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Coming up...

15th November at 9am
Sunday School Sunday

29th November at 9am
Guest Choir
Dhwani

29th November at 6pm
Christmas Singsong Service

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From the Senior PASTOR'S Desk

Dearly beloved in the Lord,

Grace and peace be unto you. The '**Judging Hands**' is the theme for November and the base verse for this theme is from Ecclesiastes 9:1 “This, too, I carefully explored: Even though the actions of godly and wise people are in God's hands, no one knows whether God will show them favor.”

In every human setting, judiciary plays an important role not just in laying down the rule and regulations whether they be well settled laws or well accepted norms. When there is a disruption of the rule or norm either in the affairs of the nation or in the peaceful home setting, there is the need for arbitration and mediation to right the wrong. The Scripture tells us that “all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). Therefore, we must all stand before God one day and be judged.

God is called as the judge of all the earth (Genesis 18:25). Who is qualified to be the judge? What are the characteristics for a person to be the judge? A judge should be a person that is perfect, holy, just and right in all that he does and says.

The Bible tells us that there is no one righteous, but God. **God is perfect**. Perfect means someone who is without flaw and without sin. In all eternity, God has not sinned, nor will he ever sin. Similarly, when Jesus was on earth as a man, he lived a perfect, sinless life. Psalm 18:30 says, "As for God, his way is perfect: The Lord's word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him." Furthermore, to be holy means to be set apart from defilement.

The other nature of God is that **He is holy**. God's holiness is one of the many characteristics that sets God apart from us. God is separate from all that is evil. Because of his holiness, he cannot look upon anyone who has sinned. Habakkuk 1:13a says, "Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrongdoing."

Naturally when God is perfect and holy without any sin it implies that **God is Just**. When you go before a judge, you hope that judge is just—that he will uphold and follow the law. As judge, God is always just. He always gives the verdict and consequence that the person deserves. Further we read in Psalm 9:7-8 that 'the Lord reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment. He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity.'

Also we read in the Bible that **God is Righteous**. Righteous means that someone is morally right. In all circumstances as judge, God will make the morally right decision about the fate of the person being judged. In Psalm 96:13 we read: Let all creation rejoice before the Lord, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Such a **God who is truly perfect, holy, just and righteous is the judge of all the earth**. God then either pardons their sins or punishes them according to their deeds. The following verses from the Bible make it plain of this truth. For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; it is he who will save us (Isaiah 33:22). For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad (2 Corinthians 5:10).

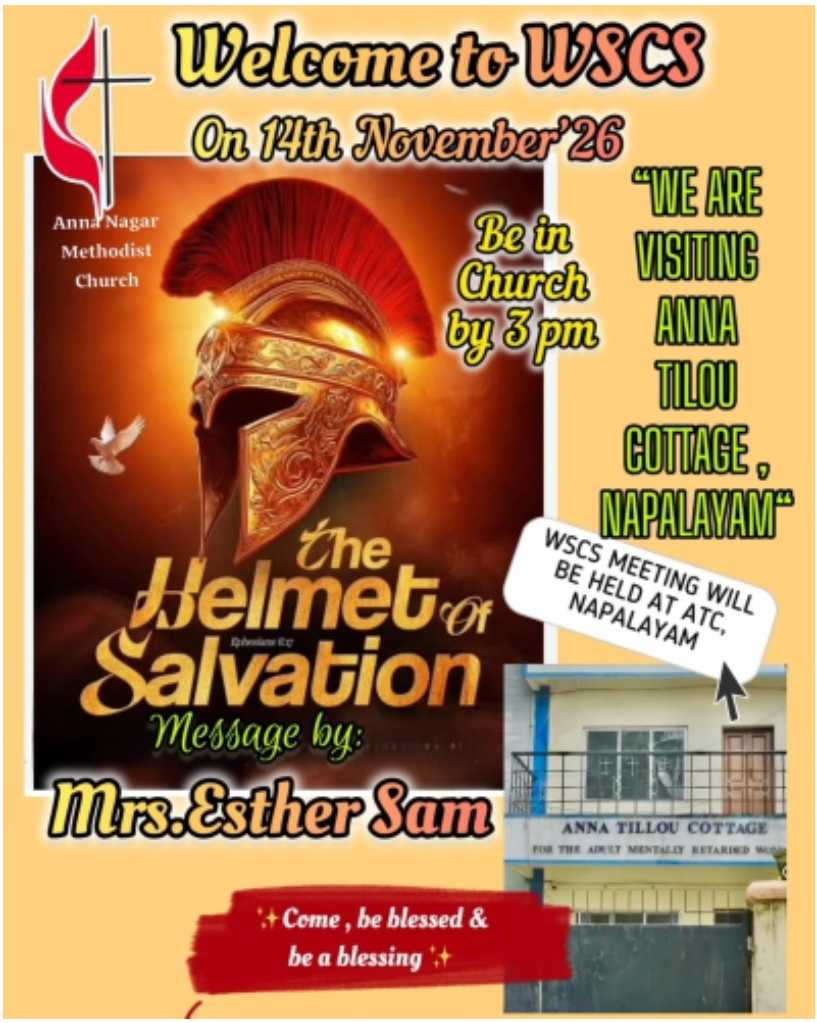
The above mentioned attributes of God as judge work together to show that God distinguishes between the good and the evil, the right and the wrong, the just and the unjust. Because God is perfect, holy, just and righteous, he cannot tolerate sin. The Bible says that "the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

Many times we long for the justice of God when we are faced with injustice. But we need to recognize that the judging hands of God goes far beyond our template of justice that we have created for ourselves. Nevertheless, God in His mercy and compassion is a God that is willing to forgive imperfections and sins. John the

beloved says the following in 1 John 2:1-2 "My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world."

It's an invitation that goes out to all of humanity, including you and me to come to God seeking His mercy that God will make us righteous through the vicarious death of Jesus Christ for guilt-free life.

Blessings,
Rev Sam Sudalaiyandi
Senior Pastor.



November - 2026



Annual Theme

"Is the Lord's hand waxed short?"

(Numbers 11:23)

Monthly Theme: "Judging Hands"

"So I reflected on all this and concluded that the righteous and the wise and what they do are in God's hands, but no one knows whether love or hate awaits them." – Ecclesiastes 9:1

1 Nov 2026

7.00 AM

Theme: Judge of all the earth
Text: Genesis 18:17-33
Preacher:
Rev. Sam Sudalaiyandi
Bible Reading:
Mrs. Rupamathy Jebakumar

9.00 AM

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Text: Genesis 18:17-33
Preacher:
Rev. Sam Sudalaiyandi
Bible Reading:
Mr. Philip Gracian Sanova

6.00 PM

Theme: Judge of all the earth
Text: Revelations 20:12-15
Preacher:
Rev. R.J. Christopher
Bible Reading:
Mrs. Ann Amose

8 Nov 2026

7.00 AM

Theme: Judging Hands
Text: Luke 12:13-21
Preacher:
Rev. Sam Sudalaiyandi
Bible Reading:
Mrs. Irene Abel

9.00 AM

Theme: Judging Hands
Text: Matthew 7:1-5
Preacher:
Rev. R.J. Christopher
Bible Reading:
Mrs. Emy Florence

6.00 PM

Theme: Judging Hands
Text: Luke 12:13-21
Preacher:
Rev. Sam Sudalaiyandi
Bible Reading:
Mrs. Padmini Thomas

15 Nov 2026

7.00 AM

Theme: No Condemnation
Text: Romans 8:1-13
Preacher:
Rev. Sam Sudalaiyandi
Bible Reading :
Mr. Sajin

9.00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY

6.00 PM

Theme: Throne of God
Text: Hebrews 4:14-16
Preacher:
Rev. R.J. Christopher
Bible Reading :
Mr. Joel Kumar

22 Nov 2026

7.00 AM

Theme: Advocate
Text: 1John 2:1-6
Preacher:
Mr. Swarup
Bible Reading:
Dr. Mrs. Shiela Sarah Kuruvilla

9.00 AM

Theme: Day of Judgement
Text: Matthew 12:33-37
Preacher:
Rev. Sam Sudalaiyandi
Bible Reading :
Mr. M.L. Vijaykumar

6.00 PM

Theme: Justice
Text: Isaiah 42:1-9
Preacher:
Mrs. Pearl Vincent
Bible Reading :
Mrs. Malathy Prasadam

29 Nov 2026

7.00 AM

Theme: Great light of Hope
Text: Isaiah 9:1-7
Preacher:
Rev. R.J. Christopher
Bible Reading:
Mrs. Ivy Jawahar

9.00 AM

Theme: Hope of Emmanuel
Text: Isaiah 7:10-17
Preacher: **Rev. Sam Sudalaiyandi**
Bible Reading:
Mrs. Nirmala Jeyakaran

6.00 PM

SINGSONG SERVICE
Theme: Christmas Sing Song
Text: Isaiah 9:1-7
Preacher: **Rev. R.J. Christopher**
Bible Reading :
Ms. Pearlina Gracelin. P

Sunday Ministries

Worship Services

at 7.00 am, 9.00 am and 6.00 pm

Holy Communion

1st Sunday at 9:00 am

2nd Sunday at 7:00 am and 6:00 pm

Sunday School

at 9:30 am

Junior Choir

at 11:15 am

MYF

at 11:15 am

MYAF

1st & 3rd Sunday at 11:00 am

Outreach Evangelism

3rd Sunday at 3:30 pm

Weekly Ministries

1st of the Month

Holy Communion 6:30 am

Hour of Power

Mon to Fri 5:30 to 6:00 am

Prayer Station

Monday 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Prayer Walk

4th Monday 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Bible Study

Wednesday 7:00 pm on Zoom

Cottage Prayer Meeting

Thursday at 7:00 pm

Wesley Cell Groups

Mon, Tue and Fri

7:00 pm on Zoom

Time of Prayer

1st Friday 10:30 am to 1:30 pm

WSCS Fellowship:

1st Sat at 5:00 pm

Methodist Men Fellowship

2nd Sat at 7:30 am

Elder's Fellowship

3rd Sat at 5:00 pm



November

Nov 1st **PROMISE**

"For I considered all this in my heart, so that I could declare it all: that the righteous and the wise and their works are in the hand of God. ....." Ecclesiastes 9:1

Nov 8th **COMMAND**

"Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment." John 7:24

Nov 15th **PROMISE**

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad." 2 Corinthians 5:10

Nov 22nd **COMMAND**

Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. Romans 13:13

Nov 29th **PROMISE**

But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfil its lusts.
Romans 13:14

NKJV Version



In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one." Eph 6:16

Paul has already spoken about truth, righteousness, and the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. **"In addition to all this"** signals that the battle gear is not complete without faith. Faith strengthens every other part of our spiritual armour because it helps us trust God and remain firm in His ways, even when life becomes difficult.

A Roman shield spanned from chin to knee and mainly had 3 important features: Prior to an actual one-on-one engagement with the enemy, a Roman soldier often would encounter continuous attack of flaming arrows coming from all directions. Their shields provided protection above and beyond what their breastplates could provide. Secondly, a shield lying on the ground could not protect a soldier. he had to lift it and hold it up against the enemy's attack. Similarly, Paul's instruction to "take up the shield of faith" (Ephesians 6:16) reminds us that faith must be actively

put into practice. Thirdly, Roman soldiers could stand close together and use their shields to provide collective protection. This reminds us of the importance of Christian fellowship. We are not meant to fight every battle alone. We can encourage one another, pray together and help each other stand firm in faith.

The shield of faith doesn't merely deflect the flaming arrows; it quenches. The Roman soldiers soaked leather shields in water so incoming fire-arrows fizzled out. The flaming arrows targeted at us often begin as a thought, but if we accept it and keep feeding it, it can influence our emotions, decisions and behaviour. An attack that is not stopped can spread and cause further damage. When we lift up our shields, it's a declaration that God is bigger and mightier than our problems.In reality, many of our hardest battles take place in our minds, hearts, homes and relationships. We are constantly hit by darts of inadequacy, guilt, comparison, loneliness or discouragement. In these situations, how do we lift up the shield of faith?

Flaming doubt and fear



What will happen to my family? What if things go wrong? What if I cannot handle this situation?"



God is with me even when I cannot see what lies ahead - Is 41:10

Flaming rejection and inadequacy



I am not good enough. Nobody values me. I am less important than others.



My worth is not determined by people's opinions. I am created and loved by God. Ps 139:14

Flaming anger and bitterness



She hurt me, so I will never forgive her. I must give her the same treatment.



God can help me respond with wisdom, practice forgiveness and establish healthy boundaries. Gal 5:22,23

Flaming discouragement



I have prayed for so long, but nothing has changed. Perhaps God has forgotten me.



I do not understand everything that is happening, but I can continue to trust God's character and remain faithful. Ps 42:11

Flaming comparison and envy



Her family is happier. Her children are more successful. Her life is better than mine.



God has given each of us a different journey. I can be grateful for His gifts to me and rejoice in the blessings of others. Lam 3:22,23

Faith helps us face reality without surrendering our hearts to fear, bitterness, despair or temptation.

Three Lessons from the Shield of Faith

1. **Matthew 17:20 — The measure of faith** A mustard seed is very small, yet Jesus used it to teach His disciples about the power of faith. Similarly, we may feel that our faith is small when we face big problems. But we do not need to feel strong or have all the answers to trust God. Even when our faith feels small, we can raise our shield by trusting God's power and promises.
2. **Luke 8:25 — Where is your faith?** When the storm threatened the disciples' boat, they became afraid, even though Jesus was with them. Their problem was real, but fear had overshadowed their trust in Him. Imagine a soldier facing an attack while leaving his shield on the ground. The shield is available, but it cannot protect him unless he raises it. In the same way, we may know God's promises, but when difficulties arise, we must actively choose to trust Him rather than allow fear to control us.
3. **Matthew 15:28 — Great is your faith!** The Canaanite woman continued to seek Jesus for her daughter's healing. Despite the difficulty of the encounter, she persisted in trusting Him. Jesus commended her faith, and her daughter was healed. Her faith was not passive; she kept coming to Jesus with confidence in His mercy and power.

She did not allow the obstacles she encountered to make her give up. Likewise, raising the shield of faith means continuing to trust God when circumstances are difficult, answers seem delayed, or the way forward is unclear.

Take up the shield of faith by reminding yourself of who God is and what he has said you will be able to stand regardless of what the enemy throws at you.

Prayer Pointers



- The Episcopal Leaders - Bishop C.G. Dayanand and Madam Sukhalatha Dayanand
- The Pastors and Office Staff.
- Ministries of Christ Methodist Church, Vaitheeswaran Koil
- The Church Construction at Chidambaram - For speedy approval from Government authorities.
- Those who are sick and in pain.
- Those seeking job and life partner.
- The Sunday School, MYF, Young Adults, WSCS, Methodist Men, Elders Fellowship, Cell groups, Bible Study, AMC choirs, Prayer walk, Prayer station, Seekers Care Group and Aspire Group.
- The Union and State Governments.
- The Global affairs - economy, ecology, peaceful atmosphere.