



# WORD ECHOES

APRIL EDITION

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## YOU & YOUR CHURCH

It is important that you know that you are the church. It is not the building, physical structures, and projects, no. You are the church, you are the body of Christ. ( Eph. 5:30, KJV)

God has designed that you be a functional part of a local assembly (1 Cor. 12:27, AMP, NLT). You are not meant to be alone and isolated, No! You are supposed to be and flow into a living local assembly where you give your time to serving God in different ways - worship, prayer, giving, helping, etc., and areas that border on the church life.

In addition, you are to know your pastors and leaders that God has set over you for your proper spiritual development and nourishment. This is God's way, His system on earth.

So, know your church.

## PROPHETIC WORD FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

Around this time, the majority of professed Christians celebrate Easter. The English word Easter, which parallels the German word Ostern, is of uncertain origin. One view, expounded by the Venerable Bede in the 8th century, was that it derived from Eostre, or Eostrae, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring and fertility\*(Britannica).

Without delving into the rightness or the wrongness of this celebration by true Christians, considering its origin, I will concentrate on the biblical intent of the season. The biblical origin of this practice stems from God's instruction to the Jews about the observance of Passover (Exodus 12:1-27). It is also very clear in the NT, that Jesus was arrested in Jerusalem during the preparation for the feast(celebration) of the Passover.

John 12:1 (KJV) Then Jesus, six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom he raised from the dead. Everything that transpired, from the Triumphant entry into Jerusalem to His resurrection, took place in the week of this celebration. Thus, the true intent and significance of Easter is lost without an understanding of Passover. Kindly read through Exodus 12 and 13.

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### Church Vision:

Raising believers for a life of impact and influence

### Church Mission:

This is a community sensitive church and a nest for leaders, where gifts and talents are discovered, developed, and deployed in the pursuit of purpose.

**“Don't waste the rest of your life by fretting over the past. God has a new dream for you.”**

– John Piper



# BIBLE PLAN FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

Day	Book	Chapter	Psalm	Day	Book	Chapter	Psalm
1	Genesis	1-3	1	16	48-50		16
2		4-7	2	17	Exodus	1-3	17
3		8-11	3	18		4-6	18
4		12-15	4	19		7-9	19
5		16-18	5	20		10-12	20
6		19-21	6	21		13-15	21
7		22-24	7	22		16-18	22
8		25-28	8	23		19-21	23
9		29-31	9	24		22-24	24
10		32-34	10	25		25-27	25
11		35-37	11	26		28-29	26
12		38-40	12	27		30-31	27
13		41-42	13	28		32-34	28
14		43-45	14	29		35-40	29
15		46-47	15	30	Leviticus	1-4	30

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The Passover is the night that the lamb for each household was killed, and the blood applied on the lintel of the houses that the Jew dwell in Egypt, at Goshen. This was also the night that the firstborns of the Egyptian were killed by the angel of destruction and those of the Jews spared because of the blood of the lamb that was shed. It was the night that Pharaoh urged the Israelites to leave Egypt. The passover ushers a series of events leading to the deliverance and reward of the Jews. It was a night of unusual favour upon the Jew; they spoiled the Egyptians; they received the wages of their age long service( silver, clothings and all such that they demanded).

God therefore gave the celebration of the Passover to the nation of Israel as an ordinance and a memorial. According to the scriptures, all these happened in the month of the Jews' Nissan which often falls between the Roman month of March and April. The day after their release from Egypt was called the beginning of the Year, the first day of the month Abib (April).

The month of Abib signifies a **fresh beginning** or what can also be called a **rebirth of the nation**. Prior to the Passover, they were in bondage and captivity. They were caged and abused; they were short changed and robbed. At the turn of the Passover, their story changed for the better. Abib was a new day, a glorious beginning; indeed a **fresh start**.

As we rejoice at Jesus' resurrection, it is the beginning of a new life and expression of the goodness of God to mankind. This month shall bring fresh light/revelation, fresh insight, fresh opportunities, fresh relationship, fresh ideas, and all you have hoped for. Welcome to the month of April, **your month of a fresh start**.

## PRAYER OUTLINE FOR THE MONTH

I am singing new songs in April, for the Lord has put new songs in my mouth. His joy fills my heart with singing and strength (Psalm 40: 3 KJV).

The Lord is doing new things in my life. New doors of fresh opportunities, fresh insights, fresh ideas, fresh relationships are open unto me . I can perceive it, I can feel it, I can see it. It's happening (Isaiah 43:18-19).

In the month of April, I live by the spirit, I walk in faith and I grow in grace in Jesus' name.



## POWER OF EASTER

Easter - a commemoration of the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ - is the heart of Christianity. If Jesus had not died, there would have been no redemption. Or better put, if Jesus had not died, there would have been no **legal** basis for the redemption of mankind.

His death on the cross gave God the Father the **moral rectitude and locus standi** to redeem humanity without being questioned or resisted by Satan. Plus, if Jesus had not risen from the dead, there would have been no **legal** basis for the recreation of the human spirit with the life and nature of God - eternal life in the new birth.

So, you see, His death secured your redemption, and His resurrection guaranteed you life. This is why you must go all out for Jesus in the spirit of Easter, celebrating the victory of the cross and witnessing to people around you about the power of the resurrection.

Happy Easter!

## HEALTH TIPS

### What to do During Heat Wave

1. Drink sufficient water as often as possible, even if not thirsty.
2. Use a fan, air conditioning, or a fan, and always open the window for fresh air.
3. If possible, avoid going out in the sun, especially between 11 am and 3 pm
4. Wear light, loose-fitting, porous clothes.
5. Use protective goggles like dark shade or sunshades, umbrella or hat while going out in the sun.
6. Keep skin wet by taking regular showers.
7. Avoid strenuous activities like exercise. Cut down on the gyms.

8. Avoid alcohol, tea, coffee and carbonated soft drinks.
9. Do not leave children in parked vehicles.
10. Use ORS and lemon water, buttermilk, etc. which helps to rehydrate the body.
11. Cancel or reschedule activities for the coolest part of the day.
12. Check in with others. Know if they are fine and let family, friends and neighbours know you are okay also.
13. If you feel faint or ill, see a doctor immediately.



## READERS' ANGLE

### The 5 AM CLUB -

Own Your Morning, Elevate Your Life

- by Robin Sharma

You can get the book at the Church office or request for the e-copy via the church's whatsapp.



## CHURCH EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Glorious Worship Service- Every Sunday 8.45 am
- Mid week Service - Every Wednesday 5.15 pm
- Fasting & Prayer - 5th, 6th, 7th April
- Our one hour prayer in Tongues continues daily 5 am to 6 am
- Foundational Class- Every Monday 5 pm
- Testimony Sunday - Every last Sunday of every month (28th April)
- Hospital Outreach - Every 2nd Sunday and 3rd Wednesday of every month ( 14th & 17th April)
- Females’ and Males’ meeting - Every last Sunday of every month (28th April)
- Youth meeting - Every 3rd Sunday of every month (21st April)

## Prayer of Salvation

We believe you have been blessed by this newsletter. Ready to take the next step? We invite you to make Jesus Christ the Lord of your life by praying thus:

Lord, I have heard your word preached, I believe it, I receive it.

I believe that Jesus died in my name and place, assumed my sin and the consequences thereof. I believe He was buried, went to hell, and suffered in my place, and after three days was raised from the dead for my justification. Lord, I believe Jesus is risen from the dead and He’s alive forever.

I also acknowledge that Jesus is Lord over my life and all I am and have. Consequently, Lord, I ask and I receive the right to be your child, I ask that You recreate my spirit with eternal life, Your divine nature, now.

Thank You, Lord, for answering my prayer. I believe I’m saved now, I’m born again now, I am recreated with eternal life now. Glory to your Holy name, Father, in Jesus’ name.

Congratulations! You are now a child of God.

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