

*We praise God for*



2011-2016

THE COMPLETION OF FIVE YEARS  
OF NEWSLETTER MINISTRY

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*"Reading the monthly promise message has always been a big blessing for me. It seemed God was speaking directly into the circumstances I was facing. It never failed to encourage me to keep believing His word. I especially loved the many Bible verses in the message. It was something I referred back to many times through the month.*

*It always strengthened my faith. Praise the Lord!"*

*- Monica Nallathambi.*

*"I have been tremendously blessed by being a part of the TOG newsletter ministry. Great is thy faithfulness."*  
*- Lois Rajeetha.*

## Looking Back...

By the tremendous grace of God, God has helped this newsletter ministry complete five years starting from 2011. My wife, Indira Rajan, first encouraged me to publish a newsletter with a message to encourage the readers. Since I did not have any prior experience in publishing a newsletter, I was hesitant to start but my wife and I continued to pray. In 2011, when we were talking to sister Lois in Woodland Hills, the topic of a newsletter was brought up again, she immediately offered to help in this ministry by writing or translating. We then prayerfully began to take the first steps in publishing a newsletter. Throughout these past five years, many people have reached out to us about how the message has been ministering to them. Others have also shared that they earnestly wait for the newsletter. I thank Jesus for Sisters Lois, Monica, Pearlie, Agnes, Brothers Sathish and Adam Anand for their continuous efforts in this ministry for the past five years, may God bless them!

In this page, you can read a few testimonies from people who have been touched through this ministry. All glory to God!

*- Pastor Abraham K. Rajan*

*"The Throne of Grace newsletter is a great blessing for me. As the Psalmist says "Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105), even when I am not able to attend the monthly promise service it enabled me to read the entire promise message which gave me hope in times of trouble and helped me to come closer to God. Glory be to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."*  
*- Anita Priyakumar.*

*"I am blessed reading the sermon notes. The notes help me to understand Bible better and helps me to apply it in my life. The promise message for each month encourages and strengthens and gives me hope."*  
*- Suganthy Aaron.*



# TOG Newsletter: 60th Edition

## Children's Corner



Help Mr. H2O get to the bottom of the flower



The grass withers  
the flower fades  
but the word of our  
God stands forever  
Isaiah 40:6-8

Consider the  
lilies that  
grow here.  
They do not  
sow or plant  
or cultivate  
anything.  
Yet they flourish  
and you can  
gather them  
for weaving.  
That is how God  
treats the just.  
He will be like  
the lilies.  
Isaiah 65:14-15

### unscramble

**T P E R E**

He felt guilty when heard the rooster cry

**ASLZURA**

Jesus wept when this man died

**PSJHOE**

"You thought evil against me but God meant it unto good."

**H L A A I C M**

Last book in Old Testament

**R R E E A N G D**

Jesus appeared like this to Mary after he rose from the dead



### DO YOU KNOW ABOUT KING JOSIAH?

KING JOSIAH BECAME A KING WHEN HE WAS ONLY EIGHT YEARS OLD! HE RULED THE KINGDOM OF JUDAH. EVEN THOUGH HE WAS VERY YOUNG, THE BIBLE SAYS THAT HE LOOKED FOR GOD & DID EVERYTHING THAT GOD TOLD HIM TO DO.

WHEN HE WAS 20, HE SENT PEOPLE TO DESTROY THE TEMPLES THAT OTHERS HAD BUILT TO HONOR IDOLS AND STATUES. HE ALSO GAVE A LOT OF MONEY AND ORDERED THAT TEMPLES TO GOD SHOULD BE REBUILT.

**Apply:** ARE YOU TALKING TO GOD EVERYDAY BY PRAYING? ARE YOU READING THE BIBLE? GOD LOVES LITTLE CHILDREN! GOD LOVES YOU! HE WANTS TO HEAR YOUR VOICE SO WON'T YOU TALK TO HIM AND TELL HIM EVERYTHING!! YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A KING TO TALK TO GOD, HE LISTENS TO EVERY ONE'S PRAYER. THE MORE YOU PRAY, THE MORE GOD WILL SPEAK TO YOU.

**ONE FREE GIFT**

when the entire page is correctly completed and the memory verse (inside the flower) is recited to a Sunday School teacher at TOG



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## WOMEN'S PAGE

# Stand for the Lord

As women, we need to stand for the Lord. God wants to use women. In the Bible, there are many women who stood firmly for the Lord. In particular, I want to share a few things about Queen Esther.

### READY TO LOSE THE QUEENSHIP

In the land of Sushan, when a circumstance to destroy the Jews came up, Mordecai sent a message to Esther and asked her to talk with the King in order to save the Jews. Esther replied that anyone who enters the King's courts without his permission will be killed. Then Mordecai again sends a message to Queen Esther saying,

“Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king’s palace any more than all the other Jews. For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father’s house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”(Esther 4:13-14).

Here Mordecai told Esther the purpose of her Queenship. When Esther heard this, she boldly replies that she will enter into the King's courts even if it leads to her death.

Queen Esther realized the purpose of the Queenship and was willing to lose the position for the Lord. In our lives, every honor and blessing has been granted from God with a purpose. We should be willing to use those things for God and stand for Him firmly.

### FASTING & PRAYER

Esther, who was ready to stand for the Lord and lose her Queenship, the next thing she did was fast and pray. To stand for the people of the Lord, Esther understood that fasting and prayer was very important and first asked Mordecai and the other Jews to fast for her. She also determined to fast; after she fasted and prayed, she received divine boldness to enter the King's courts. The wisdom that she needed to talk to the King was granted from the Lord, she spoke wisely and she saved the lives of the Jews. To The entire Jewish nation, Esther was a blessing.

Our own fasting and prayer will bring huge blessings to ourselves and our nation. Like Queen Esther, let us fast and pray. Let us stand for the Lord firmly.

# Lessons from David

**G**od is never a Master who controls us with a remote in his hand and makes us move in the direction He wants us to. For everyone He has a master plan and to know and walk in that plan depends on each man and woman. Living a life as pure as He wants and as Holy as He desires is the greatest challenge every Christian has in this world. There are people in the Holy Bible who have proven that living a Holy life is possible amidst all circumstances and situation. At the same time, we have people in the Bible who have fallen to the temporary leisure of life creating all chaos in their future life.

Let me talk to you about one such person and one such instance on how sin entered in his life and how he gave space for sin to enter. We all know about David the King who once was an ordinary shepherd and then rose to be a king. God was so gracious with David all through his heights. But he too had the difficult situation of coming across temptations in life which he unfortunately could not win. The Bible explains in 2 Samuel 11: 1-3 about what made David fall into sin.

## Situation

**“It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out to battle, that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.”**  
2 Samuel 11:1

If you carefully watch on how the verse begins and how the verse ends, it is evident that David's choice of the situation was a wrong one. While it was time when kings were departing for wars, David as a king remained in Jerusalem. This was the first step that David went wrong and gave space for sin to enter. David failed to choose the correct situation.

We should be very careful on the situation and how we choose to spend our time at any point of life.

## Sight

**“Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold.”** 2 Samuel 11:2

Look into the verse as two Portions. The first portion ends describing that David saw a woman bathing herself. If the verse or David would have stopped with that, sin would have had no way to move beyond.

But the second portion of the verse says that the woman was very beautiful. Sin never enters us on the first sight. Sin enters on the second sight- the sight of mind. If David would have stopped his sight once he saw that woman, he would have escaped. But he allowed his second sight (mind) to see the woman and ended up marching towards sin. First sight is just a sight but second sight is the sight which we allow to enter into us though knowing it is not necessary. So we need to be careful and examine if our sight is focused on only necessary things.

## Synthesis

**“So David sent and inquired about the woman. And someone said, “Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?”** 2 Samuel 11:3

Now comes the third and final step in marching towards the sin, David sent a person to enquire who the woman was. Once we loose the control on situation and give way for the second sight, we start synthesizing on the situation and give way for sin to control us. David allowed sin to take control and committed adultery with the woman and ended up he killing Uriah, the woman's husband. Sin never stops with its own. It gives birth to more and more once we start falling into it. Never get trapped. Your fall won't be immediate but slowly and surely, sins will lead to your trap. Be cautious on where you are, what you see and what you think.

Sin is always enjoyable... Sin is always reachable... Sin is always touchable... Sin is always feasible... And remember the end is always terrible.... We can learn valuable lessons from David's life.

When David fell, he immediately rushed to the presence of God. He acknowledged that he had fallen and God redeemed David. If you have committed any sin, this is the right time to confess your sin and come back to God. **“He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.”**- Proverbs 28:13. God will help you lead a successful life. God Bless you!

## Promise Message – April 2016

For this month God wants to bless us with the following promise:

*“The threshing floors shall be full of wheat,  
And the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil.”*

*Joel 2:24 (NKJV)*

He will fill our threshing floors with wheat and will make the vat overflow with wine and oil. He will remove all lack and bring about an overflow of blessings in our lives. To receive such blessings, God wants to show us three ways.

### 1. Fasting & Prayer

In Joel 2:23 we read that it is God who will cause the rain to come down. It is only God who can give an overflowing blessing in our life. Sometimes, our situations seem like the ones in the verses below, everything looks dead and lifeless.

*“Is not the food cut off before our eyes,  
Joy and gladness from the house of our God?”*

*Joel 1:16 (NKJV)*

*“The field is wasted, The land mourns; For the grain is ruined,  
The new wine is dried up, The oil fails.”*

*Joel 1:10 (NKJV)*

But God wants to transform this situation into one with overflowing blessings. For God to change this situation, God desired that His people will consecrate a fast and gather in prayer to seek His face. The Bible says that Prophet Joel cried out to God (Joel 1:19), even the breasts cried out to God (Joel 1:20). Joel asked the people to gather together to fast and pray.

*““Now, therefore,” says the LORD, “Turn to Me with all your heart,  
With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.””*

*Joel 2:12 (NKJV)*

***“Blow the trumpet in Zion, Consecrate a fast,  
Call a sacred assembly;”***

***Joel 2:15 (NKJV)***

God heard their cry and answered that he will provide those blessings, the grain, wine and new oil again (Joel 2:19 & 24). Fasting prayer takes the lack out of our life, solves problems we may face and brings an overflow of God’s blessing.

In 2 Chronicles 20:1-2 we read that when Judah was in trouble, King Jehoshaphat set himself to seek the Lord and declared a fast in all of Judah (2 Chronicles 20:3). Jehoshaphat that stood in the house of the Lord and declared that when any disaster comes, judgment, pestilence, or famine Judah will stand in the house of the Lord and cry out during the time of their affliction and God will hear and save (2 Chronicles 20:9). Along with Jehoshaphat the people and the animals fasted and prayed looking unto God. God listened to the prayer, they did not have to fight the battle on their own, they had to position themselves and stand still and see the salvation of the LORD. (2 Chronicles 20:17) Just like God said he fought the battle for Judah and the enemies fled, they not only fled but they left so much valuables and precious jewelry that it was more than they could carry (2 Chronicles 20:25). After this battle God gave Judah rest (2 Chronicles 20:30). Through prayer God made them rejoice over their enemies and return home with an overflow (2 Chronicle 20:27). God wants to encourage you to fast in prayer, it will bring overflowing joy and blessing into your life.

## ***2. Encounter with God***

***“But Abram said, “Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, ...”***

***Genesis 15:2 (NKJV)***

Abraham looks unto God and asks God this question. The lack that Abraham has, he declares it and with a longing asks God to fulfil it. God answers Abraham by asking him to look toward heaven and count the stars and tell Abraham that his descendants will be like the stars in the sky (Genesis 15:5). God is telling Abraham his lack will turn into an overflow. To bring about this overflow in Abraham’s life God meets Abraham continuously from time to time:

***“Then the LORD appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre,[a] as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day.”***

***Genesis 18:1 (NKJV)***

When He visits Abraham (Gen 18:10):

***““ And He said, “I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son.”***

***(Sarah was listening in the tent door which was behind him.)”***

God tells him, you will have a son by the time that I visit you next year. Gods visitation with us in our life will remove the lack and bring an overflow. Sarah could not believe and laughed at what God had said. But is asking us, “ Is anything too hard for the Lord?” (Genesis 18:14). Gods visitation will make the impossible, possible. Just like God said He met Abraham and Sarah and brought an overflow blessing by bringing Isaac into their life (Genesis 21:1).

Let us look at the fishermen, all night they tried to catch fish without success and with no luck they begin to wash their nets at the shore. This is where Jesus meets Peter and asked him to go deep and cast his net. Peter who had nothing caught enough fish to fill two boats. God’s visitation with Peter brought about guidance in His life and through that guidance Peter received an overflow of blessing.

In this month God wants to give you a visitation and through this visitation, He will guide you and God will make the impossible things, possible and through that God will bring about an overflow blessing. Therefore ask for His visitation.

### 3. Giving to God

*“And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD God of Israel: ‘The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth.’””*

*1 Kings 17:13&14*

In Israel because there was no rain God hid Elijah at the brook Cherith and gave him food and water . When the brook dried up, God asked Elijah to go to Zarephath, to a widow’s house. This widow was getting ready to prepare her last meal for her son and herself. At this time Elijah asks her for bread and water and tells her to give him the first bread and then make some for her son. If she obeyed, “The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth.” (1 Kings 17:14). As per Elijah’s word she gave the first portion to Elijah and the scripture tells us that The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by Elijah(1 Kings 17:16). Elijah, the widow and her son ate for many days . As per the word of God through Elijah she saw an overflow blessing from God.

*“and now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land which you, O Lord, have given me.’ “Then you shall set it before the Lord your God, and worship before the Lord your God.” Deuteronomy 26:10*

Here we see the people offering their first fruits and because of this they received many blessings and were joyous.

*“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse,  
That there may be food in My house,  
And try Me now in this,”  
Says the LORD of hosts,  
“If I will not open for you the windows of heaven  
And pour out for you such blessing  
That there will not be room enough to receive it.”  
Malachi 3:10 (NKJV).*

God is asking to bring the tithes into the store house when you bring it, God will open the windows of heaven and bring an overflow into your life.

Abraham tithed to Melchizedek who was the high priest.

*“So he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his brother Lot and his goods, as well as the women and the people.”  
Genesis 14:16 (NKJV)*

*“Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High.”  
Genesis 14:18 (NKJV)*

*“...And he gave him a tithe of all.”  
Genesis 14:20 (NKJV)*

In the verses below we see God blessed Abraham with an overflow blessing in his life.

*“Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold.  
Genesis 13:2 (NKJV)*

*“Now the land was not able to support them, that they might dwell together, for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together.”  
Genesis 13:6 (NKJV)*

Through giving to God you will see an overflow of blessing in your life. You too when you bring your first fruits to the Lord, your tithes, your ministry, and your time, He will open up the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing.

**Let the Lord bless this message to you and your family.**