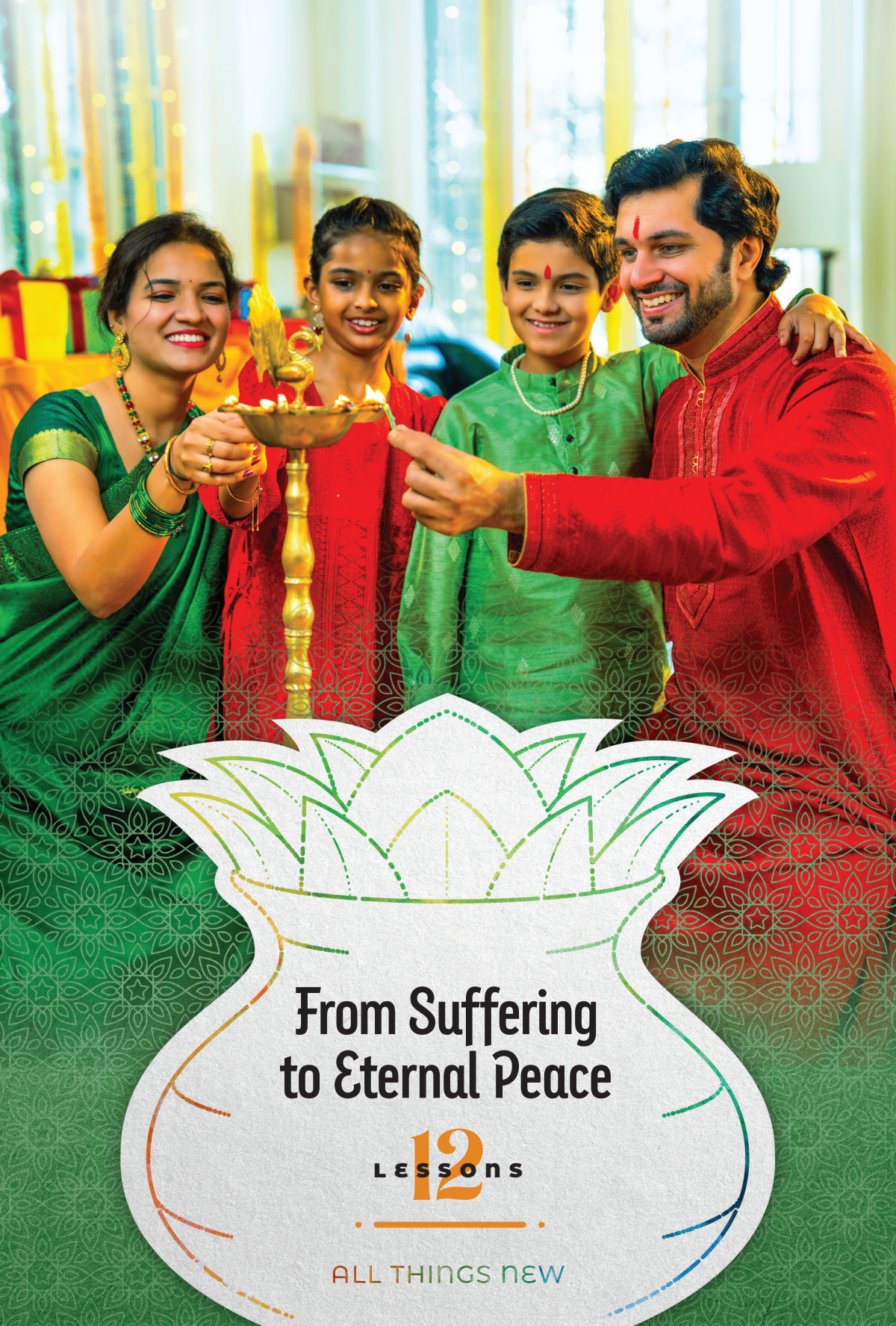

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PROPHECIES AND THE WORLD WE LIVE IN

STORY

An old man and his grandson were returning from the weekly market at sunset when the old man stopped and gazed at the sky. The sky was clear, and the road was dry. The boy said, "There is no storm. Why are you walking so fast?"

The elderly man smiled and pointed upward. "Look carefully," he said. "The wind has changed. The birds are flying low. Clouds are forming far away. The storm has not arrived, but its signs have already begun." Wise people do not wait for events to ask what kind of time they are living in. After all, the proverb says "समझदार को इशारा काफी है": "A hint is enough for the wise."

STUDY

The idea of *Kali Yuga,* the dark age or the age of decline, is familiar to us. During this time *dharma* weakens, truth declines, greed grows, family life suffers, confusion becomes common, and the human heart becomes restless and self-centered. The love of money is powerful. Family values have been damaged. Temperance disappears. Holiness is replaced by performance. Inner beauty is neglected, while the outward image is celebrated. These are not minor cultural shifts. These are signs of a deeper spiritual crisis. We may not agree on every detail, but the signs of decline are not difficult to see or to detect.

The Bible also speaks about the world moving toward a climactic event. Its two major prophetic books are the book of Daniel and the book of Revelation. Daniel was a servant of God who lived in a foreign empire centuries ago. God gave him visions of kingdoms, world events, and the final victory of God's rule. Revelation is the final book of the Bible. It was given to John, a disciple of Lord Jesus, to show what would happen before God brings history to a close.

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Lord Jesus, the promised Savior, spoke about distress among nations, fear in human hearts, and signs that would awaken people to the seriousness of the times. Paul, an early teacher of the Christian faith, warned that *Kali Yuga*, or last days, would be marked by selfishness, pride, loss of self-control, and love of pleasure more than love of God.

These teachings show that world events are not random. Human history is not out of control. God sees what is happening and has already spoken about it.

These words matter because they help us understand that world events are not random. History does not move without meaning. The darkness of the age does not imply that God is absent. This means that God has already spoken. Prophecy is not intended to frighten people. It is given to wake them up from sleep. This reminds us that the condition of the world matters, that our hearts matter, and that God is still guiding history toward His purpose.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

What signs of *Kali Yuga* do you see most clearly today?

Why do people ignore warning signs in society and in their spiritual lives?

If the world is moving toward an end, what kind of life should we live?

TAKE AWAY

- **What have you learned?**
  Prophecy helps us read the time.
- **What is needed?**
  I must not live carelessly.
- **What can you share with others?**
  The signs of the age call us to seek the truth.

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WHY TRUST BIBLE PROPHECY?

STORY

A traveler was walking home after sunset when the road divided into a broad path and a narrow path. A person stood on each path. The one on the broad path spoke confidently and wore fine clothing. The other, on the narrow path, was quiet and simple in nature. The traveler asked both men which road led home. The one on the broad path spoke many impressive words, but the one on the narrow path took out a small lamp and said, "Walk with me. I know the path." Before long the traveler saw that the broad-looking road led toward a riverbank and danger, while the quieter guide led him safely home. In dark times the real guide is not the one who sounds impressive, but the one who truly knows the way.

STUDY

In the previous lesson we discussed the signs of the darkening age. Greed grows. Family life weakens. Inner purity has lost its value. The human heart becomes restless. The question now is not simply whether the signs are real or not. The deeper question is whether the Bible can be trusted when it speaks of such things.

The Bible is not a book of random predictions. Its prophecies are part of a larger story, a grand narrative about God, human life, rebellion, mercy, judgment, and hope. It speaks of the future because it first speaks truthfully about the human condition. The Bible is more human-centric than other religious scriptures. The Bible begins with a discussion of the human condition and ends with human exaltation by God. The God of the Bible cares about humans. Humans are not mere puppets that will eventually fade away into the cosmic void. This is one of the reasons people continue to return to the Bible. It understands the world as it is.

> God does not warn people to frighten them. He warns them to prepare.

Bible prophecy can be trusted because it does not flatter humans. It does not pretend that progress alone will heal hearts. It exposes the truth about pride, selfishness, corruption, and spiritual blindness. However, it also speaks of hope. It teaches that evil will not rule forever, confusion will not have the last word, and God will bring history to its proper conclusion.

Another reason Bible prophecy can be trusted is that it does not leave people in the dark. God does not warn people to frighten them. He warns them to prepare. A loving parent warns a child about fire, floods, or danger because care speaks before

disaster strikes. Similarly, prophecy is an act of mercy. It tells us that our lives matter, that our choices matter, and that history is moving toward accountability before God.

This also distinguishes biblical prophecy from mere speculation. Many people have spoken about the future. Some speak to instill fear. Some speak to gain influence in the community. Some speak only from their imagination. However, biblical prophecy calls people back to truth, humility, repentance, and faith. It does not entertain curiosity. It requires a changed life.

This is why this lesson is important. If the prophecy is true, then it cannot remain just an idea for discussion. It becomes a light on the road. It teaches us how to read the times and prepare our hearts.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

What makes a message about the future trustworthy?

Why do people search for spiritual light in dark times?

What difference does it make to know that God continues to guide history?

TAKE AWAY

- **What have you learned?**
  Bible prophecy provides steady light in confusing times.
- **What is needed?**
  I must seek the truth that can guide my life.
- **What can you share with others?**
  The future is neither outside the knowledge nor the control of God.

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DECEPTION AND TRUE SPIRITUALITY IN THE LAST DAYS

STORY

Shyam Seth, a seed merchant, once brought two bundles of seeds to Shankar, a farmer. Both appeared to be clean, dry, and healthy. "These are the best seeds for your field," said Shyam Seth. Shankar bought the seeds and sowed them carefully. After a few days green shoots began to appear. At first everything seemed to be good. But as the plants grew, Shankar noticed that one part of the field had grain, while the other had weeds. The fake seed looked real at first, but time showed it was not. From then on, Shankar learned a tough lesson that not everything that seems real or true at the beginning is actually true.

STUDY

The question before us is no longer whether the world is troubled or not. The deeper question is: When many voices claim to show the way, how can truth be recognized? The troubling times of *Kali Yuga* are already clear. However, one danger still requires special attention. In such an age, society declines and deception becomes more difficult to recognize. When many voices claim to offer light, peace, power, and spiritual guidance, how can truth be known?

This is where biblical prophecy becomes especially important. The Bible warns that the final days will be not only difficult but also deeply misleading. Lord Jesus warned that false religious teachers and false prophets would arise and would mislead many. This means that the danger of the last days is not only wickedness. There is also a counterfeit form of spirituality.

This is meaningfully connected with familiar end-time concerns. A dark age is dark not only because evil becomes bold. It is dark because confusion enters places where people expect to find light. What appears to be holy may not always be true. What sounds spiritual may not always lead to God. This is why outward appearance can never be enough.

Therefore, the Bible calls on people to test what they hear and see. John, one of Lord Jesus' disciples, urged people not to believe every spirit, but to test whether a teaching is truly from God. This is a serious concern. Sincerity alone does not provide protection. A person may be deeply earnest but still misled.

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How can true spirituality be recognized? True spirituality does not make a person more proud, fearful, dependent on human power, or trapped in confusion. True spirituality leads to truth, humility, purity, love, obedience, and reverence for the living God. It may not always be loud or impressive, but it bears good fruit.

Therefore, this lesson brings the bridge into sharper focus. Familiar end-time expectations may prepare the mind to take this age seriously. Bible prophecy further presses this matter. In serious times one must be not only religious but also discerning. A searching heart must also become a heart that tests. This is one of the great spiritual duties of the last days.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Why are people often drawn to the external appearance of spirituality?

Why is sincerity alone insufficient in matters of faith?

What do you think are the most important signs of true spirituality?

TAKE AWAY

- **What have you learned?**
  In the last days, deception can wear a spiritual face.
- **What is needed?**
  I must learn to test spiritual claims carefully.
- **What can you share with others?**
  True spirituality is known, not by appearance alone, but by truth and fruit.

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READING WORLD EVENTS THROUGH REVELATION

STORY

A father received a long letter from his son who was living in a faraway land. Some lines in the letter were plain, but other parts were written with signs and expressions that only the family would understand. One neighbor looked at the letter and said, "This is too hard to understand." Another said, "It is full of strange language." But the father did not throw it away. He sat quietly, read it slowly, and paid attention to every line. The more carefully he read, the more clearly he understood not only the message but also the heart of the one who had written it. What first looked difficult became meaningful when it was read with patience.

STUDY

Many people today are asking serious questions about the world. Why is there so much unrest? Why do fear, conflict, disease, uncertainty, and moral confusion seem to grow so quickly? Time is often understood not just as passing days but as a meaningful moral movement. When *adharma* (unrighteousness) rises and human hearts lose balance, people sense that the era itself has become troubled.

The book of Revelation speaks of such a time. It is the last book of the Bible, given to John, a disciple of Lord Jesus, during a period of suffering and pressure. It does not speak in a flat or ordinary way. It uses symbols, visions, images, numbers, and scenes. That should not trouble us too much. In South Asian traditions, symbols also carry meaning. Not everything important is said in plain prose. Sometimes symbols help the truth go deeper.

> The focus of the book is not fear, but God's rule and the triumph of Lord Jesus.

This is why Revelation must be read carefully. It is not mainly a book to satisfy curiosity about future events. It is a book that helps people understand what kind of time they are living in and how they should stand in that time. It shows that visible events in the world are tied to a deeper conflict between truth and falsehood, faithfulness and compromise, and the worship of God and the worship of power.

Some may think of texts such as the *Bhavishya Purana* when reflecting on future events. Such texts may awaken interest in what is to come. Revelation, however, does more than stir interest. It gives a moral and spiritual framework for reading history. It teaches that the timeline

of prophecy is not random. It moves toward judgment, separation, and the final victory of God. The focus of the book is not fear, but God's rule and the triumph of Lord Jesus.

So how should Revelation be read? Begin with patience. Read it as a message meant to strengthen, not confuse. Watch its movement. Notice its repeated call to faithfulness. Ask not only "What will happen?" but also "What kind of person should I be while these things unfold?"

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

What current world events make people feel that history is entering a serious time?

Why do you think symbolic books such as Revelation need patient reading?

When you look at the world today, what do you think God may be calling people to notice?

TAKE AWAY

- **What have you learned?**
  Revelation helps us read world events with spiritual seriousness.
- **What is needed?**
  I must not read the times carelessly or only with fear.
- **What can you share with others?**
  The world is not moving without direction, and God has not remained silent.

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GOD'S KINGDOM WILL COME

STORY

In one village, people had grown tired of the local leaders' promises. One leader said he would repair the road, but he never came back. Another promised clean water, but he only collected money and disappeared. A third spoke sweet words to uplift the community, but he cared only for his own family. After many disappointments, the villagers stopped believing anyone.

One evening an old schoolteacher said quietly, "The problem is not that we need another promise. We need a ruler who is truly righteous."

The younger men laughed and said, "Where will such a ruler come from?"

The old man replied, "When a just ruler comes, you will know it. The weak will not be ignored. The poor will not be cheated. Peace will not be bought with lies. Truth will no longer be afraid." His words stayed in their minds. Deep down, everyone knew he was right. What the village needed was not better talk, but a better kingdom.

STUDY

This longing is not strange. It lives in many hearts. When the world grows weary with corruption, fear, injustice, and restless desire, people begin to hope for a different age. In South Asian thought the hope of *Satya Yuga* speaks of a time during which truth and righteousness prevail. That longing carries a deep moral ache: Will there ever be a world set right?

The Bible speaks directly to that longing. Its prophets* not only warned about darkness, injustice, etc. They also pointed toward a coming king and a coming kingdom. This is what is often called messianic prophecy. The word "Messiah" means the one chosen and anointed by God. The prophets said that God would send such a ruler.

Isaiah, an ancient prophet, spoke of a child who would have authority and establish peace. He prophesied that this ruler's kingdom would be marked by justice and righteousness (Isaiah 9:6, 7). Micah, another ancient prophet, said the ruler would come from Bethlehem (Micah 5:2). These prophecies were not about another passing empire. They were about God's answer to the failure of human rule.

Current events make this hope feel very close. We see governments struggle, leaders fail, truth bent for gain, and ordinary people carrying heavy burdens. The human heart longs for a just kingdom. The Bible says, "For he [God] satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things" (Psalm 107:9, NIV). It points toward something real. God's kingdom will come.

This kingdom is not built the way human kingdoms are built. It does not

stand on power, wealth, caste, fear, or force. It stands on God's truth. That is why prophecy matters. It tells us that history is not only moving toward collapse. It is also moving toward God's righteous rule.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

What kind of ruler does the world truly need?

Why do human kingdoms fail again and again?

What difference does it make to believe that God's kingdom will come?

TAKE AWAY

- **What have you learned?**
  The Bible promises a coming ruler and a righteous kingdom.
- **What is needed?**
  I must place my hope beyond human systems.
- **What can you share with others?**
  The longing for an age of truth is answered in God's coming kingdom.

* A prophet is a messenger chosen by God to speak on His behalf. Their main purpose is to share divine teachings, guide people on how to live righteously, and sometimes warn about the future.

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WHO IS SATYA, TRUTH?

STORY

A boy once went with his father to the bazaar to buy clothes for a festival. Many shops were crowded, and every seller pitched, "My cloth is the purest. Mine is the strongest. Mine is worth your money." The boy became confused. Each voice sounded confident. At last his father took one piece of cloth, held it up to the sunlight, and looked closely at its threads. Then he said, "When light passes through it, the truth shows." The boy remembered that lesson. Like a crowded market, loud voices in this world may impress for a moment, but only the truth can bear the light.

STUDY

By now the question is no longer only about the age, the signs, or the coming kingdom. Another question stands before us. *Who is the true center of that hope*? If God has promised a righteous kingdom, who is the ruler through whom that kingdom comes? If truth is fading in the world, where is *satya* to be found?

The Bible answers these questions through prophecy. The prophets spoke not only about a better future. They pointed to a person. They spoke of one chosen by God, sent by God, and filled with God's power and authority. Prophets spoke of a ruler who would bring justice and peace. It describes a one who would suffer, carry grief, and yet bring healing to all of humanity. These promises prepared the way for the Messiah.

Christians believe that Lord Jesus is the promised Messiah. This is why Lord Jesus matters so deeply in Bible prophecy. He is not presented as one teacher among many, nor only as a good moral example. He stands at the heart of prophetic hope. The Gospel writers' present Him as the one in whom the promises of God are fulfilled.

He did not simply teach the truth, but lived it without corruption, fear, or double-mindedness.

This is also where the question of *satya* becomes personal. Truth is not only an idea, a rule, or a principle. In the Bible, truth is revealed in the character, words, and life of Lord Jesus. He did not simply teach the truth, but lived it without corruption, fear, or double-mindedness. In a world in which words are often bent for gain and religion can be used for power, this truth matters greatly.

Current events around the world make this urgent. Many voices

still claim authority. Many paths promise peace. Many teachers attract followers. But not every voice can carry the weight of truth. If the heart is seeking what is real, then the question that cannot be avoided is *Who truly bears the light of God*?

The Bible's answer is clear. The truth that the human heart longs for is not found in argument alone, but in the person of Lord Jesus. To know Him is to come near to the truth of God.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Why do people often confuse confidence with truth?

What kind of person would truly deserve to be called the bearer of truth?

What difference does it make if truth is found not only in teaching but in a person?

TAKE AWAY

- **What have you learned?**
  Messianic prophecy points to a person.
- **What is needed?**
  I must think seriously about who Lord Jesus is.
- **What can you share with others?**
  The search for satya *leads us to the question of Lord Jesus.*

* The four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) are attributed to two of Lord Jesus' apostles and two companions of the apostles.

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THE TRUTH BRINGS FREEDOM FROM SICKNESS

STORY

For four nights Sita sat beside her son, who had been burning with fever. She had hardly slept. Medicines had been tried. Prayers had been offered. Relatives had come and gone with advice. By the morning of the fifth day, her eyes were red, her body was tired, and her mind was filled with fear. At one point she stepped outside the room and leaned against the wall, too exhausted even to cry. An elderly neighbor saw her and said gently, "When the body is weak, the heart also becomes sick." The woman nodded. Then the neighbor added, "Do not carry this alone. Sit beside your child, but this time let God sit beside you." Those words stayed with her. Her son was not suddenly healed that moment, but something changed within her. Fear loosened its grip. In the middle of sickness, peace had entered the house.

STUDY

Sickness is one of the hardest burdens of human life. It weakens the body, tires the mind, drains emotionally, and often brings fear into the whole house. In our time many people live with bodily pain, anxiety, exhaustion, hidden sorrow, and the constant worry of what may come next. Medicine has its place and should be valued, but even when treatment helps, a deeper question often remains: *Why is there so much brokenness in human life*?

By this point in our lessons, the darkness of the age is already clear to us. But one part of that darkness is very personal. It enters the body, the mind, and the family. It is believed that suffering is often experienced not only as pain but as *duhkha*, meaning a deep disturbance of life itself. The Bible also speaks about this brokenness. It does not pretend that the world is perfect; instead, it tells us that creation mourns and that human life carries sorrow, weakness, and tears.

This is where the truth revealed in Lord Jesus becomes very meaningful. The Bible presents the Messiah, not as someone untouched by suffering, but as one who enters it and bears grief and carries sorrow. When Lord Jesus came, He did not turn away from the sick. He touched

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them, listened to them, and restored many of them. His healing was not a performance but a sign that God's kingdom was drawing near.

This matters because true healing is far more than relief from a single illness. The truth of God reaches deeper and brings peace where fear has ruled. It brings dignity where suffering has brought shame. It brings hope where despair has settled. Not every sick person is healed immediately, and the Bible never takes this lightly. But it *does* show that in Lord Jesus, sickness *does not* have the final word.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

When sickness enters a family, what kinds of fear usually come with it?

Why is healing of the heart also important during physical illness?

What does it mean to you that the Messiah comes near to human suffering?

TAKE AWAY

- **What have you learned?**
  God's truth meets people not only in ideas but also in suffering.
- **What is needed?**
  I must bring both my pain and my fear honestly before God.
- **What can you share with others?**
  In Lord Jesus, suffering is not ignored, and sickness does not have the final word.

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THE TRUTH BRINGS FREEDOM FROM DEMONS AND THE CURSE

STORY

For many months one family lived under a shadow they could not name. Small things kept going wrong. A child fell sick again and again. Money disappeared as quickly as it came. Quarrels rose in the house over matters that should have been small. One evening, after yet another restless night, the grandmother said, "This house has forgotten how to breathe." No one laughed, because everyone felt the weight of her words. Fear had entered the home and settled there. Some wanted another ritual. Some wanted another charm tied at the doorway. Some said a curse had fallen on the family. But the youngest daughter said quietly, "If fear keeps growing, how will we know when peace has come?" Her question stayed in the room. It was the first honest question anyone had asked in a long time. *It was the beginning of freedom from demonic curses.*

STUDY

In many homes suffering is not felt not only as pain or loss. It is felt as a shadow, an oppression, an unseen weight such as *ashubh* (inauspicious), *Buri drishty* (evil eyes), *shraap* (curse), evil powers, or dark influences. Whether the trouble is sickness, conflict, failure, or dread, the result is often the same: fear begins to rule the heart.

The Bible speaks seriously against evil powers. When Lord Jesus walked among people, He met those whose lives were deeply troubled by forces beyond their control. The Gospels (the stories of Lord Jesus' ministry) tell how He confronted unclean spirits and drove them out. He did not bargain with them. He did not fear them. He spoke with authority, and people were freed. That is important. The Bible presents Lord Jesus, not as one power among many, but as one who stands above evil.

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The Bible also speaks about the curse. Here it goes deeper than a spoken *shraap* or a feared misfortune. It points to the burden of a broken world of guilt, bondage, sorrow, fear, and the long wound of sin that runs through human life. In that sense the curse is not only something outside us but also a condition under which

humanity suffers. The good news is that the Bible says that Lord Jesus came to bear what binds us and to open the way into freedom.

This matters in our times. When people are afraid, fear itself becomes a chain of bondage.. It can make every hardship look like doom and every setback feel like a proof that darkness has won. But the truth revealed in Lord Jesus breaks that chain. He does not deny the reality of evil, but overcomes it. He does not increase fear, but calls people out of it.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

How does fear change the atmosphere of a home or family?

Why do people become more vulnerable to spiritual bondage when fear grows?

What difference does it make to believe that Lord Jesus stands above every dark power?

TAKE AWAY

- **What have you learned?**
  Lord Jesus brings freedom from evil powers and from the deeper bondage of the curse.
- **What is needed?**
  I must not let fear become my master.
- **What can you share with others?**
  In the world darkness is real, but it is not greater than God.

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FREEDOM FROM THE EFFECTS OF BAD KARMA

STORY

A man in a village had borrowed money many years earlier during a season of crop failure because of drought. At first the amount was small, and he told himself he would repay it soon. But one difficult year became another. Interest was added. Then more was added. By the time his son was old enough to understand, the family was still speaking about the same debt. One evening the boy asked, "Will we always be paying for what was done before?" His father did not answer immediately. He stared at the floor and said, "That is how some burdens feel. Even when you work hard, they still follow you." The boy sat in silence. He was too young to understand everything, but old enough to feel the heaviness in the room. Some burdens not only weigh on the body. They sit in the heart.

STUDY

Many people live life this way. They feel that what they are facing now cannot be separated from what has gone before. Bad decisions, wrong actions, inherited pain, damaged relationships, and deep regret can make life feel like a debt that never fully goes away. This burden is often understood through *karma*. Actions bear consequences, and no thoughtful person can simply dismiss that truth. What we do matters. What we become matters. Life is not morally empty.

The Bible also teaches that actions have consequences. It does not treat sin lightly. It does not say that human choices leave no mark. But here the Bible offers a hope that goes beyond endless burden. It says that God is not only just but also merciful. He does not leave people trapped forever under guilt, shame, and the weight of what has been done. He sets us free.

This becomes deeply important in our time. Many people are suffering not only outwardly. They are burdened inwardly. Some carry memories they cannot change. Some carry family wounds they did not create. Some carry the silent fear that their lives will always be shaped by what went wrong in the past.

The Bible's message is that God makes a new beginning possible. Through the truth revealed in Lord Jesus, guilt can be forgiven, the past no

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longer has to rule the future, and the heart can be made new. This does not mean that every earthly consequence disappears at once. Broken things may still need repair. Wrong actions still call for repentance. But the strongest chain can be broken. A person does not have to remain forever under the sentence of inner condemnation.

That is why this lesson matters. The answer to the human burden is neither denial nor despair. It is grace. Grace does not pretend that sin is small; instead it declares that God is greater than the wrong. The burden may be real, but it does not have to become the final truth about a person's life.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

What kinds of burdens from the past do people often continue to carry?

Why is guilt sometimes harder to bear than outward suffering?

What difference does it make to believe that God can give a true new beginning?

TAKE AWAY

- **What have you learned?**
  God offers freedom from the deepest burden of guilt and inner condemnation.
- **What is needed?**
  I must stop believing that the past has the final word over my life.
- **What can you share with others?**
  In God's mercy a new beginning is possible.

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FREEDOM FROM SAMSARA

STORY

A potter in a village spent his days making clay pots. He turned his potter's wheel round and round from morning to evening. His young son loved watching his father shape the clay. One day the boy asked, "Does the wheel ever get tired of going in circles?" The father smiled and said, "It stops when the vessel is finished." Then, after a pause, he added, "But if the clay never takes shape, the wheel can turn all day and still produce nothing." The boy looked at the spinning wheel and said nothing more. Years later he remembered that moment. Not every turn brings a person closer to where they need to be. Some circles only go on and on.

STUDY

Many people are aware of the weariness that comes with repetition. The same struggles are repeated. The same fears arise again. The same inner restlessness persists. This deeper bondage is often described through *samsara*, the cycle of birth, death, and rebirth, which is tied to suffering and the unfinished weight of human existence. Behind that idea lies a very serious question: *Can a person ever truly be free*?

This is where biblical prophecy and present human longing meet in a personal way. The Bible does not describe life as an endless wheel. It speaks of history moving toward an appointed end. It speaks of judgment, resurrection, and the final renewal brought by God. In other words, life is not an endless circle without conclusions. It is a meaningful journey toward God's final purpose.

This is important because current events make many people feel

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trapped. A person may not use the word *samsara,* yet still feel its weight. Families repeat the patterns of pain. Society repeats violence. Humans repeat greed, pride, fear, and brokenness across generations. Even when the outer forms change, inner bondage often remains. The question becomes not only "Why does this continue?" but also "Is there a way out?"

The Bible shows us that we cannot save ourselves through our own efforts. Instead, our hope rests entirely on what God did through Lord Jesus. This points to God's action in Lord Jesus. Christians believe that Lord Jesus entered human suffering, died, and rose. Therefore, death is no longer the final master. The Bible does

not offer an escape into emptiness; instead, it offers resurrection life and a restored relationship with God. The goal is not an endless return, but final redemption.

Therefore, this lesson is about decision-making. If history is moving somewhere and God has opened a way beyond sin and death, then no one can remain a spectator. The message of prophecy calls for a response. It invites trust, repentance, and hope to the world. This suggests that human life need not remain trapped in the same old circle forever.

Therefore, the better way out is this: not endless turning, but a new future in God. Not permanent bondage, but freedom through the One who has overcome death.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

What kinds of repeating patterns make people feel trapped in their lives?

Why does the human heart long for more than an endless repetition?

What difference does it make to believe that God offers a true way out of suffering?

TAKE AWAY

- **What have you learned?**
  The Bible offers hope beyond endless repetition and bondage.
- **What is needed?**
  I must seriously consider the way God offers through Lord Jesus.
- **What can you share with others?**
  Human life need not remain in the same circle forever.

From Suffering
to Eternal Peace



THE FINAL HOPE: A NEW EARTH AND THE END OF SUFFERING

STORY

After a fire, one family stood outside the ruins of their home. The roof had fallen in. The walls were blackened. The smell of smoke still lingered in the air. The youngest son held his father's hand and asked, "Will we have to live like this now?"

His father looked at the ruins for a long time and then said, "No. This house is no longer suitable for living in, and it cannot be restored by patching a few broken places. It must be built again."

The boy looked up and asked, "Will the new one be better?"

This time the father answered immediately. "Yes," he said. "Stronger, safer, and fit to live in." The child stood quietly beside him, still looking at the ash. Nothing had yet changed. The house was still missing. However, from that moment, he began not only to look at what had been lost but also to think about what would one day stand in its place.

STUDY

By this stage in the lessons, the question is no longer whether the world is broken or not. The deeper question now is whether suffering will ever end or whether human life must always remain under its shadow.

This question exists in every culture. It rises in hospitals, funeral homes, lonely nights, broken families, and tired hearts. People may use different words, but the ache is the same. We long not only for relief but also for a world made right.

The Bible ends with this hope. The final pages speak of a new heaven and a new earth. This is not a minor improvement. This is God's *final* renewal of creation. In the Bible the book of Revelation says that death, mourning, crying, and pain will not remain forever (Revelation 21:3, 4). God will dwell with His people, and suffering will no longer rule. This is very important. The Bible does not teach that human beings are eternally trapped in sorrow. Nor does it state that pain is the final truth about existence. Instead, it states that history is moving toward restoration. The God who created the world will not leave it broken forever.

Current events have made this hope deeply meaningful. Every day, people see war, disease, loneliness, injustice, hunger, and grief. Many carry quiet suffering that no one else sees or understands. In such a world the promise of a new earth is a serious answer to the question of this world's fate. This tells us that God sees what human beings endure and that He has prepared more than temporary comfort.

This hope also requires a decision. If God is truly bringing history toward renewal, life must be lived in the light of that future. A person cannot cling forever to what is passing and ignore what God prepares. Hope is not only something to admire but also something to receive.

The Bible's final hope is not emptiness or endless pain. It is a renewed creation in which truth, peace, and the presence of God remain forever. This is the hope that lies before us in a new world.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

When you think about the suffering in the world, what kind of future do you long for?

Why do people often lose hope when pain persists for a long time?

What difference does it make to believe that God is preparing a world in which suffering will end?

TAKE AWAY

- **What have you learned?**
  The Bible promises a new earth and the end of suffering.
- **What is needed?**
  I must not live as though pain and death are my final reality.
- **What can you share with others?**
  God's final purpose is not destruction alone, but restoration and peace.

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PREPARE TO ENTER SATYA YUGA

STORY

In one village, news spread that a respected elder who had been away for many years was returning home. As soon as the date became known, the entire household began to prepare. The courtyard was swept and cleaned. The mud walls were painted with colors and designs. Broken items were repaired. Lamps were cleaned. Clothes were washed. Even old quarrels in the family were quietly addressed, because no one wanted bitterness to greet the one who was coming. One boy, watching all this, asked his mother, "Why is everyone working so seriously? He is not coming until tomorrow."

She replied, "That is exactly why we must prepare today. When someone important is coming, you do not wait until the last hour." The boy learned an important lesson. Readiness begins before the moment arrives.

STUDY

Thus far, the lessons have led us through signs of the age, the trustworthiness of prophecy, the danger of deception, the promise of the Messiah, freedom from bondage, and the final hope of a new earth. One final question remains to be answered: *How should a person live if God's promised future is truly coming*?

Many hearts long for an age of truth, righteousness, and peace, and an end to sorrow. In familiar language this hope may be described as the longing for *Satya Yuga*. The Bible also speaks of a time during which evil will end, truth will stand, and God's reign will be fully revealed. However, the Bible makes one thing very clear: such hope is not meant only to be admired. This calls for preparation.

Lord Jesus taught His followers to live watchfully. He spoke of His coming, not so that people would become fearful, but so that they would become ready. In the Bible, readiness is not mainly about knowing dates or arguing over signs. It is related to the condition of the heart. This means turning away from sin, leaving double-mindedness, learning to live in truth, and trusting the One whom God has sent.

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Current events make this call feel more urgent. The world is uncertain. Time passes quickly. People make plans, but life can change in a single day. Many people know how to prepare for examinations, journeys, weddings, and festivals. However, spiritual preparation is often

postponed. The Bible warns against this delay. It states that a wise person prepares before the hour arrives.

What does it mean to prepare? It means seeking God sincerely and not casually. It means to make peace where there is bitterness, to turn from what is false, to receive the truth found in Lord Jesus, and to live each day with a clean and willing heart.

Preparation is not only about outward appearance. It is also about becoming ready to welcome God's future.

This is why this last lesson matters. Prophecy does not end with the mere provision of information, but with an invitation. The coming kingdom calls for a response. The age of truth will belong to those who are willing to walk in the truth now.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

What kinds of things do people carefully prepare for in their everyday lives?

Why do people often delay their spiritual preparation?

If God's future is truly coming, what changes should begin in our lives today?

TAKE AWAY

- **What have you learned?**
  God's promised future calls for present readiness.
- **What is needed?**
  I must not delay the work of preparing my heart.
- **What can you share with others?**
  The age of truth is approaching, and now is the time to prepare.

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