so on their own, through God they were unstoppable, as we can read in the rest of the New Testament. Understanding Pentecost means understanding that Jesus kept His promise to be with us every day until the end of this present age.

Pentecost boosted the advancement of 'Church & Mission'

The book of Acts begins with the events of Pentecost telling the story of the first churches. Pentecost transformed the disciples into a courageous community. We read in Acts chapter two about the Christian community is a powerful illustration of the unity. They met constantly to hear the apostles teach, and to share the common life and to pray. Pentecost brought about a revival in conversion. The most significant demonstration of the empowerment of the disciples was evident in their evangelistic efforts. On the very first evangelistic effort, we could witness the great harvest bowing before the almighty God, knowing, and experiencing the true salvation. Pentecost charted out a new dimension in the ministry of disciples.



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Soon after the event we find the disciples involved in healing people and driving off demons without any difficulty.

The role of the Holy Spirit was already becoming very evident in the early church. Filled with the Spirit. Men who were filled with the Holy Spirit were appointed as deacons. Stephen the first martyr was filled with the Holy Spirit and faced death in a glorious way. Several Jews were getting converted in and around Jerusalem and Judea. Acts chapter 11: 19-20 explains how the gospel reached Antioch. Some of the men who got scattered after the persecution, men from Cyprus and Cyrene went to Antioch and preached the gospel. The city was a cosmopolitan centre at the crossroads of ancient trade routes. This became the first opportunity for the church to become cross cultural and multi-ethnic.[37] The church grew in Christ because of the presence of Paul and Barnabas.

How the Pentecost relates us today?

Understanding Pentecost increases our understanding of the God we serve and worship, the God who exists in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Pentecost celebrates the grace-filled thriving of the human community through the indwelling of the Spirit. In First Corinthians, Paul insists that we will know the Spirit to the extent that we appreciate the diversity of gifts present in our community. The Acts of the Apostles assures us that the Spirit continues to work through delicate, diverse, sometimes fighting, often spirited, human beings. The Spirit of God leads us to broaden our plans and go beyond our own narrow imaginations.

As we contemplate our celebration of Pentecost, may we take the opportunity to renew and revive our hearts that the Holy Spirit empowers us to continually seek the Lord and enjoy the fruits of salvation, being grown in the holiness and carry on the mission of God to preach Gospel in action to "OTHERS".



WISE MOTHERS

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Mother's Day is a special day an occasion celebrated all over the world in families. On this day we try to express our respect, love, honour and gratitude to our mothers. On this day the society acknowledges, all the contributions and efforts of mothers and the unconditional love, we can never be grateful enough.

1. Mother of Mercy and compassion:

Pharaoh's daughter therefore has much to teach us about the concept of mercy Pharaoh's daughter discovered Moses when she went to the river, accompanied by her maidens. However, although she realised that he was a Hebrew child, Exodus 2:6 says that "she had compassion on him" and spared his life. This was despite the fact that her father, the Pharaoh, had ordered that all Hebrew male children be killed at birth (Exodus 1:15-17). Miriam, noting her compassion, was then bold enough to approach the Pharaoh's daughter and ask if she should go and call a Hebrew woman to nurse him for her. Two remarkable things then happened:

Pharaoh's daughter gave Miriam permission to find Moses a nurse, thereby preserving his life even further (Exodus 2:7-8)

The woman that Miriam called was Jochebed and, not only did the Pharaoh's daughter give her permission to nurse him, but she also paid her to do so until he was old enough to be weaned and brought back to the palace- making Pharaoh's daughter Moses' adopted mother.

Many missionary services like old age home. Home for refugees, blind and deaf schools have been existing due to mercy and compassion)

2. Abigail (Mother of Intelligent and Beautiful) 2nd Samuel 17:25 She was the mother of Amasa. Often in life, it's not the

easiest of times, but the hardest that can bring out the best in people Abigail shows us to be people that take action quickly, to humble ourselves when necessary, be knowledgeable, be approachable, and know when to speak to people. The timing of our actions can be the difference between life and death or missed opportunities and success. Don't be a procrastinator, act quickly when it makes sense. Abigail lost no time..." (1 Samuel 25:18)


No matter how difficult or threatening the situation, God's power within us is greater than we can ever fully see or comprehend. He is able to use any of us, even those who feel insignificant or powerless, for His greater good. Abigail had the courage and strength to shoulder the blame for something she didn't do. She begged forgiveness on behalf of her entire household, and God used that moment to show David how wrong it would be to take revenge in his own way and kill these innocent servants. Be humble and kind, seek peace with those around you.

3. Achsah (goodness of God in our requests, our prayers, our petitions, and our divine blessings) Judges.1.12-15

HER CONSIDERATION OF THE MATTER before she went to her father. In domestic life we often meet with pictures of life in the house of God. I am sure that we are allowed to find them there, for our Savior said, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" God is a Father, and he likens himself to us as fathers; and we who are believers are God's children; and we are permitted to liken ourselves to our own children; and just as our children would deal with us, and we would deal with them, so may we deal with God, and expect God to deal with us. This good woman, before she went to her father with her petition, asked her husband's help.

Good wives, prompt your husbands to pray with you. Brothers, ask your brothers to pray with you. Sisters, be not satisfied to approach the throne of grace alone; but ask your sister to pray with you. It is often a great help in prayer for two of you to agree touching the thing that concerns Christ's kingdom. Now comes HER PRAYER itself.

As soon as she found that she had an audience with her father of the kindest sort, she said to him, Give me a blessing. "it is a good beginning, Give me a blessing, Whatever thou dost not give me, give me a blessing. Whatever else thou give me, do not fail to give me a blessing." A father's blessing is an inheritance to a loving child. She mingled gratitude with her petition: "Give me a blessing: for thou hast given me a south land. But this good woman used this plea in a particular way: she said, "Thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water. "Give me grace to use my wealth aright." Some here have many talents. Riches in the brain are among the best of riches. Be thankful to God for your talents; but cry, "Lord, give me of thy grace, that I may use my talents for thy glory. Give me springs of water, or else my talents shall be a dry and thirsty land, yielding no fruit unto thee. Give me springs of water." You see, the prayer is not merely for water, but for springs of water. "Give me a perpetual, eternal, ever-flowing fountain. Give me grace that shall never fail; but shall flow, and flow on, and flow for ever.

"Spiritual motherhood is, in a word, discipleship. It is a woman's response to the Great Commission. "Kindhearted Egyptian princess, a noble and tender woman who lived in a cruel time. Through divine providence she was the instrument of saving the babe from death, she raised 40 years in her palace, who became "Moses, the Servant of God." 



“IF YOU REMAIN SILENT”

(Esther 4:14)

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King Solomon says about Time and Season, “Time for everything and a season for every activity....A time to be silent and a time to speak.” In Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

It's good to be remain silent sometimes but not for all the times. It's not good if the time is come to speak and we remain silent. In conversation with Esther, Mordecai says, “for if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish, and who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this.” Esther 4:14

Here Mordecai's word “Silent” means, to be passive, inactive, effortless or do nothing.

In the 127 provinces stretching from India to Cush, during the time and reign of King Xerxes, all Jews were in danger of their lives because Haman the higher and second man of the kingdom of Xerxes, issued a decree to destroy, all the Jews on a single day, the thirteenth day of the twelfth month of the Adar and plunder their goods, throughout all the provinces.

Now that time Esther was Queen, the daughter of Mordecai's brother and after her parents' death, Mordecai took care of her. Mordecai sent message to Esther to intervene in the above matter and rescue and deliver all Jews from the upcoming disastrous situation. Here, in above V.14 we can see three things Mordecai described,

- 1) If you remain silent at this time, the relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place.
- 2) But you and your father's family will perish.
- 3) And who knows that you have come to Royal position for such a time as this?

For Esther the situation is very bad, like “ahead well and behind pit”. Both side she is in danger of death. If she doesn't approach the king in the inner court, in a certain set of time, Haman and his soldiers destroy and kill all the Jews and the Queen also not able to escape from it. Mordecai insist Esther to go in presence of King, because in all Jews, the queen has most chances to save her life and all her people.

So, for the solution of the upcoming disastrous situation Mordecai told to Esther that, she must have to go in presence of King, for the relief and

deliverance of the Jews. And if she doesn't want to go, Mordecai express his strong faith in God, to whom he serves – for if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place. Means, the Almighty Lord is able to save His people by any means, and He will save them. And it's Mordecai's strong faith in God and if she refuses to help the Jews in this matter, she will loss the blessings of God and will in danger of God's anger and she and her father's family will perish.

And in last Mordecai adds, who knows but that you have come to Royal position for such a time as this?

In Genesis 50:20 Joseph says to his brothers, when they came to him in Egypt for food in the time of famine, “You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.” Because they hated him and sold him in the hand of Ishmaelites, but in all that matters Joseph sees God's plan and spoke kindly to them and reassured to provide their necessities.

Here also, Mordecai presuppose that, Esther became Queen is, in God's plan to relief and deliver His people through her.

So, here, for the insist of Mordecai, Esther the Queen agreed to go into the presence of King for the cause of the Jews and will try her best to solve the problem, but before she goes to man for help, she wants to go in presence of God for help, with fasting of three days with all the Jews.

So here we see that, Esther, the Queen not remain silent in such a time of disastrous situation but act.

If we are in position or in power to do good to someone and don't do it, we sins in eyes of the Lord.

Luke 10:30-37 the most famous parable of Good Samaritan. We see there the Priest and Levite remain silent to help to the wounded man when they saw him fell on road, but the Samaritan not remain silent, when he saw the wounded man, fell on road, he took pity on him, he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took

care of him, he gave two silver coins to innkeeper and said to look after him and will reimburse extra expenses. He does what he could and even beyond his ability.

Proverbs 3:27 says, “Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act”.

What are we do when we see someone in needs of anything? Do we remain silent or speak act?

Always keep in mind that, whatever we have, had from God – the source of everything. We are only Steward and not owner.

- So, if you are “live”, express your Love to God with all your heart, soul and mind, Praise God, Give Glory to God, testify God, trust God, use your time in ministry, preach Gospel, use your talents for Glory of God, take part in church meetings.
- If you have any job or any income source, no matter big or small, first give your tithe...
- If you are member of church, love others, forgive others, do good to others, help others, take care of others, listen others, pray for others ...
- If you are in power or in authority or in position of any kind, always try to do good to others and help others.

We all have different blessings, talents, capability, wisdom, influence, power, strength, qualification, efficiency. So, when we are in authority or in position to do good and there is a time to love God, to Love others, to help, care, listen others, to forgive others, to take appropriate decision, to raise our voice against corruption or injustice, to use our talents and time, for ministry, time to sacrifice our lives, time to self-denial, time to trust... What shall we do? Shall we remain silent or act?

If we remain silent when the times come, it will be done by someone else whom God arise to do, but what about us?

If we remain silent, The Word of God says, “we will loss blessings of God and we and our father's family will perish.” Means we are in danger of wrath of God and loss our blessings, our lives and whatever we have.

May God bless and strengthen all of us! 

PENTECOST AND IT'S EFFECTS



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Before we go further into the subject Pentecost and its effects, let us refresh our minds about the name, origin and historical facts briefly recorded in the Bible for our knowledge and benefit.

The name- Pentecost comes from the Greek Pentekoste meaning "Fifties." It refers to the Jewish Festival celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover Harvest festival called Shabuoth or Feast of Weeks in the Old Testament. (Liv. 23:15-16, Deut.16:9). According to Rabbinical traditions the Feast of Weeks was the anniversary of the giving of the Law at Sinai and that occasion the voice of God was heard by every nation. This is also the fiftieth day from the Easter, when the work of salvation completed on the cross and victory won.

PENTECOST DAY- disciples and the believers were sitting together in a room. Suddenly a sound like blowing of a violent mighty wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were praying. Normally the wind comes from a direction (south or west) but this came from heaven (wind of the Holy Spirit). They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Holy Spirit enabled them. (Acts 2:1-4)

PENTECOST AND IT'S EFFECTS- (1) Effects on the disciples -Heaven came down to lift the fallen mankind to heaven. Unschooled disciples who were ordinary men (Acts 4:13) became the Ministers of the Gospel, possessing the authority, Holy Spirit gave voice to voice-less disciples. Terribly afraid disciples became the daring lions belonged to the Lion of Judah tribe. (Rev.5:5) and directly charged his hearers with the guilt of delivering their Messiah over to the hands of lawless men (Romans) and putting Him to death. (Acts 2:22-36) They dared not to deny the charge because it was true.

Mystery of the Holy Spirit. Mystery of language which everyone understands. The disciples who were typical Galileans who could speak only their own native language. The whole crowd was astonished as everyone was hearing them speaking in his own native language.

(2) EFFECT ON PEOPLE-People wondered to hear and see all that was happening, they were deeply touched by Peter's speech. They found themselves guilty of blindness for not recognizing Jesus as the Messiah. They condemned themselves as guilty. They asked, Brothers what shall we do? Peter told them to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus, and they would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

RESULT OF PENTECOST -Three thousand people repented and received Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. Among them were people from all over the world and all of them were not religious people. A new Community was formed (Church was born) who took the message of salvation all over the world. It is Pentecost which opened the eyes of all that Messiah (Jesus Christ) is for all nations and all people, salvation through Him is for everyone." For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) We may continue to count the effects of Pentecost and the list will be very long which will be absolutely incomplete. Because the Bible records itself is only a portion recorded for our

guidance, empowerment and show the pathway to walk in as the people of Christ.

PROMISES OF JESUS WERE FULFILLED – During the final phase of His earthly ministry Jesus did not want to keep the disciples into darkness regarding their future and His mission. He clearly told them all that will happen to Him at Jerusalem, Crucifixion, Death, Resurrection and going back to heaven. The disciples were not only sad but grieved after hearing what Jesus said. To encourage and prepare them for the future, Jesus declared these promises.

(1) I will not leave you orphans (John 14:18)
(2) It is for your benefit that I go, I will ask the Father.... (14:16-17).
(3) I tell you the truth but your grief will turn to joy. (John 16:20) Jesus was so much concerned about His disciples that he devoted three chapters of John's gospel (14,15 and 16) to comfort and encourage them to be prepared to face the future.

APOSTOLIC PREACHING (Acts ch.2) When the Apostles were filled by the power of the Holy Spirit, it was not Peter but Holy Spirit was speaking through him. I find the message recorded in chapter two, as the one which is absolutely outstanding (complete) in the whole Bible.

It contain the law given to Moses, prophets, prophecies about King Messiah, His suffering, death by crucifixion, resurrection, ascension to Heaven, Pentecost and 2nd coming. It also speaks about repentance, forgiveness, salvation, eternal life through Messiah. It is most striking, shaking, awakening, warning, sprinkling, convicting, heart breaking (cut to the heart v-37).

Peter daringly presented two powerful true witness. One from O T (Prophets and Prophecies) which they have studied well and can't deny. Second New Testament (a) recently happened which all of them have seen. (b) The disciples themselves are the living witness. God has raised this Jesus to life and we are all witnesses of the fact. Exalted (Jesus) to the right hand of God (verses 32 and 33) There is so much in this Pentecostal message, we can never think or talk about it in one article. Disciples and the believers who were weeping and mourning their grief were turned to joy on Pentecost as Jesus promised (John 16:20). After Jesus going to heaven the disciples were not aimless and confused, at Pentecost they found the purpose and power to fulfil it.

EFFECTS OF PENTECOST - At Pentecost Heaven came down to lift up the fallen mankind to heaven. Unschooled disciples who were ordinary men (Acts 4:13) became the Ministers of the Gospel, possessing the authority, (power of the Holy Spirit). Holy Spirit gave voice to the voiceless disciples and believers. Before Pentecost the disciples were afraid of Jews authority, became daring and roaring lions of Jesus. They were looking upon the circumstances and themselves. When we are fearful or afraid it is easy to look upon the circumstances and ourselves and suffer much, instead of looking up to Jesus.

On the Pentecost day a new community was formed, Church was born by the power of the Holy Spirit to carry on the mission and commission of Jesus and made the world upside down. It was Pentecost effect that 3000 repented and received Jesus as their Lord

and Saviour. Among them were people from all over the world and from all sorts of belief and even no belief. They took the gospel wherever they gone. No one can fully understand or describe the effect of Pentecost (work of the Holy Spirit) Even a portion of it is written in the Bible for our help, guidance and inspiration.

PENTECOST AND Its APPLICATION – To me when we listen or read the word of God, the most important part is to think (meditate) on it and apply (implementation) in our lives with the help of the Holy Spirit, what the Lord has spoken to me directly for my benefit.

Transformation (new birth or new life in Jesus) Though the disciples closely lived with Jesus over three years, seen and assisted what He was doing, which made their training completed. But without the presence of Jesus they were confused, fearful and lonely.

This can be the situation in our lives or any Christian life, celebrating the whole Easter season year after year, then finally joyfully celebrate Pentecost Sunday. After all big celebrations get back to daily routine life, but no change(transformation)

Before Pentecost Christ was with the disciples for three long years. He could be present at one place only during those days. At Pentecost His Spirit entered in the hearts of not only the disciples, but all the believers. Since the first Pentecost the Lord poured the Holy Spirit (gift) on whosoever repent and receive Jesus as his or her Saviour...

There is so much to say or write on Pentecost. I don't want this article to be too long. Before or on 2022 Pentecost Sunday let us open our hearts for the examination of the Holy Spirit and ask the following questions to ourselves in His presence. But before that let us think what the Holy Spirit reminded churches through his servant James is reminding each one of us right now." Faith (in Jesus) by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead" (James 2:19) Our celebrations including Pentecost Sunday, can be useless if our lives are not possessed and led by the Holy Spirit.

Am I living a normal (celebratory) Christian life and satisfied? Has the Pentecost taken place in my life? If it has taken place, do I live Holy Spirit filled and led life? Let us remember our dear Lord by His Spirit want to live and function in each one of our hearts and lead us to live a rejoicing and praise filled life, in our family, church, and society for His glory.

MOTHER'S DAY GIFT



In the month of May, mothers are eagerly waiting for their special day, this day is celebrated throughout the world, we The Salvation Army also observe this with a special programme and celebrate this day. Due to pandemic, we could not celebrate at the Church for two consecutive years, but luckily this year we hope to celebrate at the Church.

This 'Mother's Day' started long time back, and we all know how it started. It falls on 2nd Sunday of May, and this year on 8th May 2022. Anna Jarvis started this 'Mother's Day' to show the love of mother and how she sacrificed herself for her children, she wanted to show respect and honour to them.

In Mother's Day we use to give a bouquet or other gift to show that we care for our mother. Even if we are not with them, we call them through phone and wish them luck. This makes the Mother's Day special and it is good to continue till the end of the World. Mother's Day signifies 'LOVE'. We have to ask ourselves that what are we planning to give our mother on this special day? We may like to give what they like, their favor and interest on this day. We are unable to say what will be the best gift to the mothers, it depends on an individual. They deserve the best.



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Some may not afford to give present or some stay apart from it. Even so, there's nothing to worry. We have the good thing to give her which cannot be bought from the shop or not to purchase it with money but a special gift that is 'LOVE' from the bottom of our heart and obedience. Obeying our mothers, and live gracefully along with God, that is what the mothers expect. We can honour our mother by showing our Love to God. Therefore, if we the children can unite as one, we can make them happy, and it will be the best gift ever. It does not matter if the gift is big or small, good or bad, the most they deserve is to witness their kids Love to them.

Whatever present you give to your mother, let it express your— Love, Obedience, Honor, and Joy towards them. 🍷



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'This is the Story.....
This is the Song'

ABIDE WITH ME

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide (ESB 529)

Tune: Abide with me

Henry Francis Lyte (1793 - 1847)

William Henry Monk (1823 - 1889)

Bb7 Cm Eb/G Cm7Bb7

A-bide with me; fast falls the e-ven tide; The dar-kness dee-pens;

7 Fm7Bb F7 Bb7 Cm C7 Fm

Lord, with me a-bide! When oth-er hel-pers fail, and com-forts flee,

13 Bb7 Bb7 Cm Bb7

Help of the help-less, O a-bide with me.

Abide with Me" is a Christian hymn by Scottish Anglican Henry Francis Lyte. A prayer for God to stay with the speaker throughout life and in death, it was written by Lyte in 1847 as he was dying from tuberculosis. It is most often sung to the tune "Eventide" by the English organist William Henry Monk.

There is some controversy as to the exact dating of the text to "Abide with Me". An article in *The Spectator*, 3 Oct. 1925, says that Lyte composed the hymn in 1820 while

visiting a dying friend. It was related that Lyte was staying with the Hore family in County Wexford and had visited an old friend, William Augustus Le Hunte, who was dying. As Lyte sat with the dying man, William kept repeating the phrase "abide with me...". After leaving William's bedside, Lyte wrote the hymn and gave a copy of it to Le Hunte's family.

The belief is that when Lyte felt his own end approaching twenty-seven years later at the age of 54, as he developed tuberculosis, he


recalled the lines he had written so many years before in County Wexford. The Biblical link for the hymn is Luke 24:29 in which the disciples asked Jesus to abide with them "for it is toward evening and the day is

spent". Using his friend's more personal phrasing "Abide with Me", Lyte composed the hymn. His daughter, Anna Maria Maxwell Hogg, recounts the story of how "Abide with Me" came out of that context:

The summer was passing away, and the month of September (that month in which he was once more to quit his native land) arrived, and each day seemed to have a special value as being one day nearer his departure. His family were surprised and almost alarmed at his announcing his intention of preaching once more to his people. His weakness and the possible danger attending the effort were urged to prevent it, but in vain. "It was better", as he used to say often playfully, when in comparative health, "to wear out than to rust out". He felt that he should be enabled to fulfil his wish, and feared not for the result. His expectation was well founded. He did preach, and amid the breathless attention of his hearers, gave them a sermon on the Holy Communion ... In the evening of the same day he placed in the hands of a near and dear relative the little hymn, "Abide with Me", with an air of his own composing, adapted to the words.

Just weeks later, on 20 November 1847 in Nice, then in the Kingdom of Sardinia, Lyte died. The hymn was sung for the very first time at Lyte's funeral. Special thanksgiving services to mark Lyte's bicentenary were held in Taghmon and Killurin churches.

The hymn is a prayer for God to remain present with the speaker throughout life, through trials, and through death. The opening line alludes to Luke 24:29, "Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent", and the penultimate verse draws on text from 1 Corinthians 15:55, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?":

The hymn is popular across many Christian denominations and was said to have been a favourite of King George V and Mahatma Gandhi. In 1947 it was sung at the wedding of Queen Elizabeth II. It is also often sung or played at Christian funerals. 



Henry Francis Lyte (1793 - 1847)



William Henry Monk (1823 - 1889)

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TERRITORIAL ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR DDWMS, DWDOS, LOMS, JHLS AND TSAMF SECRETARIES



The Territorial Orientation Programme was conducted under the leadership of Colonel Indumati Christian, TPWM and supported by Lt. Colonel Rajam Daniel, TSWM, at HRD Centre Trivandrum on the 5th and 6th of January 2022 were memorable days for the woman officers of ISWT. DDWMS, DWDOS, DJHL, DLOM, TSA Medical Secretaries across all divisions along with woman officers serving in the Territorial Headquarters participated in this programme.

The Morning Devotion was conducted by Chief Secretary Lt. Colonel Daniel J Raj. The talk was based on "Abide in Christ" (John 15:4), the theme of Woman Ministries this year. It was emphasized that without abiding in Christ no one can bear fruit. Chief Secretary also reminded that it is women who build home. The session was concluded with prayer and benediction.

Then, Colonel Indumati Christian, TPWM took lecture on the topic "Women in Leadership" and shared on what is leadership and the responsibility of a leader. It was also reminded that Lord Jesus appears as the excellent example of leadership. The lecture also pointed out

about two types of leadership. After the conclusion of the lecture, the officers were divided in groups. Four questions and selected scripture portions were given for discussion. After the discussion, a representative of each group shared their opinion.

Later, Lt. Colonel Rajam Daniel, TSWM delivered her lecture on "Role & Responsibility of Salvation Army Medical Fellowship Secretaries". The history and activities of the medical fellowship in the Army were explained.

In the afternoon, the presentation of Reports by DDWMS was held. The DDWMS explained the activities of the Women Ministries in their respective divisions during the span of three months. Captain. Raji Jomon, Corps Officer, Trivandrum Central Corps also presented the report of the Corps.

Followed, Lt. Colonel Snehadeepam Saju TWDO took the class on "Awareness of Woman Development & Fundraising". Five aspects of women development and some facts on how woman development is possible were pointed out. It was also reminded that women's self-esteem is to be encouraged. The instructions for

fundraising were also given in the class.

Lt. Colonel Mariyakutty Yohannan, THLS gave her address on Home League and League of Mercy. The significance and activities of Home League & League of Mercy as well as sending of the concerned reports were mentioned in the talk.

The second day of the programme commenced at 8:30 am in the Morning Major Annie John, DDWM, Thiruvalla division led the morning devotion. She talked about a new beginning with reference from the Bible.

Then, TSWM spoke on the subject "Home League bookkeeping & cash book". Matters related to home league register, activities under Women Ministries and budgeting were discussed in detail. A practical exercise was also given for H. L. cash book.

Another significance of this programme is an informative lecture by Dr. Shoba C.M (Consultant Surgeon, Government General Hospital, Trivandrum) on "Role of Medical Persons in the community" A Doctor's role in the society, the nobility of medical profession and a medical professional's involvement in social work were pointed out. Awareness about care that should be


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SENIOR LEADERS' CONFERENCE, INDIA CENTRAL TERRITORY



The Senior Leaders Conference was held on 16- 17 of March 2022. At the Salvation Army HRD Centre, Chennai, under the leadership of Colonels Yaqoob Masih and Sumitra Masih, the Territorial Commander and TPWM with the support of Lt. Colonels M. Stalin and Lt. Colonel Keziah Stalin Chief Secretary and TSWM and Secretaries for BA, Personnel & programmes All the Divisional Commanders and District Officers, Area Officers and heads of the Departments attended the Conference. The entire conference was focussed on the theme "Be Faithful in God's Mission".

The Territorial Commander encouraged the officers to have spiritual thirst and reminded them of their responsibilities in saving souls showing from the scripture Revelation 2:10. Colonel Yaqoob Masih Territorial Commander taught the following subjects, be Faithful in God's Mission. Colonel Sumitra Masih TPWM presented the report of women's Ministries and took Bible study on the life of Abraham. Lt. Colonel M. Stalin taught about the aspects of the Administration. Lt. Colonel B. Joseph SBA presented the reports from the Business Administration; Lt. Colonel B. G. Prakasha Rao SPA presented the reports of the Personnel &

field. Lt. Colonel M. Abraham Lincoln Secretary for Programme presented the reports of programs. Divisional Commanders, District officers & Area officers presented their report and future plans. Through all the lectures and reports all the officers were encouraged to be a good leader and to do their ministries effectively. All the senior leaders who attended the conference blessed and were benefitted by the conference. 

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taken while confronting fatal diseases was also given through the session. She also shared the instances of the Army's unmatched medical services in the society with pride.

Then, Major Shiny Titus, Officer in charge & Coordinator, Anti Human Trafficking, led the session on "Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking". Issues regarding Human Trafficking, the reasons leading to Modern Slavery and how vigilant we should be were discussed in detail.


Before parting for lunch, the orientation for officers were jointly conducted by the TPWM and TSWM. The job description was presented to the newly appointed DWDOs & TSAMF Secretaries. Followed by lighting the candle, TWDO prayed for them.

Major Saramma Bennymon, Editor took the class on "how to write Articles". The important things to follow while writing an article as well as the positive impact of catchy headlines on an article were explained in the class.

After the photo session, the final meeting began at 3pm. Beloved Territorial Leaders Colonels Gabriel and Indumati Christian, were present in the meeting. Lt. Colonel Rajam Daniel, TSWM led the meeting. By quoting "You are the salt of the Earth" Matthew 5:13 in her short speech, TPWM encouraged her woman officers. The Territorial Commander gave the Bible message based on Romans 12:1,2 "offer our bodies as living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God" and exhorted the congregation. At the end of the meeting every officer rededicated themselves with

prayer. The Territorial Commander concluded the programme with prayer and benediction.

The special orientation programme held on the 5th and 6th of January 2020 was very informative and blessed. This will undoubtedly provide a great spirit and new vision to the Women Ministries of the Territory in the days to come.

All glory to God 

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