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## GUIDELINE FOR RETURN

### Psalms 147

Psalms 147 starts with an invitation like this "Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; For it is pleasant, and the praise is beautiful". And this summons is repeated four times in this Psalm.

We can see the thankful praises of the people who reconstructed Jerusalem after the return from the Babel captivity.

Vs 1-6 speak of the return of the people.

Vs 7-19 speak of the blessing on the earth and

Vs 19&20 speak of the spiritual enrichment with rules, regulations and judgments.

For a man who praises God will get all these guidelines from this Psalm. And let us see them one by one.

1.Vs 1. A complete dedication: - The Lord builds up Jerusalem. They accept this great truth and praise Him. Our God is omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent who calls all stars by name as a father calls his children. So if we want steadfastness in our life there is no other way other than the mighty feet of our Lord. The Lord who said "I will build my church" will keep us in correct location. Otherwise it is vain for us to rise up early and to sit up late. (Ps 127:1&2. Pr 16:3. Mt 16:18).

2.Vs 3. The broken heart: - He heals the broken hearted, and binds up their wounds. God, who examines carefully our works and deals according to it, will not reject the broken heart. He heals and binds the wounds. What an exciting and hopeful truth it is! Psalms 32 and 51 which describes the life experience of King David confirms this truth. Therefore those who really wish for a return should accept this path. (Ps 34:18. 51:17. Rev 3:19&23).

3.Vs 6. Humbleness: - The Lord lifts up the humble. He casts the wicked to the ground. God resists the proud and gives grace to the

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## What Shall We Have Therefore?

It has been remarked often that if Peter had not asked so many questions, much of the Lord's ministry would have been lost to posterity. Seven of these questions are recorded in the Gospels and are worthy of serious consideration.

For example, a moment's reflection on the question, "How often shall I forgive my brother, until seven times?" will automatically bring the Lord's answer to mind, "I say unto thee... until seventy times seven." In the matter of grace, mankind will never outstrip God. Peter's "seven times" is a reflection of man's best, but how far short it falls of the values of heaven.

So it is in Matthew 19. The rich young ruler seemed genuinely desirous of obtaining eternal life. The stumbling block was his possessions. He could not see them as mere baggage, to be discarded as having no value in settling matters with God. There was apparently no reluctance about "doing" to sway the balance in his favor, just as long as he was allowed to keep what he had, whether inherited or earned. But it was not to be. The Lord's answer put both "doing" and "having" into perspective, "If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor and thou shalt have treasure in heaven".

Standing by, and no doubt listening attentively were the twelve. It was Peter, however, who took the opportunity of asking a question on their behalf, "Behold we have left all and followed Thee; what shall we have therefore?" (Mt. 19:27). In his estimation they had become poor that they might follow the Lord and that must surely earn a reward. Such is human thinking. Sovereign grace can soon be forgotten when a chance to gain something comes along. Nevertheless, God will be no man's debtor and the Lord's reply makes it clear that no sacrifice for Him will be forgotten but will be rewarded lavishly. Peter's question, "What shall we have therefore?" might have had an element of opportunism in it, but if he had never asked it, the Lord's gracious ministry of encouragement might never have been declared.

## The Man of God in the Last Days

There are seven illustrative types in 2 Timothy 2 which describe the man of God and his responsibilities in our closing days. We must be in the relationship of sons before we can be the servants of the Lord, for the only service God will accept is from His "sons." Yet this title also involves responsibility, becoming matured sons who are concerned about their

Father's business. Are we matured sons? See the example of the Lord in His early boyhood days as written in Luke 2:49. Are we like Him? This clearly refers to a soldier who is on the battlefield facing the foe and not one in the barracks concerned only with the ordinary daily drills. He endures suffering and hardship in combat. This also demands

abstinence from excessive occupation with the affairs of this life. He is not a general or a high ranking officer, but an enlisted soldier content to do his Commander's will wherever he is assigned.

He knows there are specific rules to follow and obey, or he will not win the crown of honor as a victor in the race. To be so honored necessitates

**"A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, Father ... But when he came to himself ... he said How many of my fathers ... Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you ... But still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him ... And they began to be merry ... It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again .... He became conscious of his past mistakes ... but confessed ... returned to the Fathers house to be there forever and ever. But what about you ... like the elder ... born and brought up in the Brethren background ... never committed sin ... the self righteous .... Many so called brethren are self righteous who finds the mot in the eyes of others but not the beams of their own eyes ..."**

# TIME IS MONEY

Recently all professionals adopted the fact that the time is money. Those who are at the top of the institutions are also after money. This is a very bad tendency among us which should be checked. But many are keeping quite before this for fear of their dignity.

The call for ministering the word of God is the most prestigious job in this world for a man. He should be a fully dedicated person to point out the sins and devilish nature of man. He should not be a person who came to the mission field by mere chance and not like a reed shaken by wind. The basic quality of an evangelist is that he should know his call and election by God. But it is very sad to see wavering mind towards the facts and false sense of honor in such people. The evangelists are highly valuable for a church which is purchased by our spiritual bridegroom by His precious blood. Now the believers are far away from the Biblical background of Church planting, its growth and discipline. The leaders are traveling around the world and collect a lot of money for the well being of the church. They are clearly after the positions and wealth. The servants of God had gone to such a bad level with out any shame. The assemblies of this age are facing the bitter consequence of that inclination. When the local

assembly is in a great need of pastorship, our pastors are away from the assembly for a long time and push the small assemblies to a great disaster. Evangelization which is the prime duty of the local assembly is slaughtered here. Believers who support blindly by seeing the projects and advertisements have to understand that it is like the speculators business. Your hard earned money should not be exploited. There are many expert people in this world who can cheat us by outward appearance and publicity. The brethren community should change the mind of supporting blindly any this type of work. We have to differentiate between the genuine and false movements. Otherwise many individuals and movements will grow up in our assemblies and ultimately our churches will fall into immoral and illegal activities.

But it is a great blessing that few of the believers are firm in their stand against the domestic worries with an unwavering mind and fight for the truth what they got from the word of God. Normally these types of workers are totally forgotten by others in these days. Therefore we have to arise and identify between the real love and false love and equip ourselves to pass through the false programmes of the greedy people. At the same time let us diagnose the real problems of the mankind realizing that the end time is so close. Let us be aware of that the time is not money but the souls. With this challenge let us work for the Lord.

**Jose Philip**

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humble. If we wish that God should lift up us from the horrible pit and miry clay, we have to leave all the pride and self esteem and submit ourselves completely at the feet of almighty God who is the holiest among the holy. Every one who exalts himself will be abased and he who humble himself will be exalted. (Ja 4:6. Lu 18:14).

4.Vs 9. Cry: - He gives to the beast its food and to the young ravens that cry. The God, who gives food to all destitute animals and deserted young ravens, is a God of long suffering and abundant mercy. See the words of King David "Evening, morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud and He shall hear my words". We can see the same idea in the book of Isaiah. "For the people, shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem, you shall weep no more. He

will be very gracious to you at the sound of your cry, when He hears it. He will answer you. The real prayer is the cry at the feet of the God. Then God will visit them and binds their wounds. (Ps 86:5. 55:17. Isa 30:19). 5.Vs 11. Fear of God; - God will please in whom they fear Him and keep hope in His kindness. Moses told his people to fear the Lord and serve Him. Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. When we go closer to God, we should not despise the holy name of God. We should take the words of Hosea very seriously, which are like this "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge". God will hear the prayer of those who wait for Him with fear and respect. And those will not be ashamed. He will have mercy upon him, hear his prayer

and will bring him back to the real happiness. (Duet 6:13. Pr 1:7. Ps 29:1&2. Hos 4:6. Ps 25:3)

In addition to all these we see a list from Vs 13 onwards about the blessing given to the people who came back to the Lord. He strengthens the bars of the gates. Bless the children. He makes peace in the borders. He fills us with the finest wheat. He sends the rain of blessings. Above all He declares His words, statutes and judgments to us. Therefore to receive all His blessings in plenty let us dedicate ourselves at the feet of almighty Lord. Let us cry with all humility and broken heart. Let us wait at his holy presence by giving Him all respect and fear. That is our prime duty at this peculiar time. May God help us for the same.

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complete and ready obedience to the Word of God (see Paul's exhortations in I Cor. 9:24-27 and his own testimony in 2 Tim. 4:7 at the end of his race).

To ultimately reap the fruit of his labor involves strenuous and incessant toil, working with all possible energy. The Christian is not "a gentleman farmer" but a hardworking laborer,

This is quite different to the "sluggard" seen in Proverbs 20:4 and 24:30-31. The "soldier" will find the *world* seeking to entangle him. The "athlete" will find the *devil* seducing him to disobey the Word. The "farmer" will find *the flesh* telling him to be lazy and take things easy!

This requires *ability in service*: 2 Timothy 2:4 requires the *heart* being right, but this involves the *head* being right. The Word of God must be rightly divided. False teachers surround us, with

disastrous influence on the saints (as described in vv. 16-18). Through diligent study and faithful handling of the truth, the man of God will be able to present himself to his Master as one who can do work of which he is not ashamed!

The important lesson of the context is not whether the vessel is gold, silver, wood or earthen, but is *it clean*? Our duty is to purge ourselves from all evil, whether moral or doctrinal, in order to be clean vessels. A clean earthen vessel will be "meet for the Master's use" more than a defiled golden vessel. In our closing days this may involve purging one's self out of the disorderly conditions prevailing, that are diametrically opposed to the Word of God. This needs to be thoughtfully and prayerfully realized in these dangerous days.

He becomes the Lord's "bondman" and like his Master in his ministry, does not quarrel, but is gentle to all, making him qualified to teach. He is patient when insulted or injured, bearing the evil (I Pet. 2:21-24). He shows meekness of spirit when

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## Y M E F News

**Kottarakkara:** The Lord in His grace enabled us to conduct the annual Executive and General body of the Y M E F (SD) on 13<sup>th</sup> June at the Pulamon Brethren Gospel Hall. The accounts were presented and passed. It was decided to strengthen the gospel campaign according to the will of the Lord after discussing in detail about the past performance. The election for the year 2009 took place and the following were elected. President: V S Mathew, Vice President: Monachen Abraham and P I Rajankutty, Secretary: Jacob P Mathew, Joint Secretary: Stanly Jacob and D JohnKutty, Treasurer: George Samuel, General Convenor: P T Abraham, Karnataka Co ordinators: A J Oommen and T Chacko. Kerala Co ordinators V K Joykumar and Eettickal Kunjumon. Brother Thomas John will continue as the overseas Secretary. We thank all those who prayed for this ministry.

**Jacob P Mathew**

## SBS News

**Elanthoor:** If it be the will of the Lord a one day meeting of the Pathanamthitta Centre SBS will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2009 at the Pariyaram Brethren Assembly, Elanthoor. Kindly pray for it. For more information Shoji George Secretary.

## In the Vineyard

**Malampuzha (Palakkad):** Brother Samuel Varghese son of the evangelist John Varghese has submitted himself for the Masters work. The assembly is confident of his election and call. So we introduce him for the prayerful support of the saints. His mailing Address Samuel Varghese, Gospel Home, Malampuzha Dam P O, Palaghat 678651.

**M C Chacko**

## Assembly News

**Valkulambu:** In the special meeting of the assembly on 2009 June 6 Brother M N Sasi spoke on the Word of God.. Two people took the baptism and it was given by Brother Varghese Kurian. Kindly pray that the assembly's boundaries may be expanded.

**P J Wilson**

## Sathgamaya in the Fifth Year

This teleshow has completed four years. It was started on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2005. This evangelization programme has entered its fifth year. Many thousands view this programme every week and many have become the members of our assembly through the follow up. The timing of this programme Friday 5.30 to 6 PM. On Monday in Hindi Programme 6AM to 6.30am. This programmes is going on for the last one year

**George Koshy**

## Monthly Prayer

**Pathanamthitta:** God willing the monthly prayer meeting of the Brethren assemblies in and around Pathanamthitta will be held on 27 June 2009 at the Seethathodu Brethren Assembly. Requests the saints to attend it with prayer.

**C C Varghese.**

## For Children

## Everything for Good

Chackochen was not very rich but he led a very decent life with what he got from the factory on his salary. Raju was the only son of Chackochen and Aleyamma. They were both very faithful in the presence of the Lord. But their son indulged in drinking and smoking. His parents used to cry for him in the presence of the Lord with other believers. But it seemed that everything was futile.

As things went on like this, Raju had a severe attack of an Abdominal pain. He did not tell about it to any body. That day too Raju went to his familiar liquor shop. Since he got his salary he took more than the normal and lost his balance. In the evening he straight away went to the theatre. As he was walking one of his neighbours who was a believer took Raju to his home with the help of a passerby. This young man used to advise Raju often. But he never needed to it. Chackochen and Aleyamma were waiting anxiously for Raju because he was unduly late. It was at this time that Raju was carried by his neighbor. He went to sleep. The old couple prayed for Raju with a heavy heart.

In the morning his abdominal pain worsened. He told his parents about the intolerable pain. He was immediately rushed to the hospital. Doctor conducted an immediate surgery on him. He recovered after one month. Though he recovered after a month his health was lost. His neighbor used to visit him on and off. The neighbor consoled him by saying "God will did everthing for your good. Do not unbelieve God. This is a minor punishment for your sins in the past. You have to walk in the ways of your parents. Thus you can be successful in this temptation. You may trust in the Lord who died on the Calvary cross for you. He is the only Saviour and he will save you. Raju confessed his sins and accepted Christ as his personal Saviour. After a few days he was discharged from the hospital and he began to egain his health.

Then he decided to speak about his transformation to his friends and he started telling it according to his decision. Many of his friends also accepted Christ because of the change the life of Raju. This is a great change that took in the life of Raju's place. Dear children it is your turn now. What do you think. If you are saved can you do the same.

**Obliged**

# Beware of Doeg

David was fleeing from Saul; Jonathan had encouraged him, but a man of God must find his greatest encouragement and strength in the Lord. When David arrived at Nob, Abimelech asks a very telling question of David. "Why art thou alone, and no man with thee?" Now as believers, we always have Christ with us, so we may say He is always resident. But is He always evident? Is He always president in our lives? For a sinner to remain lost in sin, he need do absolutely nothing—just go on as usual. However, if a believer in Christ does not give Christ the *supreme* place in his life, then the old nature will assume that place automatically. The Lord Jesus said, "Without Me ye can do

nothing." So all our efforts, if one would ask us "Why art thou alone, and no man with thee?" amounts to nothing in the sight of God. Abiding in Christ means that each thing we do, each step we take, each word we say, will be with Christ having a full share in it, and indeed being pre-eminent in the life.

The man Doeg pictures our old sinful nature with which we were born. His ancestors were the Edomites of Esau. The Amalekites are the same people, and the Bible declares that God will have war with Amalek from generation to generation. As long as we are in this body, the Spirit wars against

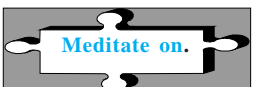
the flesh and the flesh against the Spirit. It is war! The two sides in that war begin to exert their struggle for supremacy the moment a person trusts in Christ for salvation. *Leave* the Man out, that blessed Man, Christ Jesus, the Saviour of sinners, and you will suffer defeat every time. Keep leaving Him out and the defeat will become devastation. The tragic result was that 85 priests died at Doeg's hands by the command of Saul. This Doeg told Saul all that David had done. His tongue was one that devised mischief, working deceitfully like a sharp razor. Psalm 52 says, God shall destroy such a

tongue forever and so He has, for we read in the New Testament that the old man was crucified. But again, the effectiveness of this crucifixion (which is a fact) is only experienced if it is indeed reckoned to be true. We know it as a fact, we were crucified with Christ (Rom. 6:6). We must believe it as a fact, we must present our-selves to God in the light of that fact and be prepared to obey in all things. That is what it means to walk in the Spirit. We stand victorious in this position by faith alone. *Beware of Doeg!*

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seeking to instruct the uninstructed, disciplining the undisciplined, informing the uninformed. In the spirit of his Master, the servant will impart positive instruction, so that the opponents may receive correction! How many of us are "Servants of the Lord" with these qualifications?

The dangers of the last days present two chief perils: We can become contaminated with the existing evils in 2 Timothy 3:1-5. We can lose heart and become discouraged, fearing to maintain a testimony for God in the midst of a proud, fierce people who scorn all that we hold dear! Then let us hear the Lord say to us, "Thou therefore my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 2:1).



## Christ who Intercedes for Us

The work for Salvation of human being was completed on earth by Christ's atonement death on Calvary and His resurrection. But He continues His ministry for us in Heaven as a mediator and is interceding for us. He mediates as "I do not pray that you should take them out of the world but that you should keep them from the evil one. He is there to ask the Father to give us everything which we ask in His Name. That is a great trust, peace, comfort and solace for us.

American President Abraham Lincoln had given permission to any one to visit him without any discrimination. One day a soldier came to meet him. He had lost both of his arms. As he was waiting Tada, the younger of the President came to the visiting room where the people were standing in a line. He noticed this soldier without hands. The boy was attracted to the number of medals he was wearing on his coat. The boy took up a

conversation without understanding who the boy was. In their talk the soldier reminded that he has come to see the president.

After sometime, as the people were standing the secretary of the President came out and told the people that the President could not meet any one on that day. But his soldier did not go. He remained there. On enquiry of his not departing from there the soldier told that he had the promise of the son of the President that he would take him to the President.

"Are you talking about the younger son Tada?" Did he tell you that he will take you to the President. Then definitely it will be made possible. President Lincoln loves that son that much. He will not refuse any of his requests. There appeared on the face of the soldier a smile of hope.

Dear saints we do not know the depth or measure of love of the

Father to His only begotten son. But He loved us, the Adamic generation with the same love that He poured on His son. He loved us by giving His most affectionate one. Thus He redeemed a group from here by shedding the precious blood of His Son. He is there to intercede to those people who are redeemed like that if we ask anything in His name. He is the groom of the redeemed. So he will not discard any of our requests but will give everything for His glory. He was the owner of all the creations. He is the source of all sovereign power. So He is interceding for us in the presence of the Father in the Heavenly places. This promise is our hope and courage. Such a promise was given by Tada to this soldier. The one who called us is faithful. So we are going to see Him.

**TVS**

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