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God is Holy



By Pastor
John Roughton

Isaiah 6:1

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.

The prophet Isaiah had a vision of God seated on His throne in heaven. He also saw the seraphim, strange angelic creatures, around the throne. These winged beings cried out to each other, **“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory”** (v.3).

When Isaiah saw this he cried out in verse 5, **“Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”**

This vision was an amazing and life-changing experience for Isaiah. But notice how Isaiah responded. He didn't say, “Awesome! Amazing!” No, he said, “Woe is me! I'm undone.” He wasn't thrilled and excited. He was shaken to the core.

God doesn't give revelation to people to entertain them. He doesn't show off just for the fun of it. There is a reason why God reveals things. Through this vision, God was communicating a simple and clear message to Isaiah: **God is Holy.**

The angelic beings around the throne could have described God in any number of ways. But the thing that impressed them the most was God's holiness.

Like Isaiah, we need a revelation of the holiness of God. Allow the Holy Spirit to give you supernatural insight and understanding into the holiness of God.

The word **holy** is found throughout the Bible. For example, the tabernacle of Moses was called the **holy place**. The innermost compartment of the tabernacle, where God's presence dwelt, was called the **holy of holies**. The garments worn by the high priest were called, **holy garments**. The priest wore a **holy crown** on his head with

these words engraved across the front: **Holy is the Lord.**

The furniture in the temple was considered, **holy**. God also instructed Moses to prepare a **holy anointing oil**. The Israelites were commanded to assemble for annual feasts which the Bible calls a **holy assembly**. Everything connected with the worship of God was called holy.

Holiness must be important. **Hebrews 12:14** tells us to **pursue holiness without which no one will see the Lord**. Without holiness you cannot enter into God's presence.

Hebrews 3:1 calls believers, **holy brethren**. And **1 Peter 2:9** says we are a **royal priesthood and a holy nation**. Christians are called holy because God's presence lives in them by the **Holy Spirit!**

But what exactly is holiness? The word **holy** has two basic meanings. First, if something is holy it is not common or ordinary. Holiness means being separated from the world and separated unto God, for His exclusive use. Holy things are dedicated to God, they are not used for common purposes. Moses didn't use the “holy oil” to cook his breakfast. Aaron didn't wear the priest's “holy garments” to a dinner party. Holy things must never be treated as ordinary.

God has saved us and separated us for His purposes. God is a jealous God and He's not willing to share you with the devil.

Acts 10:15 says, **What God has made clean, do not call common**. We are cleansed by the blood of Jesus, so we are not ordinary or common people. We don't live an ordinary life, the blood enables us to live extraordinary lives. We have an uncommon salvation so we can live uncommon lives.

Because you are clean, you should purpose to live a clean life. Because you are not common, you don't need to live just like everyone else in this world. Because we have been separated for God, we should live separated from sin.

1 Peter 1:15,16

But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, “You shall be holy for I am holy.”

The word **holy** means separated. It also means pure. There is nothing impure about God. There is no sin in Him. There is nothing deceptive or wrong in Him. **1 John 1:5** says it this way: **God is light and in Him is no darkness.** God is holy, He is pure.

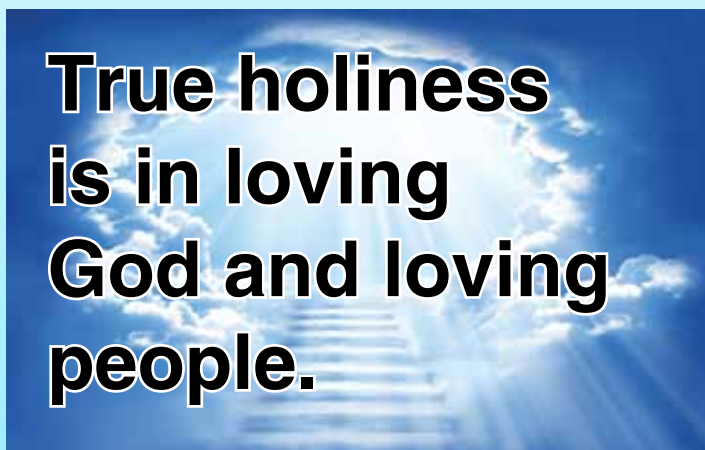
Have you noticed that usually people prefer purity? Purity is more valuable than impurity, it's precious. Most of us don't want adulterated petrol in our vehicles. Your car engine will not run properly on a mixture of petrol and water. Nobody wants to drink dirty water. Polluted water will spoil your health. Pure gold is more valuable than alloy.

It seems most people prize purity in everything except in their own behavior. Holiness should not be despised but appreciated and pursued. If you filter your drinking water do your friends mock you? Probably not. If you use pure petrol in your car do people call you, “old fashioned and out of touch?” I doubt it.

We are born of God's Spirit and have His nature in our hearts. If we will allow our inward man to dominate us, we will naturally live a holy life. It is the fleshly human nature that trips us up.

Many years ago, when Brother Kenneth Hagin was pastoring, one of his church members came rushing up to him on the street and yelled, “I've read the entire Bible and I can't find it in there!” Brother Hagin asked, “What are talking about?” The man replied, “Tobacco! I can't find that word anywhere in the Bible!”

“Certainly,” Brother Hagin responded, “they didn't have tobacco in those days.” He went on, “But since you brought this topic up, let me ask you: Do you believe the Bible?” The man replied, “Oh yes, Amen.” “Well then,” he continued, “have you ever read **1 Corinthians 10:31, So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God?**



The church member slowly responded, “Yes...I guess I've read that.” “Alright,” Brother Hagin continued, “the next time you light up a cigarette, just say: *Lord, I am doing this for your glory.*” The man quietly walked away.

A few days later the same man said to Brother Hagin, “I quit smoking. I remembered what you said. And every time I lit up a cigarette I said, ‘Now Lord, I'm doing this for your glory.’ But I couldn't, I threw it down on the ground.”

If we crave God's presence, if we hunger for intimate fellowship with Him, we will pursue holiness. **1 John 3:3** says And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, as He is pure.

The Israelites exercised extreme caution when dealing with the articles of the tabernacle. Mishandling holy things is a terrible mistake. One time Aaron's sons got drunk and offered strange incense to the Lord, something He had not asked them to do. Fire came out from the tabernacle and consumed them. On another occasion, David was transporting the ark of the covenant in a way that God had not told him to. When the ark tipped over, a man reached out and touched it. He instantly died.

Now thank God, we're not living under the law but under grace. But the point is that holy things should never be treated carelessly. There is a blessing attached to holy things when we honor them. But when we dishonor holy things we get into trouble.

Leviticus 27:30 says the tithe is **holy to the Lord.** Again, I realize we're not living under the old testament. I'm not saying that if you don't tithe you'll drop down dead! But we should honor the Lord in our giving. Some Christians do tithe but they act like they're paying the electric bill or the rent. When we are giving to God we should honor the occasion as we would during communion or a water baptism service. Never treat holy things as common. A wrong attitude towards giving may be the reason some Christians don't see prosperity.

1 Corinthians 6:19 says, **Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit?** The Israelites treated the holy place as sacred and special, they learned to be very careful. Today, our bodies are the temple of God. We should live carefully. **Ephesians 5:15** says, **Look carefully then how you live.** God has cleansed us and separated us. Now He wants us to live clean and separated from sin and worldliness.

We are not of the world and we shouldn't live like the world. People in the world drink, do drugs, lie, cheat and steal. But we're a holy nation, we live by a higher standard.

We need a revelation of holiness. Sadly, for most Christians, holiness has a bad reputation. Very few people get excited when you talk about holiness. No one shouts and dances around the church when you preach on

holiness. When most Christians hear the word, “holiness” think of a straight laced, old, grumpy Granny, pointing her long bony finger at everybody to judge them.

For most people holiness equals joylessness. They think being holy means life is hard, dull, and boring. But let me ask you this: was Jesus holy? Yes, of course. Did He live a pure life? Was He dedicated to God? Absolutely! Was He miserable, frustrated, or bitter? No! He was happy. You don't think so? Look at this verse:

Hebrews 1:9 is talking about Jesus,
You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions.

Jesus was anointed because He loved what is right and hated sin. In other words He lived a separated life. Holiness has something to do with being anointed. And notice He was anointed **with the oil of gladness**. Not the oil of sadness! He was joyful. Contrary to what most religious people think, Jesus did not walk around with a pathetic expression on His face. In fact, it says, **more than your companions**. Jesus was the most joyful person who ever lived.

The holy life is glad, not gloomy. It's happy, not harsh. It is not sad and sour. It is bright and cheerful. The holy life is a life lived in God's presence.

Ephesians 4:24 (KJV)
And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

The **new man** that you are clothed with is your born again spirit. And this new man is created like God, with God's nature, in righteousness and true holiness. If there is **true holiness** there must also be false holiness.

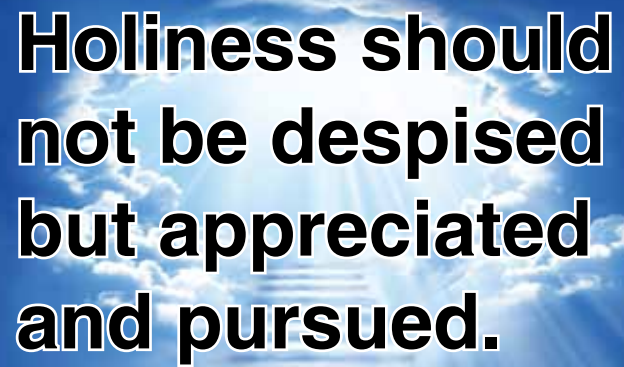
False holiness is following man-made religious rules. False holiness is conforming to the religious culture around us rather than following Christ. True holiness is allowing God's Holy Spirit to shine through you.

There are some denominations that pride themselves for being holy. All their women have long hair, wear long dresses and have long tongues, too! They don't drink or smoke, but they're mean-spirited, unforgiving, and quick to condemn others. That's not true holiness.

True holiness is God's nature. What is God's nature? **I John 4:8** says, **God is Love**. True holiness is in loving God and loving people.

If you stay in love with the Lord, it will be easy for you to love others. If you stay in love with Jesus, you will find it hard to sin. The more you love Him, the more you want to please Him.

When I was in High School I had a large collection of



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worldly music that I listened to every day. But later, after I was baptized with the Holy Spirit, I had a new love for the Lord. I began attending a small home fellowship and started learning the Word. My life was radically changed.

But one day I heard a message that opened my eyes to the evil that was in the ungodly, secular music I was listening to. I was shocked to learn how many of these musicians had sold their souls to the devil. I was appalled to hear about the sinful lives many of these people lived.

I was stunned. I went home and I knew I had to do something. I loved the music I listened to, but I loved Jesus more! I decided to destroy all of these records (we didn't have CD's in those days.) Hundreds of dollars in music went up in smoke. But I was set free!

But I noticed that other problems in my life like moodiness and depression were gone. It didn't hurt me to live more carefully, it helped me.

One last point. Isaiah saw God's holiness and cried out, Woe is me, for I am a man of unclean lips! (Isaiah 5:5)

He didn't say he had unclean hands, or an unclean mind, but unclean lips. That's interesting. For most people the biggest hindrance to living in God's presence is their own mouth. You could do more damage to your life with your words, than any other way.

Some Christians don't smoke or drink, but they gossip about everybody. Some are very straight-laced, but they're also quick to criticize everybody.

Isaiah 6:6,7
Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hands a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said, "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

Even though Isaiah was a prophet of God, he needed a better understanding of God's holiness. Every fresh revelation requires fresh commitment. We need the fire of the Holy Spirit to burn away the chaff in our lives.

Need Prayer?



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Salvation Prayer

If you do not know Jesus as your Savior 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" and "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (**Acts 2:21; Romans 10:9**). You said my salvation would be the result of Your Holy Spirit giving me new birth by coming to live in me (**John 3:5-6, 15-16; Romans 8:9-11**) and that if I would ask, You would fill me with Your Spirit and give me the ability to speak with other tongues (**Luke 11:13; Acts 2:4**). I take You at Your Word. I confess that Jesus is Lord. And I believe in my heart that You raised Him from the dead. Thank You for coming into my heart, for giving me Your Holy Spirit as You have promised, and for being Lord over my life. Amen.

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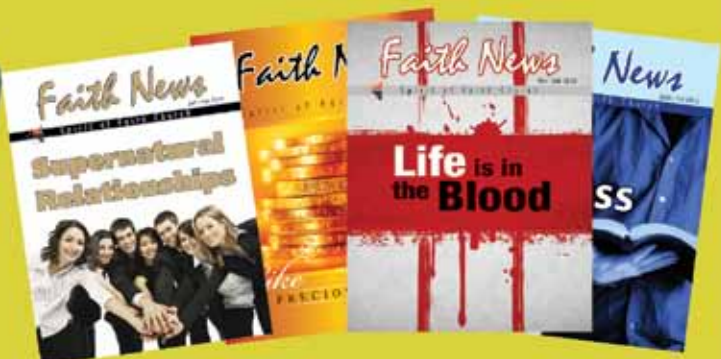
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इफिसियों 3:14,15 “मैं इसी कारण उस पिता के सामने घुटने टेकता हूँ, जिस से स्वर्ग और पृथ्वी पर, हर एक घराने का नाम रखा जाता है।”

इस वचन का दूसरा अनुवाद कहता है, पूरा परिवार। परमेश्वर एक महान परिवार का पिता है। उसके परिवार का एक भाग इस धरती पर है, बाकी का स्वर्ग में। मसीह की देह यानि पूरा कलिसिया परमेश्वर का परिवार है। परमेश्वर को ‘पिता’ कहकर आप अपनी प्रार्थना को धर्म के क्षेत्र से निकाल कर संबंध के क्षेत्र में ले आते हैं, यानि कि परमेश्वर अब आप का पिता भी है। प्रार्थना एक पारिवारिक विषय है। चर्च एक पारिवारिक व्यवसाय है। नया नियम यूनानी भाषा में लिखा गया था। यूनानी शब्द ‘पिता’ को ‘पेटर’ के रूप में अनुवाद किया गया है। और परिवार के लिए अनुवाद किया गया शब्द ‘पैट्रिया’ बिल्कुल इसके समान है। इसलिए यूनानी भाषा में परिवार ऐसा है जो कि पिता से पैदा हुआ है। ‘पैट्रिया’ पेटर से ही उत्पन्न हुआ है। आप सब परमेश्वर के परिवार में हैं क्योंकि आपका जन्म उसकी आत्मा से हुआ है। आपके पास परमेश्वर की क्षमा (माफी) से बढ़कर है। पवित्र-आत्मा ने आपकी आत्मा को जन्म दिया है। यहून्ना 3:6 कहता है, “क्योंकि जो शरीर से जन्मा है, वह शरीर है; और जो आत्मा से जन्मा है, वह आत्मा है।” इफिसियों 3:15 कहता है, “जिससे हर एक घराने का नाम

रखा जाता है।” यहाँ पर यूनानी शब्द नाम, ‘ओनामा’ का अर्थ किसी लेबल (प्रतीक) से बढ़कर है। यह किसी का सिर्फ नाम पुकारने से बढ़कर है। बाइबल में ‘ओनामा’ (किसी का नाम) किसी भी आदमी के चरित्र और अधिकार को बताता है। जब आप स्वयं को मसीही (क्रिश्चियन) कहते हैं, तब आप लोगों को यह नहीं कहते कि आप चर्च में जाते हैं और प्रार्थना करते हैं। आप एक मसीही हैं क्योंकि मसीह (यीशु) आपके भीतर रहता है। आपको पिता का चरित्र तथा अर्ध कार आपकी आत्मा में मिला है। यहून्ना 5:1 “जिसका यह विश्वास है कि यीशु ही मसीह है, वह परमेश्वर से उत्पन्न हुआ है; और जो कोई उत्पन्न करने वाले से प्रेम करता है,

मसीही जीवन केवल एक ही संबंध नहीं है, इसमें बहुत से संबंध हैं।

वह उस से भी प्रेम रखता है जो उससे उत्पन्न हुआ है।” अगर आप परमेश्वर से प्रेम करते हैं तो आप उसके परिवार से भी प्रेम करेंगे। कुछ लोग कहते हैं, “मैं यीशु से प्रेम करता हूँ, लेकिन क्रिश्चियनों (मसीहों) से नफरत करता हूँ”। लेकिन यह बिल्कुल भी सच नहीं है। 1यहून्ना 4:20 कहता है-यदि कोई कहे, “मैं परमेश्वर से प्रेम रखता हूँ,” और अपने भाई से वैर रखे तो वह झूठा है; क्योंकि जो अपने भाई से जिसे उसने देखा है प्रेम नहीं रखता, तो वह परमेश्वर से भी जिसे उसने नहीं देखा प्रेम नहीं रख सकता। सच्चाई यह है कि अगर आप



परमेश्वर के बच्चों से प्रेम नहीं करते, तो इसका मतलब है कि आप परमेश्वर से भी प्रेम नहीं करते हैं। बहुत से लोग यीशु के साथ उनका संबंध कैसा है केवल इस बात की ही चिंता करते हैं। वे कहते हैं कि यीशु के सिवाए उन्हें किसी और दूसरे की ज़रूरत नहीं है। हाँ, परमेश्वर के साथ आपका संबंध बहुत महत्वपूर्ण, किंतु परमेश्वर यह भी देखता है कि दूसरे लोगों से आपके संबंध कैसे हैं। आपका इस तरफ ध्यान देना भी ज़रूरी है। मसीह जीवन केवल एक ही संबंध नहीं बल्कि बहुत से संबंध हैं। अगर आपके संबंध यीशु के साथ ठीक नहीं हैं तो दूसरे लोगों से संबंधों में भी आपको मुसीबत का सामना करना पड़ेगा। जब एक मसीह आदमी अपने विश्वास में टंडा पड़ जाता है और यीशु के प्रति अपने प्रेम को खो बैठता है, उस समय जल्दी ही उसे उसके वैवाहिक जीवन में मुश्किल हो जाती है, उसके काम करने की जगह पर उसे परेशानी होती है, और उसके बच्चों से भी उसे समस्या पैदा हो जाती है। उसी तरह से जब एक मसीही (विश्वासी) भाई दूसरे मसीही

भाईयों के साथ ठीक तरह से नहीं रहता तो उसकी प्रार्थनाओं का उत्तर भी उसे नहीं मिलता है। आपको यह अच्छा लगे या नहीं आप परिवार में हैं! हमें चाहिए कि हम परिवार के दूसरे लोगों के साथ अच्छा व्यवहार करें। हम में से ज्यादातर लोग उन लोगों के साथ अच्छा बर्ताव करते हैं जिनसे हमें कुछ मिल सकता है या जो लोग हमें कुछ देते हैं। लेकिन जिन लोगों से हमें कुछ नहीं मिलता या जो लोग हमें कुछ नहीं दे सकते उनको हम गंदगी के समान समझते हैं। लेकिन प्रेम का असली इस्तेहान (परीक्षा) उस समय नहीं होती जब अमीर और मशहूर लोगों के साथ अच्छा व्यवहार करते हैं बल्कि उस समय होती है जब हम साधारण (आम) व गरीब लोगों के साथ दया का व्यवहार करते हैं। यह मत सोचिए कि परमेश्वर दूसरी तरफ देख रहा है और वह इन सब चीजों की तरफ ध्यान नहीं देता है। यीशु ने कहा, “मैं तुम से सच कहता हूँ कि तुमने जो मेरे इन छोटे से छोटे भाइयों में से एक के साथ किया, वह मेरे ही साथ किया।”

हर कोई नया जन्म पाया हुआ विश्वासी मेरा भाई या मेरी बहन है। और मुझे मेरी सेवकाई (मीनिस्ट्री) बहुत अच्छी लगती है जो कि यीशु मसीह के लहू से मिलने वाले उद्धार का प्रचार करती है। लेकिन मैं हर एक विश्वासी के साथ बहुत नज़दीक के साथ संबंध नहीं बनाता हूँ। कुछ लोगों से मैं दूर से ही प्रेम रखता हूँ। जिन लोगों के साथ मैं समय बिताता हूँ उन्हें मैं बड़े ही ध्यान से चुनता हूँ। मैं उन लोगों के साथ रहना चाहता हूँ जो मुझे प्रेरणा देते हैं। मैं उन स्त्री या पुरुष के साथ रहना चाहता हूँ जो मुझे परमेश्वर के निकट चलते रहने की चुनौति पेश करते हैं। मैं विश्वास से भरे हुए लोगों के साथ रहना पसंद करता हूँ। ऐसे ही किसी भी चर्च में मत जाइए। पवित्र-आत्मा से भरे ऐसे चर्च में जाएं जहाँ पर परमेश्वर के वचन को सिखाया जाता हो। एक ऐसे कलिसिया की खोज करें जहाँ पर आप अत्मा में आगे बढ़ सकें। हर एक भेड़ को एक चरवाहे की ज़रूरत होती है। आपको एक ऐसा पास्टर चाहिए जो आपको परमेश्वर का वचन सिखाए व आपकी जीवन में अगुवाई भी करे।



Speak Out & Enjoy His Blessings!



Pastor Zhepitoli Roughton

Psalms 118:17 I will not die; but live and declare the works of the Lord.

Good life and long life to us and to our children in Jesus Name!

God our loving Father has promised us in His Word, that if we obey His Word and do them, we will live long and see many good days; and have a life that is abundant and overflowing.

I am declaring the promises of God, that I will live long and see my children's children! How about you?

I encourage you, to speak and declare the Word of God over your life and over the lives of your children. You must say, *"The days of me and my children are multiplied. And our days are like the days of the heavens above the earth. We will enjoy life richly."* **I Timothy 6:17.**

We will eat the good of the land as we obey His Words and do them. **Isaiah 1:19.**

Our Father God wants us to **PROSPER** in all things and be in **HEALTH.**
3 John 2.

Friends, just like Joshua did, I am also asking you to choose yourselves this day, who you will serve. But as for me and my house (children) we will serve the Lord.

There are benefits in serving the Lord; you can serve the Lord wherever God has placed you. Read out loud the benefits that God gave to us

in **Psalm 103:1-5.**

God our Father, daily loads us with benefits. **Psalm 68:19.** As we serve the Lord, our strength will be renewed, we will flourish. As we serve the Lord our children will be mighty on earth. As we serve the Lord our children shall be known among the Gentiles.

As we serve the Lord, wealth and riches will be in our house and in our children's houses. As we serve the Lord He will protect, deliver and honor us. He will satisfy us with long life. All the promises are in the Word of God; do them!

This year, you and your children will live and walk in divine healing and health. You and your children will prosper in all the works of your hand. God our Father takes pleasure in our prosperity. **Psalm 35:27.**

Proverbs 9:11 For by Me your days will be multiplied, and years of life be added to you.

I am very sure we all want to live long and see good days; that means we are going to obey the Word of our Lord, and do them!

So, I declare the Word of God over you and your children's lives in the Name of Jesus.

Psalm 115:14,15 May the Lord give you increase richly, both to you and your children. May you be blessed by the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Amen!

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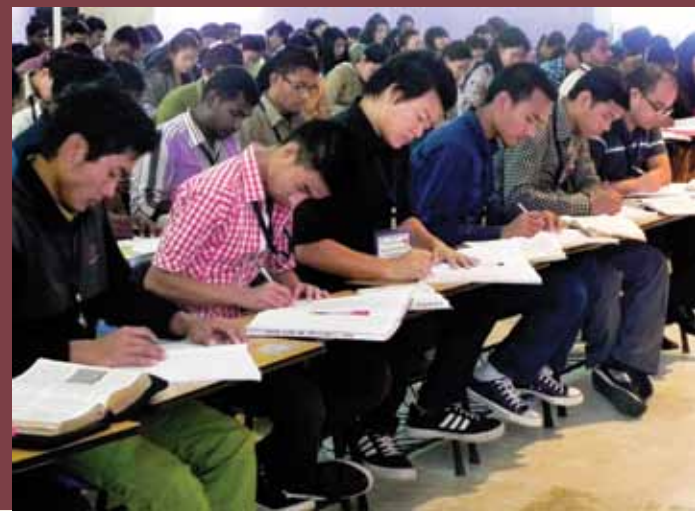
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We read the story of two sisters by the name of Martha and Mary in **Luke 10.38-42**. When Jesus came to visit them Mary was seated at His feet while Martha was busy serving. In the midst of all the activity and busyness Mary sat at Jesus' feet and received from the Master. On the other hand Martha was so distracted and stressed from all her activity that it eventually led her to this outburst of frustration - "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" In one moment of anger she blames two

persons: Mary as well as the Lord Jesus!

Now, look at Jesus' response .You might find yourself in His description of Martha: '...Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things: **But one thing is needful:** and Mary has chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her'.

Who pleased the Lord that day? Mary; and He even complimented her '... **one thing is needful and Mary has chosen the good part...**'

What is the '**one thing**' that is needful? It is for you to keep your eyes, ears and heart on Jesus and draw living water from Him every day. When you do this you will enjoy His peace and not be anxious and troubled about many things. There are thousand things to do but only '**one thing is needful**'- sit at His feet everyday and receive from Him. This pleases the Lord and like Mary, He will compliment you for that. His Grace will flow into you and cause you to do the right thing at the right time and all that you do will prosper.

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