

18 FEBRUARY

BIBLE LESSON

Acts 2:24

LESSON

Jesus raised
from death

VERSE 24

*Whom God hath raised up,
having loosed the pains of
death: because it was not
possible that he should be
holden of it.*

Despite all the scientific and medical progress made by man, he has yet to eradicate death. Death is the consequence of sin. No man can omit himself from this inevitable outcome. Hence, this inescapable situation makes Jesus' resurrection important. It means that we are no longer under the dominion of death and the power of sin. We are now alive in God through what Jesus did.

The resurrection is the promise of God that all who trust Jesus will be the beneficiaries of God's power to lead us in paths of righteousness and through the valley of death. The power of God for us was seen when God the Father raised Christ from the dead. That very power is available to us. We do not control this power. Rather, we have access to such power because God dwells in us and among us through the Holy Spirit. As we do the work God has given us to do, He helps us with the power that exceeds our comprehension and expectations.

Believing in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead is more than accepting a fact. It means being confident that God is for you, and that He has closed ranks with you, that He is transforming your life, and that He will save you for eternity. Believing in the resurrection means trusting in all the promises of life and hope and righteousness for which it stands. It means being so confident of God's power and love that no fear of worldly loss or greed for worldly gain will lure us to disobey His will.

TO COMPLETE THE BIBLE
IN 2 YEARS, READ

JOB 17

LUKE 4

THOUGHT

Jesus was crucified for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

19 FEBRUARY

BIBLE LESSON

Acts 2:25

LESSON

Jesus foreseen
by David

VERSE 25

*For David speaketh concerning
Him, I foresaw the Lord
always before my face,
for He is on my right hand,
that I should not be moved:*

God's plan is flawless and it is not by any coincidence that Jesus was from the lineage of David and recorded down by David in the psalms long before the miraculous birth. David had always set the Lord before him; had always brought himself to realise the continual presence of God, alike in happiness and in trouble, to feel God to be ever with him. God will not be in any true sense before our face unless we set Him there. To set the Lord before us means to have a deliberate and conscious resolve to have God in all of our thinking, so that the thought of God captivates all of our senses and all our activities and focus in life.

To set the Lord always before us is the secret of Christian living. It is the true preparation for heaven. This is one reason why regular habits of prayer, of worship, of reading God's Word, of Holy Communion are so helpful and cannot safely be neglected. They are means of drawing near to God, of coming into His presence. If we are doing anything, whether work or leisure, in which we could not bear to think of God, we may be sure that work or recreation is wrong.

As we go through our days, we should see God's hand in every situation. Every trial He brings lovingly to shape us into the image of Jesus Christ. Every blessing He graciously gives to show us His love. Every delight to our senses, whether the taste of food or the beauty of creation or the sounds of bird chirping, should cause us to rejoice in the presence of our God.

TO COMPLETE THE BIBLE
IN 2 YEARS, READ

JOB 18
LUKE 5

THOUGHT

When you feel far away from God – guess who moved?



20 FEBRUARY

BIBLE LESSON

Acts 2:26

LESSON Rest in hope

VERSE 26

*Therefore did my heart rejoice,
and my tongue was glad;
moreover also my flesh shall
rest in hope:*

The hope in David is the same hope in Peter, and it is still our hope today. Our Lord watches over us from day to day like a loving father watching his child as he plays in the playground. He lets us explore and wander, but he is always watching over us. Sometimes we may want to assert our own independence and attempt to wander out of his sight, but the father is always watching his child. And when we fall down or when we cry for help, he always hears us. Like what verse 25 assures us, He is always there for us.

Yet the more blessed truth is this: at the end of the day when it grows long and dark, and when we begin to realise that the playground, with all its seeming colours and excitement, is after all not home, and when we yearn for rest in the place where we truly belong, Christ is always there, waiting to bring us back.

What a blessed assurance we have in the promise of Christ! Though this flesh may waste away, though our eyes may grow dim and our hearing grow dull, we are on the other hand nearer and nearer to seeing our Lord and Saviour face to face. Surely our heart would rejoice and our tongues be glad for we know that we have a home waiting for us after this sojourning on earth. And with this hope in our hearts, the more we should live victorious lives on earth, for the battle has long been won through and by our Lord.

TO COMPLETE THE BIBLE
IN 2 YEARS, READ

JOB 19
LUKE 6

THOUGHT

Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. – Matthew 11:28



21 FEBRUARY

BIBLE LESSON

Acts 2:27

LESSON
Kept from
corruption

VERSE 27

*Because Thou wilt not leave
my soul in hell, neither wilt
Thou suffer Thine Holy One
to see corruption.*

Christ not only took the punishment we should take, He won for us the resurrection that we would have. Like how the Holy One was kept from corruption, believers in the Lord will not suffer the devastating torment in hell. The imputation of righteousness and the miraculous work of resurrection was not man-made imagination or human-devised logic; it was God's very revelation in His Word proven to be true and reliable throughout generations.

How, you may ask, should I believe in what was written in the Bible? Aside from the consistency of testimonies of all writers whom God has graciously used, we have hundreds of prophecies which had been realised through the ages. Time has proven that God is true to His promise and that though the grass may wither and the flowers fade, the Word of God stands forevermore.

Yet the most important proof is the work of the Holy Spirit in our heart. Pray for God to help us especially when we are weak and doubting. Pray that God will help us see the light in darkness and turn our eyes upon the Lord, for He is the One who would not suffer His children to see corruption.

Trust in the Lord. The floods may overcome you. The fire may be seven times hotter. The wind may howl like you have never heard before. We may even have to face death. Yet be still and know that He is the holy God who would see us through. He raised Christ; in the same manner He would raise you up as well.

TO COMPLETE THE BIBLE
IN 2 YEARS, READ
JOB 20
LUKE 7

THOUGHT

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

– 1 Peter 1:3



22 FEBRUARY

BIBLE LESSON

Acts 2:28

LESSON

Ways of life

VERSE 28

*Thou hast made known to me
the ways of life; Thou shalt
make me full of joy
with Thy countenance.*

God has made man in such a way that he could feel and think, learn and improve. Though some animals can do that too, it is man whom God has created in His own image, who has the most wisdom to even have dominion over the rest of creation. Man is always seeking what is true, what is right and what is beautiful.

Yet God has already revealed the answer for our quest - and that answer is found in none other than our Lord Jesus, who is true, right and beautiful, for He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. God has made known to us the ways of life - what is life and how do we go about living it. In God's Word we find directions and instructions; in the Scriptures, we find answers and wise counsel. Sadly, instead of looking into God's Word, millions of lives were wasted on a futile quest in the wilderness.

But life is more than solving our pressing problems or even improving on what we have. God's Word is revealed to us so that we can grow in Christ and lead well-pleasing lives in the sight of God.

Seek not to live life asking, "How can I solve this problem that for some reasons comes my way?" Instead, ask, "How can I overcome this challenge which God has allowed to best glorify Him?" The first principle is always to please God. Read His Word. Pray unceasingly. Continue to serve. Blessings and joy would come when you least expect it.

TO COMPLETE THE BIBLE
IN 2 YEARS, READ

JOB 21
LUKE 8

THOUGHT

Shew me Thy ways, O Lord; teach me Thy paths. Lead me in Thy truth, and teach me: for Thou art the God of my salvation; on Thee do I wait all the day. - Psalm 25:4-5





23 FEBRUARY

BIBLE LESSON

Acts 2:29

LESSON

David's prophecy

VERSE 29

*Men and brethren,
let me freely speak unto you of
the patriarch David,
that he is both dead and
buried, and his sepulchre is
with us unto this day.*

The prophecy of David is this: The Messiah will come from his family line. Peter here again channelled the attention of his listeners to a person everyone there and then would know, be he a believer or not. A reference to this patriarch would again strike a chord in the hearts of his audience.

David is a special man - a king after God's own heart, a sovereign who became the yardstick for all the kings after him. But he, like all men, was both dead and buried - his very tomb reminded the people of this cruel truth. All that he has done would go into oblivion: only who he is in the Lord stays - He is the man whose line God has chosen to give the world His only begotten son.

But before that, let us consider this: All of us would die some day. And one day someone would stand at our grave in memory of us. Is there anything of eternal value that could be said of us? Can someone thank you for bringing him to the saving knowledge of Christ? Can somebody say that you have not only fought the good fight of faith but also left a good legacy? Or are we like the numerous kings after David, only having lived, to eventually die and be buried?

Brethren, when we are both dead and buried, let men freely speak unto others of us; that we have walked worthy of Him who has called us out of darkness unto His marvellous light.

TO COMPLETE THE BIBLE

IN 2 YEARS, READ

JOB 22

LUKE 9

THOUGHT

That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness.
- Colossians 1:10-11





24 FEBRUARY

BIBLE LESSON

Acts 2:30

LESSON

Christ as David's son

VERSE 30

Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

David was not only God's prophet; he was the king with whom God had sworn a covenant. Our verse today reminds us of the Davidic covenant – a promise by God to grant David's descendants an everlasting kingdom - a place for God's people, where they would dwell forever and move no more, away from wickedness; a house in God's name, a throne established forever [2 Samuel 7:8-13].

Finite as David was in his understanding, he would not be able to understand what was to come after him. Little would he fathom the soteriological will of God culminating in the coming of the Messiah. Yet as history slowly unfolds, we see the wisdom of the sovereign God Who not only knows the future but has also ordained for everything that comes to pass. The whole story of mankind anchors on this prophecy that God has put in David's mouth and sealed with God's promise; the most important piece in the whole redemptive plan would come from the Davidic line.

The mystery of incarnation is never fully explained to us - neither do we need to know the minutest detail. However, from the very revelation of God, we know the purpose: that only the death of the Perfect Man could redeem us from the bondage of sin and that only the raising up of the second Adam could guarantee us of our own resurrection.

Upon what do you place your trust? Is it in the speculative wisdom of man or in the sure prophecy and promise of God?

TO COMPLETE THE BIBLE

IN 2 YEARS, READ

JOB 23

LUKE 10

THOUGHT

And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven.

– 1 Corinthians 15:45-47



25 FEBRUARY

BIBLE LESSON

Acts 2:30b-31

LESSON

Christ as
David's sovereign

VERSE 30b

... *he would raise up Christ to
sit on his throne.*

While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, What think ye of Christ? whose Son is He? They say unto Him, The Son of David. He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call Him Lord, saying, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit Thou on My right hand, till I make Thine enemies Thy footstool? If David then call Him Lord, how is He his son? And no man was able to answer Him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask Him any more questions.” [Matthew 22:41-46]

And in Psalm 110:1, David wrote, “The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit Thou at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool.” This is a Messianic Psalm. Jesus identified David as the author of this Psalm as the title [of Psalm 110] indicates. The salient words in this verse is ‘my Lord’. Who is ‘my Lord’? Christ said that in this verse, David had referred to someone else greater than himself. Since no common son of David can be greater than he, the reference ‘the Lord’ must refer to the coming Messiah, God’s begotten Son, that is, the Lord Jesus Christ.

When Jesus asked the Pharisees, “If David then call Him Lord, how is He his son?”, they had no answer. Instead of falling down on their knees worshipping our Lord, they plotted to kill Him!

Remember, God has raised Christ from the dead and seated Him in the place of honour at God’s right hand in the heavenly realms. Now He is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else – not only in this world but also in the world to come.

ASSURANCE

God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made Him head over all things for the benefit of the church.