

December 11

Running unto Jesus

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12:1, 2; 2 Timothy 4:7, 8

Our life is like a race. If you want to partake in the running competition at your school, you have to first enroll your name with the sports coordinator. All are called by Jesus. Jesus gave a general call saying, "All those who are weak and heavy laden". If we want to run with Jesus, we have to be a part of the race. To be a part of the race, we have to confess and repent of our sins.

During the race, we have to maintain our track. If we lose track, we will be disqualified from the race. God has taught us the ways in which we should walk. We should run accordingly. Those who run should run according to the rules. We should finish the distance set for us. A good sportsman will finish the game he started. It needs a lot of patience and determination.

Those who run will be mindful of finishing. Their thoughts will be completely about the finish point. Those who are distracted cannot finish the race on time. When we finish the race of life, our Judge, the Lord Jesus Christ will righteously judge everyone. Not just the first three but all those who have finished the race will be rewarded.

A king decided to search for a groom for his daughter. Many men had come desiring to marry the king's daughter. The king therefore decided to have a running race and said that the winner would marry his daughter. Many people were gathered there. One of the young men in the group was very desperate to marry the King's daughter. But there was another man in the group who could run faster than all. The race began and the young man was running behind the person who was fastest in the group. The young man took a few gold coins and threw it on the way to distract the one before him. The person who was running first was distracted by the gold and went to pick a few. In the mean time, the race was over and the young man won the race. He married the king's daughter. With a lot of self control, we have to patiently run the race that was set for us.

Questions:

1. How should we run our race?
2. What should we do if we should win the race?
3. How should we run the race that is set for us?