



## Shepherd's Voice

### God's Sovereignty and His Compassion - Jeremiah 18:7-10

God's sovereignty declares that He is the Almighty, the Possessor of all power in heaven and earth, so that no one can defeat His counsels, thwart His purpose, or resist His will. He is under no rule or law and He is under no obligation to give an account of His matters to any. He is Elohim – what He wills, He will do.

Prophet Jeremiah was burdened by Israel's backsliding and desired to bring them back to God and he was sent to the potter's house where he witnessed how the potter moulded the clay and made it into a vessel of his choice. God can do the same with the life of His children. God is a sovereign God and we are like clay in His hand. If we can offer ourselves into His hands, He is able to mould us into what He desires us to be.

But many a times our lives are plagued by pain. Destruction and peril in our lives are caused by:

1. Our wickedness towards men and God
2. Our decision to leave God's ways and to walk in our ways
3. God pruning us to bear more fruits

God says that if we leave our wicked ways, He will not do to us what He decided to do and He will repent of the destruction that He intended for our lives. God is both patient and loving toward His children and offers them a new beginning, a fresh start. He informs His children beforehand what He intends to do – through His word and through His prophets. God could have destroyed without warning His children but He has compassion on them and He doesn't rejoice in their pain. We can turn around a prophecy or vision which is for our destruction if we will examine ourselves, repent and turn away from our wicked ways.

God gave Jonah a message for Nineveh and Jonah prophesied of Nineveh's destruction. But God didn't want Nineveh to be destroyed as said through His prophet. He wanted Nineveh to repent

and to turn from their wicked ways. The king of Nineveh, all the people in it and even the animals fasted and repented. "When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened" - Jonah 3:10. The sackcloth and ashes, fasting, and renunciation of evil ways of the Ninevites were clearly intended to show the genuineness of their repentance. True repentance should not be in empty words but reflected through our changed lives, showing God that we have indeed left our wicked ways, that we belong to Him through our works and our lives that reflect goodness and godliness. A sincere conversion from sin is an effectual prevention of punishment. There is no person for whom forgiveness is not available if he truly repents.

*Pastor Juxy Mathew*

## Editor's desk

### When the sun goes down

In the Old Testament, Joshua asked God to make the sun stand still over Gibeon so that they could win the battle. God answered the prayer, made the sun stand still and Joshua won the battle. Do we have the faith to pray to God to make the sun stand still on the battles in our lives? What happens when God doesn't answer our prayers and when the sun goes down? What happens when the sun goes down on finances, on health, on relationships, on our lives?

Can we still trust God? Romans 8:28 says "and we know in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose." Yes, He works for our ultimate good. Although our prayers don't work every time or remain unanswered day after day, He is still all sufficient for us. We have heard our children sing, Jesus, in the morning, Jesus, in the noontime, Jesus, when the sun goes down. Yes, He is all we need when the sun goes down! Until we reach the New Jerusalem, about which Isaiah says in verse 60:20, Your sun shall no more go down; neither shall your moon withdraw itself: for the LORD shall be your everlasting light, and the days of your mourning shall be ended!

## Key to Overflowing Blessings

- Seek first the kingdom of God and He will give you everything you need
- The LORD will fight your battles
- Turn from your wicked ways, humble yourself and seek God's face
- Be delivered of curses by repentance and forgiveness

## Congregation News /events

### Miraculous transformation



I hail from a Catholic family in Tiruvalla and I came to Dubai around five years before. I've been a chain smoker for the past 17 yrs and used to be addicted to alcohol for 13 yrs. While continuing like this one of my friends told me about

Jesus and that He is the only way to salvation and encouraged me to visit Maranatha Full Gospel Church in Dubai.

I started attending the weekly Bible classes and after pastor's counselling, I decided to stop my drinking and smoking completely. The first Friday I came for worship, I felt a tremendous change happening within me. During the second week, as I was worshipping God, I felt a strong conviction to get baptised. When I realised that water baptism is a commandment of Jesus, I didn't waste any time in getting baptised. The following week, I took water baptism under the hands of Pr. Juxy Mathew. During the baptism I had a vision that I was falling into a coffin and the angels of the Lord were coming down from heaven, holding my hands and asking me to get up. I remained in an unconscious state for around five minutes in the baptism pool. I felt like all the sins of my 30 years of life were completely buried and a new creation was created there.

I have been blessed with various revelations from God after my baptism and I thank and praise God for all the wonderful things He has done in

my life after I came into this intimate relationship with Him. God has been so gracious to open up His salvation plan before me and to bring me into this wonderful relationship with my Saviour Lord Jesus Christ.

## MFGC UAE News

Pastor N. Peter gave an uplifting and encouraging message during the MFGC Friday worship on 06th May 2011.

Br. Ani Kurian and Sr.Biji Ani prayerfully dedicated their children, Noel Ann Kurian and Neha Ani Elizabeth, to Lord on 6th May 2011.

MFGC Dubai honored Br. Georgy Koshy and Sr. Sanu who were married recently and blessed them with prayers and best wishes for a happy and long blessed married life.



Wedding:  
Georgy (Jojo)  
with  
Sanu

## MFGC Annual Convention-2011

MFGC Dubai held its annual convention on 30 May, 31 May and 01 Jun at the Holy Trinity Church, Dubai. In addition to MFGC Dubai fellowship members, the convention was blessed with the presence of pastors and members of several churches as well as people from different religious backgrounds. Pastor B. Monichan from Kayamkulam, who delivered the Word of God on all three days, took us through the sufferings of Jesus while in His human flesh, revealing the mysteries of the Word and helping the faith of believers to strongly take root and grow and bear fruits for the Lord. Pastor Monichan, anointed by the Holy Spirit, spoke about the eternal love of God the Father and the divine characteristics of Jesus

which he communicated in words that were both entertaining and rich in poetic beauty. During the blessed three sessions, many experienced divine deliverance and came to a better understanding of the Word of God leading to a closer relationship with Jesus.



## MFGC Deliverance Meeting

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, Pastor Juxy Mathew conducted a deliverance ministry during the Friday worship on 27.05.2011. It was a great blessing for many believers in general and they experienced deliverance spiritually and physically. The hindrances of hereditary curses, aftermath of unforgiving bitterness and hidden sins were removed from the lives of believers. Many witnessed the physical and mental healing from psychophysical diseases by the wonder working

power of the Holy Spirit. The Word of God in Mark16:17-19 says” And these signs shall follow them that believe.....”.The disciples confirmed the Word with signs and wonders.

Deliverance operates on one's faith or faith of the minister or faith of the fellow believers. It is only a sign pointing to the Unseen and Mighty God. We must understand that only our Soul is saved, but the body is still weak and subject to afflictions. There are still some strongholds of Satan in us, who can claim some victory on us, as we possess some of his character. That is why the word of God says the sin is lying at the doorstep. Once we repent and forsake the sins by renewing our mind and heart, we are leaning nearer to the Holy God. We worship God with thankful heart as he delivered us from the eternal death and lead us to eternal Life and the Holy Spirit is with us to help us to lead sanctified disciple life, till glorification take place.

And these signs shall follow them that believe





Do you know why it's important to listen to our parents? The word search will help you find the answer.

Directions: Find the capitalized words and see what the Bible has to say about parents.

LISTEN, my SON, to YOUR father's INSTRUCTION and do not FORSAKE your MOTHER's TEACHING. They will be a GARLAND to GRACE your HEAD and a CHAIN to ADORN your NECK

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### Bible Quiz – 05

Which did Jesus say was the second most important of all God's commandments?

- a. Love God with all your heart and soul
- b. Love your neighbor as yourself
- c. Do not murder
- d. Honor your father and mother

Send your answer to [mfgcchronicle@gmail.com](mailto:mfgcchronicle@gmail.com)

### Bible Quiz 04 – Champs

Angelin Saira Soney – 08 yrs

Shweta Maria Mathew – 10 yrs

Meghna C – 11 yrs

Aleena Aji – 11 yrs

BQ – 04 answer: Caiaphas

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## First Time Visitor

### Welcome to the MFGC Family!

We believe that you came here neither by Chance nor by yourself, but God has brought you here with a great purpose. We are glad to see you today and we thank you for joining us for worship. Please join us in the coming days, as we commit our lives in prayer, lift our hearts in worship, and extend our hands to serve in His name.

## Church Program Schedule

### Friday Worship

Holy Trinity Church, Dubai

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Holy Trinity Church, Dubai-Community Hall

Malayalam Service - 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM

Children's English Service - 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

Scripture Class - 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM

### Thursday Worship

Holy Trinity Church, Dubai-Hall No.F3

English Service - 8:45 PM to 10:45 PM

### Bible Study

Holy Trinity Church, Dubai-Hall no.C2

Malayalam - Mon - 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM

English - Wed - 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM

St. Martin's Church, Sharjah

Wed - 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM

### B.Th Class

Holy Trinity Church, Dubai-Hall No.Upper Chapel

Sat - 8:30 PM to 10:30 PM

### Care Cell Meeting

Various locations

### Ladies Meeting

Sharjah parsonage

Sat - 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Except 1st Sat of the month

### Personal Counselling

Sharjah parsonage

Thu - 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM