

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations Jomy George & Alin Jomy on the birth of their son **Abishai**

Congratulations grandparents
George Mathew & Lizza Mathew

Notes

ICA SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday Service @ 9:30 am & 11: 15 am
Sunday School @ 11:15 am

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WELCOME TO ICA SUNDAY SERVICE

Date : January 15, 2017



WEEKLY ICA VOICE

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER @ 07:30 PM AT ICA
FRIDAY FASTING AND PRAYER @ 10:30 AM AT ICA
SATURDAY SISTERS MEETING @ 05:00 PM AT ICA
SATURDAY NIGHT PRAYER @ 07:00 PM AT ICA

Ushers: Jaiwin Prakash & Sheena Varughese

CHURCH HOME TEAM IN CHARGE THIS WEEK :

P.A. Samuel & Family & Jacob Alexander & Family

WEEK OF 01/15/2017

Varughese Ponnolil & Family & Mathew Varghese & Family

Am I a Person after God's Heart?

Bro. P A Samuel

The other day I heard about a conversation between friends. One of them talked about the response and actions from another person when certain news was given. She was very happy and delighted the way this person responded. Then she mentioned how someone else responded in an almost similar situation previously which was not a very positive experience for them. We all tend to compare the character, action and the life itself of other people. Even though it is not a healthy trait we at least without thinking anything about it do draw comparisons. There is nothing wrong in encouraging a person or ourselves to emulate the good character and life of another person, though.

When I recollected this conversation a couple of days later, immediately, David's response to an event in his life came to my mind. When he was fleeing from his son Absalom "a man from the same clan as Saul's family came out from there. His name was Shimei son of Gera, and he cursed as he came out. He pelted David and all the king's officials with stones. As he cursed, Shimei said, get out, get out, you murderer, you scoundrel! The Lord has repaid you for all the blood you shed in the household of Saul, in whose place you have reigned". Then Abishai said to David, "Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? Let me go over and cut off his head." Following is David's response: **"If he is cursing because the Lord said to him, 'Curse David,' who can ask, 'Why do you do this?'" let him curse, for the Lord has told him to**". I thought, this is one of the reasons why David is called a man after God's own heart. He is not attributing his misfortune to anybody else; he is not seeking vengeance against Shimei; he understands everything is under God's plan and control and unless God has permitted this man could not curse him. He essentially submits everything to God making him his judge and avenger.

We may say this is a passive attitude of attributing everything to fate. I don't believe David is leaving it to fate, but trusting in God who controls the fate. He is very sure that the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears open to their cries. When his first son from Bathsheba was afflicted he was pleading with God that he might change his mind. In Psalm 139 we read his acknowledgment of God's sovereignty, control and knowledge of human life. He attributed everything of his life to God's wisdom, power and guidance.

We get discouraged and upset over the bad treatment we receive from others. We blame others for many of our misfortunes. We make comparisons and by doing so hurt ourselves and probably hurt/malign others. It is good to have an attitude like that of David, 'if God has told him.... God is permitting this.... God will vindicate me'. May God give us the humility, serenity and grace to trust him, hold on to him and walk along with him in every life situation.

Announcement

Worship service time will change effective from
February 5, 2017.
Sunday School & Malayalam Service -
9:30 am - 10:45 am
English Service - 10:45 am - 12:30 pm

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സണ്ടേസ്കൂൾ & മലയാളം ആരാധന:
09:30 മുതൽ 10:45 വരെ
ഇംഗ്ലീഷ് ആരാധന : 10:45 മുതൽ 12:30 വരെ

"I am the LORD who heals you"

Please pray for:

Bro. Ninan Thomas, Bro. M. O Mathew,
 Bro. Johny T. Thomas
 Sisters: Jolly Jacob, Ammini George, Mariamma Johny,
 Usha Danielkutty

Bible Reading Plan Week 03

January 15, 2017	Genesis 47-50
January 16, 2017	Exodus 1-4
January 17, 2017	Exodus 5-7
January 18, 2017	Exodus 8-10
January 19, 2017	Exodus 11-13
January 20, 2017	Exodus 14-16
January 21, 2017	Exodus 17-20