

LARMEY PROVINCE (SIVAGANGAI)

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THE STORY TO READ:

Pravin, a rich farmer, living in a far - away village owned a most beautiful horse. One day, the jumped over the fence and ran away to the jungle. The horse was lost. Pravin's neighbors, sympathizing with him, said: "Pravin, we are sorry for you. You lost your best horse. Bad luck for you". Pravin replied:"you need not comfort me. I lost my best horse, true. But, 'Good luck, bad luck? God knows!'".

A few days later, his horse returned from the jungle. It brought along a herd of beautiful wild horses. Pravin was happy and overjoyed at the beauty of the new horses. Again the neighbors came to him. This time to congratulate him they said:" Pravin, good luck! We envy you!"Pravin gave them the same reply:"Good luck, bad luck? God knows!"

Sometime later, Pravin's elder son, a strong young and courageous boy, was taming those young, wild horses. While riding on one of them, he was thrown over, had a fall and broke his leg. The neighbors met him and lamented:"sorry, Pravin, bad luck this time."Pravin gave them the same reply:"good luck, bad luck? God knows!"

Some days later, the envoys of the king reached the village with the bad news that their neighboring kingdom had attacked their country. And that the king had ordered all the able-bodied young men of the realm to join the army immediately to fight the invaders. All the youth of the village left their homes. Only Pravin's son, because of his broken leg, was spared. The boy remained at home with his parents. The villagers, in a chorus, kept saying:"Pravin, what good luck you had!

"Again, "Pravin gave them the same answer:"Good luck, bad luck? God knows!"

POINTS TO REFLECT:

- * "For a believer, luck, fate, stars, fortune, destiny, chance, do not exist".
- * A person who believes in God should never lose his/her faith.
- * "Everything that happens works for the good of those who love God".
- * For a believer "Good and bad things" are always good!

BIBLICAL PASSAGES TO MEDITATE:

Mt	6/9-13	Teaching of OUR FATHER
Mt	6/24-34	God and possessions. Place your trust in God.
Mt	7/7-11	Ask, Seek, Knock
Mt	11/25-30	Come to me, all who are burdened...
Mt	16/21-23	Men's thoughts are not God's thoughts...
Mk	10/17-25	Rich Man's incident. Are riches good or bad luck?
Lk	6/20-26	The beatitudes according to Luke. Good? Bad?
Lk	12/4-6	Whom to fear?
Lk	12/13-21	Parable of the Rich Fool. Wealth, Luck or...?
Lk	12/22-33	Trust in God, not in wealth and possessions.
Lk	16/19-31	Rich man and Lazarus, who was the lucky one?
Lk	24/13-27	Suffering good or bad?
Jn	16/19-22	Sadness or gladness?
Mt	26/36-44	Jesus' agony in the garden. Not my Will...
Mt	28/1-10	Resurrection of Christ. All his sufferings turned good.
Mk	15/33-37	Jesus "words on the cross." "Father why have you forsaken me? "He looked forsaken ;in reality ,was he forsaken? Why?

QUESTIONS TO ANSWER:

- * What were your reactions when bad things happened? Give three instances.
- * What were your reactions when good things happened? Give three instances.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU IN YOUR INWARD JOURNEY

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