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THE DIVINE LIGHT

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"I am the **LIGHT** of the **World**."

NEWSLETTER

WHAT DOES THE ASCENSION MEAN TO US!

Our Catholic Faith

This month on 28th we will be celebrating the feast of the Ascension of our Lord (forty days after Easter, on Ascension Thursday). But are we aware of the real meaning behind the word Ascension (being a Christian) and its significance attached with us.

WHAT IS THE ASCENSION?

The Ascension is the return of Jesus to His Father. This took place in the presence of the apostles on the Mount of Olives, just outside Jerusalem, forty days after the resurrection of Jesus (about 2000 years ago)

1. On this day, Jesus gave his followers His last instructions. Then He raised His hands and blessed them. While all looked on, He was raised up and a cloud received Him out of their sight: "He withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven." (Luke 24:51)

2. The disciples returned to Jerusalem with great joy, since they understood better now the meaning of Jesus and of His saving acts. As we learn from the Acts of the Apostles, they awaited the

coming of the Holy Spirit.

3. Christ the king had earned for us infinite grace, and had gone to prepare a place for us in heaven (cf. Jn. 14:16; 2Cor. 1:7)

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE ASCENSION FOR US?

The ascension is the completion of the saving acts of Jesus. Together with the resurrection of Jesus from the grave the ascension represents the return of Jesus to his Father whereby he made it possible for all of us to return also to the Father.

1. The ascension about which we read in the Gospel of St. Luke and in the Acts of the apostles marks the end of his appearances to his apostles and his definitive farewell to them.

2. The ascension of Jesus, or his reunion with his Father, is one of the saving acts, together with the death and resurrection. The liturgy of the Mass reminds us of this when it tells us in the Canon, immediately after the Consecration, that we have been mindful of the **death, resurrection and glorious ascension** of Jesus.

beaten up man ignoring him completely. These were religious leaders; surely they would show compassion to a wounded person (if amidst a crowd)! But they had places to go and appointments to keep, so they passed him by. Surely someone else would come along who had more time to help the wounded man! The Samaritan, despised by the Jews, came along. Of all people, this man had reason to look the other way, since the wounded man was his enemy. But wherever he was going he could wait, for someone needed his help.

It is easy to become so busy that you are oblivious to those in need. Your schedule can become so full of accomplishing good things that you are of no help to people around you. God is at work in the lives of your friends, your neighbours, your family members. He may ask you to interrupt your day long enough to join Him as He ministers to them. Nothing in your agenda, no matter how pressing, is reason enough to ignore the voice of God when He tells you to stop and help. If you have become too busy to minister to those around you, ask God to re-establish your priorities so that you do not miss opportunities to serve Him.

- NEVER TOO BUSY -

"A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them..." (Lk. 10:31-34)

If anyone could understand the temptation to let business distract him from the Father's activity, Jesus certainly could! He told a parable that clearly illustrated this danger. First a Levite, then a priest passed by the half dead

A PRAYER to MARY'S IMMACULATE HEART



O Temple of Light without shadow or stain, intercede for us with your only begotten Son, the mediator of our reconciliation with the Father. May our weaknesses be forgiven, discord be rooted out of our hearts and may we know the joy of loving our brothers and sisters.

O Mary, we commend the whole human race to your immaculate Heart; may it know the one true Saviour, Jesus Christ; may the consequences of sin be washed away by His precious blood, and may the whole world find peace in truth, justice, freedom and love. O Queen of the Holy Rosary, intercede for us now and forever.

Amen.

"God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them." (1 John 4:16)

TEMPTATION: [SPIRITUAL NO MAN'S LAND]

[A Biblical Perspective]

"NO MAN'S LAND"

No-Man's Land is the term used by soldiers to describe the ground between the two opposing trenches. During world War I, if a soldier entered no-man's land, the chances were very slim that he would come out alive. Some did, but they fought with all might to survive. Sometimes, when we are tempted, we may feel as though we are in a no-man's land of a spiritual battle. Although, as Erwin Lutzer states, "temptation is not a sin; it is a call to battle," each sin starts with a temptation. This article will help in understanding the nature of temptations and how to escape this spiritual no-man's land. Here are a few verses for our consideration:

"No one, when tempted, should say, 'I am being tempted by God'; for God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one. But one is tempted by one's own desire, being lured and enticed by it; then, when that desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and that sin, when it is fully grown, gives birth to death. Do not be deceived, my beloved."

(James 1:13-16)

"No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it." (1Cor. 10:13)

"Because he (Christ) himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested."

(Hebrews 2:18)

We are created dependent on God to meet the various desires that we experience; to be loved, secure, and significant. When we experience these desires, we can be drawn away to get these desires met by our own ways and means, or we can wait on God to meet our needs in His time and in His way. The apostle Paul relates this to the struggle of the flesh against the Spirit. (Gal.5:16) These two opposing forces are continually at war with one another. When a person is stuck in the middle of these competing desires, they are in the realm of temptation.

THE WAY OF ESCAPE

What does a person do once

he finds himself in no-man's land? How does he find the way of escape? For many, when they are in the middle of temptation, they give in to it because they feel it is just too much to handle. They may believe they are too weak to resist. Some have rationalized giving in to temptation by thinking, "I have gone this far; I might as well go all the way." Those lies are direct attacks of the enemy. The devil will not 'make' us sin, but he will influence our thinking about sin that leaves us believing a lie. At the moment we give in to temptation, we believe that it is reasonable and right for us to do. However, hindsight shows us the stupidity of our sin and the destruction it causes. When dealing with temptation there are a few fundamental truths. We need to remind ourselves of them.

1. Temptation seek to draw us away from God. Our desire to get needs met in our own way draws us away from waiting on God to meet our needs.

2. Temptations are not unique, but common to all. Although we may be tempted in different areas, we are all susceptible to temptation. "No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone." (1 Cor. 10:13) We all struggle with desires that will not take 'no' for an answer. The operative word in almost all temptations is the word "NOW". There is a sense of urgency and immediacy that seeks to overwhelm the person who is tempted. The way to counteract this sense of urgency is to wait on the Lord. Psalm 27:14 tells us to "Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!"

3. Jesus was tempted and was victorious over the temptation. The writer of Hebrews emphasized the fact that Jesus sympathizes with us in our weakness because He was tempted in all things yet without sin. He was able to wait on his Heavenly Father to strengthen and supply Him with all that He needed. We, too, must rest in the Father's strength and provision of our needs.

4. The ultimate goal of temptations is sin. Each time we are tempted we must realize that the goal of temptation is sin. The ultimate goal of sin is death. We voluntarily place ourselves on a slippery slope of destruction.

ESCAPING NO-MAN'S LAND!

It is important to realize that whenever we sin, it is because we choose to give in to our temptations. It is an outright rebellion against God. We seek to get our

needs met outside the realm of God's blessing and provision and in the realm of self-sufficiency. God's faithfulness to us while we are in our spiritual no-man's land is our escape hatch out of the danger of giving in to our temptations. The next time you are tempted - and you will be tempted - think through the following principles:

1. Recognize God's presence in the midst of the temptation. He is right there with you. And because of His faithfulness to you, He limits your temptation so it will not overtake you.

2. Realize that sin is most present when it seems most absent. 1 Corinthians 10:12 warns that if we think we are standing firm, we need to be careful that we don't fall. Sometimes when things are going well for us, we grow complacent and deceived by our own sinfulness.

3. Cry out to God for the way of escape. God promises a way out! Do not stop fighting. Look for the way of escape. When you find it, run as fast as you can to it. And thank God for the victory He provided for you in the temptation.

**LIVING WITNESSES
OF GOD AT
JEEVAN DHAM**

**KIDNEY STONES DISAPPEAR
THROUGH THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD!**

Praise be to Jesus! Thanks be to Jesus!

I, Ram Vilas (age-35 years), have been attending the prayer service at Jeevan Dham for the past 2 months.

The prime reason for coming was to get physical healing because I had been suffering due to stones getting accumulated slowly and gradually in my kidneys for the past few years. In the beginning, when I had continuous pain

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"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." (Jer. 29:11)

BIBLE QUIZ!

XXV. THE GALILEAN MINISTRY Chapters 4-9: THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

You have to fill-up the blanks in the following verses after finding them in the Gospel of Luke, (taken from Chs. 4-9) dealing with the Galilean ministry of Jesus:

- i) "Lord, do you want us to command _____ to come down from _____ and _____ them?"
- ii) "_____ have come to call not the _____ but _____ to _____."
- iii) "I tell you, among those _____ of women no one is _____ than _____; yet the _____ in the kingdom of _____ is greater than _____."
- iv) "Go," he said, "and show yourself to the _____, and, as _____ commanded, make an _____ for your cleansing, for a _____ to them."
- v) "What have you to do with me, _____, Son of the Most _____? I beg you, do not _____ me."
- vi) "You _____, first take the _____ out of your own _____, and then you will _____ clearly to take the _____ out of your neighbor's _____."
- vii) "Take _____ for your _____, no staff, nor _____, nor bread, nor _____—not even an extra _____."
- viii) "Let _____ alone! What have _____ to do with us, Jesus of _____? Have you come to _____ us? I know who you are, the _____ of God."

Answers to Last month's Quiz

XXIV. THE BIRTH & EARLY LIFE OF JESUS Chapters 1-3: THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

- i) vipers, flee, repentance (3:7)
- ii) mouth, tongue, speak (1:63-64)
- iii) age, seven, marriage, eighty-four (2:36-37)
- iv) wine, drink, birth (1:15)
- v) hungry, good, rich (1:53)
- vi) money, threats, wages (3:14)
- vii) child, falling, Israel (2:34)
- viii) house, Jacob, kingdom (1:33)

Send Your Answers to:

JEEVAN DHAM, H.No. 696/

Sec-22, Faridabad-121005, Haryana.

Rules to be followed:

- ① Answers may be sent by post or e-mail latest by the end of the month. Answers received after that will not be considered.
 - ② You should clearly specify your name and postal address. Mention the quiz number and title too.
 - ③ Prizes will be awarded to the winners of three consecutive quizzes.
- Thanks for your participation in the Quiz!**

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just below my stomach I went to the nearby doctor and had myself examined. The ultrasound report clarified that there were stones in my both kidneys (two on the right and one on the left having a diameter of 8, 7 and 5 millimetres respectively) and they could be removed only by an operation. But, as I was frightened to get operated, I tried to get rid of the stones by taking medicine only. I took it for around two weeks. However, the pain never subsided and my life became miserable. Meanwhile, my mother and my niece came home from

my home in Bihar to convince me to have an operation without any further delay.

My wife, who used to attend the Sunday prayer service at Jeevan Dham for the past one year, assured me of getting healed if I too attended the prayer on Sundays with faith in almighty God. Since then onwards, I started attending the prayer service without failure. Within the first day itself, I got little respite from my pain. After 20 days, I felt that I should have an ultrasound test again. Surprisingly, the report showed that the two stones in my right kidney had disappeared without my awareness. Only one stone in my left kidney was remaining but the pain inside was increasing day by day. We kept our faith and prayed to God at home everyday. I used to read the prayer book 'Naya Jeevan' and drink the blessed water. Last week, one evening I felt an intense pain below the stomach for I was unable to pass urine due to complete blockage for three days. I called out to God and asked for deliverance from this unbearable pain. Within a few minutes, I went to the lavatory and applied all my force to pass urine. In my second

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OLD & NEW TESTAMENT READING PLANS

6-MTH./26-WK. NT READING PLAN

WEEKS 18 -22 (May-June 2006)

DATE	30/May1-6	7-13	14-20	21 - 27	28-31/Jun1-3
DAY	WEEK 18	WEEK 19	WEEK 20	WEEK 21	WEEK 22
SUN	1Cor.16	2C13/Gal.1	Philip.2-3	2Th.3/1Tim.1	Philemon
MON	2Cor.1-2	Gal.2-3	Ph.4/Col.1	1Tim.2-3	Heb. 1-2
TUE	2Cor.3-4	Gal.4-5	Coloss.2-3	1Tim.4-5	Heb. 3-4
WED	2Cor.5-6	Gal.6/Eph.1	Col.4/1Th.1	1Tim6/2Tim1	Heb. 5-6
THU	2Cor.7-8	Eph.2-3	1Thess.2-3	2Tim.2-3	Heb. 7-8
FRI	2Cor.9-10	Eph.4-5	1Thess.4-5	2Tim4/Titus1	Heb. 9-10
SAT	2Cor.11-12	E6/Philip.1	2Thess.1-2	Titus 2-3	Heb. 11-12

12-MTH./52-WK. OT READING PLAN

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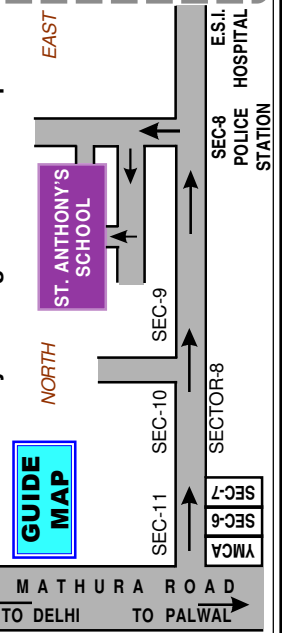
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SUN	1Chr.14-16	2Chr.6-8	2Chr.27-29	Neh.1-3	Tobit 7-9
MON	1Chr.17-19	2Chr.9-11	2Chr.30-32	Neh.4-6	Tobit 10-12
TUE	1Chr.20-22	2Chr.12-14	2Chr.33-35	Neh.7-8	Tobit 13-14
WED	1Chr.23-25	2Chr.15-17	2C36/Ezra1	Neh.9-10	Judith 1-3
THU	1Chr.26-28	2Chr.18-20	Ezra 2-4	Neh.11-13	Judith 4-6
FRI	1C29/2C1-2	2Chr.21-23	Ezra 5-7	Tobit 1-3	Judith 7-9
SAT	2Chr.3-5	2Chr.24-26	Ezra 8-10	Tobit 4-6	Judith 10-12

".. You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

And when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left, your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." (Isaiah 30:21)

HOW TO REACH JEEVAN DHAM!

RESIDENCE : House No. 696, Sector-22, Faridabad
 PRAYER VENUE: ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL, SEC-9, FBD.
 TIMINGS: Sunday morning 9:30a.m. to 1:30p.m.



THE MIGHTY WORD OF GOD STRENGTHENS THEM ALL! GOD HEALS THEIR LEGS AND ENABLES THEM TO WALK STRAIGHT!

attempt, the stone piece came out along with the urine. This way I got rid of the stones in my kidney only through God's grace. During the week, the lady had announced during the intercessory prayer service that God is healing one person who is suffering from stones (in the kidney or bladder). That person was no one else but me who was healed by God. I firmly believe that this miracle happened only through the grace of God who had mercy on me and answered my prayers without delay. I can never forget the favours He has bestowed on me. Now I can eat any food and work anywhere and anytime without feeling any pain or discomfort.

Ram Vilas, Faridabad

"I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live." (Psalms 116:1-2)

JESUS IS OUR SAVIOUR, HEALER AND REFUGE !

Praise be to Jesus! Thanks be to Jesus!

I have come here today to give the wonderful testimony of my family and to praise God for all His wonderful blessings bestowed on us. I, Poonam, have two children- one boy and one girl.

i) I had continuous stomach ache for the past 15 years and had tried all kinds of treatment but in vain. One doctor said gastroenteritis, another said problem in digestion, and another said something else. Having been informed about Jeevan Dham and the healing prayer service being conducted there by my neighbour (6 months ago) at my village, I started coming here regularly for the prayer service. Through the

grace and mercy of God I got rid of this pain gradually and now after 6 weeks I am completely all right.

ii) My younger son Deepak aged 12 years was having high fever and cough for the last two months. The doctors diagnosed the ailment as T.B. I prayed for Him everyday and now, after coming here, he is feeling all right. His fever and cough has disappeared completely. Praise the Lord!

iii) My daughter Vineeta aged 14 years was bedridden for the past 5 months. This year in the month of January she had initially fever and cough only. The doctor said after diagnosis that she had typhoid. Later, he declared that she was suffering from T.B. Out of weakness she took to bed and was unable to even stand up on her own. Last month she started having a stomachache. On taking an ultrasound test, it was discovered that one of her kidneys is failing. She was earlier given the course for T.B., then was medicated for other ailments. Her health had declined steeply. I brought her here for two Sundays to attend the prayer service, and by the Lord's grace she started regaining health and is now walking today. Today she feels herself to be all right. She has got rid of stomachache, backache and knee ache (it started 15 days back) and body weakness. I praise the Lord for all these blessings that He has bestowed on our family! I am really indebted to Him, who saved us out of His love and mercy.

Poonam (age-35 years), Delhi
"Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." (Acts 16:31)

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www.jeevandham.org
 E-mail us your petitions to:
justcallanthony@yahoo.com

IMPORTANT TIMINGS

DAILY MORNING PRAYER:
 On Weekdays from 9:30a.m. to 11:30p.m. 24hr. Adoration is going on everyday for over the past 2 YEARS. You too can join us in prayer anytime.
HOLY MASS :
 On Fridays: morning 10:30 a.m.
 On Sundays: evening 6:30 p.m.

Are you ... worried & burdened?
Are you ... depressed?
Are you ... sick or weak?
Do you ... feel the absence of peace & love in your life?
Are you ... grappling with a lot of problems in your life?

Then visit this place chosen by God & see for yourselves all the incredible miracles happening here. This place is 'JEEVAN DHAM'. Believe in God and attend the prayer session held every Sunday at St. Anthony's School (ground), Sec-9, Faridabad from morning 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. organized with the grace of Almighty God by 'Jeevan Dham' - H.no.696/ Sec-22, Faridabad. Obtain invaluable graces & heavenly blessings & witness the miraculous healings performed by Him.

WELCOME TO JEEVAN DHAM!

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