

## Church Program Schedule

### Friday Worship

GEMS Hall, Oud Metha Rd., Dubai  
 Malayalam Service - 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM  
 Scripture Class - 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM  
 English Service - 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM  
 Opp. K M Trading, Oud Mehta Rd., Contact : 0507752084.

**St.Peter's Hall, St.Martin's Church - Sharjah**  
 Malayalam Service - 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
 Scripture Class - 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

### Bible Study

**St.Andrew's Hall, Holy Trinity Church, Dubai**  
 Malayalam - Monday - 8.00 PM to 10.00 PM  
**St.Mark's Hall, Holy Trinity Church, Dubai**  
 English - Wednesday - 8.00 PM to 10.00 PM  
**St.Peter's Hall, St.Martin's Church - Sharjah**  
 Malayalam - Wednesday - 8.00 PM to 10.00 PM

### BTH Class

**St. Bartholomew's Hall, Holy Trinity Church**  
 Saturday - 8:30 PM to 10:30 PM

### Personal Counselling

Sharjah Parsonage  
 Thursday - 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM

### Care Cell Meeting

Various locations

### Television Programmes - [UAE Time]

Powervision - Sunday 1:30 PM  
 Holy God - Saturday 10:30 AM  
 Wednesday 5:30 AM to 12.30 PM  
 Harvest TV - Saturday 9:00 PM

## MFGC Chronicle

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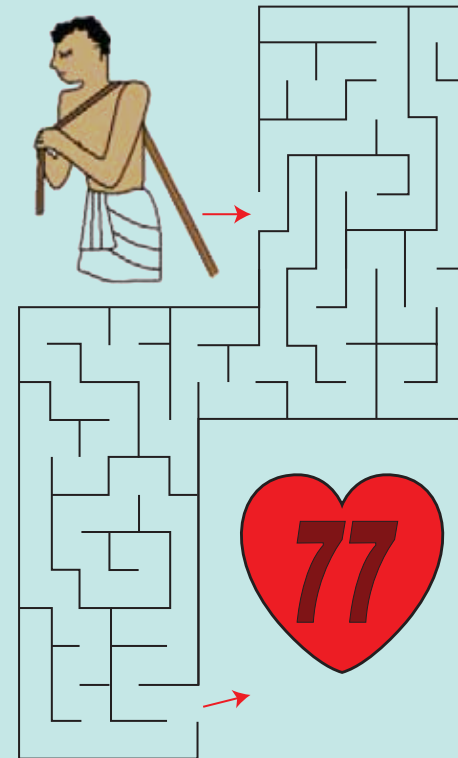
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Help the servant  
 find the answer to  
 how many times  
 we need to forgive

### Unmerciful Servant Maze



### Bible Quiz - 61

What city was the prophet Jeremiah from?

- a). Bethlehem                      b). Ramah  
 c). Anathoth                        d). Hebron

send your answer to : [mfgcchronicle@gmail.com](mailto:mfgcchronicle@gmail.com)

### Champs - Bible Quiz - 60

- Daniel J Thomas                      • Savan Sabu  
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## SHEPHERD'S VOICE

### The Judgement Seat of Christ - Part 3

2 Cor 5:10 - "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may be recompensed for the things done in his body, according to what he has done, whether it be good or bad."

In the first and second part of this series, we learned that God is not just love, but also a righteous judge. There is a day that each one of us will need to stand in front of His judgment seat. We looked at the seven types of judgement as revealed by the scriptures. We also studied that resurrection happens in two phases - the resurrection of the just or the righteous in the first phase and the resurrection of the unrighteous in the second phase.

In this third part, we will study in detail, the judgement of the believers. Apostle Paul says in the key verse that we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ. The subjects to whom Apostle Paul addressed his message when he said,

"we must all appear," were exclusively the believers of whom Paul considered himself one. Scripture is very clear that the believers, one and all, must appear before the judgement seat of Christ.

However, to get a clear picture of this judgement, we must also study another verse, Romans 8:1 which says, "Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. This shows that the goal of the judgment seat of Christ is not for our condemnation. Instead, the purpose of this judgment by Jesus Christ is to reward believers based on how faithfully they served Him."

We see here that the judge who exercises judgement is Jesus Christ. As the resurrected Son of God, Jesus has been appointed by the Father to be the Judge of all.

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**What qualifies Jesus as the judge?**

1. John 5:23 – *“For the Father judges no man, but has committed all judgment to the Son: That all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honors not the Son honors not the Father which has sent Him.”* Almighty God wants everyone to honor Jesus like He is honored and hence, judgement was entrusted into Jesus's hands.

2. John 5:27 – *“and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is a Son of man.”* Jesus is uniquely qualified to judge humanity because He is both the all-knowing God and at the same time a man who understands by experience what it is like to be human.

**Where is the judgement taking place?**

In 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 we read, *“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”*

The above verse clearly describes that the transformed believers shall meet Jesus in mid-air. It can also be safely concluded that this is where Jesus will establish His judgement seat.

Revelation chapter 4 also gives us a picture of the rapture of the church. Rev 4:1 – *“Come up here, and I will show you things which must be hereafter.”* In Revelation 4:4, we read about the twenty four elders, *“And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and on the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.”*

Who are these twenty four elders that John sees around God's throne? They are the twelve patriarchs and the twelve apostles. The number of elders stands for the total church of God in the old and the new covenants with their twelve patriarch and twelve apostles, respectively, who have their names on the gates and foundation stones of the New Jerusalem. These twenty-four elders represent the entire redeemed church of God throughout all the ages.

We also read in Rev 4:4 that the elders wore white robes and had crowns on their heads. When they were taken from the Earth, they neither had the white robes nor the crowns. By the time they reached heaven, they had white robes and crowns on their heads. This indicates that they were given the white robes and the crowns during the judgement of Christ in mid-air. Thus the judgment of believers will occur immediately following the rapture but before they reach heaven.

Scripture teaches with unmistakable clarity that all believers in Christ will give an account of their lives to God. We will be judged by Jesus Christ according to our works, both good and bad. The result of this will be the gain or loss of eternal rewards. Thus, the purpose of the judgment seat of Christ is to examine a Christian's total life. We will be recompensed for the deeds we have done, whether good or bad.

Are we ready to stand before Christ to give an account of our lives? If we consider ourselves as not ready, then let us reconcile ourselves to God and prepare ourselves to stand with our heads held high to receive our rewards before the judgment seat of Christ.



news desk

**Precious gift from God**



Psalms 127:3 says *“Children are a heritage of the Lord; and the fruit of the womb is His reward”.*

- Br. Jerald & Sr. Meethu were blessed with a baby girl.
- Br. Samutty & Sr. Mobi were blessed with a baby boy.
- Br. Mithin & Sr. Veena were blessed with a baby boy (Grandson for Br. John & Sr. Geetha)

**Congratulations to the proud parents. May God bless your precious bundle of joy.**

**Wedding Bells**



We congratulate the newly weds and wish them a blessed married life!



Sr. Dona & Br. Rino



**FAREWELL**

Sr. Soumya



*In Our Prayers*

We express our deepest condolence on the sad demise of

- Br. Kurian Mathew father of Br. Mathew (International City)
- Br. M.K Kochummen, father of Sr. Gracy (Satwa)
- Br. K.G Baby, father of Br. Lalgi (Bur Dubai)
- Sr. Rosamma Mathew mother of Sr. Lucy (Bur Dubai)

**May the Lord fill the families with the peace that surpasses all understanding to bear this irreparable loss.**

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 Live Streaming of Friday Worship from  
 Dubai [2 PM UAE TIME] Sharjah [11 AM UAE TIME] For more details and viewing visit [www.mfgc.tv](http://www.mfgc.tv)

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Chennai Flood Relief by MFGC - Feb 2016



The Answer is Easter

After the April 2013 suicide of his 27-year-old son, Matthew, Rick Warren, author of the Purpose Driven Life and pastor at Saddleback Church in Southern California was often asked how he was able to keep going. His frequent reply? "The answer is Easter."



In the Easter sermons Warren preached the following year, he emphasized that Jesus' resurrection is the answer to discouragement, defeat and devastating trials.

*"The day Matthew gave in to despair was the worst day of my life," Warren says. "During the past year, I've often been asked, 'How have you made it? How have you kept going in your pain?' and I've often replied, 'The answer is Easter.'"*

*"The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus happened over three days," Warren explained. "Friday was the day of suffering and pain and agony. Saturday was the day of doubt and confusion and misery. But Easter, that Sunday, was the day of hope and joy and victory."*


*"You will face these three days over and over and over in your lifetime. And when you do, you'll find yourself asking, as I did, three fundamental questions. Number one, what do I do in my days of pain? Two, how do I get through my days of doubt and confusion? Three, how do I get to the days of joy and victory? The answer is Easter." ★*

Welcome to the MFGC family!

First Time visitor?



We believe that you came here neither by chance nor by yourself, but God has brought you here with a great purpose. We are glad to see you today and we thank you for joining us for worship. Please join us in the coming days, as we commit our lives in prayer, lift our hearts in worship, and extend our hands to serve in His name.



**The lust of the flesh,  
the lust of the eyes  
and pride of life.**

Br. Shibu Daniel

We all are much familiar with 1 John 2:16. Although we have come across this verse many times, we often think that these verses are not meant for us, but for those who walk in ignorance about God.

First of all, John advises us not to love the world, because the one who is in love with the world does not have the love of God in him. Furthermore he says lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh and pride of life, none of this comes from the father; it all comes from the world.

So what does John mean or what does he want to convey when he tells us not to love the world? In psalms we read that the earth and all its creatures are for God, Is this the reason for us not to love the world? Not at all, all he wants to convey is that we must never be in love with the "desires of the world" and not "the world". We are often misguided by cult doctrines and are recklessly chasing the desires of the world. All that we are bothered about is to earn as much as money we could earn and save as much as we could save for our coming generations.

People in olden days joyfully used to exchange their commodities with others. They were able to share whatever they had with them irrespective of their caste and religion. It was impossible for them to store commodities, but with the development of new inventions and techniques they started preserving the goods which last for years. We all know that each and every good we are consuming daily has an expiry date in it, even the eggs has an expiry

date. Technology has developed a lot and it is still developing. Money has changed the attitude of the people. The intention of people to share things has changed and people started saving it for their future.

Save things only for the moment you breathe because the next breathe is not in our hands. We need money only for fulfilling our basic essential requirements in this world; God has already created a new place for us in heaven. Most of the people are still living below the poverty line. Compare ourselves with them, we all are blessed.

We should learn to use our money for the sake of those who are in need of food, clothing, shelter, medicine etc... Jesus instructs us to earn friend for eternity using our money.

In the book of James 4: 4 it says that if we love the world we are God's enemy. If we decide to be a friend of the world, we make our self an enemy of God. Surrender to God! Resist the devil, and he will run from you. Come near to God and He will come near to you. We are the ones already engaged to be the Bride of God. God loves you in the same manner as He loves me. There is no increase or decrease in His love for us. If a man is blessed in abundance it is not that God loved him more, it is that God wants to fulfil the wants of the needy through him.

### **Worldly desires**

#### **Lust of Flesh:**

What does it mean by sinful desires? Paul the apostle has described in his letters. People living under the control of sinful desires can never please God, because they always satisfy their own human desires. In Galatians 5: 19 it says that People's desires make them give in to immoral ways, filthy thoughts, and shameful deeds. People become jealous, angry and selfish. No one who does these things will share in the blessings of God's kingdom. God's spirit make us loving, happy, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle and self-controlled.

#### **Lust of Eyes:**

It means that the strong desire to own things to which we are attracted by sight. Scripture teaches us that this quality is not from Holy Spirit, as it is highlighted in scripture that not to desire any worldly things.

When we enter a shop to buy things, our heart desires to buy everything whichever is displayed there even if it is of no use to us. This is also a sin. It is a human nature, but we should be able overcome these feelings. King Solomon makes an apology that he never he never denied the desires of his eyes, but when we look more into his life he and his kingdom had a disastrous downfall.

#### **Pride of Life:**

Pride of life is the biggest sin than the other sins which we discussed above. 'Selfishness, there is nothing impossible for me, I'm better than others, I am smarter than others, I'm brilliant

than others, I know everything deeply so everyone should learn from me... Etc.', all these things are pride.

Pride in abilities, pride in whatever we do or helping someone, not only this but also we seek our name should come in the first even though it is in godly things. All these things are included in the pride of life. God hates pride like all other sins. God evaluates everything. There is nothing hidden from Him.

God only blesses what we are doing honestly. God blessed the widow who offered honestly two coins from her whole livelihood than what the rich people offered.

If we do anything to please someone, there is no value in the sight of God.

Bible says "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." James 4:6, 7

Let's take out the worldly desires, lust of eyes and pride of life.

Let's run with endurance the race that is set before us, by fixing our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of faith and continue our faith journey holy and pure, wearing white garments of holiness and righteousness. —★