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About The Author

"It was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son,
But I was an herdsman, and a gatherer of sycamore fruit.
And the Lord took me as I followed the flock,
And the Lord said to me,
Go, prophesy unto my people Israel"
- Amos 7 : 14, 15

Prof. M.Y. Yohannan was born in a middle class agricultural family in Kadayiruppu, Kolenchery, Kerala. Three of his brothers died before his birth. He lost his father at the infant age of one and his surviving brother when he was two years old. He could not continue his education after passing out from the tenth standard as he was forced to take up the responsibility of managing his family affairs and working in the farm desolate and desperate.

This young man with a shattered life accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour and LORD at the age of seventeen while attending a Gospel meeting at his local church.

Prof. Yohannan started his career as a teacher in the Rajarshi Memorial High school where he had studied. During his nine - year tenure in the school, he took his graduation and post graduation, as a private student, in arts with first ranks from the

Kerala University. Later, he took B.Ed. degree also with University rank. In 1964, he joined St. Peter's College and continued there for the next thirty - three years. He was appointed Principal of the same college in 1995 and retired after two years.

Even as a young teacher, he was an active member of the Voluntary missionary society in Kerala. Many well reputed and respected clergy as well as laymen sincerely participated in the activities of the Voluntary Missionary Society, which in Malayalam, was known as "Swamedhaya Suvishesha Sangham." As a result of its earnest efforts on evangelisation, a large number of people got revived in the Jacobite / Orthodox and other churches.

In 1973, a great spiritual revival swept over Kerala Prof. Yohannan was in the forefront of this movement. The revival was based on the following divine words :

"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7 : 14

"Blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God."

Matthew 5 : 8

"Without holiness, no one will see the Lord."
Hebrews 12 : 14

When a man gets the born again experience, his deeds and words are changed. But the transformation of the inner - man, thoughts, attitudes, the old nature, etc. is the genuine sign of a true Christian.

Prof. Yohannan preached the Gospel throughout Kerala and many big cities in India. Later, he visited the United States of America several times in connection with the Lord's service. He also visited great Britain and some of the Gulf countries in the Middle East and addressed several conventions.

In 1997, Prof. Yohannan commenced the "Amruthadhara' Radio Ministry on all Tuesday evenings. It is the wholehearted encouragement of the listeners, a second programme, was started on all Saturdays from 7.30 pm to 7.45 p.m. These programmes helped to preach the Gospel to the unreached and remote areas and segments of people, like in prisons, armed force' barracks, hostels etc.

Prof. Yohannan utilized the facilities of television, one of the most influential media today, to preach the Gospel. In 2000, the Amruthadhara' TV programme was started. Presently, the thirty-minute programme is telecast at 6.30 am on Asianet News, Surya TV and Jeevan TV networks on Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings respectively.

As requested by his ever - increasing listeners and dear friends, Prof. Yohannan has published his various messages, studies and devotions in book form. So far, as on February 2009, he has published Fifty books. Most of them are out - of - print within a short period. Few more books are getting ready for release.

Prof. Yohannan is fully engaged in the activities of the CRF by addressing massive Gospel meetings, Bible classes, prayer meetings, counselling sessions, etc. He strongly believes that the need of the hour is "the repentance of the repented."

He advocates : "It is the soul that needs change, not the religion, It's the inner - man (heart) that needs change, not the community or denomination."

Prof. Yohannan gets whole - hearted support from his wife, Alice, a retired teacher, in his Lord's service. The Yohannan's have three sons and a daughter, all married. The family is blessed with nine grandchildren.





Preface

Let me jot down a famous quotation that comes to mind :

"The best thing to give your enemy is forgiveness
The best thing to give your opponent is tolerance
The best thing to give your friend is your heart
The best thing to give your child is a good example
The best thing to give your father is defence
The best thing to give your mother is conduct
The best thing to give to yourself is respect
The best thing to give to all others is charity
Everything can be summed up in one ñ **Jesus Christ**"

Christ is the embodiment of everything good. He is the source and symbol of everything virtuous. His mission is to fetch relief to the suffering, the poor and the downtrodden.

Mother Theresa was a great soul who had in her the loving heart of Christ. "The Mother of the orphans" was how she was known. The mother who laid down her life in the path of service

later won the Nobel Prize for peace. At Oslo during the award presentation ceremony she introduced herself.

By blood and origin I am an Albanian,
By citizenship an Indian,
I am a Catholic nun,
As to my calling, I belong to the whole world,
As to my heart I belong entirely to the heart of Jesus.

The statement testifies to the tremendous love and thirst she had for Christ. She proved it with her life. Born in Skoppejain in Ugoslavia, Agnes was her name. At the age of 18 she came to India leaving behind her home and country. She became a nun in the Loretto Convent in Calcutta. She got the vision to work among the sick and orphaned while travelling to Darjeeling to participate in a retreat. The motivation for this quest for service was her heart that flowed out with compassion for lepers who underwent hellish suffering and quarrelled on the streets. The inspiration behind this was the intangible influence of Christ.

These thoughts became instrumental in my showing the mankind a Christ who heals. The love-laden quest of Christ, namely, 'Are you willing to be healed?' has brought relief to countless sick people. I hope and wish that the esteemed reader of the book will gain the sweet experience of internal healing.

My gratitude to Mr. A.J.Aby (Retd. General Manager, TCM, Kalamassery) who extended all help and co-operation for the printing of this book is beyond words. I pray that God reward Mr.Aby for it.

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I appreciate so much his strenuous effort and extend my heartfelt gratitude to him. Besides an efficient Principal, recognized teacher and highly reputed administrator, Mr. Chakkappan has proved his skill in translation work also. May God almighty shown this abundant blessings on him and his dear family.

Looking forward to the love and affection of all my readers.

Yours faithfully,

M Y Yohannan

One

On a Sabbath, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity. Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath the synagogue ruler said to the people, "There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not in the Sabbath."

The Lord answered him "You hypocrites ! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or donkey from the stable and lead it out to give it water ? Then, should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?"

When He said this, all His opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

Luke : 13 : 10-17

People were delighted with the miracles performed by Christ. Many shared this experience. Christ is performing these miracles even today. Many are delighted, many lives have been transformed by this miraculous experience. Christ still works in our lives. The Bible says :

Ì Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and foreverÿ
Hebrews 13 : 8

The Lord Jesus Christ went to that synagogue on that day. He would often go there. He would speak there. As usual He went to that synagogue on that day too. And a miracle took place there.

There was a woman bent double ñ a poor woman who had undergone the torment of being a cripple for eighteen years. For her movement was a torture yet she was regular to go to synagogue.

At synagogue she might have prayed for healing. At first she might have prayed fervently. Ì Heal me of this handicap.ÿ But later her prayer might not have been with much hope. How long had she been praying, without any result! There is no hope, she might have despaired. Yet she was regular at the synagogue.

She might have undergone medical treatment. Despite all her efforts and entreaties, her backbone bent, body stooped and she was not able to straighten upÖÖ ÿ could not straighten up..ÿ is what we read in the Bible.

Though she had been to synagogue all these days, the miracle happened in her life on that day for years she had been frequenting the synagogue. It was a grand miracle that she hadn't dreamt of, A miracle that would have looked impossible happened. She got the healing touch, she straightened up, her backbone became erect.

It is a great blessing to be at the presence of Jesus Christ. It is a privilege to be near the word of God. There is no greater blessing than to feel the healing touch of Christ's hand.

Jesus saw her. He called her near. The Creator examined the creation. He saw her stooping figure approaching Him.

And a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her. Luke 13 : 11 - 12

Woman, you are set free from your infirmity. Then He put his hands on her and immediately she straightened up and praised God. Luke 13 : 12-13

What a miracle ! Jesus Christ put his hands on her, Woman, you are set free, he said. Within a moment she straightened up and praised God.

The touch of Christ's hands works wonders, brings blessings and performs miracles. So many people got the touch of Jesus's hands. The touch broke the bonds for many people. The touch lifted the curses. The touch relieved many lives. The touch removed bad habits. The touch removed unhealthy practices. Those who were ruining their families,

those who were breaking their homes, those who were nightmares in their neighbourhoods, those who were bringing miseries and sufferings to others. Many such people were transformed by the touch of Jesus' hands.

Christ touched, Christ's word touched, Christ's hand touched.

Now at the moment when you read this word, let Christ's hand touch you. Let Him touch the part where it pains. Let Him touch the part which is diseased. Let Him touch the part which is defective and destroyed. Let Christ's hand touch your lives which are riddled with miseries, complaints, sorrow, crises, problems, debts. Let Christ run His hands on you. Let Christ pronounce these words

‘Woman, You are set free from your infirmity’. Let the words which were addressed to the woman who had been bent over for eighteen years resound in your ears. Not enough, let those words echo in and re-echo on the walls of your heart.

Jesus loves you. He cares for you. Christ who is the same yesterday, today and forever is coming towards you, He is beckoning you. He knows you by name, He knows where you hail from. He knows your background, He knows your problem, He knows your need, He knows your sorrow, he knows your crisis.

Jesus knows everything. The voice which called the woman resounds in your ears and heart. The same voice which called Martha, the same voice which called Samuel, the same voice which called Abraham, the same voice which called Simon, the same voice which called Jerusalem, the same voice which

required Zacchaeus to come down. The same voice is resounding in your ears.

ì Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me ?î the voice which transformed the murderous and troublesome soul into Paul is resounding in your ears. Lend your ears to His voice. Let your stoop be gone, let your crisis be resolved. Let your problem be solved. Christ is approaching you to remove your loneliness, to remove your marginalisation, to remove the inferiority complex in your life, to find a way out of the problems that pester you.

His word touches you. His voice touches you. His affectionate voice resonates in your ears. His gracious voice echoes on the walls of your heart.

Son, Give your heart to Christ. Daughter, give your life to Christ. Offer your word to Christ. ì Father, I am your possession.î Lord who died in the cross for me, I am forsaking satan for ever. Resolving in heart that I accept Christ as my Lord and Saviour,.

Tell Him :

ìJesus, be kind to me, bless me, accept me and put Your hands on me.î



Two

ì A woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, He called her forwardî.

Luke 13 : 11 ñ 12

A crippled woman had come to synagogue. She would come to synagogue regularly. She would participate in the service. That day also she came as usual. Jesus saw her and called her forward. Why did Jesus publicly call that stooping woman? He called a cripple, that too one who is bent over and made her stand in public. Why did he do it ?

Something which many may not be able to make out. Normally people who are physically challenged are reluctant to stand in public. Christ called her in public. Christ did this to pass on a great message to people. This became instrumental in many realising that Christ is kind and compassionate to those who are in misery and sorrow.

Many a time Christ would sternly instruct people not to make His miracles public. He did this one in a synagogue. Those who came to the synagogue were pious. They were either pious or fanatic. They were steeped in religious rituals and practices. Such people got an opportunity to understand who Christ was.

Good. Seeing those people Christ called her in public. Christ called her not to insult her, not to make her a laughing stock, but to help her. Christ called her not to obtain anything from her, but to bless her.

Jesus Christ has always helped people. He said.

ìCome to me, all you are weary and burdened,
and I will give you restî Mathew 11 : 28

Christ is rest. Christ gives rest. ì I will give you rest ì Christ said. The voice heard on that day is still reverberating his. In the last speech during the last phase of His public service in the world Christ said.

ì Peace I leave with you ; my peace I give you. I
do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let
your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.
John 14 : 27

ì In this world you will have trouble. But take
heart ! I have overcome the world.î
John 16 : 33

Words which fill you with courage. Words which give you rest. Christ has ever been so, so is He today.

Jesus Christ looks upon you with affection. The third reason why she was made to stand publicly was to make people see the bondage of Satan.

Christ said that she had been afflicted for eighteen years, afflicted with the spirit of disease. An evil spirit. Satan had kept her in bondage. Christ called the woman to stand in public to enable the people to see that human being is subject to evil bondages and afflictions.

From what is being further spoken about her affliction, her evil affliction, we understand that Christ meant the High Priests present there also to understand this. They question Christ. The Church leader is angry.

There are six days for work. The synagogue ruler is angry that Christ chose to put his hand on a person and heal her on a Sabbath, which is against the commandments. He understands the letters of the commandment not the spirit.

Many people are like the ruler of the synagogue. They are confined to certain observances. They never delve in to the spirit. They are deprived of the urges of the inner spirit toward peace of mind, the renewal in life, the peace in the family, and a bright future.

Faith for many people never transcends certain rituals, observances and shibboleths. That is why the synagogue ruler was angry. The Law wouldn't allow one even to pick up a dry leaf from his frontyard. Reason, it is a work. Such is their adherence to the Law, but no such discipline in life.

ï You give a tenth of your spices ñ mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law- justice, mercy and faithfulnessï

Mathew 23 : 23 ñ 24

What is the state of our spiritual life ? Is it confined to certain observances ? Christian life is the piety that delves deep in to the inner spirit.

Christian life is the piety that transforms your inner self.

When the amazing power of the gospel that brings cardinal change in the mind of the man, starts working in you, you come to realize the meaning and value of each ritual and observance.

You should see Christ. You should put your faith in Christ, what ever Christ does is for the good. He calls in public for the good, He calls by name for the good. He gives His word for the good. Touching Christís hand is for the good. To be able to reach near Christ is for the good. Jesus is the fertile land of righteousness. He is the garden of grace.

Imagine that Jesus is coming to you where you sit reading this word. Try to see the scene in your imagination. Two thousand years ago Jesus called that woman who had been crippled, bent over for eighteen years. As he put his hand on her, Christ is calling you too, seeing the abysmal state you are in. Are you able to recognize him?

Jesus Christ died on the cross as a mark of this great love. Why did He sacrifice His life ? To remove your bondage.

îThe blood of Jesus, his son, purifies us from
all sinî John 1 : 7

Listen to the Word. Put your faith in the Word, give yourself to Christ. Take new resolve and dedication. Give your word to God, îJesus I am your possession from today onwards.î



Three

ì The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.î Psalms 145 :14

ì He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives feed to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoner free. The Lord gives sight to the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down.î

Psalms 146 7:8

ì He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their woundsî Psalms 147 : 3

ì The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down.î Psalms 146 : 8

The woman who had been bent over for eighteen years came to the synagogue on that day. Jesus saw her. Jesus called her near. He put his hand on her. ìWoman, you are set free from your infirmityî, He said.

The bondage of disease ! Man has many bondages. Externally man is free. Nobody can control him. ÖHe is

completely free. He has religious freedom. He has freedom of opinion. He has press freedom. He has freedom of education. He has political freedom, social freedom and individual freedom.

Man is free, but inside he is in bondage ñ bondage of many kinds. We see here that the woman was in the bondage of disease. It is there in the body. Disease in the body.

Man has ever been riddled with diseases. Some are diseased in the body. Some are diseased in the mind ñ mental disease. Some are diseased in the spirit. Men are diseased in the body, mind and soul. Man can recognize the disease in the body. He knows the pain involved in it. He understands its sufferings. Disease in the body.

There is an evil spirit behind the disease. God doesnot bring any harm to anybody. It is Satan who causes disease. God doesnít bring man any misery. It is the Satan who brings miseries, accidents, calamities, sufferings and loss. About this it is said in the first chapter of James.

ì Blessed is the man who preserves under trial because when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him. When tempted, no-one should say ìGod is tempting meî. For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt any one, but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin and sin, when it is full grown, gives birth to death." James 1:12 ñ15

The evil spirit stakes claim on man's life due to sin. Man has temptation, lust and vanity. He has self. He has sex. He has silver, he has bondage, bondage to money, bondage to sexual desires, bondages of status in worldly life. Man is tormented with these bondages. Then after desire has conceived it gives birth to sin. Satan who is the Lord of sin enters in man when he commits sin.

Devil cannot possess man unless there is sin in him. Then after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, when it is full grown, gives birth to death.

Christ manifested Himself to release man from Satan's bondages and tricks. There is disease, but there is healing. That is why the Bible says "By His wounds we are healed". Seven hundred and fifty years before Jesus Christ was born, prophet Isaiah said

"Surely He took up our infirmity and carried our sorrows. Yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him, and affected. But He was pierced for our transgression,

He was crushed for our iniquities

The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him and by His wounds, we are healed."

Isaiah 53 : 4 ñ 5

By Christ's wounds we are healed. Apostle Peter says in his first epistle.

"He Himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed"

1 Peter 2: 24

It is said in the Exodus

ë I am the Lord who heals you í

Exodus 15:26

Christ can heal you. I am the Lord who heals you ñ Jehovah
Rafa ñ God who heals. God who reduces the intensity and
influence of the disease on the body. I am the Lord who heals.
That is what our forefathers sang.

Look at my misery, my Lord

I made you indignant with a variety of sins

I have no refuge

I went to physicians

Who treated me with medicines

To no comfort, my wounds are grievous

Thou healer, about thee and the power of thy

medicine

I heard, I come to Thee

I will be healed for sure

By the hand of God it is sure to get healed. Oh Lord,
my wounds are many, my disease has aggravated. Oh Lord,
who is the good physician I come to the presence of Thy Holy
Blood.

Dedicate yourself. Let Lord remove the bondage of your
disease. Let him remove the afflictions of disease. Let him
remove all vices. Let Christ perform miracles in your life riddled
with miseries, pains, hardships and problems.



Four

There was a woman who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." Then he put his hands on her and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

Luke 13 :11- 13

When we read Psalms 38 : 1 ñ 6, we see that miseries and sorrows in one's life bend him.

"Because of your wrath there is no health in my body. My bones have no soundness because of my sin. My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear. My wounds fester and are loathsome because of my sinful folly. I am bowed down and brought very low, all day long, I go about mourning. My back is filled with searing

pain, there is no health in my body. I am feeble and utterly crushed. I groan in anguish of heart.†

Psalms 38 : 3 ñ 8

I am bent. I am bent over. I am in incessant sorrow. Bent double. Discomfort in the body due to disease. No rest to my bones. My wounds fester. My back is filled with searing pain. I am feeble and utterly crushed. I groan in anguish of heart, grieves David.

When the body is diseased, people become bent over in mind, weakened in mind, despaired, riddled with anxiety. Future becomes dark. People sigh over tomorrow, I am bent over.

But Christ who straightens, the Christ who put his hands on the woman who had been bent over for eighteen years and straightened her up is coming to you. He puts his hand out to touch you.

Won't you humble yourself to that hand ? Why don't you submit your future in to the hands of Christ ? Lord, all the while, I lived without knowing you. I gave myself away to sin, my father, Forgive my sins. I indulged myself in iniquities. I became addicted to liquor. I filled my heart with malice and hatred. In each of my action there was malice , dismay and hatred. My Lord, I have ruined my life. I gave away my body to sin. I wasted my money. I made money in unagreeable ways. My God, I indulged myself in heinous acts and wild orgies and subjected myself to dark desires.

Dedicate your heart to Jesus. Recognising the miseries, defects and sufferings that have befallen you, pray to the ever merciful Christ : Lord, I am bent, bent over.

Let Christ who heals put his hand on you. Let Christ straighten you, raise you from your lowliness, give you peace, make your future bright.

You may be crippled due to sorrow, due to disease, due to tribulation, due to hostility of other people. You may get crippled when others rubbish you. We read in Psalms 44

ì Why do you hide your face and forget our misery and oppression ? We are brought down to the dust; our bodies cling to the groundî.

Psalms 44 : 24 ñ 25

Psalmist sings, brought down due to misery and oppression

ì Yet for your sake we face death all day long We are considered as sheep to be slaughteredî.

Psalms 44 : 22

Miseries, rivalries, revengeful acts, mind gets distraught. We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered. Psalmist sings that we face death all day long for your sake.

ì You gave us to be devoured like sheep and have scattered us among nations. You sold your people for a pittance, gaining nothing from their sale. You have made us a reproach to our neighbours, the scorn and derision of those around us. You have made us a byword among nations, the people shake their heads at us. My disgrace is before me all day long, and my face is covered with shame at the taunts of those who reproach

and revile me, because of the enemy who is bent on revenge. All this happened to us.†

Psalms 44 : 11 ñ 17

Psalmist is mourning.

I am a reproach to my neighbours. I am the scorn and derision of those around me. I have become a byword among nations. People shake their heads at me. I hear the taunts of those who reproach and revile me. My enemy is bent on taking revenge upon me. My face is covered with shame.

I am troubled with repeated miseries and misfortunes, hardships and sorrow. One follows the other. I am bent.

There are people who lead a tormented life due to shame and agony in the teeth of scorn, derision and insults heaped upon them by others. Is any one of them reading this word ?

Listen, Christ is there to raise your face to straighten you up, to support you. Son, look at Christ who is coming to you. Daughter, look at Christ who stands by you. Look at Christ and pray to him.



Five

ì Because of your wrath there is no health in my body, my bones have no soundness because of my sin. My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear. My wounds fester and are loathsome because of my sinful folly. I am bowed down and brought very low; all day long I go about mourning.î
 Psalm 38 : 3-6

Another reason for going bent is the bondage of sin. One, the bondage of disease. Two, the bondage of sin.

ì My bones have no soundness because of my sin. My wounds fester and are loathsome because of my sinful folly. I am bowed down and brought very low.î Bondage. The bondage of sin. We see in chapter 8 of Acts of the Apostles.

ì For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin.î
 Acts 8 : 23

In Samaria, a sorcerer by name Simon believed and was baptized leaving magic and sorcery. But his heart was not free

of bondage. He wanted people to respect him. He wanted to be great and to win the attention of all people. He did not even realise that his desire to be great was a sin.

He wanted to do the miracles performed by the apostles Peter and John. It may appear that his desire is good. But his intention was not blemishless. The desire to do good deeds comes from the desire to win the attention of the people. Many good things are done with this intention of recognition. Charity, Healthcare, old age home, Orphanage ñ many of these good things are done with the sole intention of winning attention.

Jesus Christ in his first Sermon, the Sermon of the Mount said, ñ Do not let your left hand know what the right hand is doing.î Mt 6 : 3 - 4. If you want God of Heaven to reward you, do not let your acts of righteousness be seen by others. When you give to the needy with the sole purpose of being honoured by men, you have received your reward in full. Mt 6 : 5 - 7.

Simon offered some money to Peter and demanded to give him the gift of the Holy Spirit so that everyone on whom he places his hands may receive the Holy Spirit. He mistook that the Spiritual Gift which God gives out of grace could be bought with money. Peter answered.

ñ May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money ! You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God. Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord. Perhaps he will forgive you for having such a thought in you heart. For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin.î
Acts 8: 20 ñ 23

The bondage of injustice is a vice, a sin. Many people are in the bondage of sin. Jesus Christ died on the cross to save man from the bondage of sin

to loose the chains of injustice
and untie the cords of the yoke
to set the oppressed free
and break every yoke!
Isaiah 58 : 6

Loosen the chains of injustice. Break every yoke. And when you are free of the bondages,

Then your light will break forth like the dawn
and your healing will quickly appear
then your righteousness will go before you
and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard
Then you will call and the Lord will answer
You will cry for help, and He will say :
óóóHere am I óóóó

You will be like a well ñ watered garden
like a spring whose waters never fail
Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins
and will raise up the age-old foundations
You will be called repairer of broken walls
restorer of the streets with dwellings.

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then you will find your joy in the Lord
and I will cause you to ride on the heights of the land
and to feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob

The mouth of the Lord has spoken

Isaiah 58 : 8 ñ 9 , 11 ñ 12 , 14

Darkness will give way to light. Life will be happy. There will be unity and peace in the family. Let the chains of injustice loosen. Christ was tied to the cross so that you may be untied from sin. The King of Kings was mounted on Cross, fixed on three nails and died like a criminal to untie the cords of my yoke and your yoke.

The moment you believe that Christ died on the cross for my sins, His blood will loosen the chains, untie the cords the chains of injustice. And you will be free.

Do you want that freedom ? Do you want the chains to be broken ? Do you want peace in life ? Let sins be washed away. Not only the eternal manifestations of sin ñ deeds and words but also sinful thoughts, sinful fancies, sinful desires, temptations, sinful interests be removed from the hearts. Let your heart be pure.

ë Itís Godís will that you should be sanctified
I Thessalonians 4 : 3

In the early part of the Sermon of the Mount Mathew
Chapter five, Christ said :

ì Blessed are the pure in heart
For they will see God ì
Mathew 5 : 8

free of all bondages and To be fit to worship Christ, abandon
your sins and start a new life.



Six

ì Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, but set free on the Sabbath day from what bound herî Luke 13 : 16

The bondage of Satan. With reference to healing Christ gave to the crippled woman, we thought about certain bondages in manís life.

one : bondage of disease

two : bondage of sin

three : bondage of Satan

Christ asked whether it was not right to set free this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan had kept bound for eighteen years on the Sabbath day from what bound her.

Calamities befall people due to the bondage of Satan. Evil spirits, devils and ghosts influence people. Many people are possessed. They are in the bondage of Satan.

The reason the son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning because he has been born of God.

1 John 3 : 8 ñ 9

Christ came to untie the bondages of Satan. Prophet Isaiah had said.

The Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion ñ to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the act of gladness and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

Isaiah 61 : 1 ñ 3

Seven hundred and fifty years before Christ, prophet Isaiah recorded why the eternal God sent his only son, the Prince of Heaven, the Lord Jesus Christ, to this earth.

One: to preach good news to the poor. to preach gospel to the lonely. In Luke chapter 4 verse 18 we see this. ì The spirit of the Lord is on me because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom from the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed to proclaim the year of the Lordís favour and the day of the vengeance of our God to comfort all who mourn and provide for those who grieve in Zion ñ to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.î

Christ will untie the bondage of Satan. He will remove the sins through which Satan lays claims on man. Curses will be lifted. Calamities that have befallen generations will come to an end. Satanís hold on man will be removed. Christ is the one who lifts the bondage of Satan.

There is a beautiful story. The story belongs to a period when slave trade was prevalent. There were markets where human beings were bought and sold like cattle. If we beat up or kill the domestic animals at home nobody will question it. Similarly the slave could be beaten, tortured and killed.

During those primitive times there were three slaves in a house, husband, wife and their darling son. They were slaves who lived only to please their master. They would get their food, but no wages. They considered it their luck that they were able to live together. Then one day the master decided to sell them.

They were taken to the market. One person bought the man. He went away with his new master crying bitterly. Another person came and bought the wife. She too went with her new

master weeping hopelessly. She wouldn't ever see her son or husband again. A third person bought the son too. Three slaves who were living together under a single roof father, mother and son got separated under three masters. While they were being taken away, there was a good man standing there watching their sobs and tears.

He went to the man who bought the father and offered to buy him. He bought the father paying a huge price, much much higher than what he had been sold for. Then he went to the man who bought the wife at the price her master quoted. He bought the son too and brought them under a single roof. Oh, what a wonderful help they got from this new master! He fed them well and told them that they were no longer slaves and that they were completely free to go and live wherever they chose.

But the threesome fell at the master's feet and said, 'Master, we need no freedom. We need your permission to stay under your roof. We would rather be slaves of a master who is so kind to us. We are indeed fortunate.' They lived with that master happily ever after.

My dear readers, if Lord Jesus Christ liberated us from the bondage of Satan, then we must love him, worship him, submit our lives to him. Give him the word now. Master, you shed your sinless blood for me, I will live for you. You died in the cross for me, I will live for you now onwards.



Seven

Ì Set me free from the Prison
that I may praise your nameî

Psalm 142 : 7

Manís soul is in prison. Man is in bondage. His soul is in the prison in the bondage of Satan.

There is the bondage of disease, there is the bondage of satan, there is the bondage of sin, there is the bondage of curse; due to many reasons man is in the bondage of satan.

Lord, set me free from the prison so that I may praise your name.

Ì Afterwards Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, ì This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says ě Let my people go, so that they may hold a festival to meí in the desertî Ex 5 : 1

Let my people go, so that they may hold a festival in the desert.

î This is what the Lord says : Let my people go
so that they may worship me.î Ex : 8 : 1

Why should the bondage be freed. One : to hold a festival in the desert. Two: to worship God. Three: to praise God's name. Oh God, set me free from the prison, so that I may praise your name.

Unless the bondage is removed, there is no worship, there is no praise, there is no festival.

Today there are festivals, feasts, celebrations and big extravaganzas. These festivals are full of luxuries. In feasts and festivals there are fashions, illuminations, dramas and mega-events. But the bondage is still there.

What is the real festival ? The festival that occurs when the bondage is removed, bondages of disease, bondages of curse, bondages of sin, bondage of Satan. When these bondages give way, there is festival. Let my people go, so that they may hold a festival to me in the desert.

Festival in the desert ! Is there a festival in your life ? Is there happiness in your life ? Is there peace in your family ? Is there unity in your life. Are husband and wife of one mind ? Are parents and children in good terms ? Are brothers and sisters in discord? Are mother ñ in ñ law and daughter are at loggerheads?

There is no happiness in many lives. No peace. No understanding. No unity. Outside there are luxuries, banquets, hospitalities. But there is no festival inside. It is a big torment inside. Not even a molecule of peace. Man's life is growing miserable day by day.

one, This is what the Lord says. Let my people go so that they may hold a festival to me in the desert. Two, Let my people go so that they may worship me in the desert. Worship. To begin true worship, the bondage should be broken.

In the bondage of Pharaoh, people have no worship in Egypt. Going through slavery the people are deprived of worship. Abraham worshipped. Abraham who had worshipped idols found true God and true worship.

Abraham's descendants became slaves in Egypt. Abraham's son Isaac worshipped God. Isaac's son Jacob built an altar in Bethel and worshipped God. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob built altars wherever they lived and worshipped God. Joseph the son of Jacob was sold away to Egypt as a slave. But he became a minister there and brought Jacob and his brothers to Egypt. After four hundred thirty years under the leadership of Moses, Israelites began their journey to Canaan. They got freedom from the bondage of Pharaoh.

In Pharaoh's country there is no worship. When in Pharaoh's bondage there cannot be any worship.

Do you want worship ? Christ can give you worship. It is praise. We pray to God to make us competent to mount unfading and incessant praise, brightness and glory. But many don't become competent. While praise continues in the mouth, it is not necessary that the praise is there in the heart.

We pray. We merely pay lip-service, but it is not there in the heart.

you can say to God : my sin has been washed away, so I praise you. You remembered me in my lowliness, so I praise you, you gave me the grace to overcome sins which would

have been otherwise impossible, so I praise you. Such praise that rises out of gratitude from the heart is rare.

When you read this, my friend, examine yourself. Do you have praise in your heart ? Do you have the bliss of being one with God in your heart ? Is there peace and happiness in your heart ?

Let the bondage be broken. Let the cords be loosened. One bondage of disease. Two, bondage of sin. Three, bondage of Satan.

Let us submit ourselves at the cross so that we may offer sacrifice and hold festival.

ì Gather to me my consecrated ones,
Who made a covenant with me by sacrificeî

Psalms 50 : 5

Offer sacrifice. Offering sacrifice worship God. Among those who read these words how many of you have the true desire to sacrifice yourselves before Christ ? How many of you want to start the new worship, worship in spirit, worship in love, worship in truth, and worship in peace ? Let them say good bye to sin. Let them forsake Satan. Let the hand of Christ be upon them. Let them start a new life washed off all sins with the holy blood of Christ.



Eight

Ì Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ñ ridden. Untie and bring it here. If any one asks you, ì why are you untying it ? tell him, ì The Lord needs itî.

Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as He had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owner asked them, ì Why are you untying the colt ? ì They replied. ì The Lord needs it.î

Luke 19 : 30 - 34

Why are you untying it ? Why should we untie what is tied ? If the bondage is untied, there is worship. If the bondage is untied, there is praise, If the bondage is untied, there is sacrifice, If the bondage is untied, there is festival. Why should the bondage be untied ? Because Jesus needs it.

The colt had been tied. When the book of Exodus Chapter 13 verse 13 and Chapter 34 verse 20 are read together we understand that the colt is tied to be killed by breaking.

Jesus asked them to untie the colt that had been tied to break its neck. He sent his disciples to untie the colt that had been condemned to die.

Jesus Christ is untying the bondage to save us from drifting in to eternal damnation and to make us inheritors of eternal Heaven. Christ is willing to liberate us from satan who is dragging us down to eternal fire and darkness chained in sins, trapped in curses and nettled in calamities.

If anyone asks you ì why are you untying it ? Tell
him, ì The Lord needs it.î Luke 19 : 31

Bondage is removed, for Christ needs it. Christ wants to ride it. The disciples threw their cloaks on the colt and Jesus, sat on them. People cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Children sprinkled flowers. The crowd sang.

ì Hosanna to the son of David.î They spread their cloaks on the road. The donkey that had been condemned to death had the great fortune to carry Jesus on his back, when he was untied.

The Lord Jesus sits on the colt. The colt walks on he road paved with cloaks, leaves and flowers. The crowd dance around the colt. They sang. ì Hosanna to the son of David.î

The paeon is not for the colt, but for the one who sits upon him. If you allow Christ to enter you life, he will not only untie your bondage but also will make you His carriage. Resting in your heart He will lead you. You will be endowed with fortunes that you havenít ever had in your life. The goodness, the progress, the happiness are due to the fact that Christ is on you.

Son, but for Christ you are a zero. With Jesus I am a hero, without Jesus I am a zero.

Can't we submit ourselves as those who have Christ? If our bondages are untied, Christ will sit on you. Let him lead us as he pleases, that being the right path. The Psalmist says

He will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go. I will counsel you and watch over you.

Psalm 32 : 8

He will guide me with your counsel, and afterwards you will take me in to the glory.

Psalm 73 : 24

Although the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, your teachers will be hidden no more; with your own eyes you will see them. Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you saying. This is the way; walk in it.

Isaiah 30 : 20 ñ 21

Sadhu Sunder Singh was a Sikh Brahmin youth. He was very much agitated. The intelligent youngman was troubled without any peace.

One night he sat thinking. If there is a God, He should reveal Himself to me. Otherwise I will commit suicide by putting my head on the nearest railway track in the early hours of morning. He decided to commit suicide.

"If there is a God, He should appear to me. Whether He is Krishna, Mohammed or Sree Budha, He should appear before me." It was late night. His father was a magistrate a high official

and intellectual. After twelve o'clock when he came to his son's room he found him deep in thought. He told his son, go to bed. He put out the light and went to bed.

He could not sleep : "If there is a God he should appear to me. If such a God doesn't appear, I will put my head on the railway track and die."

Night grew late. There was a big halo in the room. Sunder Singh was amazed. A flood of light. Sunder Singh thought. Must I have been asleep ? Has it become day ? He opened the door and looked out. It was still dark outside. The day hadn't dawned. He came inside to the bright light. What brightness ! Again he looked out. It was pitch dark outside. Thrice Sunder Singh looked out to make sure.

Third time he came inside. He looked straight into that bright light and stood non-plussed. Lo ! there was a person in the center of the light. It was Jesus Christ, bright like lightning. Those arms with the nail marks, those feet with nail marks. Jesus raised His hand towards Sunder Singh and said.

My son, My son I want you, My son I want you. Those words sank deep into Sunder Singh's mind.

What serenity ! What mercy ! What brightness of purity ! Sunder Singh sat marvelling at the heavenly brightness. After some time those hands raised towards Sunder Singh and gradually faded away.

Sunder Singh submitted himself to Christ on that day. That spectacle transformed him.

Jesus Christ lives. He wants to make us His beloved children. If any one asks, Why are you untying it ? Tell him, The Lord needs it.

Lord, I submit myself to you. Make a triumphant entry in to my heart. Reside in me. Lord, lead me and rule over me.



Nine

They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside of the village. Then he spat on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked. "Do you see anything?"

He looked up and said, "I see people. They look like trees walking around."

Once more Jesus put His hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored and he saw everything clearly. Jesus sent him home, saying, "don't go in to the village."

Mark 8 : 22 ñ 26

Jesus Christ brought dead people back to life. He gave sight to the blind. He made the lame walk. He healed the woman who had been bleeding for twelve years. He straightened up the woman who had been bent over for eighteen years. He healed the leper. He enabled a person who had been affected with polio for thirty eight years to walk away with his bed. Christ performed a number of signs and miracles.

What we see in Mark Chapter 8 verse 2-26 is the episode in which Christ restored sight to a blind man. Christ gave sight

to many blind people. But this episode is about a blind man who belonged to Bethsaida.

The blind man of Bethsaida was not blind by birth. He lost his eye sight either on account of a disease or in an accident. He had had sight once. He had enjoyed the nature and the beautiful things in nature. But now he has no sight. This episode is not recorded in any other gospel. Only Mark has recorded it.

There is the episode of a stammering deaf man in Mark Chapter 7 verse 31 onwards. Christ healed a stammering deaf man. He no longer stammered. He could hear. He started talking too. This episode too is not recorded in any other gospel.

There is something striking about the episode in which Christ gave sight to the blind man of Bethsaida. He did not gain sight even though Christ touched him. He was restored sight only when Christ put His hand in his eyes.

This episode stands out from all other instances in the Bible where the blind gained sight.

The Lord Jesus Christ reached Bethsaida. They brought a blind man to Him. They begged Christ to touch him. They might belong to Bethsaida. Why they brought him to Christ is evident from the fact that Christ had performed a miracle there on an earlier occasion.

Philip, one of the disciples of Jesus Christ hailed from Bethsaida. Jesus Christ had done service at Bethsaida for three days.

Thousands of people gathered on the hillside of Bethsaida. Men alone were five thousand in number, says the Bible. This episode has been recorded faithfully in each of the gospels of

Mathew, Luke and John. Christ fed more than five thousand people by sanctifying five loaves and two fish.

When Christ went a second time to the place where he had performed such a miracle, people brought the blind man to him and prayed to him to touch him and heal him.

But Jesus Christ took him by the hand, led him to a place outside of Bethsaida. Why did Christ take him outside Bethsaida ? Besides, after healing him Christ said, ' Don't go in to the village.'

Despite the great miracle in Bethsaida where Christ fed five thousand people with five loaves, the people of Bethsaida neither believed, nor recognized Christ which the Lord denounces.

' Woe to you Korazin ! Woe to you Bethsaida !
If the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgement than for you'

Mathew 11 : 21-22

Even though the miracle was performed in Bethsaida the people there did not repent. Due to their lack of faith Christ could not do anything inside Bethsaida. He took the blindman outside Bethsaida. The Lord was willing to help him, but could not do it in Bethsaida. Bethsaida is accursed.

It is a very serious lesson the Bible teaches us. Miracles took place. People witnessed many things which would normally make them believe. If such people were still hard-hearted and did not repent, the blessings and fortunes which many were eligible would be lost upon them.

The miracles performed by Jesus Christ including the one in which he fed more than five thousand people with sumptuous meal with just five loaves and two fish were lost upon those people. In the early verses in the sixth chapter of Gospel as said by Mark, it is recorded that he could not do any miracles due to their lack of faith.

Where there is lack of faith, God cannot do miracles. Our Lord says to Mary and Martha of Bethany, ìIf you believed you would see the glory of God.î

When the people of Bethsaida did not believe even after witnessing the miracles performed by Christ, Christ denounced that place with a heavy heart. Woe to you Korazin ! Woe to you Bethsaida ! If the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. They would have rued their sins and would have come to God with great contrition. But you are disbelievers. No miracle makes you believe and repent, regrets Christ.

The lesson which each one of us should learn is that Christ is the complete truth ; so real a God ; We understood, so near a God.

Now, my beloved friend, wonit you repent ? Christ who died on the cross for you and resurrected has come very near to you. Accept him to your heart, offer your word to him, ìLord, today onwards, yes, today onwards, I will be a new being. Wash me with your blood so that I may be a new man.î



Ten

In Mark Chapter 7 verse 31 onwards we read that they brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk and they begged him to place his hand on the man. There also he took him aside away from the crowd, put his fingers in to the man's ears. Then he spat and touched the man's tongue.

Jesus spat in to the blind man's eyes and put his hands on him. What a miracle ! His eyes opened. But he got only a hazy sight : Not clear sight. No clear insight. Jesus asked, ' Do you see anything ? ' He looked up and said, ' I see people. They look like trees walking around. ' He saw people. He saw people walking. But they were like trees walking around.

He knows they are men. They look like trees walking around, spiritually speaking, he got repentance. Christ touched him, he listened to the word of Christ. But he didn't get a clear insight. Many people are like that.

Jesus caught him by the hand, Jesus led him outside of the village. Got a change from the old circumstances. Got a change

in the heart. Circumstances changed. But the self hasn't changed.

Unlike in the past, eyes have opened, but sight is not clear. Many believers are like this. There is repentance. There is change. There is prayer. There is reading of the Bible. Congregations are there. It is a pleasure to attend prayer meetings. Listening to the word is a sweet experience. But no clear insight has been gained. There are many people like this. They don't go beyond the first lesson of spirituality. No further progress.

The first lesson of spirituality ! St. Paul would call them worldly Christians. According to St. Paul, they are natural men, worldly men. There are worldly men and spiritual men.

Natural men, the raw men are without absolutely any change. Worldly man is not like natural man. He doesn't have any of the natural man's traits. No addiction to liquor, no orgies, no rowdiness, no arrogance, no abusive or obscene words, no blue films and no loose life.

There is change from the carnal man. But yet he is worldly. There is derision, revenge, selfishness, malice, jealousy, vanity inside. The carnal man. About him St. Paul writes to the people of Corinth

I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed you are still not ready. You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not worldly ? Are you not acting like mere man?!

1 Corinth 3 : 2-3

Apostle speaks about the believers in Corinth. There is still jealousy and quarrelling. There is rivalry. Differences of opinion,

complaints and malice still govern their hearts. Self ñ righteousness, scorn and dislike still linger in life. Apparent sins have gone. No idol worship. No magic and sorcery. No worship of Greek Gods. Yet certain sins don't go away, they cling on. Many believers are in this state.

ì You have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead ì What St. Paul writes in the message to the church in Sardis is about such people.

They say he is alive, he is a christian, he is a believer. He belongs to a congregation. But not in life. No transformation in life. Nature hasn't changed. The intense desire to attain the image of Christ is not there. The desire to be one with Christ, be like Christ, not allowing a molecule of sin in life is not there. Worldly Christians !

The Lord wants you to change from this terrible mess. ì Do you see anything ? He asked. The blind man of Bethsaida got a little sight. But for him people look like trees walking around.

Has your perspective changed ? Has your nature changed? Has your sin gone ? Has your anger vanished ? Has your quarrelling nature changed ? Are you able to obey your parents? Are you able to love your wife in full measure ? Is your family life sound ? Do you still maintain partialities ? Do you still like flattery ? Do you still indulge in self justification and self praise? Examine what all sins are there in your life.

When you read this word, arrive at a resolution. Oh Lord, give me a complete transformation. Give me a complete perspective, a real vision, a clear vision. Lord, be merciful to me.



Eleven

ì But the natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God : for they are foolishness unto him : neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him ? But we have the mind of Christî.

(1 Corinth 2 : 14 ñ 16)

ì And I brethren could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat : for hitherto ye were not able to bear it , neither yet now are ye able.î

(1 Corinth 3 : 1 ñ 2)

The apostle Paul says here that the Christians of Corinth were carnal. They hadnít received the spiritual experience. They hadnít grown to a spiritual state. Nor were they natural.

The natural man doesnot accept the teaching of the Holy Spirit. He is unable to understand it as it has to be judged

spiritually. He doesn't pay heed to the word of God, nor does he understand it.

Many people are like the natural man. They seek satisfaction in orgies. They never bother whether there is God or Satan. They are not able to distinguish the good from the bad. They live as they like. They are attached to the desires of the body. The Natural Man can't think beyond the matters of pleasure, entertainment, food, sleep etc.

There is a section of the society who are unable to perceive any sin in orgies, cinemas, theatres, casinos, immoral trafficking, rapes, molestations, murders, looting, professional killing, rioting, corruption, bribe and indulge in them merrily hardly thinking about the eternity after death or worrying whether there is heaven or hell.

The natural man does not accept the teaching of the Holy Spirit. He is not able to recognize the Holy Spirit. He does not bother to understand who Jesus Christ is. He isn't even sure whether there is God. He is neither willing nor capable of listening to the word of God, accepting it and understanding it.

There are carnal Christians. How do you distinguish them? Most of the Christians in Corinth were like that. They had the grace of God. Some of them had the gift of tongues. Some of them had visions, some of them had revelations, some of them were able to exorcise evil spirits through Prayer. Some of them prophesied. But they did not possess the core feeling, i.e., love. They did not have love which is the basic wealth. No mutual love. Only malice. Apostle calls them carnal.

You are sheer carnal men, some of you say that you are of Paul, some of Appollos, some of Cephas and some of Christ. Contentions, controversies, factionalism, groupism ñ all these develop or make it appear to develop in the name of Christ.

There are many such Christians, baptized believers who are yet to get the real vision.

Like the blind man of Bethsaida they are able to see. But people walk like trees in their vision. Not the real vision. It is true Jesus touched them. They are not natural men. It is Jesus who works in them. That is why they got a vision. Had they not been blind ? Had they not been in pitch darkness? Many terrible sins have left them.

Are you still in this state ? Not yet obtained a triumphant life. Not filled with love. Still not able to distinguish the good from the bad, to discard the bad and to accept the good. No determination to abstain from sin.

Not yet achieved the purity not to let a fragment of thought the evil one puts claim on. Friend, what is your state ? Think of it. Have you got the real vision ? Are you spiritual ? The spiritual man has the mind of Christ. ì But we have the mind of Christ.î

1 Corinth 2 : 16

According to the Apostle the spiritual man is the one who has the mind of Christ.

Do you seek to obtain the mind of Christ, the heart of Christ, the same nature of Christ?

What an honour ! What image and likeness did the eternal God who created man in His own likeness gave him?

What is meant by God's likeness and image ? It isn't the shape or form which we see outside; it is a state of spirit. The spirit acquires the likeness of God. In the fourth chapter second epistle of Corinthians Apostle Paul refers to it as Inner Man.

î For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward Man is renewed day by day.î
2 Corinth 4 : 16)

The inner man, the inward man gets stronger day by day. The outward man declines, diminishes ñ may be out of disease or old age. The fainter the outward man, the stronger the Inner man.

Do you want to experience this great privilege ? To acquire the likeness of Jesus Christ. To love as Jesus Christ loved. Pure love, unconditional love, selfless love, love that cares for others, love that doesn't discriminate the enemy, the love that prays for the tormentor, the love that forgives the sinner, the eternal love of Golgotha.

Lord, give me the love of Christ, likeness of Christ, the purity of Christ. Christ has no discrimination, no partiality. He has neither fear nor favour.

"I am the way, the truth and the life." Jesus said. He didn't say he would show the way but He said He is the way. He didn't say that He would show the truth, He is the truth. He didn't say He would show you the path of life. He himself is the life. I am the way, the truth and the life.

Will you accept Christ ? Will you realize your state ? Do you want to acquire the nature, the likeness, the image of Christ? He is keen to return to you his nature, his likeness and his image. He pledges to redeem them to those who had lost them. While reading the word now, you can open your heart to God and pray.

Lord, I am yet to become a spiritual man. I have wasted my time. Bestow on me a complete vision, the insight to perceive

things spiritually; give me the grace to peer through and perceive things in clarity.

The blind man of Bethsaida got only a faint vision in the first instance. He said he saw people as trees. Those who haven't got the full vision can pray to God. He will open your eyes, He will bless you, He will put his hands on you. He will touch your eyes, He will restore your vision. He will transform you in to a spiritual man.



Twelve

ì After that he put his hands again upon his eyes and made him look up; and he was restored and saw every man clearly. And He sent him away to his house, saying, neither go in to the town, nor tell it to any in the town ì. (Mark 8 : 25 ñ 26)

Again Jesus put His hands upon his eyes. He felt compassion for him. He wanted sight, He wanted to see clearly, he wanted to restore complete vision. He put His hands upon his eyes. He put His hands at the very same spot where he wanted to be healed. He is ready to touch your problems.

Where Jesus puts his hand, there is healing, there is triumph, there is peace. Where Jesus touches, there is miraculous healing. Let Jesus put his hands on you.

Will you say to Jesus ? Lord, if you put your hands on me, my inner eye will open, sense will dawn on me. I can peer at every thing and see them clearly.

My living God, feel compassion for me, show mercy upon me, Lord, put Your hands on me.

Will you pray ? Let the Lord touch you, let the Lord heal you, Do you want the Lord to touch the part which is defective ? Do you want him to touch your heart which is full of anger ? Your angry mind, your malicious heart ? Do you want him to touch your heart which is riddled with revenge and malice ? Do you want the Lord to touch you who is constantly failing so that he may give you triumph.

When you repent, abandon your sins and pray for Lord's mercy, he will work miracle on you. He will give you success. He will wash away your sins, He will transform your character, He will give you a new vision. Tell Jesus where it hurts you. Tell Jesus where you have sinned. Tell him with out reservation. Give your word that you won't sin any more.

Son, do hideous and abysmal fancies overpower you ? Daughter, do forbidden and dirty thoughts torment you ? Does sin enter your dreams ?

Jesus Christ can remove the hideous fancies and adulterous desires. It is enough that His hands fall on you. Oh Lord, I do want to be liberated from forbidden sins. I will keep myself pure so as not to sin even in a thought. Pray, "Lord, put Your hands on me, take hold of me." Give your life in to the hands of Christ. Give your word to him.

To him Jesus said, "Neither go in to the town". So saying he sent him away to his house.

Bethsaida was ruined due to their disbelief. Faithlessness was rampant in Bethsaida. Faithlessness grew in the territory

where Jesus Christ worked His miracles. Therefore, if He went in to the midst of the faithless, having experienced the miracle wrought by Christ, he is likely lose his faith. He is likely to lose the grace he received. So you need not go back to Bethsaida, don't enter the village, go away from there.

Be separated from the faithless. Don't have anything to do with people who have no faith, who revile God, who reject God. "Birds with the same feather flock together," says the old proverb.

Keep away from sinners. Donot follow evil men's advice. Do not hang around with sinners. Do not sit in the seats of scoffers. Lead a fully separated life. Rely on God. Begin a new life ñ a repentant life, God bless you.



Thirteen

And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying. Thou, son of David, have mercy on us. And when he was come in to the house, the blind men came to Him; and Jesus said unto them : Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord. Then touched their eyes, saying, According to your faith, be it unto you. And their eyes were opened ; and Jesus strictly charged them, saying, see that no man know it. But they when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country.

(Mathew 9 : 27 ñ 31)

The miracles Christ did are manifold. Christ who resurrected and lives still continues to work signs and miracles. He heals the sick, exorcizes the evil spirits, bestows peace to the families, gives solace to the broken-hearted, fetches relief to those who are helpless, breaks open a new path to those who have no way ahead. He brings help to those who are in debt. He finds

solutions to those who are neckdeep in problems. Even today Christ continues to bless people by giving peace, relief, forgiveness, redemption from sin and healing from sickness.

We read here the event of Christ giving sight to two blindmen. These blind men had not been born blind, they had had sight. But due to some reason they lost their sight, may be due to disease or an accident. Some how they lost their sight.

In the Bible we read of at least six blind men who were cured of their blindness on different occasions. We identify two of them here. We don't know their name, nor is it recorded by St. Mathew in the Gospel. They were blind. They addressed Christ as the son of David. They were Jews, they believed in the Jewish religion. Jews did not believe in Christ nor had they recognized Christ as the Messaiah born in the lineage of David and would sit on the throne of David. When a majority of Jews did not recognize Christ, a minority of Jews recognized Him. Those two blind men were among those who recognized Him.

When a minority, a few people recognize Christ it is a fortune, it is an honour to be amongst them. We obtain God's grace when we stand for truth instead of taking a stand with the majority who oppose, contest and defy.

They begged, 'Thou son of God, have mercy on us'. May be they had listened to the footsteps of people who followed Christ. They might have asked about the noise. They might have listened to the people talking to each other. Any how they were prepared to follow Christ. Some one in the crowd might have helped them.

They followed Christ up to the house where Christ would reside. When he came in to the house, the blind men came to him. Some one might have given them a hand, guided them. They followed crying. "Thou son of God, have mercy on us." They would cry so frequently. "Thou son of God, have mercy on us."

Jesus never looked at them or talked to them till he reached the house. When he reached there they also reached there with the help of some people.

They stood before Christ and cried, "Thou son of David, have mercy on us." Jesus asked them, "Believe you that I am able to do this?" Christ was testing their faith. God's grace is won by people who believe. God will bestow His grace on every one who places his faith in Him and wants to obtain eternal life.

Entreat with faith, go nearer to Jesus with faith. Pray relentlessly with faith. You will get grace from Christ. David sings in Psalms 123.

"Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou, that dwellest in the Heavens. Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress. So our eyes wait upon the Lord our God until that he has mercy upon us."

(Psalms 123 : 1 ñ 2)

Oh Lord until you show mercy to me, I will wait upon you. I will pray on till I get a reply. Christ said in the sermon :

ì Ask, and it shall be given you ; seek and ye shall find ; knock, and it shall be opened unto you : for everyone that asketh receiveth ; and he that seeketh findeth and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son asks bread, will he give him a stone ? Or if he ask a fish, will he give a serpent ? If ye, then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him?î
 (Mathew 7 : 7 ñ 11)

Ask incessantly. Ask with faith. Ask relentlessly. In the beginning of 18th chapter of the gospel according to St. Luke Lord speaks a parable. The message of the parable is to pray relentlessly.

ì And he spoke a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray and not to faint ; saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man and there was a widow in that city ; and she came unto him saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. And he would not for a while ; but afterwards he said with in himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man ; yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust Judge saith. And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, through he bear long with them ? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily.î

Luke 18 : 1 ñ 7

God has tremendous tolerance for his elect who ask Him relentlessly, it shall be given to him

And shall not God avenge his own elect which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with him ? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Lord said. To the widow who asks to avenge her of her adversary, to the widow who asks relentlessly the Lord avenges speedily.

Let us pray to God relentlessly. The two blind men followed Christ asking relentlessly. When Christ entered the house, they approached Him. The Lord asked them whether they believed that He was able to do it. They said "yes."

Do you believe that the Lord is able to give what you ask ? Do you believe that He has compassion for you ? Do you believe that He loves you personally ? Are you able to give Yes to those questions, my friends ?

Yes, Lord, Yes, I believe. While reading this, you ask with full faith, your faith on God's supreme power, God's supreme love, supreme mercy. Pray for His mercy.



Fourteen

And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou son of David, have mercy on us. And when he was come in to the house, the blind men came to him and Jesus saith unto them. Believe you that I am able to do this ? They said, unto him, Yea, Lord. Then touched he their eyes, saying, ìAccording to your faith, be it unto you. And their eyes were openedî.

(Mathew 9 : 27 ñ 30)

What is depicted here is the miracle in which Jesus Christ healed two blind men. In the last chapter we considered their faith, their tireless pursuit of Jesus, their meeting Jesus with prayer and entreaties on his reaching a house.

We understood that deep faith and tireless prayer is instrumental in winning Godís favour. Let us consider, by the grace of God, another point related to this.

Blindness denotes spiritual ignorance and faith. In the sixth chapter tenth verse of Isaiah, the word of God says unequivocally.

ì And he said, go and tell this people. Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and convert, and be healed.î (Isaiah 6 : 9 ñ 10)

This is the word of God spoken through the prophet about people who hear but do not understand, who see but don't perceive, but also do not convert and get healed. Their eyes have gone shut and do not perceive.

They hear but do not understand. They don't repent and lift their hearts to God. They do not repent, therefore do not get healed. Their hearts have gone fat due to their faithlessness. We read that they have gone spiritually blind.

ì But he answered and said, every plant which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. Let them alone : they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leadeth the blind, both shall fall in to the ditch.î (Mathew 15 : 13 ñ 14)

According to Lord, the pharises who were the most fanatic among the Jews are the blind who lead the blind. If the blind lead the blind, both fall in to the ditch.

If our heart doesn't break, unless we repent, we are spiritually blind.

Apostle Paul says in his epistle.

ì For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits, that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the gentiles be come in.î (Romans 11 : 25)

Hardness befalls, hardness of the heart. Peter in his second epistle dwells on what is blindness and who is blind.

ì And besides this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue ; and to virtue knowledge and to knowledge temperance and to temperance patience ; and to patience, godliness ; and to godliness, brotherly kindness ; and to brotherly kindness, charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.î (2 Peter 1 : 5 ñ 9)

Those who have gone spiritually blind never get absolved of their sin and do not get purified. They have lost and are oblivious of their faith in the absolution and purification Christ offers.

Those who have no enthusiasm, no faith, no intensity, no knowledge, no triumph over sensuality, constancy, piety, brotherhood, love etc. are blind.

Why don't you look in to yourself ? Are you spiritually blind ? Have you got a contrite heart ? A broken heart ? The word of God says :

ì The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit ; a broken and contrite heart. O God, thou wilt not despise.î (Psalms 51 : 17)

Asking for God's mercy with a contrite and broken heart is more pleasing to God than your sacrifices.

ì The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart ; and saveth such as be of a contrite spiritî (Psalms 34 : 18)

Who does God come nearer to ? Who does God save ? God is nearer to the broken hearted and saves those who have a contrite spirit. A broken heart and a contrite spirit.

Do you repent of your sins ? Are you still complacent looking back to your life and priding yourself of your tradition and being self ñ righteous without recognizing your sins ? Has your mind gone numb ? Has your heart gone fat ?

The necessity of the hour is to repent that I am a sinful man like Isaiah. ì Then said I, woe is me ! for I am undone ; because I am a man of unclean lips ; and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips .î (Isaiah 6 : 5)

You get contrition when you repent and then you get spiritual perception.

It is said in chapter 36 Ezekiel

Ì A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put with in you : and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.Î (Ezekiel 36 : 26)

Do you want this great failure ? Christ , hung to three nails, writhing in pain, blood and water flowing out of his body, prayed with a contrite heart. ÌMy God, why hast thou forsaken me ?Î On the cross the first words spoken by Lord were Ì Father, forgive them ; for they know not what they doÎ

Will you accept the love on the cross ? Will you perceive the love on the cross ? Will you recognize the supreme sacrifice on the cross ? Will you understand the sanctity of the holy blood shed on the cross ? Will you put your faith in it ? If so, you will get a contrite heart. You will repent of your sinful state. God doesnot despise a contrite and broken heart.



Fifteen

ì And as they departed from Jericho a great multitude followed him. And, behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard the Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Having mercy on us. O Lord, thou son of David. And the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace, but they cried the more saying, have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David. And Jesus stood still and called them, and said, what will ye that I shall do unto you? They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened. So Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes ; and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.î (Mathew 20 : 29 ñ 34)

Jesus was passing by two blind men sitting begging on a crowded Jericho street. A big crowd were following him. The blind men sitting by the side of the street were begging.

They had had sight, but lost it. One of them Bartemeus

ì And they came to Jericho : and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartemeus, the son of Timeus, sat by the wayside begging. And when he heard that it was Jesus, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me. And many charged him that he should hold his peace : but he cried the more a great deal. Thou Son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise ; he calleth thee. And he, casting away his garment, rose and came to Jesus. And Jesus answered and said unto him, what wilt thou that I should do unto thee ? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, go thy way ; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way. (Mark 10 : 46 ñ 52)

As different from the Gospel according to Mathew, we read in the Gospel according to Mark that a blind man, named Bartemeus sat begging in the street of Jericho. Between the two blind men this blind man was speaking loudly and therefore Mark has mentioned his name. The episode is also found in the Gospel according to Luke. There also only Bartemeus is mentioned. The verses from 35 in Chapter 18 of the Gospel according to Luke.

ì And it came to pass, that as he was come nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the wayside begging : and hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant. And they told him, that

Jesus of Nazareth passeth by. And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou Son of David have mercy on me. And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace ; but he cried so much the more, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought unto him : and when he was come near He asked him saying, what wilt thou that I shall do unto thee ? And he said, Lord that I may receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, receive thy sight : thy faith hath saved thee. And immediately he received his sight and followed him glorifying God : and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

(Luke 18 : 35 ñ 43)

Bartemeus and another beggar, a friend of his, sat begging by the side of the street in Jericho. They could hear the multitude passing by. They sensed the hustle and bustle of the crowd. They asked them what it was all about. The crowd told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by.

He had only heard that wherever Christ went there would be sick people, and the suffering and the possessed who went to Christ would get healed. Now they have got a golden chance when Jesus is passing by them.

They cried aloud, 'Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me.' The crowd rebuked him that he should hold their peace. They cried so much the more. In the Gospel according to Luke we read : "And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace.'

They are the ones who follow Jesus, but they don't have the kindness, compassion and love of Jesus. Those who don't know the nature of Christ follow Christ. People who don't understand Christ's love and thirst for human souls are there as followers of Christ. This has been the degeneration of the Christian Community ñ the biggest tragedy.

The evangelists should listen to this with shock. God's servants should learn this with shudder. Evangelists, missionaries, those who work for charity in the name of Christ, those who have come forward with enthusiasm to do good for the sake of Christ stand in the way of people who are needy and cry out for Christ without realizing the love of Christ or his anxiety for souls.

Oh God let this misfortune be not mine. We must pray. Let this catastrophe not happen in my life. Let me not be a follower of Christ with out knowing Christ. Let me be a follower who has dedicated himself and has known Christ. Let me emulate the character of Christ.

Do you want this great fortune ? Let us live and dedicate ourselves to Christ, knowing him experiencing him, realizing his nature and assuming his image.

"So that we may assume his likeness
He assumed our likeness"

Our forefathers have sung.

“നിർമ്മലമാമുദരേ നിർമ്മലമായ്
വന്നുവസിച്ചൊരു നിർമ്മലനാം
ആത്മജനെ പ്രേഷിപ്പിച്ചവനാം
നിർമ്മലതാതൻ സംസ്തുത്യൻ

തൻസാമ്യം നാം പൂണ്ടിടുവാൻ
 നമ്മുടെ സാമ്യമവൻ പൂണ്ടു,
 നമ്മെത്തൻ പിതൃസുതരാക്കി
 പാവന റൂഹായൊടു ചേർപ്പാൻ
 മാനവരൂപം സ്വയമേറ്റാൻ.”

There are those who sing this hardly knowing its meaning.
 Let us sing experiencing this. Let us pray experiencing this.
 Let us experience the nature of Christ, the likeness of Christ,
 the great fortune of assuming the image of Christ.



Sixteen

îAnd he cried saying, Jesus, thou Son of God have mercy on me. And they which went before rebuked him that he should hold his peace ; but he cried so much the more. Thou Son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus stood and commanded him to be brought unto himî.

(Luke 18 : 38 ñ 40)

Jesus stopped, commanded him to be brought to him. Christ who stands by the one who prays incessantly ! If we pray for the mercy of Christ, he will stop for us in spite of the opposition of others. Christ stopped. We see in the Gospel according to Mark.

î And many charged him that he should hold his peace : but he cried the more a great deal. Thou son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called.î

(Mark 10 : 48)

Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. The affection of Christ which beckons to us with love. Once we realize that love, we will surrender ourselves to that great love.

Trust in the Lord, and do good ; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the Lord ; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD ; trust also in Him ; and he shall bring it to pass.†
Psalm 37 : 3 ñ 5

Commit your life to God, he will save you.

Bartemeus cried. The other poor blind man joined him in crying. † Jesus, Thou Son of God, have mercy on me.† The crowd scolded them; asked them to shut up. But they didn't stop. They were the needy. The needy can not be stopped whoever tries.

The society may stop you from gaining the mercy of Christ, from praying to Christ, from going to Prayer meetings, from attending congregations, from sharing our time with the children of God, from being born again. But the needy will tirelessly go on praying to God. He would not backtrack. Then Jesus would say. Call him.

Christ's disciples went and called.

† They called the blind man, saying unto him.
Be of good comfort, rise ; he calleth thee.†
(Mark 10 : 49)

What a great affection ! The disciples conveyed that affection to him. He is calling you ñ calling you personally.

Those who rebuked him and asked him to shut up are calling him, Jesus is calling you.

Who can resist if Jesus calls. If God is in our favour, who can be in disfavour. In the eighth chapter of the epistle to Romans the apostle says,

ì What shall we then say to these things ? If God be for us, who can be against us ? He that spared not his own son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things ? Who shall lay anything to the charge of Godís elect ? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth ? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine or nakedness or peril or sword ?î

(Romans 8 : 31 ñ 35)

No force can separate us from the love of Jesus. Let tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, sword come. But who can separate us from the love of God ?

As it is written ìFor thy sake we are killed all the day long ; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.î Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor my other creature, shall be able to separate us

from the love of God, which is in Jesus Christ, our
 Lord.† (Romans 8 : 36 ñ 39)

This conviction is the core and substance of christian life, the determination that nothing else can separate me from the love of Jesus Christ.

If you pray with this conviction, Almighty God will stop at your prayer. He will listen to you. He will listen to you with patience. He is in no hurry.

My dear friend, you can say whatever you want to ask without any reservation. Yes, You can ask your Lord without reservation your sins, the troubles that distress you. You can unburden the problems and crises that obstruct you. Pour your heart out in the presence of God.

As Hanna said : O, My Lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit : I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD†.

(1 Samuel 1 : 15)

Her countenance was no longer sad. She left the synagogue with an answer to her prayer. If you pour your heart out to God, you will find His grace. Her countenance no longer became sad.

My friend, do you want an end to your sadness ? My sister, do you want an end to the gloom of your heart ? the monotony of your life ? Son, do you want to have a bright future? Pray to Jesus untiringly. He will grant you.

Jesus stood. "Call him," He said. He called him personally. Personal salvation, personal faith, personal affection. personal

faith in Christ. The personal Salvation Christ grants; Jesus who loves us calls us. Personal Call. Will you now listen to this call of love ? Will you pay heed to this call ? Will you give word to him ?

Jesus, I am coming. Rise. Rush to God. Find His grace, find absolution of your sins.



Seventeen

ì And Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man saying unto him saying unto him. Be of good comfort, rise ; he calleth thee. And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus. And Jesus answered and said unto him, what wilt thou that I should do unto thee ? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way ; thy faith hath made thee whole. And, immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.î

(Mark 10 : 49 ñ 52)

This episode is described in the Gospel according to Luke as follows.

ì And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people when they saw it, gave praise unto Godî

(Luke 18 : 43)

He cast away his blanket, rose and went to Christ. He didn't want his blanket to be an obstacle. Cast away everything that obstructs you from going to Christ. Be they your comforts, your orgies, your parties, cinema, TV serials, theatres, friendship, bad habits, vices, illicit relations.

Cast away everything. Let us go to Christ. Let us gain a spiritual vision. Let us be free of bondages. The scales will fall off your eyes. You will gain eternity. Leave everything and rise.

He rose casting away his garment and rushed to Christ. The disciples guided him. When the needy is called to Christ, calling him, helping him to his feet and guiding him is fortunate, such disciples are the need of the hour.

Friends, let us be the disciples of God, let us be the servants of God. Let us be the guides who lead the needy to Christ. Let us do whatever possible to give a hand to the downtrodden, the distressed, the tired and the weak to approach Christ. Let us be the ambassadors of Christ for this generation for the sake of Christ.

Bartemeus addresses Christ as Rabboni which means My Lord. There is the indication of a personal relationship in the word *emyí*. He addresses twice *Jesus, thou Son of David*.¹

But now he calls him Rabboni (my Lord) with personal trust. We see another person who addresses Christ as Lord in the Bible. She is Mary Magdalene in verse 16 of Chapter 20 in the Gospel according to John. We see Mary Magdalene fall at the feet of the resurrected Christ addressing him Rabboni and hugging his feet.

Christ appeared before Mary Magdalene who stood weeping saying that Jesus was missing and asked, *Woman, why*

weepest thou? When Jesus addressed her ãMaryí she recognized the voice and called him Rabboni. Personal faith, personal affection, personal relationship, enduring relationship.

Consider whether you have a personal trust in Christ when you read these words. Do you have so personal a relationship that you may address Christ as Father and my Lord ? So personal a faith ?

Let it happen according to your faith, Your faith has saved you. Immediately he received his sight.

ì Thy faith hath made thee whole.î Faith !

To the woman in tears who knelt at his feet and kissed them in Simonís house in the town of Nain, Jesus says : ì Your faith has saved you. Go in peace. Your sins are forgiven.î

In Chapter 5 of the Gospel according to Mark a woman who had been sick with a 'bleeding' touched Christís clothing and got healed. Christ said to her.

ë Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole : go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.î

(Mark 5 : 34)

Daughter, Your faith has made you well. Salvation is for those who have faith ! Grace is for those who have faith. Blessing is for those who have faith. Plentifulness is for those who have faith ! Believe, you will see the glory of God.

At the grave of Lazarus of Bethany Jesus Christ said to Martha. ì If thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of Godî Salvation is through faith. Those who believe get the Holy Spirit.

ì O woman great is thy faith! Christ said once. Faith is great. A gentile woman belonging to the Surofocea Caste, a woman of Canaan, came to Christ crying that her daughter was being tormented by a demon with in her. Seeing her great faith Jesus said. ì O woman, great is thy faith ; be it unto thee even as thou wilt! (Mathew 15 : 28) Large faith, enduring faith.

Let us be believers. Let us believe that Christ died on the cross for me. Let us believe that the Holy Blood He shed cleanses of all my sins. Let us believe that we are free of the bondages of the evil spirit due to the death of Christ on the Cross.

Let us believe that when we put our faith in Christ we are born again. Resolve that you will lead a life free of sins. Believe the word of Christ. ì If a man be in Christ he is a new.!

Give your word to God that you will live as a new creation.

Salvation through faith, Christian life through faith. Holy life through faith.

Believe in Christ and be blessed.



Eighteen

ì And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight :
 thy faith hath saved thee..And immediately he
 received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God
 : and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise
 unto God.î (Luke 18 : 42 ñ 43)

One who had lost sight received light. Great ! One who had been blind, who sat begging by the wayside is able to see everything clearly. All are amazed.

He stands never taking his eyes off Christ and he starts praising God. ìAnd immediately he received his sight and followed him glorifying God.î Jesus is moving forward. He walks forward with Christ praising the Lord.

If you are grateful, you will praise. Do you have a reason to be grateful ? Are you aware any thing good God has done for you ? Son, has He not given you a larger lease of life ? Has He not restored your health ? Has He not healed your disease ? Has He not made you pass your examination ? Has He not

given you employment ? Has He not given you a means of livelihood ? Has He not lifted your family out of poverty ? Has He not paid off your debts ?

You craved for a child for long. He has given you two children Hasn't God blessed you ?

Are you aware that God has given you blessings ? Has He not put eternal hell out of your way ? Has He not taken off your bad habits ? Son, has He not saved you from drinking ? Daughter, has He not restored peace in to your family ? Has not your life which was a nightmare to others become a relief for many ? Has not God given you change ? Dear, did He not give you repentance ? Daughter, did not God give you a good husband ? Son, did He not give you a good wife ? Hasn't God done good to you ? Hasn't He given you the happiness of eternal life ? Hasn't God blessed you ? Are you grateful ? Praise him for all the good things He has done for you.

David glorified God thus

Ì Bless the Lord, O my soul : and all that is with in me, bless His Holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all His benefits. Who forgiveth all thy iniquities ; who healeth all thy diseases ; óóóóóóóóóó For as the Heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear him ..As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him. For He knoweth our frame ; He remembereth that we are dust.î

(Psalms 103 : 1-3, 11-14)

ì What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits towards me. I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.†

(Psalms 116 : 12 ñ 13)

David sang again in Psalms 136 : ì To him who alone doeth great wonders : for His mercy endureth for ever óó Who remembered us in our low estate ; for His mercy endureth for ever.. O give thanks unto the God of Gods : for His mercy endureth for ever .†

(Psalms 136 : 4 ñ 23 ñ 2)

Our forefathers who followed God praising him prayed thus.

ì Let us be made eligible to offer all the time, incessantly praise, glory ; brightness, honour and never fading greatness:

നിന്നെ സ്തുതിക്കുന്നതിൽ നിന്ന് മൗനമായിരിപ്പാനും നിന്നെ പുകഴ്ത്തുന്നതിൽ നിന്ന് ഒഴിഞ്ഞിരിപ്പാനും ഞങ്ങൾക്ക് ഇടയാകരുതേ.

We have the tradition of our forefathers who taught us to pray ì Let me, my Lord, never cease thy praise and helleluah.†. Oh child of God who prays the prayer our forefathers have taught us to pray. ì We are silent from singing thy praise and Let it not be that away from glorifying you†, സ്തുതിയും സ്തോത്രവും പ്രഭയും പുകഴ്ച്ചയും മാഞ്ഞു പോകാത്ത ഉന്നതിയും ഇടവിടാതെ കരേറ്റുവാൻ ഞങ്ങളെ യോഗ്യരാക്കണമേ. Do you praise the Lord ? Do you glorify God ?

ì It is right and appropriate to praise the Lord with awe†. We chant during the Holy Mass. “ഭയത്തോടു കൂടി കർത്താവിനെ

സ്തോത്രം ചെയ്യുന്നത് യുക്തവും ന്യായവുമാകുന്നു.” But do you truly experience that it is right and appropriate to praise the Lord with awe ? The last exhortation to us at the end of the Holy Mass is to shout.

ì He who is Holy Father, Holy Son and Holy Spirit be worshipped and praised, from the beginning for generations praise be with youí. പിതാവും പുത്രനും പരിശുദ്ധ റൂഹായു മായവൻ വന്ദിക്കപ്പെട്ടവനും സ്തുതിക്കപ്പെട്ടവനുമാകുന്നു. ആദി മുതൽ തലമുറ തലമുറ വരെയും തനിക്ക് സ്തുതി. ഹല്ലേലൂ യ്യാ.

Do you shout it ? Do you feel like praising ? Bartemeus received his sight. He followed Christ glorifying Him.

You, Godís child, Give honour to God and follow Him. In the first chapter of the gospel according to Luke Virgin Mary accepted Christ the word of God. Holding Christ in her womb Virgin Mother sang while visiting Elizabeth.

ì And Mary said,

My soul doth magnify the Lord,

and my spirit hath rejoiced in God, my saviour

For He hath regarded the low estate of His hand maiden

for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me

blessedí.

(Luke 1 : 46 ñ 48)

My heart rejoices in God. Praise is offered. Praise, you, the child of God. Praise with abundant joy in your heart, for the

salvation He gave you. For the mercy he gave, magnify Him. For the blessing he gave, praise Him.

Bartemeus received Christ, entreated to him, received sight, followed Christ glorifying Him. Christ didn't pass through Jericho since then. Bartemeus used the first and last opportunity he could have got. From there Christ went straight to Jerusalem, to the court of trial in Jerusalem, to the garden of Gethsemene, to the court of trial in Gabbetha, to the palace of Pilate. Further from there he would tread to Golgotha carrying the Cross. Had Bertemeus not found Christ at the time he did, he would never have had the good fortune to find him.

Son, use this chance you got wisely, In the epistle to the Ephesians Apostle Paul says,

ì Ö..but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.î

(Ephesians 5 : 16)

Again in 2 Corinthians

ì I have heard thee in a time accepted

and in the day of salvation have I helped theeî. Behold, now is the accepted time, behold now is the day of salvation.

(2 Corinth : 6 : 2)

Cry for it before the ark of mercy closes its door, enter it soon. Christ is walking here. He passes by you. Call Him, pray to Him, receive sight. Don't continue to be blind, don't continue to be unfaithful, don't be relegated to hell. Cast away your sins,

lead a sinless life. Believe that Christ died on the Cross for you. Submit your life to Christ.

Lord, from today onwards myself and everything I own are yours. Lord from today I am your slave. Jesus, since you died on the Cross for me, I will live for you from today. Decide. Pray.



Nineteen

And again he entered in to Capernaum after some days ; and it was noised that he was in the house. And straightaway many were gathered together, in so much that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door ; and he preached the Word unto them. And they come unto Him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne by four. And when they could not come nigh unto Him for the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was ; and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in the hearts. Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God only ? And immediately when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they so reasoned with in themselves, He said unto them why reason ye

these things in your heart ? Whether it is easier to say to the sick of palsy. Thy sins be forgiven thee ; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed and walk ? But that ye may know that the son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (He saith to the sick of the palsy) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed and go thy way in to thine house. And immediately He arose took up the bed, and went forth before them all ; in so much that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying we saw it on this fashion.†
(Mark 2 : 1 ñ 12)

This is another miracle Jesus Christ did. The incident is recorded in the gospels according to Mathew, and Luke too in Mathew 9 : 2 ñ 7, Luke : 5 : 18 ñ 25 Jesus entered a house in Caperna-um. Caperna-um is the native place of Andrew and Peter : Zebedee the father of John and James too belonged there. Caperna-um is in the District of Galilee. Caperna-um is the place where Christ did most of his public service.

Theologists opine that the house Christ entered in Caperna-um is most probably the house of Simon Peter. So Christ entered Peterís house and the word went round.

If Jesus enters a house the word will go round. Jesus arrived at the house of wedding in Cana. He transformed water into wine. Jesus arrived at the house of Lazarus, Mary and Martha. The stigma attached to their house vanished. The father of Lazarus, Mary and Martha was a leper. Theirs was a house people had avoided. The stigma went away.

Jesus entered the house of Lazarus in Bethanea four days after the death of Lazarus. He resurrected Lazarus who had

been in the grave for four days. Jesus arrived at the house of Simon Peter. Peter's mother had been laid up with fever. Jesus healed her.

Jesus went to the house of Simon the chief pharisee in the town of Naen in the district of Galilee. There a sinful woman fell at Jesus's feet crying and confessed her sins and begged for mercy with a contrite heart. She received peace and absolution.

Jesus went to the house of Zaccheus in Jericho. Zaccheus was blessed and his family saved. Christ said, "This day is salvation come to this house, for as much as he also is a son of Abraham." Zaccheus was saved, his house was saved. Many people, thus, came to hear of Jesus Christ.

Miracles happened in the houses where Jesus went. The stigma vanished. Peace and tranquility prevailed in abundance in the houses which had been despised and ostracized. Disease was healed, calamities averted, death gave way. Disease gave way before the miraculous power of Jesus Christ. Evil spirits gave way, Satanic forces gave away. Bondages were broken. Wherever Christ went peace prevailed.

People came to hear that Christ was in a house in Capernaum.

And it was noised that he was in the house.

(Mark 2 : 11)

Does the word go round that Jesus is in your house ? Does your house resound with the word of God ? Does the light of God burn there ? Does the life of Jesus pulsate there ? Does

the healing of Christ descend on the house ? Let the word go round that Jesus is there.

Where Jesus is there, there is love. Where Jesus is there, there is peace. Where Jesus is there, there is tranquillity. Where there is Jesus, there is healing. Where Jesus is there, there is solution for problems. Where Jesus is there, there is breakthrough from crises. Where Jesus is there, evil spirits will flee. Is Christ there in your house ? If you need Jesus to reside in your house, there should be Jesus in the hearts of people. If Jesus is in their heart, Jesus will come to that house.

It is great to hold Christ in your heart. To submit oneself to Jesus is a great privilege. Jesus reigning in your heart, Jesus living in your heart, Jesus ruling your heart, Jesus controlling and directing your life. What a privilege ! What a fortune!

Is Christ in your heart ? Does the word get round that Christ is there ? Are you filled with the love of Christ ? Do you have the expression of Christ ? Do you have the image of Christ ? Does the Holy Spirit of God reign in you. Apostle Paul says.

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and the spirit of God dwelleth in you ? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy ; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

(I Corinth 3 : 16 ñ 17)

Your heart is the holy temple of God. Let your heart be holy. I will destroy the one who defiles my abode. God's temple ought to be holy.

Our heart should be holy. Is your heart holy ? God's temple is holy. Does love reside there ? Is there tolerance in it ? Or is it that malice, grumblings, disappointments, gloom, revenge,

jealousy, arrogance, selfishness, greed for material wealth and position reign there ? What is the state of your heart ? Is it the temple of Christ. If not, transform it in to one.

ì What ! Know you not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own. For ye are bought with a priceî

(I Corinth 6 : 19)

God bought you with His Holy Blood. Do you believe it ? If so, give yourself to God as His temple. He has bought you in lieu of his Holy Blood. Give yourself to Christ. Let the word get round that Christ is in you. Let Godís nature reflect in you. Let the holiness and love of God emit from you. Let you be the source of blessing for many.



Twenty

And straightaway many were gathered together, in so much that there was no room to receive them, no so much as about the door ; and He preached the word unto them. And they come unto Him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne by four. And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where He was : and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay,† (Mark 2 : 2 ñ 4)

People gathered there. The needy, the grieving, those riddled with pain and suffering. Many came there. There was no space inside the room, not even at the door. People were packed. To this scene four people brought a paralysed person.

He cannot walk himself to approach Christ. Therefore the four people helped him, supported him. They had faith in Christ. We read, "Jesus saw their faith."

They have faith in Christ. The four people who brought the paralysed were good people. They were ready to help an invalid. They were not able to bring him to Christ. But there was no space even at the door. If he is brought before Christ, he will be certainly healed. But how to take him to Christ ?

In normal circumstances one would think, "we will come when the crowd is less when it is not difficult. Or we will take him to another person". They would worry or they would be discouraged. There is no wonder if they decide to take him to Christ on another occasion.

But they didn't think so. They were not discouraged. They were keen to take him to Christ and thought about a way to do it. As it was wont in Judea, the house had a flat roof thatched with grass or anything else of the sort.

They thought that they could lower him to Christ if they took him up the roof. They surveyed the possibility.

Simon Peter the house owner, understood their difficulty, their problem. He saw their faith. Peter too was ready to go out of the way to help.

He asked them not to worry. He would make the necessary arrangement to lift him to the roof. He allowed them to climb up and remove part of the roof. The need of the hour was to reach the man to Christ, the roof could be repaired later.

The foursome were ready to help. So was Peter. We see a good attitude. The willingness to help the suffering!

There are two kinds of people. Problem makers and problem solvers.

My dear friend, are you a problem maker at home, or a problem solver. Are you creating problem at home ?

Do you cause pain to your wife ? Do you pester your husband ? Son, are you a cause of anxiety for your parents ? Youngster, have you ruined your life and become a nightmare to many ?

Think of it. Are you a problem maker in your life ? Or have you been a problem solver in your life ? Let us be problem solvers.

Let us decide that we don't cause any pain or create any problem for others.

The four who fetched the paralysed are problem solvers. The house owner who allowed them to remove a portion of the roof is also a problem solver. The problem solvers together brought the problem to the ultimate problem solver. The problem solvers united and submitted the real problem to the one who was able to solve the problem in the real sense.

Devote your way to Christ. Put your trust in him. He will deliver.

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding.

(Prov. 3 : 5)

Again, the Psalmist says ; " I will implore to the mighty Lord and deliver myself from the hands of my enemies"

ì I will cry unto God most high ;
unto the God that performeth all things for me.î

(Psalms 57 : 2)

The ever living Christ is willing to do everything for you. Didn't the Lord say to the Leper, ì I will ; be thou clean.î He is willing. He is willing to heal us.

While reading these words examine your life. Take a new decision to become a problem solver. Let me do whatever favour I can do for others. Let others benefit out of my love.

Dedicate yourself to Christ in order to burn down as a torch for the sake of others like Christ who died on the cross to wipe away your sins.



Twenty One

ì When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, son, thy sins be forgiven thee.î
(Mark 2 : 5)

Christ could make out that the care and compassion of the people who brought the palsied were due to faith. Faith in Christ.

Faith in Christ enables us to overcome the obstacles. Faith in Christ enables us to solve problems.

Christ saw their faith. He said to him. ì Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.î They had brought him to Christ for healing and not for absolution. But Christ used the opportunity to give them a new lesson. Sin and forgiveness.

Sin and forgiveness constitute the core of Christ's mission. Man is a sinner and Christ is the deliverer from sin. The primary necessity of a sinner is deliverance from sin. Only the one who has been delivered of sin will inherit the eternal life.

The penalty for the sin of mankind was borne by Christ who was blemishless in His body. The death which is the reward of sin was experienced by Christ. The curse of sin was borne by Christ. He hung on the accursed cross. He submitted himself to death.

Christ came not to live but to die. He died on the cross to give life to many who were dead in spirit. Christ's Holy Blood is the deliverance to the sinner.

ì.....without shedding of blood is no remissionî
(Hebrews 9 : 22)

ì.....the blood of Jesus Christ, His son,
cleanseth from all sinî. (1 John 1 : 7)

In the book of Isaiah we read,

ì Come now, and let us reason together, saith
the LORD : though your sins be as scarlet, they
shall be as white as snow ; though they be red like
crimson, they shall be as wool. ì (Isaiah 1 : 18)

Thus Jesus taught them a great doctrine of sin and remission.

ì Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the
palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee ; or to say, Arise,
and take up thy bed, and walk ? ì (Maik 2 : 9)

Remission of sin is more difficult, why ? Any one would be thirsty to be healed of sickness. It is due to the pain experienced in the body. The ephemeral man is thoroughly physical. He is not aware of the devastation of sin or the horror of eternal hell.

If man is sick in body, he is keen for cure. That is a necessity for him ñ it is easy to work in one who has necessity.

But man never cries for remission of sin with the same sense of necessity. If you implore, you will be granted remission. ìNeither do I condemn thee : go and sin no more ì said Christ to the woman who was caught in the act of adultery.

Who is he who can forgive sin ? Jesus is the one who can forgive sin.

ì Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage ? He retaineth not his anger forever, because He delighteth in mercy. He will turn again, He will have compassion upon us ; He will subdue our iniquities ; and thou wilt cast all their sins in to the depths of the sea.î

(Micah 7 : 18 ñ 19)

God forgives our sins. There is another reason which makes remission of sin difficult. The relief of getting healed will last only till death. The relief and peace that gain from remission of sin are not limited to this life but go beyond it to eternity. The relief of remission prevails through eternity.

Son, don't you want forgiveness of your sins ? Daughter, don't you want your sins to be forgiven ? Don't you want to be cleansed in the Holy Blood of Jesus Christ ?

Healing of the body is a physical experience. But forgiveness of sins is a spiritual experience. That is the third factor. Spiritual is more difficult than physical.

Do you want to gain remission ? Christ is the answer.

ì Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity and in whose spirit there is no guide.î (Psalms 32 : 1 ñ 2)

The man whose transgression is forgiven whose sin is covered is blessed. Real blessing. King David had his courts, his zenenas. his throne, his crown, his power, and what not. But he had no peace. His sins were not granted remission.

David cried in psalms 51 :

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness ; according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned and done this evil in thy sight.

Oh ! I have no tranquility. My lips are closed, praise suppressed. The walls of Jerusalem have collapsed on account of me. The city is open to the enemy for his act of Vandalism. Your holy spirit has left me. I was shaped in iniquity and my mother conceived me in sin. Against you, I have sinned. O God, my sin is great. Have mercy on me according to your loving kindness, blot out my transgressions according to the multitude of your tender mercies. So prayed David.

God showed his mercy. David repented his sins. He got remission. David sang, ì The man whose transgression is forgiven whose sin is covered is blessed.î

Receive Christ who forgives your sins. Put your trust in the Holy Blood of Christ. Pray for a broken and contrite heart. Pray for genuine repentance.



Twenty Two

î But that ye may know that the son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise and take up thy bed, and go thy way in to thine house. And, immediately he arose, took up the bed and went forth before them all ; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, we never saw it on this fashion.î

(Mark 2 : 10 ñ 12)

Lord Jesus Christ is the one who does what nobody has ever seen. Lord Jesus Christ is the one who was born as nobody has ever been born. Lord Jesus Christ is an amazing person who has spoken as nobody has ever spoken. Lord Jesus Christ is the one who sat on a colt on which nobody had ever sat for His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Lord Jesus Christ is a wonderful person who was condemned as nobody has ever been condemned. Lord Jesus Christ is a divine person who died as nobody has ever died. Lord Jesus Christ is an everglowing light who was buried in a sepulchre in which nobody had ever been buried. Lord Jesus Christ is the king of

kings who resurrected as nobody had ever resurrected. Lord Jesus Christ is a miraculous light who will return at a time nobody has ever anticipated. Lord Jesus Christ died like a defeated person, resurrected triumphantly and would return as the king of kings as a historic person, wonderful minister, the valiant God, eternal father and the Lord of peace.

Jesus perceived what they had reasoned in their hearts. Asking why they were reasoning in their hearts He revealed the secrets of their hearts.

Lord Jesus Christ perceives the secrets of your hearts, reveals the mysteries in the deeps of your hearts. O God's Child, have you been introduced to Christ who is a phenomenon ? My friend, who reads this book, have you got Christ ? Does Christ reign in your heart ? If so, how blessed you are!

To the sick of the palsy Jesus Christ said, I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way in to thine house. All sat amazed. Christ surveyed the scene. Among them were the pharisees and scribes who had come to observe and been critical of Christ. While they reasoned in their hearts whether there was any body who had the power to forgive the sins except God himself, Christ perceived their thoughts and talked to them.

Seeing the faith of those who brought him Christ said to the man, I Arise, and take up the bed, and go they way in to thine house.

The moment cut the words I take up thy bed and go thy way falls in to his ears he experiences a tremor in his body. He begins to get up in a stumbling manner. All are amazed. He supports himself on one arm, struggles to put his leg down

from the bed, his body moves, the parts which were atrophied now moves : Lo! he slowly and gently stumbles on to his legs. Now he stands straight. How fast have his feet been planted firmly. His feet and joints firm up. His knees straighten up. His body becomes strong.

He folds his hands to Christ. With folded hands he stands humbly before Christ,. He stands gratefully. Glory be to God, he moves his tongue. What a wonder ! he picks up his bed.

That was the order of Christ. ì Pick up thy bed and go thy wayî. He picks up his bed. The one who was carried by four people, the one who lay unable to move or speak, stands on his feet, picks up his bed and slowly moves forward. The crowd gave way. He goes to the door carrying his bed.

We never saw it on this fashion. They stood amazed.

Friend, do you want to see things on this fashion ? Do you want miracles to happen in your life ? Let Christ enter your life. Put your trust in Christ. Come to Christ in faith. Whatever be your problem, come to Christ, place your problem to Christ. Implore to him.

ì And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you ; seek and ye shall find ; knock and it shall be opened unto you.î

ì If ye, then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children : how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him ? ì

(Luke 11 : 9,13)

It is said again in the gospel according to Luke.

ì And shall not God avenge His own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though He bear long with them ? I tell you that He will avenge them speedilyî.
(Luke 18 : 7 ñ 8)

God who heeds the prayer, God who sees the faith. God who works miracles in those who put their trust in him. The Lord Jesus Christ, son, has come to comfort you. When you read these words, Christ is approaching you, believe. Your disease, your problem, your debt, your burden, your need whatever be the crises that trouble your heart, open your heart to Christ. Speak openly to Him, beg to the deserving to be begged. He will give you peace.

ì If I regard iniquity in my heart,
the Lord will not hear meî.
(Psalms 66 : 18)

If God is to heed your prayer you have to remove your sin, your iniquity. Resolve never to sin again. Determine to lead a holy life. Now itself. Give your word to God.

Pray :

My Saviour who died on the cross for me, I will lead a sinless life from today. I submit my body, mind and soul at your feet. God bless you.



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