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# Prayer for salvation

If you do not know the Lord Jesus as your Saviour and Lord, pray the following prayer in faith, and Jesus will be your Lord!

Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. Your Word says, "Whosoever shall call on the Name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21). Come into my heart Jesus and be Lord over my life. According to Romans 10:9-10: "That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord', and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."

I confess that Jesus is Lord, and I believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead.

If you have just prayed this prayer, please write and let us know of your decision. We have a free minibook, titled The New Birth that we would like to send you to help you begin your new life in Jesus!



## SERVICE TIMINGS

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Worship & the Word	10:30	am
Covenant Kids	10:30	am
Nagamese Service	2:30	pm
Prayer & Praise	5:30	pm*

### Wednesday

Pastor's Bible Study	5:30	pm
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### Saturday

RGenX (Radical Generation)	4:30	pm
Surge	6:00	pm

\*as announced

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# LIFE IN THE WILDERNESS

BY PASTOR JOHN ROUGHTON



## 1 Corinthians 10:1-5

**For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless with most of them God was not pleased for they were overthrown in the wilderness.**

**11 Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.**

In the Bible, Israel is a type (a picture or a symbol) of God's people today. What happened to them is a lesson for us. Egypt is a type of the world. Pharaoh represents Satan, the god of this world-system. The Israelites coming out of Egypt is a picture of our salvation. Paul said, passing through the Red Sea is a type of water baptism.

Traditionally, ministers have preached that the promised land, Canaan, is a type of heaven. But there are no walled cities to conquer in heaven. There are no giants to slay and no battles to fight in heaven. No, I don't believe Canaan is a type of heaven. I think it represents our inheritance in Christ. It is a type of the rights and privileges that have been purchased for us with Christ's blood.

**God told Moses in Exodus 3:8, I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey**

For the Israelites, Egypt was a land of poverty. Canaan was a land of plenty. But in between Egypt and Canaan's land was the wilderness. The wilderness was a land of proving. Egypt was the place of not enough. Canaan, more than enough. But the wilderness was a place of barely enough. Egypt was a place of bondage. Canaan, a land of liberty. But the wilderness was a place of testing.

All the Israelites saw God's miracles in Egypt. They all witnessed God's wonders in the wilderness. Yet most of them never made it into the promised land. All but two of that first generation, died in the desert.

**Hebrew 3:10,11** says, **Therefore I was provoked with that generation, and said, "They always go astray in their heart; they have not known my ways." As I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest."**

Canaan was a place of rest, where God's favor was found in abundance. It symbolizes God's provision and promotion; moving up to the next level. But sadly, like the Israelites of long ago, many Christians never enter into that place.

All of us have come out of Egypt. All of us are on a journey headed to the promised land, the place where we step into the fullness of God's blessings. But all of us must pass through the wilderness. If you pass the test, you'll enter the rest.

Do not despise the wilderness. It is a place of revelation. It was on Mt. Sinai, in the wilderness, where God gave the law to Moses and revealed his plans for the nation of Israel.

We must go through the wilderness before we can enter the place of promotion. The wilderness is a place of transformation. The Israelites came out of Egypt as a group of slaves, but in the wilderness God formed them into a nation. He also transformed them into conquerors.

God molds and shapes men in the wilderness. He is the potter, we are the clay. The Lord spoke to Elijah by a still small voice in the wilderness. He received new direction there. John the Baptist was in the wilderness until the day of his appearance in Israel. He emerged from there as the voice of the one crying, "Prepare the way of the Lord!"



The wilderness is a place of solitude where one can be alone with God. There are some things God cannot say to you in a crowd. In the wilderness we can break free from distractions.

The wilderness is a place of teaching. There are lessons to learn in the wilderness. Moses kept sheep for 40 years in the wilderness. He learned how to take care of sheep so he would be prepared to shepherd God's people.

The wilderness is also a time of testing. **Deuteronomy 8:2** says, **And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not.**

It is in the hard places that we learn to trust in God. There were no grocery stores in the desert. There is very little water. God wanted the Israelites to depend on him for meeting their every need. In your life, every challenge, every problem is an opportunity to believe God. It is also an opportunity for God to demonstrate his goodness.

The wilderness is a place of temptation. **James 1:13,14** says, **Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he**

**himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.** God does not entice people to sin. He is not the tempter.

**1 Corinthians 10:13** says, **God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability.** The Lord himself never tempts anyone to sin but he will not necessarily shield you from every temptation. But if a temptation comes to you, that means you can resist it, because God will never allow you to be tempted beyond your ability.

**Deuteronomy 6:23** says, **And he brought us out from there, that he might bring us in and give us the land that he swore to give to our fathers.** God brought them out, to bring them in. He never intended for the children of Israel to wander aimlessly in the wilderness for the rest of their lives. **Deuteronomy 1:2** says its an eleven-day journey on foot from Mt. Sinai to the edge of Canaan's land. But it took the Israelites 40 years, not because it was God's plan for them to be there that long, but because their own disobedience prolonged their time there.

After Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit, he was led into the wilderness. There he was tested by the devil. But unlike the Israelites, he resisted each temptation with the Word. He was proven and returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit. He spent 40 days in the wilderness. The Israelites spent 40 years there! How long you stay in the wilderness is really up to you. Many Christians never make it to that place of rest. I don't mean they didn't make it to heaven. I mean that in this earth, they never enjoyed the fullness of what God had for them.

I have a dear friend, the son of a pastor, who was raised in church and worked in the ministry all his life. He felt led to start a church, so he resigned from his position in his father's church

and moved to another state. For a while things went well for him, but eventually the church he started failed. The people left, he had to close the doors.

With nowhere to go and a mountain of bills to pay, he was forced to get a job driving a truck to support his family. It was a very dark and difficult time for him. He was in the wilderness.

But God used that experience to mold and shape him. Honestly, there was a lot of pride in his heart that God had to remove. Like the Israelites, he was humbled in the desert. As he drove his truck mile after mile, he continually listened to the Word being preached on audio recordings. It strengthened him. He spent a lot of time alone with God.

After several years, with all his bills paid, he quit his truck driving job and launched out into a traveling ministry. Doors began to open for him. God blessed him. Today he is a successful evangelist. And more than that, there was a tremendous transformation in his life. He is more humble, more sincere, more gentle than he was before. I'm sure my friend never wants to return to driving a truck. But it was a necessary part of his journey.



# हमें प्रार्थना क्यों करनी चाहिए?

पास्टर जॉन रैटन की कलम से

यहेजकल 22:30, 31

“मैंने उन में से ऐसा मनुष्य ढूँढना चाहा जो बाड़े को सुधारे और देश के निमित्त नाके में मेरे साथ ऐसे खड़ा हो कि मुझे सका नाश न करना पड़े, परन्तु ऐसा कोई न मिला। इस कारण मैंने उन पर अपना रोष भड़काया और अपनी जलजलाहट की आवाज़ से उन्हें भस्म कर दिया; मैंने उनकी चाल उन्हीं के सिर पर लौटा दी है, परमेश्वर यहोवा की यही वाणी है।”

इन वचनों में परमेश्वर साफ़तौर से कहता है कि वह इस्राइल के लोगों का न्याय नहीं करना चाहता है। इसलिए, यदि वह नहीं चाहता है, तो समस्या क्या है? वह परमेश्वर है; क्या वह जो भी चाहे नहीं कर सकता है?

परमेश्वर ने मनुष्य को एक स्वतंत्र इच्छा दे रखी है।

यद्यपि परमेश्वर के लिए कुछ भी असंभव या नामुमकिन नहीं है, परमेश्वर ने मनुष्य को स्वतंत्र इच्छा दे रखी है, चुनाव करने की शक्ति। मनुष्य के लिए काम करने के वास्ते परमेश्वर को मनुष्य का सहयोग चाहिए। इस बात को नोट करें कि परमेश्वर एक मनुष्य को ढूँढ रहा था ताकि वह नाके में खड़ा हो सके। ‘नाका’ किसी दीवार या सुरक्षा घेरे में खुली जगह होती है।

परमेश्वर ने आत्मिक क्षेत्र में इस्राइल के लोगों के लिए सुरक्षा की एक दीवार बना रखी थी। लेकिन, इस्राइल के लोगों ने अपने कामों, अपने पापों के कारण उस दीवार में छेद होने दिया व शैतान को उनके ऊपर हमला करने का मौका दे दिया।

अय्यूब 1:10 में शैतान अय्यूब के बारे में परमेश्वर से शिकायत करता है। उसने परमेश्वर से कहा, “क्या तू ने उ सकी, और उसके घर की, और जो कुछ उसका है उसके चारों ओर बाड़ा नहीं बाँधा? शैतान अय्यूब पर हमला करना चाहता था, लेकिन बाड़े ने उसे बचाए रखा।

आप को एक बात बहुत ही अच्छी तरह से समझ लेनी चाहिए कि परमेश्वर नाश करने वाला नहीं है, वह हत्यारा नहीं है। यहून्ना 10:10 “चोर किसी और काम के लिए नहीं परंतु केवल चोरी करने और घात करने और नष्ट करने को आता है; मैं इसलिए आया कि वे जीवन पाएं, और बहुतायत

से पाएँ।” परमेश्वर चोर नहीं है। अगर परमेश्वर खुद लूटेरा होता, तो क्या वह इस्राइल के लोगों को चोरी नहीं करने की आज्ञा देता? बिल्कुल नहीं! परमेश्वर किसी भी ऐसी तरह की ऐसी चीज़ का बनाने वाला नहीं है जिसमें चोरी, हत्या, या नाश करना पाया जाए। शैतान हत्यारा है। यीशु ने कहा कि शैतान आदि से ही हत्यारा है (यहून्ना 8:44)।

शैतान बहुत पहले से अय्यूब पर हमला करना चाहता था, लेकिन परमेश्वर ने उसके चारों ओर एक सुरक्षा घेरा बना रखा था। आत्मिक क्षेत्र में अय्यूब के चारों तरफ एक सुरक्षा की दीवार या घेरा बना हुआ था। अगर आप आगे पढ़ेंगे तो आपको पता चलेगा कि अय्यूब ने अपने कुछ गलत कामों से से एक दरार बना ली थी जिसके कारण शैतान को उसमें प्रवेश करने का मौका मिल गया। दरार ने शैतान को एक मौका दे दिया।

अय्यूब 2:7 इसे साफ़तौर से बताता है, “तब शैतान यहोवा के सामने से निकला, और अय्यूब को पाँव के तलवे से ले सिर की चोटी तक बड़े बड़े फोड़ों से पीड़ित किया।

दोबारा से इस बात को नोट करें कि परमेश्वर ने अय्यूब को बीमार नहीं किया या उसके बच्चों को नहीं मारा और उसकी संपत्ति को नष्ट नहीं किया। शैतान ने ऐसा किया। शैतान ने ऐसा कैसे किया? वहां पर दीवार में एक दरार थी।

जिस सुरक्षा के घेरे ने अय्यूब को सुरक्षित रखा हुआ था, उस में वह दरार कैसे पड़ी? यह एक लंबी कहानी है, परंतु, यहाँ पर हमें इसमें एक संकेत हमें मिल जाता है : अय्यूब ने बाद में स्वयं इसे कहा, “क्योंकि जिस डरावनी बात से मैं डरता हूँ, वही मुझ पर आ पड़ती है, और जिस बात से मैं भय खाता हूँ वही मुझ पर आ जाती है। (अय्यूब 3:25)। अय्यूब इस बात को स्वीकार करता है कि वह किसी बुरी बात के होने की आशा कर रहा था। जिस बुरी बात के होने का डर उसे सता रहा था, वह सच में ही हो गया। याद रखें, कि डर शैतान के लिए द्वार खोल देता है और उसे हमारे ऊपर हावी होने देता है।

बहुत से लोग सोचते हैं कि डर एक हानि नहीं पहुँचाने वाली भावना है। सच्चाई से बढ़कर ओर कुछ भी नहीं हो सकता है! विश्वास परमेश्वर के लिए द्वार खोलता है, डर शैतान के लिए

द्वार खोल देता है। शैतान बिना आपके सहयोग के आपके साथ कुछ भी नहीं कर सकता है। उसे आपका डर चाहिए। इसलिए शैतान आपको धमकाएगा और डराने की कोशिश करेगा।

क्या कभी आपको उस बात पर हैरानी हुई कि शैतान आपको ऐसा क्यों कहता है, “मैं तुम्हें मार दूँगा; मैं तुम्हारे परिवार व कारोबार का नाश कर दूँगा।” वह आपको समय से पहले इस तरह की बातें क्यों बताएगा? वह आगे बढ़कर ऐसा क्यों नहीं कर देता है? वह इसलिए क्योंकि वह ऐसा नहीं कर सकता है; जब तक कि आप उसकी झूठी बातों पर विश्वास न कर लें। सच में तो डर विश्वास का ही विगड़ा हुआ रूप है, यह शैतान में किया गया विश्वास है। डरो नहीं। शैतान की झूठी बातों को मत सुनो; परमेश्वर के वचन की सच्चाई पर विश्वास करो। विश्वास डर को भगा देता है।

यहेजकल 22:30,31 खासतौर से दूसरे लोगों के लिए प्रार्थना करने के लिए कहता है, एक देश के लिए प्रार्थना करने के लिए। परमेश्वर आज के इस हमारे युग में दूसरों के लिए प्रार्थना करने वाले मध्यस्थी लोगों को खड़ा कर रहा है; ऐसे लोग जो उस दरार में खड़ा होकर परमेश्वर के न्याय को दूर कर देंगे। इसके बदले कि आप शिकायत करें कि सब कुछ कितना खराब चल रहा है, आप प्रार्थना में अपनी जगह क्यों नहीं ले लेते हैं? सरकार व कलिसिया में जितने भी अधिकारी हैं उन सब के लिए आपको प्रार्थना करनी चाहिए। यदि हमारे प्रार्थना करने से कोई फ़र्क नहीं पड़ता, तो परमेश्वर हमें प्रार्थना करने के लिए कभी भी नहीं कहता।

सरकार व कलिसिया  
में जितने भी अधिकारी  
हैं उन सब के लिए हमें  
प्रार्थना करनी चाहिए।





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the Word  
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- Romans 10:17

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(2016 Batch)

Coming to SFBS was one of the best decisions I’ve made. I had a lot of doubts about certain topics in the Bible. The teachings I have received here have greatly affected my life. It has cleared all my doubts and equipped me for ministry. To be specific, the teachings I received on Faith, Prayer and The Holy Spirit have changed my perspective of reading the Bible. Today, God is using me to preach in youth camps, training camps and seminars too. I am thankful to God for SFBS.

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## Highlights of RGenX Outreach to Mizoram

**RGenX** were invited by one of our SFBS Grads to an outreach in Mizoram (28 Sep – 2 Oct). The 6-member team were so greatly blessed to minister to hundreds of young people who were so hungry for God.

The team reached out to 2 schools and a church, and also conducted 6 home fellowships and a Street Crusade. As a result, 167 people received

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