



Live in the Spirit

# Seed For Living

## THE PROMISED LAND BECKONS

Are you eager to get in?



We are now in the last month of the Year of Perfection. A lot of sifting has taken place. Many have come and many have gone. Why? Because the old has to go for the new to come.

People look for perfection in religion. However, perfection lies in man because we have come from God, we belong to God, and we have to go back to God. However, the reason why this perfection is not manifested in man is because every person wants to do things his way.

That's why I started the spiritual clean-up sessions. So that our sins and unrighteousness may be washed away and we may start hearing God more clearly.

If you want to hear God, you must first learn to be silent. Everything on earth, even a small ant passing by, influences man in some way or the other. Every person we see, meet, talk to, covet or love influences us in some way or the other. So you must be very careful about where you go and whom you choose to socialize with.

These days everybody wants to dress and look like a star. They want to wear the latest, trendiest clothes. But no one is interested in wearing the garment of righteousness and mercy—the garment of the blood—that was made available to us on the Cross for our salvation.

The Book of James says: *Every good and perfect gift*

*is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, Who does not change like shifting shadows. (James 1:17)*

How many of us can remain perfectly rooted like that? How many of us can say 'I will not move, I will remain exactly where God planted me come what may'?

### Don't move if God is not leading

Don't walk ahead of God. Don't move in the wrong direction. The devil wants you to shift. He wants you to move into the shadows where he can attack you. But God never changes, and His plans for us are much better and bigger than our plans for ourselves. So get out of everything—your religious mindset, your weaknesses, your hidden faults. Get out of everything and get into God. Start cleaning yourself. The Year of Perfection is not over yet.

It took the Israelites 40 years to get to the Promised Land—mostly because they kept grumbling and making a nuisance of themselves. Sometimes, they flatly refused to move ahead. But God did eventually get them to the place He promised to give them.

How long will it take you to get to the Promised Land? Are you going to murmur and grumble all along the way and make things miserable yourself and everybody else. Or are you going to stop working against yourself, trust God, and be a good and patient—grateful that God actually bothered to save you in the first place.

The choice is yours!

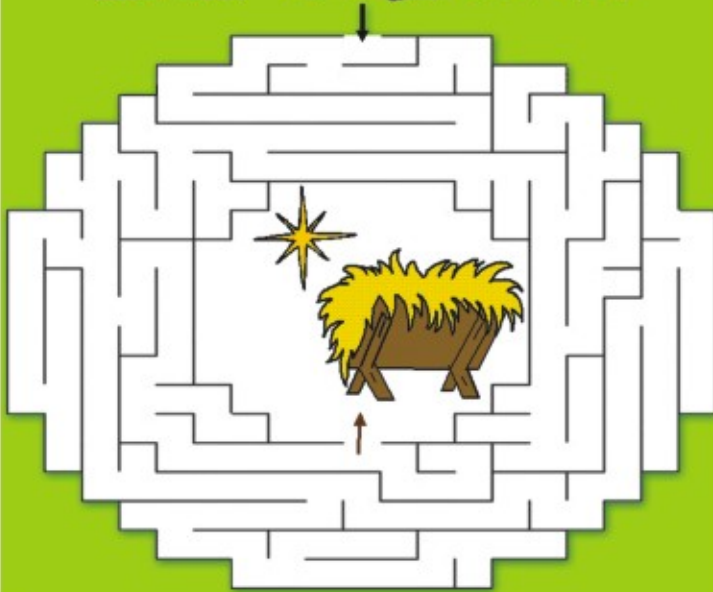
I pray that the Spirit of Our Lord Jesus may fill your hearts and bring joy into your homes this Christmas.

God bless you!

—Bro. Manuel Mergulhao

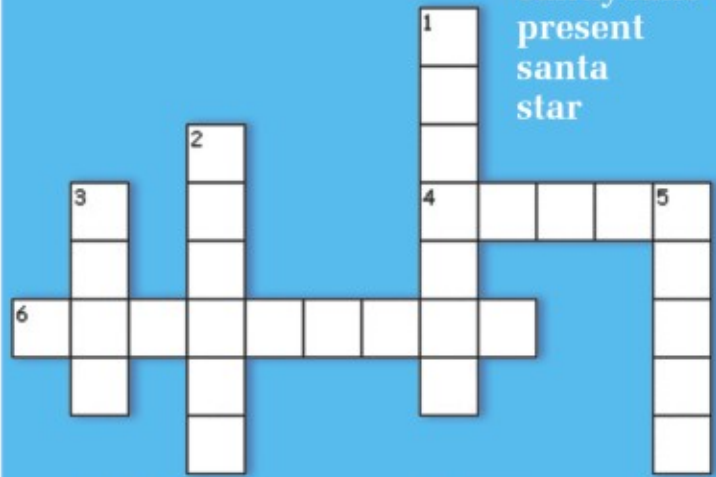
# CHRISTMAS MAZE

HELP THE WISE MEN FIND THE MANGER.



# CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

Word List  
angel  
candle  
candycane  
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santa  
star



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# NATIVITY WORD SEARCH

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Jesus  
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# HOLY!

## SET APART...HUTKE!!!

Well, if you think 'Holy' means living like a holy joe, you are mistaken. 'Holy' truly means is to be 'set apart' totally from the world system.

To what do we credit this extension of God's grace on us that He has brought us into the second decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, if not to His mercy that does not want anyone to perish and all to have eternal life?

Year after year, the world has been celebrating this season. But to how many of us is Christmas just another festival like Diwali or Id or New Year?

The fullness of the deity dwells in J E S U S and He is the image of the invisible God. It is difficult for the finite human mind to understand that the whole power of the entire Universe is inside the Human Body of Christ J E S U S, except by the Holy Spirit!

Scoffers may say, "Where is this "coming" He promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." (2 Peter 3:4)

"With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."(2 Peter 3:8-9)

What a gracious God. But what are we doing with this grace?



*For in just a little while, "He who is coming will come and will not delay. But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him." But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved.(Hebrews 10:37-39)*

- i] repent
- ii] live by faith
- iii] do not shrink back
- iv] believe and be saved

This Christmas, let us be transformed by the renewing of our minds as we meditate day and night on the WORD. It is the WORD which was in the beginning; it is the WORD which was with God; and it is the WORD that was God! And the WORD is J E S U S Who became flesh and dwelt among us! Let us celebrate J E S U S!

A HOLY CHRISTMASTO ALL OF YOU!

-Sis. Lynette Mergulhao





# Do Not Be Anxious

## Part 1: Worry

*I can do all things in Christ Who gives me strength. (Philippians 4:13)* Many times, people lose confidence in themselves. They feel that they are good for nothing and cannot achieve anything in life. Remember, the devil is a liar—he is the father of all lies.

Some people worry about everything. Let us focus on what God has in store for people like these. People who worry a lot easily fall into the devil's trap. However, they can be freed by the Word of God.

Scripture says: Worrying accomplishes absolutely nothing.

I don't know about you, but I don't have any time to waste these days. And worrying is a waste of very precious time. Worrying will not help you solve a problem or bring about a solution, so why waste your time and energy on it?

*Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow.*

*They don't work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. (Matthew 6:27-29)*

Worrying is not good for you.

Worrying is destructive in many ways. It becomes a mental burden and can even make us physically sick.

Worry weighs a person down. (Proverbs 12:25)

Worrying is the opposite of trusting God.

The energy that we spend on worrying can be put to much better use in prayer. Here's a little formula to remember: Worry replaced by prayer equals trust.

And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, He will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith? (Matthew 6:30)

If you only remember that Jesus loves you, the devil cannot use the weapon of worry to destroy your soul. Read the scriptures and be blessed. Amen.

**-Editorial Desk**

## KEY TO PROSPERITY

### GOD'S 7 LAWS



Please note, He did not say, "Let us," but rather, "Let them." And with this statement, God created seven primary Laws.

- The legal authority to dominate earth was given to mankind alone.
- God did not include Himself in the legal authority structure over earth.
- Man became the legal steward of the earth domain.
- Man is a spirit with a physical body; therefore, only spirits with physical bodies can legally function in the earth realm.
- Any spirit without a body is illegal on earth.
- Any influence or interference from the supernatural realm on earth is only legal through mankind.
- God Himself, Who is a Spirit without a physical body, made Himself subject to this law.

The outcome of these laws, which were established by God Himself, are as follows:

- The legal authority on earth is in the hands of humankind.
  - The Creator, because of His integrity, will not violate the law of His word.
  - Nothing will happen in the earth realm without the active or passive permission of man, who is its legal authority.
  - The Creator and heavenly beings cannot interfere in the earth realm without the co-operation or permission of mankind.
  - God must obtain the agreement and cooperation of a person for whatever He desires to do in the earth.
- God Bless You.

**-Editorial Desk**



## The Ones Who Really Matter

A week before Christmas, a father came home late from work. As he opened the door, he found his 5-year-old son waiting for him.

"Daddy, can I ask you a question?"

"Yes! What is it?" the father replied.

"Daddy, how much do you earn in an hour?"

"That's none of your business," the father responded angrily.

"Please daddy. I just need to know how much you make in an hour?" the boy pleaded.

"Okay, if you insist. I earn Rs 70 an hour," the father answered.

"Oh!" the son replied with his head down. Then, he looked up again nervously and asked, "Daddy, can I borrow Rs 30?"

The father became very angry. "If you asked me that question so that you can borrow money to buy a silly toy, the answer is no. Now go to bed!"

Dejected, the child quietly walked away.

After an hour or so, the father calmed down. He went to his son and said, "I am sorry. I was tired and took my anger out on you. Here's the Rs 30 you asked for."

The little boy sat up smiling. "Oh, thank you, daddy," he cried.

Then, reaching under his pillow, he pulled out some crumpled up notes and coins. Seeing that the boy already had money, the father started getting angry again. The little boy slowly counted out his money and then looked up at his father with his large brown eyes.

"Why do you want money when you already have some?" the father grumbled.

"Because I didn't have enough, but now I do," the little boy replied. "Daddy, I have Rs 70 now. Can I buy one hour of your time? Please come home early on Christmas Eve so I can have dinner with you."

The father was crushed. He put his arms around his little son and begged for forgiveness.

**Moral of the story:** Yes, life is busy, but we should not let time slip through our fingers without spending some precious moments with those who really matter to us.

When the source of the brightest light is the fire burning within, Christmas and the Season of Goodness will never end.

God bless you!

-Editorial Desk

## Lost & Found

*The East is known for wise men. Three wise men from the East got together in search for the Child who was to be born as King of the Jews. They were in search and followed a star that was their sign given. They came to Jerusalem and used the ways of the world. They enquired at the king's palace and they got lost. On finding their guiding star they found "The Saviour" they were looking for and were guided back to their own country. They got lost but found "the way" their purpose and their goal.*

**When we lose something, we search for it.**

**When we lose some one of our own,**

**We search for someone to fit,**

**Or mourn.**

**When we lose time, we do not search,**

**But make up for it bit by bit.**

**When we lose our head**

**We'll find pressure in our veins,**

**And lie in bed, half-dead.**

**Some people gain wealth**

**At the cost of their health,**

**Gaining a big belly over their belt.**

**When I lose myself**

**I'll call on the Good Shepherd.**

**He'll guide me by his Word.**

**Do not think this is absurd.**

**The Gospel of John Chapter 10 offers life in its fullness.**

**Just depend on His Word; we can live in His goodness.**

**("I am still confident "I will see the goodness of the Lord**

**in the land of the living" – Psalm 27:13)**

**-Benedict Vivian Fernandez**



# TESTIMONIES

When my sister-in-law was diagnosed with cancer, my sister prayed that she should be healed and the disease should strike her instead. Years later, she too was diagnosed with cancer. However, after coming to the ministry, she has now been healed completely. Incidentally, my husband, who was suffering from paralysis of the throat for 14 years, was also healed in this very place. I took my husband to every place—every doctor, baba, dargah—but he received his healing here. He could not even swallow his own spit, but when Bro. Manuel offered him a cake, he ate it and was healed at that very moment. We have been blessed with so many miracles.. I want to thank God for His mercy and pray that my family may remain united with our shepherd Bro. Manuel until the very end.  
—Shashi Saluja

I live in Pune. I recently started watching Bro. Manuel's programme 'Live in the Spirit' on Balaji Cable after a friend in college informed me about it. Since I am from a non-Christian background, I do not understand many things. But I really like the programme and the way Bro. Manuel speaks. When Bro. Manuel prayed towards the end of yesterday's broadcast, I also prayed along. I want to extend my gratitude to the ministry for broadcasting this programme here in Pune. It is touching and changing many lives here. Thank you.  
—Shilpa Pawar

## A Christmas Gift for You

Dear Brethren in the Lord,

Christmas is almost here... it's time to stand up and cheer.

And to help you do that, Bro. Manuel Ministries is launching a special collection of the choicest Christmas Carols (both on Audio Cd and Dvd). So don't let this opportunity

pass by. Book your copy today! And let the Anointing and the Spirit of the Season flow into your hearts and homes this Christmas.

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