



Worship team learning a new song, June 2008

And  
Chenaniah,  
chief of the  
Levites, was  
for song: he  
instructed  
about the  
song,  
because he  
was skillful

1Chronicles  
15:22



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## Editor's Note

Jesus in one of his parables speaks of a man who found a treasure hidden in a field. The man is so happy and excited on finding the treasure that he goes and sells everything he has and buys that field. In another parable, he speaks of a man who found a pearl which he thought was so valuable that he gave everything he had to possess it.

Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to the treasure and the valuable pearl. Every time I read this passage I meditate on the part where the man sells everything he has for the treasure. Recently I was thinking about the man's attitude when he sold his possessions. He found the treasure so precious to him that he wanted to give up everything he had to somehow own this treasure. The more I see the

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treasure and taste the goodness of our Lord and the more I realize its value and want to turn my back on the world.

Do you know where your heart lies? It is my desire that you find that precious treasure if you have not found it already. I hope this newsletter plays its role, though minor, in helping everyone find this treasure and guarding it.

Yours in Christ  
Preethi Samuel

# Pastor's Message



Dear friends, it has been a mild summer this year. Children must be enjoying their summer vacation. Some may have taken summer classes while others are playing around, watching TV etc. This month I would like to write a short reflection on short temper. This is a result of my personal meditation time and the recent shootings in and around our neighborhood. Last year a driver in Philadelphia shot another driver on the highway because the other person had cut him off. Stories like this have happened and are happening all over the country.

Now, of course, we wouldn't do anything like that. But have you ever lost your temper? Have you ever done things you wish you had not done, or said things you wish you had never said?

Well, the Bible has something to say about overcoming anger. Proverbs 19:11 says, "A man's wisdom gives him patience. It is to his glory to overlook an offense." Now this is the secret. If someone offends you and if you are a man of wisdom (God's wisdom) then you can overlook it, and not allow the situation to become a major event that overwhelms or controls you.

First of all there is sudden anger, and the Bible says that sudden anger is to be controlled.

Proverbs 14:17 says, "A quick-tempered man does foolish things." We all know that because we have experienced it in our own lives. If we have a short temper, we are going to do a lot of foolish things. When we lose our temper we will say things we know we shouldn't have said, and

do things that we are going to be sorry for later on.

Next, Proverbs 15:18 says, "A hot tempered man stirs up dissension." That simply means that if you have a short temper, if you are always losing your temper, then you are going to leave a bunch of hurt feelings and unhappiness behind you.

Proverbs 18:13 says, "He who answers before listening - that is his folly and his shame." He is talking about jumping to conclusions. We hear just a little bit of what is said, and we instantly jump to a conclusion, and oftentimes it is the wrong conclusion.

Proverbs 19:19 says, "A hot-tempered man must pay the penalty." We are reminded of this almost every day. Doctors tell us that losing our temper consistently brings about high blood pressure, dryness of mouth, and a fast-beating heart. It could even bring pre-mature death. A hot temper could also mean loss of family and friends. The penalties of losing our temper are many.

So the Bible says, "If you have a sudden temper, then you need to control it." But how can we do that?

Have you ever found yourself engaged in a heated discussion with your voice getting louder and your words becoming more rapid? Then the telephone rings and you calmly

# Crossword No. 14

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### Across

- 1 Biblical measure as in double cut (5)
- 3 He governed in ex-life (5)
- 6 Messenger who was real big! (7)
- 8 Gardner's son is truly this hi-event (3, 4)
- 9 He gained to control harem (5)
- 13 Strongman's Pa also Noah and Ma (6)
- 14 Fate of offending member, almost cute (3)
- 17 Mountain of bone (4)
- 18 Could Solomon's spice source be ash? (5)
- 19 Delilah was one if here (6)

### Down

- 1 Multicolored but not a cot (4)
- 2 Listened to prophecy these human remains (5)
- 3 Evergreen trees for temple floor? (3)
- 4 Fate of young widows as inaction (4)
- 5 Shepherd's rod from acne (4)
- 6 Old water source as in hog (5)
- 7 Lazarus was no bagger (6)
- 10 Captain of guard in Hopi trap (8)
- 11 Sacrificial bigamist from Lake Han (7)
- 12 Ezra's mates, writers (7)
- 13 Lot's future in a mob (4)
- 15 Wisdom's source in fare (4)
- 16 Remedy for burden as in acts (4)

**Tips**  
The first part of the clue is mostly from the Bible. Bible clues are usually from NIV or KJV. The second part of the clue is more general and jumbled up or an acronym or phonetically similar to the solution or hidden in a combination of words. Also, Look for give away verbs like remove, twist, hide, etc.

### Solution to Crossword No. 13

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**Congratulations!**  
Correct entries by Charles, Cynthia and Kids, Hoffman Estates, IL Edith & Adeline Andrews, Chennai

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## News Briefs

VBS 2008



VBS promises to be much fun and learning as kids and adults alike can enjoy a wonderful Amazon Expedition from Aug 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>. Explore the Bible from creation, dinosaurs and the flood to Christ and salvation. Not only will be the kids know the Bible better, they will also be better prepared to stand up for the truth.

## Annual Summer Picnic



Save the date! Come join us on our Annual Summer Picnic, for a great day of fun with activities for the whole family on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at the Pagoda shelter, Philips Park Zoo, Aurora.

## Family Camp



Get rejuvenated at this year's family camp at the Starwood Ranch, Kalkaska, MI from Aug 29<sup>th</sup> to Sep 1<sup>st</sup>. The campsite is about 320 miles north of Chicago. Contact Israel Rajkumar for more details on what's planned for the 3 days.

## திருமறையும் திருக்குறளும்

Some believe that Thirukkural must have been influenced by St. Thomas, the doubting apostle of Christ. History accepts the fact that St. Thomas lived and died in Chennai. A catholic church on St. Thomas Mount marks the spot where it is believed that he was martyred. But there is no proof to support the fact that Thiruvalluvar was influenced by St. Thomas or Jesus Christ. As we have been seeing through this series Thirukkural covers various aspects of life and in many of these cases the Bible goes a step beyond its world view.

- தேவப் பிரியன்

## Annan Thambi

- தேவனுக்கு பிரியமான ஜெபம்



தம்பி:	என்னண்ணே எப்படி இருக்கீங்க?
அண்:	நா நல்லா இருக்கம்பா. என்னப்பா தம்பி கண்ணெல்லாம் செவந்துபோயிருக்கே சரியா தூங்கலியாப்பா?
தம்பி:	அதுவாண்ணே, நேத்து இரவு முழுவதும் ஜெபித்தேன். என்னுடைய பல காரியங்களுக்காக ஜெபித்ததால் நேரம் போனதே தெரியலண்ணே.
அண்:	ரொம்ப சந்தோஷம் தம்பி. தேவனுக்கு பிரியமான காரியங்களுக்காகத்தானே ஜெபித்திருப்பே..., இல்லையா தம்பி?
தம்பி:	எப்படி ஜெபித்தால் என்ன, எல்லா ஜெபமும் தேவனுக்கு பிரியமானது தானே? "நீங்கள் ஜெபத்திலே எவைகளைக் கேட்பீர்களோ அவைகளையெல்லாம் பெறுவீர்கள்"ன்னு இயேசு மத்தேயு 21:22ல சொல்லியிருக்கிறாரே.
அண்:	ஜெபத்தை தேவன் கேட்கிறவர்தான், ஆனா அவருடைய சித்தப்படி ஜெபிக்கிற ஜெபத்துலதான் அவர் பிரியமாயிருப்பாருன்னு சொல்வாரேன். மாற்கு 14:36ல இந்தப்பாத்திரம் நீங்ககூடுமானால் நீங்கட்டும். ஆகிலும் என் சித்தத்தின்படி அல்ல உம்முடைய சித்தத்தின்படி ஆகக்கடவது", என்று இயேசு தன்னுடைய சிலுவை பாடுகள் கஷ்டமாயிருந்தாலும் பிதாவை பிரியப்படுத்துகிற ஜெபத்தை ஏறெடுத்தாரே.
தம்பி:	இயேசு ஜெபிக்கவேண்டியதுதான் ஆனா... நம்மளுடைய ஜெபம் அந்த அளவு இருக்கமுடியாதுல்லண்ணே.
அண்:	! இராஜாக்கள் 3:5-10ல தேவன் சாலொமோனுக்கு சொப்பனத்தில் வந்து, "நீ விரும்புகிறதை என்னிடத்தில் கேள்" என்றார். ஆனால் சாலொமோனோ தன்னை பிரியப்படுத்த ஒண்ணும் கேட்காமல், இஸ்ரவேல் ஜனங்களை நியாயம் விசாரிக்க ஞானத்தைக் கேட்டான். இந்தக்காரியத்தைக்கேட்டது ஆண்டவருடைய பார்வைக்கு உகந்த விண்ணப்பமாயிருந்தது"ன்னு பைபுள்ள சொல்லியிருக்கும் போது எதை வேண்டுமானாலும் கேள் என்று தேவன் சொன்னாலும் அவருடைய சித்தப்படி அவருக்குப் பிரியமானதைக் கேட்கிற

	ஜெபத்தைத்தான் அவர் எதிர்பார்க்கிறார் பிரியமாயும் இருக்கிறார்.
தம்பி:	ஜெபத்துல எதைக்கேட்டாலும் அது தேவனுக்கு பிரியமாயிருக்கும்னு இவ்வளவு நாளா நெனச்சுக்கிட்டு இருந்தேண்ணே. ஆனா அவருடைய சித்தப்படி ஜெபிச்சாதான் அவருக்குப் பிரியமாயிருக்கும்னு இப்பதான் புரிஞ்சுதுண்ணே.
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தம்பி:	சரிண்ணே அப்புறம் பார்க்கலாம்.
	- Joe Kingsly

இந்தக் கதையில் தவறிருந்தால் நான் திருந்திக்கொள்கிறேன். இல்லையேல், கதையின்படி நாம் திருந்திக்கொள்வோம்.

say, "Hello." Sure, you can control your temper. Our children are the best example for this. In the midst of a heated discussion they are able to say, hi! Aunty or hi! Uncle in a sweet voice without let the other person know about the situation. Friends, we can overcome this. First of all, we need to recognize that we have a problem with temper. As long as we deny it, as long as we deny it as heredity or blame it on short-temper or whatever we choose to blame it on, we won't be able to control it. Secondly, we must confess our problem to God and ask for His help. "Lord, I'm beginning to lose my temper, and I've done it many times before. Please help me see what is causing it to happen, and then help me to overcome it."

The Bible teaches that when the Holy Spirit guides our life, that one fruit of the spirit is self control. And if you have a sudden temper, you need to control it. God the Holy Spirit will help you to achieve this. Amen.

- Pastor Godwin

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## *Songs that Speak Be still my soul*

**"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." Psalm 46:10**

This is a very familiar verse to most of us and gives great assurance that God is in control. Katharina Amalia Dorothea von Schlegel, a hymn

writer used this as a reference to write this popular revival hymn 'Be still, my soul'.

She listened to the Spirit speaking to her soul. She heard a deafening silence, and she was moved to share it in verse. Her storm had to do with her fiancé dying, just before the wedding. The storm was wild. She was caught in the eye of the storm. And in the eye of storm, she wrote a poem, which became a hymn. It was written around 1713 during the pietistic revival in Germany. Almost after 100 years it was translated into English by Jane L. Borthwick and composed by Jean Sibelius.

*"Be still, my soul – the Lord is on thy side!  
Bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;  
Leave to thy God to order and provide –  
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul – thy best, thy heav'nly Friend  
Thru thorny ways leads to a joyful end."*

I don't know what storms in your life you've had to face — literal storms or figurative storms. Literal storms: maybe at sea; maybe on land; maybe with the snow; maybe with the ice, – as many of us experienced last winter here in Chicago. Figurative storms: maybe with relationships at home, work or friends.

Jesus rebukes the storm as related by Luke asking the 'hard to digest' question- "Where is your faith?" I often wondered - but what faith? What faith was he looking for?

Faith, perhaps, that cries out to God not just in the storms, but when the sun shines, as it does today? Faith, that storms, somehow that we don't understand it, are part of life. Faith that Jesus is in your boat, whether the sun shines or not. Faith that though he seems to be asleep, he is very much awake and alert and never forgets us. Faith that the storm will rage only as long as he wants it rage, as he permits. Faith that even though we don't understand the storms that surround us, that like the crucifixion, that storm that in a sense blew Jesus away, God knows what's happening still and works his plans and purposes out through it.

I don't know about you, but I have a hard time 'being still' when I face storms. I squirm, fidget, ask questions and sometimes get angry. I felt I had company when I saw the same behavior in a 4 year old in-flight on my way back from India! It made me re-focus on a certain dimension of my faith!

Is this our faith? Christ, in our storm, in the boat with us, very much awake.

- Sujaya Robin



**Kayaking in Eagle Harbor, Door County, WI**