

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 22, 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 NIGHT PRAYER @ 07:00 PM AT ICA

Ushers: Soji Abraham & Jolly Pathalil

CHURCH HOME TEAM IN CHARGE THIS WEEK :

Varughese Ponnolil & Family & Mathew Varghese & Family

WEEK OF 01/29/2017

Mathew C Jacob & Family

Now I know that you fear God

Bro. P A Samuel

We know and acknowledge that God permits tests in our life. They may come at unexpected times and the intensity of the tests varies much. Some people seems to have a smooth sailing without any noticeable winds and waves; there are others who seem to go through every storm and still others feel their whole life is a test. We tend to blame ourselves for our problems some times and God at other times. Invariably Satan gets at least partial blame all the time.

We may reluctantly admit that tests are necessary at times, but we would rather not have them. What does the word of God teaches us about the tests? In 1 Corinthians 10:13 Paul says that no temptation (test) has not overtaken us except what is common to mankind. So, undergoing tests is a common experience of every human being. He further says that the Lord will provide a way out also. That gives us much comfort.

James attributes tests to the growth of our faith. Just like a student gets promotion by going through the tests we are promoted in our faith life. That is a good reason to endure the tests without complaining.

In Genesis 22 we see Abraham being tested by God. At the end of the test God gives Abraham a fabulous certificate. I was much intrigued and surprised at that testimony of God. By this time, Abraham had been following God in great obedience and faith at least close to half a century. He had to follow God at his word without any clear direction of the future. He left everything that was familiar and ventured into uncharted territory when God asked him to go to a place that He will show some time in the future. When he was sad for not having a son, God cheered him up with the promise of a son which just seemed like chasing a mirage for a long time. After a wait of long twenty-five years he got the promised son. By this time, he had another teenager born of human plans which created some friction at home when the promised one was growing up. At God's command, he had to do what no father would want to do – send away the teenager and his mother into the wild world of uncertainty. Oh, the tests a man had to go through! As if these were not enough, when Isaac, the promised one was growing as a healthy young man God paid a visit – another test, this time it is a severe test. The test: "take your only son whom you love and sacrifice him on a mountain I will show you". Is God kidding? Is this some kind of cruel joke on his life? No, God was serious. Even in this Abraham was obedient. When he passed the most difficult test of his life God gave him the certificate: Now I know that you fear God.

Didn't God know the faith, faithfulness, reverence and obedience Abraham had until now? Didn't he pass many other tests even though he had to suffer and forsake many things? Is a sacrifice involving the only son is required to know the character of Abraham? Abraham was ready to do whatever God asked. His faith was so deep even the greatest, most difficult test could not waiver him. Abraham scored the best possible grade and God attested to his commitment.

God might take us also through severe tests like this. Would you and I sacrifice our best and most-loved on the altar? The One who is asking the sacrifice knows the pain – he himself sacrificed his only Son. Wouldn't it be a great honor for us to hear God saying, 'Now I know that you fear God'?

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 04

January 22, 2017	Exodus 21-23
January 23, 2017	Exodus 24-27
January 24, 2017	Exodus 28-30
January 25, 2017	Exodus 31-34
January 26, 2017	Exodus 35-37
January 27, 2017	Exodus 38-40
January 28, 2017	Leviticus 1-4