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FOREWORD

(For the Malayalam version: "*Kattinte Vazhiye*")

Mahatma Gandhi read the book '*Unto This Last*' written by John Ruskin while he was staying in South Africa. This book became instrumental in bringing about a tremendous change in his outlook on life, making him dedicate himself to truth and social justice. This marked the making of a heroic leader who advocated the principle of peace and non-violence.

Mahatma Gandhi used to read and meditate the Sermon on the Mount, which taught him to love even his enemies and to wish for their well-being.

William Carey, who was the exponent of modern Missionary Movement, drew a great deal of knowledge and inspiration from the Global Geography charted by Columbus. He came to India in the seventeenth century. Consequently, English education spread far and wide in the country. As a result, movements like Brahma Samaj of Rajaram Mohan Roy, Arya Samaj of Dayananda Saraswathi and Ramakrishna Mission of Vivekananda came in to being, heralding the great awakening in India.

Thomas A Kempis said, "*If giving a glass of water to a thirsty neighbour will not go unrewarded, how much*

greater will be the reward for those who hand out good books which lead their neighbours to the spring of eternal life!”

John Ruskin describes books as Royal Treasuries. *“Books are king's treasuries filled not with gold, silver and precious stones, but with riches more valuable, knowledge, noble thoughts and high ideals.”*

Those who have become great leaders are those who have developed good reading habits. Hence the great adage, “Leaders are Readers.”

The famous writer Perumbadavom Sreedharan once wrote in *Kerala Kaumudi*, *“When we read a noble book, what we hear are the echoes from the depths of a great soul. The mind of a man who doesn't read is a dark continent.”*

The vision and insight of Shri G. N. Panicker who made tireless efforts to develop the reading habit in Malayalees are praise worthy. He worked relentlessly touring the length and breadth of Kerala with a view to inculcating a healthy reading habit. His “Book World”, Cultural Rallies, Literacy campaigns, KANFED (Kerala Association for Non Formal Education and Development) are important landmarks in the cultural scenario of Kerala.

Not only knowledge and wisdom but also books rich in spiritual vivacity are essential in order to gain peace, eternal life and a clear insight in to life after death. Unfortunately, such books are scarce in Malayalam. Books that abound in rich experience and spiritual wisdom apt to be handed down to the coming generations

are a necessity of the times.

It is keeping the above objective in view I attempted to write spiritual books. I don't hold that the seventy odd books I have written are great depositories of knowledge. However, what inspires and enthuses me to continue with my writing is the hint given by my well-wishers to the effect that they have derived great peace, solace and spiritual strength by reading my books. The ideas contained in this book, The Holy Ghost being symbolized as Wind, are based on the Holy Bible. I will be grateful to the enlightened readers if they offer me guidance, advice and corrections.

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I dedicate this book to all my dear readers whose cooperation I humbly look forward to.

Yours sincerely,

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Chapter - 1

*“Awake, north wind, and come, south wind!
Blow on my garden, that its fragrance may
spread everywhere. Let my beloved come into
his garden and taste its choice fruits.”*

Song of Songs 4 : 16

*“I have come into my garden, my sister, my
bride;”*

Song of Songs 5 : 1

We should not wither away when the wind of adversity blows on us. No doubt, we all have had winds of adversity in our life. Circumstances are not always in our favour. We have often had to face winds of adversity with in our family. How much adversity have we confronted since our childhood! How unexpectedly have misfortunes, losses and disasters have befallen us-diseases contracted, accidents occurred and dear ones departed! We have come across rivalries, attacks and misunderstandings posed by others. We have been excruciatingly surrounded with crises and problems. Each one of us has come across one or other of such adversity. If we have to remain unruffled by the winds of adversity, Jesus must be in our boat.

Don't you get flagged by winds of adversity?

For Jesus Christ is there on board your boat

O bride of the lamb, the trumpet is about to blow

O witnesses of Christ, the afflictions are about to heal.

In the company of Jesus Christ I am at peace, I am at rest. My mind will not weary, however hard the wind of adversity blows. I will not be disheartened. The devotee sings that Jesus Christ is his ultimate refuge and shade. We have had adversities in life. Many of us are still facing them.

The North wind is blowing hard. The South Wind has encircled me. I am not alarmed whether the north wind blows hard or the south wind has turned violent. Whether the north wind blows or the south wind buffets, only fragrance will flow out of my garden, only peace will emanate from there. Both north and south winds are winds of adversity. But Shulamite says that she isn't unnerved.

Blow upon my garden, so that its fragrance may waft off my garden. However hard you blow, it will give off only fragrance. From this garden of my life only goodness and love can come out. It is the presence of Lord Jesus Christ that permeates in this garden. His sovereignty over it is indisputable. Solely for this reason nothing but Christ's essence can come out of it, however hard the wind blows on it. Let crises arise, let your husband desert you, let your parents hate you, let your children neglect you and rubbish you; whatever be the adversities that you come face to face, there will be only aroma that comes out of this garden, because God reigns there.

My spouse, my sister, my dove, thou innocent one of mine, I have come to my garden. My dear friend, who is reading this word of God, Lord Jesus Christ has come to his garden. He wants to view his creation. He has come to see the tender plants that he has planted and is tending in his garden. He has come to water them and root out the parasitic weeds that filch their nutrients. Let the north wind arise, let the south wind blow hard, but nothing daunted, only spices flow out of his garden as my beloved has come to it. It exudes only love, forgiveness, compassion, forbearance, selflessness and humility.

Dear God's child, you come across illnesses, setbacks, misfortunes and freak accidents. Dear ones depart, you confront bereavement of dear husband, beloved wife or darling children, which you haven't ever bargained for. You incur heavy losses. There are so many things to depress you in life, unbearable hostilities, unsurmountable exigencies, deadly debacles. Fear, anxiety and violence are the likely responses in such circumstances. But while the beloved resides in the garden, there can't be violence, but only tranquillity and the aromatic breeze.

Which is this garden? It is each one of us. He has been conserving these tender plants; tending, watering, weeding, treating and protecting them from pests. Dear ones, let our beloved Lord reign in the garden of our heart, garden of our life.

"I have entered my garden, my treasure, my bride! I gather myrrh with my spices and eat honeycomb with my honey. I drink wine with

*my milk. Oh, lover and beloved, eat and drink!
Yes, drink deeply of your love!"*

Song of Songs 5 : 1

Once Jesus comes, there comes love and peace and all good things. Once Jesus resides in the heart of a man, there is peace in him. If Jesus resides in a family, there is peace in that family. Where there is Christ, it is heaven. When Christ comes in to a man's heart that heart becomes heaven.

Christ enters to establish heaven in our hearts- heavenly love, heavenly purity, heavenly ease, and heavenly peace. Christ enters to give us the serenity of heaven.

Consider whether the spice flows out of you. Due to the purity of your character, due to the integrity of your character, due to your humility, due to your composure, due to your gentleness, due to your magnanimity, due to the wonderful peace of the Holy Ghost that permeates your heart, are you able to emit the fragrance in your office, your establishment, your hostel room, your house? Let us transmit the fragrance of Christ to others.

Where is the fragrance of the Holy Ghost available? From the wounds of Christ. We get this fragrance from the five wounds of Jesus Christ. Our forefathers who have experienced this fragrance sang:

*I scented the sweet smell of myrrh from your
wounds, O my Lord*

Your lips are similar to silk threads.

I hurried to see them, but soldiers surrounded

me

I dodged them and rushed on to Golgotha

Where I saw your side pierced and bleeding

*Praise be to the Lord who redeems us by the
Cross,*

Halleluiah..... I shout.

Your lovely beauty and marvels enchant me

*And I have no voice equal to singing thy praise,
O son of God.*

What I received when I heard the message that sprang from thy soft and exquisite lips was the aroma of myrrh from your wounds. Your lips are soft and delicate as silk threads. I got the scent of incense from the words that streamed out of those delicate lips. I rushed to find out the origin of this incense. Some people asked me, "Where are you hurrying to?" "Didn't you get the scent of myrrh?" asked the devotee.

'What fragrance? Don't bluff, isn't it a pigment of your imagination? These are canards spread by ignorant and senseless people. You shouldn't be gullible enough to run after such foolishness. Why don't you think rationally? Haven't you learnt enough science, physics and chemistry, not to run after the so called scent of myrrh? Are you not educated? Refrain from running after such foolishness.' Thus saying, the soldiers tried to prevent the devotee.

But, as this fragrance enchanted me irresistibly, I ran to Golgotha seeking the origin of the fragrance of myrrh.

There I saw the saviour, his chest pierced and bleeding. I understood that the saviour who redeems the human race by his cross is lying on the cross. The saviour who saves, preserves and protects me, the sinning person, is lying on the cross. I shouted aloud, praise be to my Lord, Halleluiah!

My dear friend, the fragrance wafting off his sacred wounds is now at hand. It is blowing so nearby. This fragrance is serenity, peace and eternal heaven. Gaining it in this world is the greatest fortune.

Lord, your marvellous grace has enchanted me. Saviour, I have only one thing to do - to sing thy praise. That I will do constantly. I am becoming competent to present praise, worship, adoration, glory and unfading grace constantly and uninterruptedly. I praise thee following the tradition of the forefathers who sang, "Let me not cease thy praise and adoration." I too will praise thee following the generation of holy forefathers who prayed, "Let me not be silent from praising you and exempt from worshipping thee." "Thou, who are the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be worshipped and praised." In the tradition of the forefathers who shouted, "Praise and worship be to thee from the very outset and for generations and generations." I too worship thee.

The wind is the symbol of The Holy Ghost. It is the sign of the Holy Ghost. Let us discuss on the basis of the sacred word as to what happens when this wind blows.

When the wind of the Holy Ghost blows, creation takes place.

“And the LORD God formed the man of the dust of the ground, and breathed in to his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.”
Genesis 2 : 7

God made man out of dust. He blew His living breath in to his nostrils. The first act of the Holy Ghost is creation. Everything has been created by God. 'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.' The 'beginning' referred to must have been millions of years ago. The period when the Bible was written must have been six thousand years ago, though it cannot be stated unequivocally in scientific terms. Creation must have taken place not centuries, not eras, but billions of years ago.

The second verse of the first chapter of Genesis says that the earth was useless and shapeless. If we directly translate the English Bible it reads not that the earth was useless and shapeless, but had become useless and shapeless. The earth and heavens had been there billions and billions of years ago. When we read The Bible and the History together we learn that after creation there had been living things on the earth even before man came in to being.

The Bible and the history go together. The truth of the Bible is immutable. But scientific conclusions are not final and subject to change. What the scientist Galileo said was disproved by Isaac Newton. And the relevance of Newton's law of gravity gave way to Einstein's relativity theory. Science is liable to change. What man invents is not infallible. But what God has said cannot change. The

Bible says that in the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

God is the master of all creations. Lucifer who had been the most favourite and the most handsome of all God's angels antagonised God and, consequently, was consigned to the earth from among the celestials. The earth, rather the atmosphere of the earth, thus, became his abode. The Bible refers to Lucifer as The Fallen Archangel, Beelzebub, the Great Serpent, the Ancient Serpent, etc. The earthly atmosphere grew rife with evil spirits when all angels under him trespassed and fell from grace. Thus this earth became useless and chaotic.

Wherever there is sin, there will be void and chaos. If sin occurs in a family that family will become worthless and chaotic. If an establishment sins, that establishment will become worthless and chaotic.

If sin occurs in your heart, you will become useless, futile and of no worth. If discord, disagreement, rift, dislike, pique, grudge, anger, hostility, animosity, malice or bitterness occurs in a family, that family will fall in to worthlessness and futility. All you have achieved will go down the drain.

The atmosphere of the earth has been defiled consequent on Lucifer and his evil host having infested it. Therefore God doesn't find the second day's creation to be any good, whereas God finds the first day's creation as good. God doesn't say 'good' about the second day's creation.

“God called the vault "sky." And there was

evening, and there was morning - the second day."
Genesis 1 : 8

God found all his creations as good. But after creating the sky God didn't find it good. Why? The whole atmosphere teemed with Lucifer and his host. It is on account of this our forefathers pray as a part of the last rites, "Do protect the soul of this thy servant from the evil host waiting in ambush in the atmosphere." Satan is waiting in ambush in the atmosphere to spoil each man and to ruin each family. It is on this earth that God created man and blew life breath in to his nose. Man got life from God's breath.

"Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death - they are like the new grass of the morning: In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered."

Psalms 90 : 5, 6

God removes his breath. It is like sleep that man dies. Man dies when God withdraws the breath He blew in to him. Man rose out of dust, and he goes back to dust.

Secondly, let us examine what happens as the wind of the Holy Ghost blows.

"The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."
John 3 : 8

This wind is blowing by you. We don't know where it comes from and where it goes to. We know that the branches of trees move, leaves fall and the twigs sway.

The wind is blowing and we don't know the source of the wind.

By the grace of God this small fellowship-Christian Revival Fellowship- is instrumental in spreading this wind worldwide.

This wind is the word of God, the voice of God. This wind blows to give us the 'born again' experience. We were all born initially as the sons or daughters of our parents. That birth is the bodily birth or the biological birth. To be born again in the Holy Ghost is the spiritual birth. *“That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”* To enter the kingdom of God we must be born of the spirit. What is born of the flesh will return to the dust. It is not the flesh but the spirit that inherits the kingdom of God. Only those born of the spirit gets admittance to the abode of God. Precisely why the Lord said:

“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus said unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time in to his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and the spirit and of the Spirit, he cannot enter in to the kingdom of God.” *John 3: 3 - 5*

Nicodemus was a scholar. He was the teacher of Israel. He was a Jewish priest. He was a chief Pharisee

and a prominent member of the Sanhedrin. He was a member of the Supreme Synod. He held a high ranking position in the synagogue. He had deep knowledge in Jewish Scriptures and was an interpreter of Jewish law. He had a special responsibility for the religious instruction of the Jews.

Annas and Caiaphas, the high Priests and the chief Pharisees despised and condemned Jesus. They had engaged people to spy upon those who followed Christ and who attended his fellowship. Such spying is done even today.

Nicodemus went to Jesus at night, so no one would see him. He was afraid of what might happen if he spoke to Jesus in broad daylight, where people might report him. For they were conspiring against Jesus in the church. Only the downtrodden attended his fellowship, not the gentry. His followers were mostly prostitutes, tax collectors and fisher folk. The rich, the high ranking and the church chiefs were never with Christ. The High Priests, Annas and Caiaphas, were closely watching who in their church were attending Christ's fellowship. They had banned people from following Christ. The poor people were scared.

People were afraid to follow Christ for fear of Annas and Caiaphas. But Nicodemus sensed who Jesus was and that He was not an ordinary person. While other Pharisees renounced Christ as the lowly son of a Carpenter of Nazareth, Nicodemus had a deep feeling that this young teacher might be the Messiah promised to Israel by God. Unfortunately, many people are yet to

realize who the living Christ is and what the power of a fellowship which speaks of Him.

“Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council.”
John 3: 1

He was afraid to come in the broad daylight. Had there been bus in those days, Nicodemus wouldn't have boarded the bus travelled by those attending Christ's fellowship. For there would be spies to report those who followed Christ. What would the church people think, what would Annas and Caiaphas say? Thus hesitantly, in the cover of the night, he approached Christ and admitted that they were convinced that Christ was the Prophet sent by God to Israel. Not only he but there were others who thought so. They were afraid and hesitant to come out in the open. They believed in Christ. They were convinced that he was a teacher come from God and believed that he wouldn't be able to do the miracles he had done unless God was with him. They knew that God was with him. He was doing signs. They were witnessing tremendous changes in people who followed him. They were witnessing miracles.

“Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”
John 3: 3

Jesus said the truth to Nicodemus who came to him. No one would be able to enter the Kingdom of God merely by considering Him as the teacher. Nor would you enter the kingdom of God merely by being a teacher or a church

elder yourself. One has to be born again. Unless you are born again you cannot even see the kingdom of God, leave alone entering the kingdom of God.

Nicodemus couldn't grasp its implication. He was a theologian. He knew the Scriptures. Yet he was in confusion. He asked Christ how a man who had grown old can be born again. He, for instance, had grown quite old. How could he enter the womb of his mother and be born again?

“Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.” John 3:5

If we learn The Bible carefully we understand that water implies the word of God. Unless you are born of the Word and the Holy Ghost, you cannot see the kingdom of God. It signifies that you are born again when you receive the Holy Ghost on hearing the word. One ought to listen to the word and receive the Holy Ghost. Then you will get rebirth by water and spirit, which is nothing but spiritual rebirth. Unless you receive this new birth, you can neither see nor enter the Kingdom of God.

“The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.” John 3:8

It is a profound experience you go through when the wind of the Holy Ghost blows. The Holy Ghost works in ways unconceived or uncontrolled by anyone. When the wind blows we can hear it. Branches of the trees move.

High branches bend down towards the earth. Leaves start falling. The wind blows irrespective of man's will power and control.

While reading these words the wind of the Holy Ghost is blowing on you. While it blows, leave the windows and doors of your mind open. Let the wind blow in. Don't close your doors against the wind. Don't have prejudices. Do away with your misconceptions. Let the breeze blow free. Come, north wind, blow, south wind, blow on my beloved's garden, so that the incense may flow out of it. My beloved has come in to his garden.

Let us keep our life open in the presence of our Lord in this auspicious time when the wind of the Holy Ghost is blowing on us. Let us admit that the wind of the Holy Ghost hasn't ever blown on us in spite of our having lived for so long. O Lord, I have been to church, I have attended church services, I have listened to the gospel messages, yet I haven't appropriated the wonderful experience of being born again. O Lord, blow the celestial wind on me so that I may have the born again experience. Let the spiritually regenerating wind blow on me so that I may be born again of the spirit.

How do we realize that we have been born again? One who has been born again is not the man of the past, not the creature of the past. His old nature changes. His anger gives way. His ego gives way. His sleazy life gives way. His vices give way. He no longer uses foul language. He shuns bad company. Obscene pictures, blue film and sexually explicit material on TV are anathema to him. He doesn't while away his life. He doesn't ruin his life. He

obeys his parents. Those who once disregarded their parents now have humbled themselves and obey them unconditionally. Those who had wasted their money on boozing are no longer addicted and scrupulously abstain from drinking.

The man of the past was a lunatic. Once born again, he has become sane. The man of the past was short tempered. He was impure. He was in bad company. He had committed atrocities. He had uttered obscenities. All those are things of the past. He is a new man now. He had engaged in unspeakable perversities in his hostel. He had engaged in the abominable practice of ragging. No longer the same man. Now he is at peace with himself. Love for all. Mercy for all. Very humble before his teachers. There is a total change. He restores stolen goods to its rightful owners. He begs forgiveness of those he had been in enmity with.

A poor woman labourer who pilfered a sickle returns that sickle to its owner and begs for forgiveness of that housewife. A student who stole a pen restores it and asks forgiveness to the teacher. A youngster who stole a tube light from the hostel returns it, admits his crime and asks forgiveness in tears. Youngsters terminate their love affairs. Everything would change. The man of the past would change. He would be born again.

Friends, have you ever felt that there are so many things to be changed in your heart? It is such feeling that cause to unite an estranged couple. Many of you might say that there is not even a distant chance for a certain estranged couple to unite.

A lady told me once that she had absolutely no hope since she had been separated from her husband. There was no question of their coming together. But I told them they ought to unite. Otherwise there was no place for Christ in their hearts and they did not deserve the Kingdom of Heaven. They still insisted that it was a closed chapter and they would never be able to love each other and live in harmony.

She went on to add that she didn't like what he said and he didn't like what she said. Next time when she came to the meeting I asked her whether they had united. Unless they are united, God wouldn't be pleased and they wouldn't enter the Kingdom of God. That lady didn't relent. After two or three months, in Kottayam, when I had finished the message, that lady came to the stage. She turned back and beckoned somebody to the stage. There comes her husband to the stage. I extended my hand and took his hand. His hand was shivering. He said, "Sir, I am grateful." Such miracles would occur when one was born again.

Try to recollect who you are not in good terms with, who you have a grudge against, who you are not able to forgive, who you have hurt and insulted, who you have brought great loss to.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"
2 Corinthians 5: 17

When the wind of the Holy Ghost blows, the miracle of being born again happens. This moment the wind of the

Holy Ghost is blowing. Do you desire to gain the born again experience? Lord, I want to gain admittance to the Kingdom of God. Unexpectedly, in an unanticipated moment, I may be taken from this world. On that day I want angels to usher me to the feet of my Lord. Lord, don't consign me to the midst of the tormented ones in the hell. I sincerely wish to be brought to the experience of being born again. For that I want the wind of the Holy Ghost to blow on me. When the wind blows, the branches that were holding their heads high bend their heads. Arrogance disappears. The hot tempered ones change in to gentle souls. The arrogant hearts relent and humble themselves. Boastful people learn to keep a low profile. People become different. Those who used abusive language in the presence of their wives and children no longer do so. The whole character undergoes a sea-change when a man becomes born again. Attitudes change. Views change. It is a total change.

Open your heart to God. Open all the doors of your heart. Lord, let the wind blow in to my heart. Jesus, I renounce my prejudices and rancour. I hereby forgive all things I hitherto considered unforgivable. I deliberately forgive them. Now I am a new creation. Let a new birth take place in me. Let me become a new creation. Let the Holy Ghost overpower me and make me newly born. Let the man of the past die in me and I be resurrected as the new man by the marvellous mercy of the Holy Ghost.



Chapter - 2

One, when the wind blows 'creation' takes place.

Two, when the wind blows 'regeneration' takes place.

Three, when the wind blows the dead resurrect-'revival' takes place.

"I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'"

Ezekiel 37 : 8, 9

Let the Holy Ghost blow upon the dead so that they may resurrect. The dead will revive. Those dead in the spirit will gain new life. O breath, blow from all directions. The Holy Ghost showed the prophet a vast valley- the valley of the bones. The prophet had never seen such a spectacle- the bones of innumerable people lying in heaps. The scattered bones were without skin, flesh or marrow.

"The hand of the Lord was on me, and he

brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!'"

Ezekiel 37 : 1 - 4

The spirit of the Lord asks Ezekiel to prophesy to those bones. The prophet speaks to those lives who have no hope to revive. He prophesies to those who have absolutely no hope left in life. The poor prophet is not ordinarily competent to command those bones to revive. But he got the word of the Lord. O the son of man, prophesy, prophesy to these bones. When the wind blows through his prophesy, the bones that had no chance to not even stir will come alive.

Now the live Holy Ghost is blowing on you. The life upon which it blows is as dry as the bones lying scattered in the valley. Here is a life full of miseries, groaning under burdens, ruined by drunkenness and atrophied beyond redemption. But now the holy spirit of God is prophesying to the bones. Let them be revived. The four winds blow. And the bones come alive.

O Lord, I must accumulate the capital for the kingdom of God. For that, O Jesus, who forsook His life for my sake, sprinkle your divine blood on me. Let the blood of Christ be smeared on you, for it is sacred! It cleanses

you! It is capable of reviving dry bones. Let the life giving blood that can redeem those who have lost all hope be sprinkled on you. Let the wind blow on you- all the four winds from the heaven. Caressed by this wind, let your heart be comforted and cheered.

Let the anxieties of your life be eradicated. Let your debts be remitted. Let your problems be solved. Let your sins be absolved. Let your defilement be cleansed. Let your illicit relationships be put an end to. Let your life be regenerated. Let unclean spirits flee from you. Let the phobia about demons be cast off you. Let a new life come upon you after being rid of all obsessions and ailments. Let the closed wombs be opened! Let depressed lives gain hope! Let miracles happen!

“The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” I said, “Sovereign Lord, you alone know.”

Ezekiel 37 : 1 - 3

The bones we see here were alive once - the dry bones now scattered in the vast valley. They had tendons and marrow once. They were raw bones, live parts of human body. But now, their skin peeled off, the tissues and muscles surrounding them torn off, the marrow inside dried up-everything has dried up. The prophet saw a valley of bones, valley of dry bones.

Children of God, who had had the born again experience, who had had the new life once, now are scattered like dry bones. Once those bones were strong, able to manipulate various body functions. The bones of the hands and the bones of the legs were engaged in various movements. The bones of the other body parts were involved in their respective functions. Once full of vitality, once packed together as integral parts of a living body, they have fallen apart, gone dry and scattered.

Shall I ask you? Aren't many of God's children, who were once very active and full of vitality, lying dead now? Aren't many of God's children, who were once full of praise, lying scattered, devoid of life, devoid of praise? Aren't God's children, who had experienced the bliss of worship full of divine love and holiness, lying scattered as dry bones? God sent his prophet to the valley of bones. God hasn't forsaken them though they are dry.

God's child, you have gone dry. Once you were raw and dynamic. But sin has overtaken you. Satan has overpowered you. You are estranged from your fellowship. You have lost the affinity of mutual love. Your bones have gone scattered. Yours had been a life that was greatly bound together. Yours had been a life that was held together by love. That bond has withered. The mutual trust has been lost. What a happy family was it once! It lies withered now.

Dry bones! Horrible! Frightening spectacle! The prophet was bewildered. The Holy Ghost asked the prophet, "Can these bones live? What do you think? Do you see any possibility?" The prophet said,

“O Lord God, you know. I don't know.” God's child who had the spirit of God in him says, I don't know about it. O Creator, it is in your hands, for you are the creator, omniscient and omnipotent.

“He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry.” Ezekiel 37 : 2

The God in heavens made the prophet walk back and forth in the valley of bones. The prophet didn't walk on his own. God made the prophet walk. When the man who has the spirit of God in him walks through the dry bones, some changes occur. God ordained the prophet infused with the spirit of God to walk among the bones. It was with a purpose. The power and dynamism of the spirit that had suffused the prophet would slowly flow in to those bones.

The Holy Ghost flows because the spirit has descended on the prophet. God commanded, “Prophecy to those bones.” What to prophecy? “Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!” That is what is needed. “Hear the word of the Lord.” Once you had life. But you lost your life when sin came upon you. Once you had devotion. When sin crept in to you, you lost your devotion. You had the grace of the spirit. When sin and craving for wealth came in to you, you lost your devotion. You lost the grace of the spirit. Today your life has become tantamount to dry bones.

Love is lost. The harmony among the parents and the children is lost. The oneness of mind between husband and wife is lost. The unity in fellowship is lost. One sees only the fault of the other. People indulge in

slander and gossip. They calumniate without batting an eyelid. A dangerous state of affairs. Once they had imbibed the vitality of life. As sin came, as worldliness crept in, as the love of this world took over, as thoughts opposed to the Holy Ghost began to rule, they have dried up. What is the remedy? Hear the word of the Lord. "Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!"

Some may think. Anyway sin has come. I need not be an inconvenience to others. The blessing due to them need not be blocked on account of me. I better keep away from hearing the word of God. Don't you ever think or speak in this vein. You should hear the word of the Lord without let-up. You should attend fellowship without let-up. Perhaps your spirit is dead today. Your spirit has dried up. It has lost its vitality.

You shouldn't wither away. Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! The Lord Jehovah ordains the bones. I will breathe life in to you so that you may live. Dry bones, I am going to restore life in to you. I will bring you breath so that you may live. I will fix tendons, attach flesh, cover them with skin and blow life breath in to you so that you may live.

It is the Lord who does that. Fortunately, now there is prophesy that can restore life in to dry bones. Now the wind of rebirth is blowing in our Christian Revival Fellowship. Dry bones have come alive. Many won't realize this. If you don't realize this now, you will realize this in course of time. By God's grace, the divine spirit has given us the very prophesy of the spirit. The power of the Holy Ghost prevails here. Tendons grow on the bones. Flesh grows around them. Once the bone, tendons and

flesh are bound together, they are wrapped up in skin. Life breath is blown in to them and the bones come alive. It is Lord God who ordains this. It is Lord God who has sent the prophet to the valley of the bones.

Whoever among you who are reading these words are staying dry? God's children, the spirit of God is prophesying to you. Dry bones, hear the words of the Lord. You have lost the fervour you had once. You have lost the passion and enthusiasm you possessed once. You have lost the love, unity and the spirit of self-sacrifice you once had.

Each one of you who has lost your holiness should listen. The eternal Holy Ghost is blowing in this valley to fix flesh, to attach tendons, to bring breath and thus to bring alive the dry bones. The wind is blowing in to the valley. The prophecy is flowing. Heavenly word is being transmitted. The word from God is blowing in the valley. You are sitting in a valley of dry bones where the spiritual word is blowing. And now this valley of dry bones is going to become the valley of the living. All those bones are going to rise alive.

Do you aspire for this resurrection? Do you want to experience this gaining of new life? Do you want to experience this new revival? If so, pray. Lord I have come to you as a dry bone. My mind is dulled. My heart has wearied. I am not able to grasp anything. Nothing goes in to my heart. My heart is benumbed. I am not remorseful. My heart doesn't break down. I don't have tears. I don't get repentance. I am not able to be contrite. I am perplexed. Jesus, blow your breath on me, prophesy to me, give me

word and revive me. Pray with a broken heart. The Holy Ghost will caress you. It will fondle you. It will revive you. You will resurrect.

We continue to read, "So I prophesied as I was commanded." The prophet did as he had been asked to do. The prophet will be chastened if he prophesies what he has not been asked to prophesy. One ought to prophesy only what God commands. Ezekiel is an obedient prophet. "And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound. "When God's spirit prophesied, there would be a booming voice-the voice of the spirit while it prophesies!

There was a thunderous voice at the mouth of the cave where Elijah sat. Elijah looked for Jehovah in the thunder. When he heard the thunder he thought that God had come. No, God wasn't there in it. But God was in the whisper that followed.

Dear ones, let the thunder reverberate in your ears. In your heart as well. Also in your brain. If the spirit thunders in your body, your diseases will be reduced to ashes. Your flaws will be repaired. Your debts will be cleared. Your sufferings will vanish. Your crises will be resolved. Wisdom will dawn on you.

Students will register tremendous advancement and progress in their studies. Let prophesy of the spirit thunder in your ears. Let it resound in the interior of your being. Let the booming voice of the spirit, the power of the spirit flow in to you. You may pray to the Lord, Lord, let me experience this voice. Let it boom in my heart. Let my

heart be moved. Let it reverberate across my heart. Lord, let the overwhelming boom of your power rouse me from my sleep.

“Immediately there was a noise and a rattling—and then all of a sudden the bones came together by themselves! Each bone came together, all of them attached together!”

Ezekiel 37 : 7

When Jesus enters the city there will be an upheaval. When Jesus entered Jerusalem there was upheaval. When Jesus comes there will be a thunder. There will be an agitation. Some will beg for pardon. Sons will ask father for forgiveness. Wife will ask for husband's forgiveness and vice versa. In some instances parents will ask for children's forgiveness. Students will ask teachers for forgiveness. Stolen articles will be returned to their rightful owners. An experience that shakes up your whole life!

Let me narrate my experience to you. It was in 1964 I left Rajarshi Memorial High School and joined St. Peter's College in Kolenchery. I had taught there for nine years. When there was a revival in my spirit I went to the school and told the Headmaster, “Sir, I took three books from here. I haven't returned them.” Mathai sir was the Headmaster then. I said to him, “Sir, I failed to return these books. Won't you forgive me?” I returned the books. Do you know why? I want salvation. I want the grace of the Holy Spirit.

At first I was in a dilemma. I thought, “Wouldn't it be

embarrassing when sir learns that that I have filched books? How to raise the matter? Wouldn't it be a shame? How to face him with the books?" However, my priority was my soul. It hardly mattered how others viewed it.

It was in 1973 I approached sir with the books and politely placed them on his table. I said then, "These books I had borrowed from the school library while I was working here. I had needed them to prepare for my M.A. examination. When I left the school I failed to return them by oversight. It was not deliberate, but when it came to my attention, I didn't bother to return them. Forgive me, sir." He sat contemplating me for some time. It had its impact. Sir accepted Christ in his life. As this humble man asked his forgiveness he began to watch my life.

Sir spent the final years of his life in my house. He left for his heavenly abode from this house. He had become a believer. He had devoted his life to Christ. Thus my initial shame became instrumental to the glory of God. Let there be a quake in your life. Let there be a tumult. Not outside, but inside you. No matter who condemns you, you will gain a tranquillity.

"I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them," Ezekiel 37 : 8

Bone joining bone, flesh appearing and skin covering- all this the prophet saw. All this happening all on a sudden. But there was no breath in them.

"Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath,

from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.” So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet - a vast army.” *Ezekiel 37: 9 - 10*

Breath entered them. They stood up on their feet. Similarly, let the Holy Ghost come upon you! Let the Holy Ghost blow his breath in to the soul that was slain as wages of death, so that you may come in to life. Let the dry bones stand up on their feet!

Are you able to feel this breath? You shouldn't get up without experiencing the caress of this breath. Let this breath blow on all those whose feelings are lacerated or scalded, all those who are steeped in sorrow, and all those who despair in inconsolable and throbbing grief. Let everything that has dried up be transformed in to a blossoming experience. Let abundance burst in to your life! Let peace enter your family! Let there be remedy for the ills and pains in your body! Let the discord that beset your family be resolved! Let your family be delivered of the satanic bondages and maledictions! Let us be free of all shackles! Let all issues that have beset your life give way! Let your family grow in to affluence and progress! Let us be the holy host, the elect, with spread wings to soar up to the presence of Jesus Christ when He comes!

None of you ought to get lost. None of you should end up in hell. None of you should get ensnared in the bondage of the evil one. None of you give away yourself to Satan. God is calling you for deliverance. Jesus has come by and is interacting to you in his mercy. *“Come,*

breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.”What had been the valley of dry bones a short while ago, before the Prophet was summoned here by God, is now the valley of the living! With new life all together on their feet praising God in unison!

There occurred an echo, a quake, a big movement. Everything has been shaken. There has arisen a resonant praise. The slain ones are on their feet in praise. The breath has blown on the whole region of the valley bringing life to the dead and dry bones. Let all dry bones come alive. Let them experience the bliss. Let those who are in despair gain peace. Let comfort stream in to your heart. Let Christ caress you, fondle you, wipe your tears, bring you comfort and peace!!

Now, lay down your life before Christ and give word to Christ. Lord, I have been lying as a dry bone, lived as a natural man. Carnal man. I have been a slave of the evil one. Now that the breath has blown on me, I am a new being from this moment.

O Lord, the merciful, we praise you for the living word. Father, we praise you for the heavenly breath that has blown on us. We thank you for bringing life to the dry bones. We thank you for our being born again. We thank you for healing the sick. We thank you for freeing us of evil holds. We thank you for breaking the evil one's ropes. Lord, transform us for your Second Coming. Bless all of us. Amen, in the holy name of Jesus Christ.



Chapter - 3

"His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." *Luke 3: 17*

We constantly listen to the word of God. The word of God is something we never get satiated with. The grace of God's word is its quality of being newer and newer every time we hear it. God's word opens newer and newer experiences to us. What we get on hearing the word of God are new blessings, new peace, the happiness of the inner spirit that has not been experienced before and much more. What we all need is this inner peace, this happiness.

Our heart is uneasy due to different reasons. We are tensed, riddled with inner strains. We are desperate even when we are not able to identify why. We are fed up. Mind gets in to a state of depression, questioning the very rationale for going on living. But when we hear the word of God, when the heavenly breath blows, we experience, like the dark clouds being dissipated, the depression of our heart, our despair, our forebodings vanish. We acquire peace and happiness in our heart. Reason, the Word is the Holy Spirit.

The Word is not a speech. It is a service of the Holy Spirit. It is due to the act of the Holy Spirit that we get peace in our heart. Whatever philosophy a man expounds, however scholarly a speech he makes, or however eloquently one delivers it, it is of no avail to us in the long run. May be we gain some knowledge. But if we have to gain peace, serenity, ease and comfort in our life the Holy Ghost should engage in us.

Those who participate in the Gospel services where the Holy Ghost engages can experience being relieved of myriad problems. Keep your heart open for the Holy Ghost to act in you. Lord, I open my heart, I open my thoughts and I open my whole self. Let the breath of the Holy Ghost blow on me. Let it blow till my heart is cleansed.

The eternal God made man out of dust and blew the life breath in to him. When He blew life breath in to him, he became a person with life. It is because the Holy Ghost blew breath in to him the man who had been made of dust assumed life. You should pray for the entree of the Holy Ghost.

Lord, as you made man out of dust and blew your breath in to his lifeless body to make him alive, pray blow your life breath in to us. Continually transform us. Let the heavenly wind that soothes the lacerated hearts blow in to us and comfort us.

Let the comforting breeze blow in to us, in to our searing, burning and stinging hearts, comforting us, curing us of our illnesses and alleviating our pains.

Redress our grief and grievances. Relieve us of all tensions in our heart. O Lord, extend your holy hand upon us. Surround us with your angels keeping guard over us. Let your light stream in to us.

Wind is the subject of discussion now. Wind indicates the Holy Spirit.

First, when the wind which is the Holy Spirit of God blows, creation takes place.

Second, there is regeneration, which is the born again experience.

Third, when the wind which is the Holy Ghost blows, dry bones come alive. The valley of dry bones transforms in to a valley which provides the lovely experience of spirited praise and celebration- Revival.

Fourth, Sanctification.

"His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Luke 3: 17

The living Holy Spirit of God blows in to man and, like winnowing with a fan, blows away the chaff in him. The grain is stored in the granary. He blows away the lighter chaff to be burnt up in fire. Those who are engaged in farming knows the process. The rice stalks are reaped from the fields, threshed and heaped on the floor. When the grains are dry enough, they are winnowed with a fan. After removing the dust particles, the rice grains are dropped from a scoop in small amounts. When two people

blow with winnowing fans on the dropping rice grains the whole grains heap up and the chaff is blown away. Jesus says he has the winnowing fork. He eliminates the chaff and stores wheat in the granary. The chaff is burnt up in fire.

What the Holy Ghost does in our life is to purify us. There is a lot of chaff in us. Regeneration has taken place. Conversion has taken place. Rebirth has taken place. Repentance has taken place. But we have to be sanctified. Our self has to be transformed. A lot of chaff has to be blown away. Many things in the nature of chaff that are not apt to be preserved for eternity have accumulated in our life. Such chaff are to be burnt up. They are not always external acts, acts that are done with our hands or feet; but a lot of chaff inside us to be done away with.

Pride, selfishness, greed, malice, dislike, hatred, discordant tendencies that ruin us, mutual rivalries, and what not! In appearance we don't exhibit these tendencies; but have you ever examined the thought processes that go on in the heart of your hearts? In your family, is there true unity and pure love between the parents and children? In appearance nothing to suspect. Similarly, is there true harmony, cordial love, between husband and wife?

Recently, a husband and wife came to me. God showed it to me undoubtedly that the couple harboured ill-will between them. There was nothing in the open, no quarrel. But in their inner hearts there was no harmony. When I pointed it out to them, they agreed. In certain

matters, they couldn't agree. They disliked each other. They couldn't accept each other. Dissatisfactions, drawbacks!

Are you dissatisfied in any way? Do you entertain any ill-will, husband for wife or vice versa? Are you not satisfied with certain things in you workplace? Then, the Spirit cannot progress in you.

If you want to attain the Kingdom of God you have to eliminate these chaff. Don't the hatred, obscenity and perversion that pass through your mind bedevil your life? When alone, don't we feel desperate? Don't we feel fed up? Why? There is a lot of chaff yet to be eliminated from you.

The chaff is to be burnt up in fire and the wheat is to be gathered in the barn. Examine yourself. How much chaff is yet to be burnt up in your life? You can see a number of them. In Mark, chapter 7 our Lord mentions some chaff.

“What comes out of a person is what defiles them. For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come - sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and defile a person.” Mark 7:20-23

All these evils come from inside; they need not translate in to action. Not even in to words. They are hidden in your hearts. Sometimes they come out, may be through your dreams. What you see as serpents and

elephants in your dreams is nothing but the sexual desires you entertain in your hearts. Dreams are but manifestations of the base feelings, base desires and base inclinations you suppress in your hearts. The rivalries and quarrels you hide in your hearts manifest as dreams in which you are threatened or attacked.

Nobody can change a dream. It is involuntary. But we see things in our dreams due to the sins that are submerged in the deepest recesses of our hearts. We have stacked away certain emotions, certain outrages, certain antagonisms, certain rivalries in our hearts.

Suppressed sins are what emerge from our subconscious mind as signs and symbols in dreams while asleep. When we have a nightmare, there is no point in wailing about it. There is chaff in me. There is corruption, obscenity and arrogance lying hidden in me. We must identify the base feelings, emotions and desires that defile us. Once we identify them we can weep in the presence of God. Lord, blow away the chaff in my life. Not to pray to change the nightmare, but to remove the chaff that brings about the nightmare.

Psychologists say we dream of horses and snakes due to the suppressed sexual desires. We dream of elephants due to the suppressed haughtiness in us. We dream of lions and leopards due to the rage and rumble suppressed in us.

Dear ones, there are certain sins, certain assumptions that are submerged in our life. We have cleverly hidden them, since they don't agree with our

culture we keep them under control. We can't change our thoughts. We can control our hands and other organs. We can close our eyes not to see an obscene picture.

We can control our tongue from bursting out in anger and shouting abuses. Reason, it is an organ of our body. But how can we subdue the rage that rises in our heart? It is in our mind, no one knows it. Neither does the mother-in-law nor the daughter-in-law express the ill-will they bear towards the other. It is harboured in the heart, but not expressed in the open.

How could this be changed? The only way is to get the breath of the Holy Spirit. The chaff inside is blown away with the winnowing fan. The ancient sages used to chant after their morning ablution:

“Papoham papakarmoham

Papatma papa sambhava

Thrahimam pundareekaksha

Sarva Yagneswaro hari:”

God, I am a sinner. My inside too is full of sin. I was born in sin. My deeds are sinful. Save me. Protect me. I pray to you to insulate me from the temptations of sin.

The sages in the days of yore were not able to protect on their own. In spite of the fact that they had renounced family life, lived in forests, and renounced all mundane comforts, they were not able to cleanse their thought zone. They were wailing. They were praying constantly. Protect me.

In fact, many people strive vigorously to gain control

over their thoughts. Many people in our fellowship want deliverance from sins and its fancies. They take vows, but they are not able to keep them. Reason? They don't submit themselves to Jesus who has the winnowing fork to blow the holy breath which can eliminate the chaff in us. Lord, I am powerless, I am helpless and I am incapable. It is to those who admit their powerlessness and helplessness in their prayer and submit themselves comprehensively to the Holy Ghost, St. Paul says in Romans 8:

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.”

Romans 8: 1, 2

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ. The covenant of the Holy Ghost has given me deliverance from sin and death. There are many who take vows, but are not able to triumph- triumph over their thoughts, fancies and desires. The Apostle says, God has given me triumph and deliverance from sin. It is the covenant of the Holy Ghost, it is the Holy Ghost who has given me the deliverance.

Have you got this deliverance? First cleanse your heart thoroughly. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.” Cleanse your inside, so that it may become pure. Let there be only love for all. Not the love you merely exhibit, but spotless love, pure love, assuming the nature of Jesus. Seeing everything as Jesus sees it, thinking as Jesus thinks. The Holy Ghost offers to enable

you to gain the nature of Jesus. "What is impossible with man is possible with God."

Have you gained a triumphant life? Emancipation from sin, emancipation from sinful thoughts, emancipation from sinful emotions, emancipation from sinful fancies. Gaining such emancipation is the most blessed experience. That is what is termed triumph. We have won many things in this world. We have passed examinations. We have secured jobs. We have been successful in our careers. We have won promotions. We have led a successful family life. We have succeeded in bringing up our children.

You have been successful in many ways. Undoubtedly, you have reaped benefits of progress. But have you won triumph over yourself? Winning over yourself- over your feelings, over anger and impure thoughts, over grudge and greed, over selfishness. Winning over oneself is real blessing.

Frederic the great, who was the Emperor of Prussia, was touring his city. An old sage was sitting by the road. The sage did not get up on seeing the Emperor. The emperor got off his horse, approached the sage and asked him, "Who are you?" Pat came the reply. "I am a king." The emperor asked, "Of which kingdom?" "Over myself." The reply made the Emperor think.

Have we won over ourselves? Have we entreated the Holy Ghost to take full control over our organs? To win a triumphant life we must gain the insight that everything is illusion. One day, leaving behind everything I have won

over, I will fly away. I will not carry anything with me. Everything we have- wife, children, husband, house, education, assets, income and all achievements I have had.

All those achievements are liable to be lost in a moment. The one who came empty handed and alone has to go to the other shore empty handed and alone. Nobody can accompany me. The man who is "I" is rendered helpless. Many around me is eager to help me, but they can't. Everybody will watch me with pain. I pass in to such a state in which no one can help.

The realisation of the above truth is good sense. I don't know where and when. I will die one day. My limbs will stop moving. My eyes will close. My heart will stop beating. I will stop breathing. My body will become lifeless and motionless.

What all I have learnt! What all I have done! How much knowledge I gained- the knowledge I have gained from the large number of books I have read! What all knowledge are stored in the brains of scholars! The knowledge gained from reading innumerable books they studied! How many languages I have learnt! I know a person who can handle eighteen languages fluently! Eighteen languages as easy as pie. But the man passed away. What use of what you have learnt? Everything vanishes in a jiffy.

Realising that this world is transient, what have you preserved for the future generation? You may say, I have accumulated wealth for them. I have invested vast assets

in the bank. I have preserved the dowry and jewellery to marry away my daughter. I have constructed a house. So many things you can boast of. But for the sake of eternity, have you gained the authentic asset for your successors?

Provided you depart today, what claims can you make in front of God? Can you claim that you have got eliminated all the chaff in your life? Can you stand in front of the Almighty with the consolation that the Holy Ghost has blown on me and removed all the chaff in me? No, you haven't gained what you ought to have gained. You boast of innumerable gains you have made in this life, but you haven't yet gained anything to avail for carrying in to eternity.

He has the winnowing fork in his hand. Jesus has come in to your midst with the winnowing fork. He is blowing with it. The breath of Holy Ghost is blowing on you. When it blows, let all the chaff in you be blown away. Let fanaticism, factionalism, lechery, violence- the madness of all these types - be blown away when the breath blows!

A mother spoke to me about her daughter. "Sir, it is as if she has lost her mind. She is still small. But she is in intense love." The school going girl is nettled in a love affair. It is lechery. A youngster tempted her. He spread his net. The innocent girl got trapped. She is not able to get out of it. Once she had an urge to get out of it. Now she has lost that urge too. The mind zone of man has been captured by Satan.

Violence! Many people get in to rage and shout in

the house. They beat up their wives in drunken fury. The poor woman is dragged on the floor. She is not allowed to sleep. School going children are not given peace to study. He comes home in a drunken state late in the night and unleashes a brawl. Poor children who have fallen in to sleep after studying for some time in the night are rudely shaken out of their sleep. They are beaten when they cry out of fright. Frenzy! Violence! Many people have become mad.

Shouldn't these be changed? When the wind of the Holy Ghost blows all these chaff will be blown away. Open your heart and expose these chaff. Let the chaff be blown away in the wind of God's Holy Ghost. Let your rage, your impurity, the malice and the grudge in your heart be blown away. He has the winnowing fork in his hand. He cleanses them on the floor thoroughly and stores the grains in the granary. The chaff is burnt away in the fire.

“And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous - to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.” Luke 1 : 17

He has the winnowing fork in his hand. Jesus can burn up all frenzied thoughts in your life. Dear daughter, let the malice, grudges, bad temper, anger, arrogance, vices - all the garbage you have accumulated in your heart be burnt up.

The Holt Spirit of Jesus Christ is capable of burning up all such stuff. Miracles will happen when the wind

which is the Holy Ghost blows. Let your home be open to admit the Holy Ghost when it blows. Come to the fellowship. Hear the true word.

If you come to the meetings of Christian Revival Fellowship, You will receive the living word. There is no vested interest here. There is no conversion here. There is no collection of money here. We don't speak of the church and religion. We have only one person to highlight to you. That is Lord Jesus Christ. We focus on that Jesus Christ. We testify that Jesus Christ. We testify His Holy Ghost. And we glorify the Holy Ghost inspired transformation He has given us. We worship in celebration the praise the Holy Ghost has enabled us.

Getting cleansed inside. I am a man who does not indulge in any evident sin. I haven't done anything undesirable willingly. But the floor which is my heart was awash with filth. There was wickedness, grudge and revenge and malice towards some. My heart was full of defilement and unspeakable obscenities. Let me say without any shame; but the Holy Ghost of my Merciful Lord descended with force in to my heart and burnt up all the chaff. Glory to His Holy Name.

The fire of the Holy Ghost descended in to my body at 9 am on 11th May, 1973. When the fire descended on me my body went afire. It was as if my whole body was boiling. I began to praise the Lord unwittingly. I began to glorify the Lord. On that day God washed my inside. In a hurry, without losing any more time, I went and asked forgiveness to certain people in those days. I paid off certain dues. Money to some. Books to others. I returned

the book I had meant not to return to the public library. When the breath of the Holy Ghost blew there was a total turmoil in my personality.

The Holy Ghost revealed to me on that day, "The entire region is full of angels. This region will fill up with people." I am reminded of that revelation in 1973 when this place fills up with people on second Saturday. Thousands of people gather here today. Let me say this glorifying the Lord, we are not excited with this gathering. We celebrate when holy persons emanate. Lord, make me holy, make all of us holy.

Can you take a decision this moment? Lord, let the floor which is my heart be winnowed thoroughly, let my thought zone be cleansed. Eliminate unholy thoughts from my heart. Let anger, malice, rivalry, jealousy, squabble, revenge and hatred be eliminated from my heart.

Son, if you don't undergo this purification today, you will have to stand trial when Jesus comes. Books will be opened then. Another book which is the Book of Life also will be opened. On that day the sins recorded against your name, sins in your thoughts, sins in your words, sins in your imagination, sins in your actions will be read aloud for all to hear. After which, since your name has found no place in the Book of Life, "And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire." He will be burnt up in the smouldering fire.

The merciful God does not desire this to happen to you. Young man, the God in Heavens does not want this

tragedy to befall you. Sister, the Lord gives his word to you now as he does not want this cataclysmic fate to happen to you. He has come to cleanse the floor. Therefore, submit yourself to the Holy Ghost so that he may cleanse you.

Holy Ghost, blow upon me, descend upon me, lash upon me. Blow upon me and wash clean, my entire personality. Holy Ghost, shower your mercy upon me.

Let the wind blow and obliterate the forces of darkness. Let all sheets of clouds be dispelled. Let the atmosphere be bright without any speck of dark cloud! Let the whole atmosphere be illuminated! Let all dark shadows be dissipated. Let all satanic scourges and curses be lifted!

How do these things happen? By the power of the blood of Jesus Christ. The saviour, who shed his blood on the cross for our sake, the saviour, who writhed on three nails on the cross for our sake, has come to the floor. He is blowing his Holy Ghost on you to cleanse the floor. He has the winnowing fork in his hand. He is striving to cleanse you.

Now at this time, each one of you should say to Christ, my Jesus, send me sanctification. Eliminate all the vices in me. Remove all the sins in my thoughts, in my emotions, in my desires, in my fancies, in my interests, in my imagination and cleanse me. Let the seal of your blood be stamped on me. My Jesus, touch me, place your hand on my head.

Lord, how much grains which are to be gathered in

the granary are still on the floor! They have to be shifted from the floor to the granary. But now the wheat and the chaff are lying together on the floor. Rice and chaff are lying together on the floor. Lord, you have the winnowing fan. Blow with it to remove all my iniquities and iniquitous emotions from me.

Sanctify me and gather me in the barn. Bestow upon me the citizenship of heaven. Admit me to the glory of heaven, to the heavenly court. Place your hand on me. Let us give word to Christ. Jesus, from now on I will live as a new creation. From now on I will live as your possession.

Let us pray, O merciful Lord, praise be for your holy words, for the wind of Holy Ghost blowing on me. Pat us, caress us, bless us all, lift our curses, free us of all bondages and bring peace to the families. Bring relief to our burning hearts. Heal our diseases.

Embolden those who are in fear. Support the fickle hearted. Encourage the half - hearted. Lift up those who are weak and fallen. Guide those who have lost their way. Bring back those who have withdrawn. Strengthen the believers. Prepare us for your Second Coming. In the sovereign name of Jesus Christ. Amen, Hallelujah!



Chapter - 4

There was a small boy. He was twelve years old. The boy, who became very famous later in life, was crazy about playing football. His ambition was to become a good football player. One day while returning from school a notice came to his attention. It was a notice about a large prayer meeting.

The man who gave the gospel message in that meeting was Mordecai Ham. The boy had not heard of Mordecai Ham and knew little about him. But somebody said that he was a great warrior. He was a strong and gigantic person. The boy felt like having a glance of this gigantic person.

He sat at the extreme back of the audience. He went there not out of any enthusiasm to hear the message, but to have a look at the speaker. But at a certain moment the speaker pointed at him and said looking at his face, "You are a sinner." The boy didn't like it. He felt, "I am not a big sinner. I haven't hurt anybody or stolen anything. At this tender age while I am attending school, what sin I am likely to have committed." He waited for the meeting to come to a close. As soon as the meeting was over, he went home. He felt disturbed in the night. The words of the evangelist haunted his mind. "You are a sinner." However,

he decided to attend the next day's meeting.

Next day he sat in the front. On entering the hall the speaker smiled at him. He thought, "He doesn't know me. How come he smiled at me?" However, the smile touched his heart. He felt attracted towards the speaker. The boredom he had felt the day before was no longer there. He listened to the message. At the time for dedication this boy sprang up and went to the fore.

Mordecai Ham called him and spoke cordially to him. "Son, you will become great. Christ has set his hope on you. Christ loves you. Christ will forgive you all your sins. He will make you a great person." The joy he felt was beyond words. On that day at that spot he dedicated himself to Christ.

This boy was none other than Billy Graham, who later became the world famous evangelist. This was how Billy Graham underwent conversion. Quite accidentally, in a quite unimaginable way God brought this youngster to the meeting. The Holy Ghost of God seized him. On that day the lucky star of his blessedness arose.

Later in life Dr Billy Graham travelled all over the world and his gospel messages became instrumental in the regeneration of countless number of people. Large numbers of people irrespective of churches and religions heard his message and became blessed. Even now he is intent on the noble mission of serving God with messages which enthuse and bring comfort to many.

Perhaps, this book has come in to your hands quite accidentally. But who speaks to you through the pages of

this book is none other than the ever loving Jesus. You have come to the feet of Jesus. The Christ who feels the sobs of your heart, the Christ who feels the sorrows of your heart, the Christ who knows the problems of your life, the Christ who understands the upsets and crises you are going through, the Christ who senses the difficult situations that confront you; believe that the omniscient Christ is standing very near to you.

Let this be the day when your lucky star rises. Let the Lord lead you to a new insight in to life. Let your heart which is turbulent like a rough sea be becalmed and ease and comfort prevail in it. Praise God with a throbbing heart in the newly obtained happiness, having gained the assurance (safety and security) that you have a guardian.

Abraham Lincoln who was the president of the United States of America was very poor as a child. Do you know what Lincoln, who was born and brought up in Kentucky, did to earn a livelihood? He went in to the forest to gather firewood to sell in the town. He studied under the street lamp as he could not afford to burn a kerosene lamp.

This boy, who studied sitting under the street lamp, became the most famous president of America later in life. A rags to riches story! His grandmother used to tell him, "Son, call Christ. He will raise you. He will alleviate your hardship. Pray to Jesus and relate yourself to him." His grandmother's words touched him. Later in life he said, "It was my mother who was the inspiration behind all the wonderful things that have happened to me."

It is the influence of a mother, a father, a grandmother or a grandfather, though not felt so for the moment, which becomes landmarks in the unfolding of children in the long run. You too have children. Lead them to Christ. In a home where there is prayer children will not be spoilt.

Today many families are in unending tears. Worries about children! Children have no etiquettes and decency. They live without fear of God. They ruin themselves. They become addicted to liquor, marijuana and drugs; get in to bad company; enlist themselves in 'quotation' teams (hired criminal gangs). They wreck their lives without any aim or goal. Parents languish lamenting about the fate of their children.

Parents should keep one thing in mind. Before your child was born to you, before you got pregnant, were you a God fearing mother? Was the father a believer? Were the parents of one mind? Were they worshippers of Christ? Did they venerate and love Christ with fear and piety and accept his gospel? If so, your children wouldn't have been ruined. Therefore, those who lament for their children should lament for their lives.

Lord, our lost times! My child is lost on account of my sin. He has got in to peril due to our sin. My daughter has got in to profligacy. She has been coerced in to mobile contact with certain young men. She is trapped in liaisons with young men. Thus you should repent that you have been responsible for it. If you haven't been able to bring up your children in the right path repent for that and try to show Christ to your child.

Our coming generations should be able to enjoy the blessings. You should teach them to pray. Bring them up in discipline and piety from childhood. You should give care to their needs - their dress, their prayer, their hygiene etc. You should give them proper guidance and practice in matters like taking bath, brushing teeth, their prayer life, studies, their reading habit, keeping their rooms clean and arranging their things in order.

How would you guide them if you yourself didn't have this discipline? Children who get proper guidance of their parents in their impressionable years will grow as blessed children. If you haven't been able to provide such guidance to your children, sit down at the feet of God and repent your failure.

Lord, interact with me now itself. Make my life a fruitful one, a blessed one. Let my life be of advantage to many others. Don't let my life go in vain. Don't let the evil Satan to carry me away in his claws. Don't let the evil one to wreck my life. Do exercise your right over me and accept me in to your fold. Let me be taken to your sacred heart. Pray to him to extend his hand and take hold of you.

“Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.”

Exodus 14:21,22

The water in the Red Sea parted. The water in the sea parted not merely forming a narrow corridor, but as a wide highway so as to allow six hundred thousand people to cross comfortably. Water retreated as two walls on either side. It was a miracle in history. Water parted like mats rolled up sideways. Through the passage thus created six hundred thousand people passed on to the desert of Sinai from Egypt.

How did the water behave in this fashion? The wind blew there. That is what we read in the Scriptures. Jehovah made the sea withdraw by dint of a strong east wind and made a corridor of dry land. Thus water parted each side.

Lord, blow the wind of the Holy Ghost in to my family. There are certain obstacles in the life of my husband. There are certain crises in the life of my wife. There are certain problems in the life of my children. My God, I don't know when the marriage of my daughter will take place. I don't know why I am not able to pass the examination. I have no idea why I don't get good marks. I don't understand why I fail to earn a good income.

I wonder why whatever money I earn slips through my fingers in no time. I don't know why this disease is pursuing me unrelentingly. I am worried. I have no peace. Lord, I am not able to take a step forward. Like the vast expanse of the Red Sea, like its gigantic waves lashing ashore and rocking and rolling high, certain problems surge up in my life. Lord, come to my life and stretch out your hand over this Red sea.

Moses stretched his hand over the Red Sea. Moses had been nonplussed. They had been fleeing Egypt. As the first born male in the court of Pharaoh was slain there was big lament there. Lament was rising in all Egyptian homes. In all homes the first born male had been slain. God had instructed the children of Israel. They had to slaughter an unblemished lamb and mark the doorposts of their homes with the blood of the slaughtered lamb.

When the destroyer passed over Egypt, he would not enter the homes the doorposts of which had been covered with the blood of the lamb. There wouldn't be any destruction. The destroyer would enter the unmarked bloodless doorways and kill the first-born male there. Thus that night the first-born males were slaughtered in Egyptian homes. Loud wailing was rising from these homes.

On one side, loud wailing was rising, on the other side, God's children were praising God in loud cheers. Israelites were ready for the exodus, girdle girded and staff in hand. On one side, they have begun the journey singing the Passover of the destroyer, on the other side, loud wailing was rising. Delight on one side and dirge on the other side!

Lot heard loud wailing from behind. Lot understood it was raining fire and brimstone. But Lot didn't look back how it was raining, how it was raining brimstone. The instruction was not to look back. Did fire consume my house? Did brimstone consume my house? Not at all bothered. Lot, his wife and his three daughters were fleeing to escape. But Lot's wife looked back. And she

couldn't take another step forward. She was turned in to a pillar of salt. Lot and his daughters ran on thanking God for saving them.

Such an episode will recur. There will be loud wailing in the land, wailing all over the earth. That is the time when many will be left behind. But a host of people would run forward with cheer. This is going to happen.

"Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire," says the LORD Almighty. "Not a root or a branch will be left to them."

Malachi 4 : 1

When Lord Jesus comes again, all the evil-doers and the arrogant ones will be set on fire and they will burn down like hay in the fire. Everything will burn down to cinders. But a small congregation will be saved. They will fly on the clouds of heaven to the presence of the King of kings. They will rise in the chariot of praise. That is what prophet Malachi says.

Those who are lost will look each other in consternation. Alas! We were not able to rise. We should have accepted the word when we heard the gospel. All that appeared as made up stories. We refused to follow the message. We went about criticizing the word of God. We went about discouraging people from attending the fellowship. Lord, how foolish I was! Those fortunate ones have been taken to the heavenly glory.

That is what happened in Egypt. When dirges arose

from Pharaoh's court to all Egyptian homes, God's children went forward with cheer. They journeyed on in zealous celebration reaching the banks of the Red Sea. The expanse of water in the Red Sea confronted them. How to go forward? There was no way out. They heard a rumble from behind. Pharaoh was advancing in pursuit of them with his mighty army, his chariots and horses to prevent the children of Israel from escaping and to take them back to captivity.

Either way it would be death. If they went forward they would drown in the sea. If they turned back they would be mowed down by the enemy swords. Either way it would be a mayhem. Neither forward nor backward. God's children were stopped in their tracks. Moses was in a quandary.

Let me ask you, are you in a predicament? Do you think you have lost everything, you are at a dead end? Are you contemplating suicide with wife or husband and children? There are many who are at their wit's end. By sheer luck some escaped. They attempted suicide. But somehow, death slipped up. Someone slit the hand with a blade, another tried to hang on the fan, but the rafter that supported the fan gave way and the attempt failed.

A girl tried to attempt suicide by hanging to her sari. She did so when her husband had left for work. She twisted her sari in to a rope and had barely tied it to the rafter when there was continuous knock on the door. When she opened the door there stood her husband. She asked her husband, "Have you not been to the office?" He said, "When I went a certain distance, I felt an urge to

return.” Who made him return? The eternal God, the God who loves you.

There are many people who are at a dead end like this. Pharaoh and his army behind in hot pursuit, the roaring sea in front. Moses was in bewilderment, the people in panic.

“Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!” Moses answered the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.” Exodus 14: 12, 13

“Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today.” Moses said to the people. “The Egyptians you see today you will never see again.” Don't be afraid. None of these enemies stand a chance against you. Jehovah will fight for you. Keep quiet. Thus saying Moses encouraged the people.

Moses is crying. Moses, the stutterer was crying. Lord, what shall I do? How shall I confront this situation? I have brought these people up to this pass. They are at a dead end now.

“Then the LORD said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites

can go through the sea on dry ground.”

Exodus 14 : 12, 13

Have I not given you the staff of authority, the staff of the Holy Spirit to you while in Egypt? Have I not given you the sceptre of power? God gave courage to Moses. The God of Heavens who gives his word never fails to keep his word. Child of God, trust him. Keep your courage. Son, it was I who made you leave. It was I who called you from a blazing fire in the middle of a bush atop Sinai Mountain. Have you forgotten the God who appeared to you in a bushfire? Why are you crying? Have you got your past assurances?

Don't ever forget your past experiences. Don't forget how God heeded your prayer, how he came up to you when you cried, how he touched you, how he healed your sickness. Don't forget how he wiped your tears when you were in grief, how he patted you when you sobbed, how he hugged you when you wailed saying that you have nobody and you are an orphan.

“What shall I return to the Lord for all his goodness to me?”

Psalms 116 : 12

“Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits - who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases.”

Psalms 103 : 1 - 3

Wasn't it He who extricated you when catastrophe struck? Wasn't it He who intervened on your behalf when the Destroyer came? God of Heavens is true to his words.

God's child, don't have any apprehension. God is capable of protecting you. He is the one who sustains you and preserves you. God is your refuge. God is your shade and your patron. Don't forget the eternal God. He is coming to help you.

My gentle friend, why are you afraid? My dear sister, why are you afraid? Isn't the one who has called you out trustworthy? Isn't the one who has brought you up to this point trustworthy? The one who has given you penitence, given you the new word, given you courage and lead you up to this moment is not one who will desert you. He is immutable in his covenant. His promises are dependable.

*“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today
and forever.”* *Hebrews 13:8*

Moses has the staff God has given him. He commanded Moses to stretch out his staff over the Red Sea. Moses couldn't comprehend, yet he didn't ask why. When Lord, the Creator asks you to do something, obey him. Mercifully, this unquestioned obedience is the gift the Lord God has given me. It has never occurred me to question the word of God. The Lord has preserved me all the while without a speck of disbelief. Nor have I ever disbelieved the children of God who speak the word of God.

God said to Moses: Why are you crying? Tell the children of Israel to go forward. Stretch your staff over the sea and divide it. God has given you the mandate for that. When God of Heavens calls you he gives you a certain mandate, certain anointment. God has sent you invested

with the mandate of anointment.

When the eternal God descended in a blazing fire and spoke to this poor youngster, this stutterer, from the bush on Mount Sinai, little did he know what he was going to become.

I underwent repentance at the age of seventeen. When I heard the gospel then, I was in bewilderment. One should renounce everything. I hadn't got married. It troubled my mind. I was the only male member in my family. I was expected to get married and take up the responsibility of the family and engage in agriculture. How would I renounce everything? Would I not be able to marry? I could grasp only that much. The silly notion got in to my head that I might not be able to marry.

Meanwhile, I had begun teaching in a school. I would have to resign my job. I wouldn't mind, if it stood in the way of my spiritual life. Not willingly, but under constraint. I had the ambition to pursue a career as well as higher education. How could one renounce such ambitions? Why should God demand such sacrifices? I couldn't figure it out. I was in a quandary.

But there is God of the heavens. Who is this God? He should be able to clear my confusion. Yes, my friend, He can clear all the confusions in your mind. You only have to believe. The one who has called you out will guide you to your destination. He would make you do things you ought to do. He wouldn't desert you. What He wants to fulfil through you He will make you fulfil. Believe and submit yourself in to his hands.

God commanded Moses. Divide the sea. Stretch out your hand. Let the staff I have entrusted you with be in your hand. Moses obeyed. When he did so, a strong wind suddenly sprang up. When God's child, though slow of speech and tongue, obeyed God, the wind of Heavens sprang up.

Dear sister, if you obey God, the wind of Heavens will blow on the earth. Miracles will happen. There will be a parting. Certain evil forces, certain divisive forces, certain satanic powers, certain demonic possessions, certain curses will be banished. Peace, prosperity, happiness and abundance will be restored. Delinquent youth will become believers. You all on your own decide to obey God. If you are determined to obey God, miracles will happen. Moses obeyed and immediately the wind sprang up.

“Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided,”

Exodus 14 : 21

Moses has stretched his hand over the sea. The wind has begun to blow. You might imagine what went on through the mind of Moses: the wind has begun to blow, if it burgeons in to a storm, I may be blown out in to the sea. No, Moses has no such apprehensions. The wind has grown strong. Moses is undeterred. It was God who made him stand there.

Child of God, however strong the wind blows you will

not be blown away. It is the ever living God who has held you. When the hand of the omnipotent God holds you, no wind can blow you away. No enemy's onslaught can hurt you. It is God who has made you stand. Believe, He is able to look after you and protect you.

The living God stands holding the hand of Moses. Moses has stretched out his hand, but it is God's hand that has caused it. There is the power of the Holy Ghost in his hand. The wind of the Holy Ghost is blowing. And the hand of Moses is stretched out.

Moses stood in that position throughout the night. He can hear the rumble of the enemy forces from behind. The sound of the advance of the army, the clattering of the hoofs, the wailing of the people, Alas! We are going to die, we will be captured, we have no escape and we shouldn't have set out on this journey! Hearing all this, listening to criticisms and lamentations, there stood the man of God in the midst of the storm.

Are you ready to obey? Jesus, if you give a special mandate for me, I am prepared to obey. Lord, I will respect your word. I am determined. If so, standing on you, Lord will divide certain Red Seas. He will open a highway for you. He, who paved 'a red stone way' in the Red Sea, will do great things for you. The days of miracles are not over. You should ask God. Let us start asking straightway.

“Turn to me and have mercy on me; show your strength in behalf of your servant; save me, because I serve you just as my mother did.

Give me a sign of your goodness, that my enemies may see it and be put to shame, for you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.”
Psalms 86: 16, 17

Pray to God. Cry to him. The God of Heavens is one who heeds your prayer. He is one who responds to your entreaties, he who loves you. He wouldn't ignore you. He wouldn't disregard you. He would honour you, regard you. The God who heeds our prayer would consider your tears. He would comfort you.

The children of Israel walked through the dry land in the sea. On their right and left the water stood like a wall. This wind, such a strong wind, the wind of the Holy Ghost of God, the wind that divided the Dead Sea, the wind that smashed the obstacles! Pharaoh's army thought that the water parted for those people would be of help to them also. They too got on the path following the children of Israel. But what happened afterwards? As soon as the Israelites had crossed, the wind blew again. Water closed in on them. Pharaoh, his army and his horses were drowned in the raging waters of the Red Sea. Don't ever imagine that the favour bestowed upon God's children could be extended to the enemies too. Our God of Heavens is one who gives favours only to his children.

What do you feel? Are you convinced that God is merciful? He opened a path for you. He split open a path through his sacred wounds. If you walk through this path, you will enter eternal life. The path he clears is the heavenly path, the path of life and the path of the blood that flowed out of his smitten heart. If you follow that path,

you can enter eternity. All your sins will be forgiven. He will give you a new life. He will make you a new person.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come.” Who wants this Christ? If you want this Christ, now tell him, Jesus, wash me with your sacred blood. Wash me clean with your blood so that I may walk on the new path you have opened. Show me mercy to walk on this path.

The path I have been walking hitherto was the path of hell, death and demonic possession. But henceforward I will walk on the new path. Wash me with your blood. Devote yourself.

Merciful God, bless these lives which are devoted to you. Show grace so that we may walk on the new path. Give your children new light, new strength and new blessings. Fill us with virtues. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.



Chapter - 5

There is one thing we observe when we look around. The heart of every human being is smouldering. "Every human being is a walking volcano." Everyone has one or other agony. Life is upset and full of misery. Every human being is ridden with burdens and suffering. The difference is only in degree. It may be on account of disease, financial straits, family discords, misunderstandings or work place related issues.

Life is rocking violently like a reed caught in a storm. Sometimes it gets wrecked too. Life is swallowed in to a whirl pool like a sail - boat out of control and driven about adrift.

Life of man is hurtling in to a huge water-hole. But Jesus appears to grab this boat before it gets swallowed and to row it ashore. It is the power of the gospel. The gospel has the power to seize hold of and guide ashore a boat caught in the current and rushing headlong in to a maelstrom before it gets sucked in. We find a recourse, we find a refuge in the gospel.

It is this true gospel that Lord God gives us through this fellowship. The functioning of Christian Revival Fellowship is not centred round any recognized church. It accepts the word of God. It affirms that what is required to

change is neither religion nor church, but the heart of man. A big transformation takes place in the heart. It brings relief to the troubled hearts. It consoles the man who is always in tears. What more do you want?

Many theologians are not able to understand the power of the word of God. Great philosophers and scholars are not able to understand it. But many among the naïve and humble are able to make sense of it. They are not learned, they are not clever, they have no refinement, but Lord God has revealed it to them in his amazing grace. They are able to perceive God. What is the significance of these meetings?

A day will come when the holy elect

Will assemble from all four winds

I, too, though lowly, in the congregation

*How enlightened an assembly by Him
Ah.....ah.....ah..*

How enlightened an assembly by Him

No speck of dark there

The lamp of the Lamb

Chose me to do his bid

By Almighty's grace

And not on my merit.

You elected me in spite of my lack of competence. To do your bid. What if I do his bid? A day will come when all God's elect will gather from all directions in the kingdom of God. I too will join the congregation. The assembly is

illuminated with the lamp of the Lamb. There is not even a speck of dark there. The Lamb of God is the lamp there.

This life of miseries will end here. We will fly away to a world where there is no misery, the heavenly domain of peace. We will have no memory of the trials and tribulations here then. Here we underwent suffering ten, twenty, fifty or a hundred years, there we will live in peace with Christ for eternity, for unending years. What a blessing! That is why we listen to the word of God continually. Not to explain the doctrine of any one church. Not even to describe any particular creed or tradition. Not to spell out any particular philosophy. We all should progress towards one goal. Lord Jesus will come one day. Are we prepared for that day?

That is why the forefathers prayed, "*We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection and we look forward to your Second Coming.*" Jesus will come again. I want to be placed on your right when you rise in glory. So be my dead and my kith and kin.

"We believe in Jesus the saviour, the only one God, who has no end, who will come again in his glory to judge the living and the dead." Therefore, God, when you come in glory, I want to be in your presence. Besides, I want to strive to bring as many as I can with me.

I have only one goal in my life - to reach the other shore, sanctified and fulfilling the service of glory. As to enable it to let the wind of Holy God touch me while passing. Let my bruised heart be healed in its comforting touch. My Lord, let the wind of Holy Ghost blow on me and

blow away all my iniquities.

Let us await in prayer for the Holy Ghost to descend on us and transfigure us.

Let us next consider what happens when the wind of the Holy Ghost blows on us.

“Now a wind went out from the Lord and drove quail in from the sea. It scattered them up to two cubits[a] deep all around the camp, as far as a day's walk in any direction.”

Numbers 11 : 31

The wind from Jehovah brought them nutriment. The Israelites were crossing the desert. They were not a small crowd, six hundred thousand of them. Six hundred thousand were there counting only men. Women and children, in addition. Theologians estimate the number to two million. It was the mass exodus of a huge nation.

Where do you find food for two million people? Moses knew one thing. God had called them out and He would provide. Do trust, you need not worry about tomorrow. Have no anxieties about what would happen to you tomorrow. Do be clear about it. There is the living God to provide for you. You need have no anxieties about your children. You have absolutely no reason to worry about your daughter's marriage, your children's education or their health. There is Jesus, the Almighty and the Omnipotent, to undertake them. God's word says:

“Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken.”

Psalms 55 : 22

God will provide food and protect his people. Have faith. Truly, you can rely on Him. The word of God says again:

“Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.” *1Peter 5: 7*

You should not entertain anxieties in your mind. Lord in his first message itself has asked us not to worry about tomorrow. It is in our nature to worry in every situation. We live on this earth. Whenever anxiety seizes you, remember to pray, Lord, in accordance with your word I bring my anxiety in to your presence.

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4 : 4 - 7

You need not worry about what is going to happen tomorrow. You cannot add an inch to your height by worrying. Worrying does us absolutely no good.

“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” *Matthew 6 : 34*

The children of God in the Philippian church were in great hardship. They were hard pressed for cash and food. Nevertheless, they raised a small collection during

the Apostle's imprisonment. They sent Epaphroditus to the prison in Rome with their gift for his assistance in God's service while out of jail. Philippi was in Greece. The apostle then sent a letter through Epaphroditus, which is known as the Epistle to the Philippians. It is said in it:

“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 4: 19

Do have faith. The living God is one who protects us. He gives us our daily bread. God will open the heavens and send his blessings from the storehouse of his bounty. You only have to trust, then sanctify yourself and pray.

Do approach God bearing the burdens of your difficulties, your anxieties, the problems you face. Lord, I have no money for this. What shall I do? Who shall I ask? What is the way out? Whom to approach for help? Lord, my liabilities are on the increase. What shall I do? I find no means to pay them off.

Thus when you present the problems that trouble you, you will realize how wonderfully He intervenes and finds solutions to them. You will find assistance coming from quite unexpected quarters; the mouth of certain lions closing; those who were roaring at you becoming meek as lambs. The one walking ahead of you is Jesus. The Lion of Judah! Jesus is clearing your way for you to walk. His angels are going ahead of you.

Imagine that you are going to attend an interview. You pray, submit and go with the Lord in the lead. You will find that before you reach there Jesus has reached there

and made all arrangements for you.

Suppose you are sitting in the examination hall. You should tell God, Lord, sharpen my intelligence, clear my memory and show me grace. Give me the capability to write all the answers without forgetting any point. Watch over me at every moment so that I may have no difficulty. The Lord will sit by you, touch your pen and make you write holding your right hand.

Don't forget to pray before launching a business; Lord, accompany me, guide me from the front. Give me the grace to overcome the crises I come across. Give me the acumen and the strength to deal with them in the appropriate manner. Give me wisdom. When you pray, God goes in the lead. Our God is the one who protects you and sustains you.



Chapter - 6

“Now a wind went out from the Lord and drove quail in from the sea. It scattered them up to two cubits deep all around the camp, as far as a day's walk in any direction.” Numbers 11 : 31

While the children of Israel were traversing the desert, there was no food to feed this preponderant mass. No rich food. God had showered them manna from the sky. But they began to grumble. 'Day in day out we have been eating the same manna which falls out of the sky'. They had to gather manna, a substance that looked like white coriander seeds and tasted like wafers made with honey, which would lie scattered on the ground outside their tents every morning. They grew tired of manna and grumbled about having no meat to eat. Every day the same food. No variety. They fretted and grumbled against Moses.

God in his abundant mercy did not get irritated at this rebellion.

People gathered the quail. God is the one who feeds us. To come back to the functions of God. One, creation, two, Regeneration, Three, Revival, Four, Sanctification, Five, Removing the obstacles.

Then, the sixth function, providing for us. He feeds us- Feeding. Haven't you had this experience? Hasn't God heeded the prayer you made with a broken heart? Try to recollect. Haven't you had experiences to relate wherein He met with the demands you had relentlessly placed before Him after sanctifying yourself and promising never to sin in your life?

I believe you will have certain experiences where God has fulfilled your needs by His Grace. I have numerous experiences of the kind. What all things I asked Him! We used to grow paddy in our wet fields. I used to pray when the seeds were doused in water. I used to pray on the day of sowing. I prayed against rain. If it rains the day after draining of the field after sowing, the alluvial soil will get washed away. I would pray at every stage- when the seeds germinate, when insecticides are sprayed.

Asking everything to God. Giving everything in to His hands. I didn't have the spiritual experience or knowledge I have now. There was no fellowship for guidance. However, God's grace has guided me since those days. I have had the touch of the Holy Spirit in everything I attempted. I did everything by His Grace.

I don't know whether you can figure this out. I was studying in sixth or seventh then. In front of my house we had dry paddy fields in those days. There, by the side of the well, under the trellis for bitter gourd, I used to sit and pray unnoticed by others. I thought it would be embarrassing if others noticed me pray. Before every meal I used to pray, Lord, make us competent to praise, to

glorify and to pay respects for your provision for eating and drinking and your benevolence.

Entrust everything to God. Entrust your path to Jehovah. Give yourself in to the hands of God-everything you have. He will provide for you. He will not allow you to be disheartened. You are the child of God, His darling child. The God of Heavens will never allow you to go disheartened. He will not allow you to be burdened. Why are you in distress? Cast off your sins and stand in front of your God. Father, give me solution to this problem.

You should approach God and make your demands to Him. Lord, I will not rise from here until you give me solution to my problem, until you give peace to my heart. Then you will remember your sins and your wrong doings from time to time. Confess all of them.

Lord, what has happened has happened. There is no way to do recompense for them. Lord, cleanse me with your blood. Lord I will restrain myself from committing sins henceforward. I have a problem that is exasperating. Find me a solution, you can beg to God.

When your wife falls sick you should ask God. When your husband is down with disease, daughter, you should sit in isolation and pray to God. When your child is hospitalized, you should kneel down by the sick bed and pray to God, Lord, lay your nail-scarred hand on my child. If you lay your hand, my child will be healed, I know. Jesus, act now. In this manner, you should make your demands to God. He is your Father who heeds your prayers. Why don't you call him? Appeal to him. Approach him.

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet he did not sin. 16 Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

Hebrews 4 : 15, 16

Don't be hesitant. You can approach God without any fear. Father in Heaven is extremely loving, extremely merciful .The father whom we address as Our Father in Heaven is love incarnation. He is not one who dislikes His children. He is not one who keeps His children apart. He is not one who forbids you from approaching him. Even if you are at fault, He is one who forgives, if you approach Him for pardon. If you say, forgive me, Father, this one time, never again, he heeds it. He is a God who loves, who forgives, who supports.

A God who forgets your past sins! A God who recompenses for your drawbacks! Approach this righteous God, entrust yourself in to His hands. He feeds you, He provides for you and He sustains you. The singer sang:

*Whatever be, I will journey on,
Christ in the lead, happily ever.
No regrets to have left Egypt
As the land of comfort is ahead.
The one, who saw the tears of Moses
On the bank of the Red Sea, is with me*

*The one who fed his people
 With the Heavenly manna is with me.
 The God of Elijah who sustained His servant
 Through the crow is with me.
 The one who called me, the one
 Who guarded me is with me.
 He who is faithful
 Has promised never to desert me
 Even if the sky, the earth and all pass away,
 His word is immutable.*

I have read a book written by C.S. Lewis, a writer. He was a genius. He would be able to quote a whole book by heart after reading it, without omitting a single word. A towering intellectual, he had been an atheist. But the more he learnt, the more he realized the truth of Christ. Finally when he had given up atheism and turned to God, he was a supreme believer. The speeches he made and the books he wrote are classics of world literature.

His writings and speeches have inspired lots of people. He was instrumental in turning many people to God. Reason, the Holy Ghost worked in his heart. To believe is to begin.

Perhaps, you felt that God didn't heed your prayer; God doesn't care for me. He doesn't empathize with my hardships and miseries. How long have I prayed! No end to my misery! Have I ever enjoyed a little peace? Thus you groan and sink in to despair.

Our God in Heaven sees everything. He knows everything. He is capable of turning everything to good.

He is able to work together everything- your personal misfortune, the misfortune that has befallen your family and the crises you have faced- for the good and bring you well-being. Believe in Him. He heeds your prayer. He is pure love. When the Holy Ghost touches you the disease causing germs will be burnt out. Your evil possessions will be driven out. The bundle of your sins, the bindings of your sins will be broken.

Our God is one who provides for us. When the Israelites passed through the desert He gave them rich food. He gave them the meat of quail. The wind brought the quail.

Elijah was a prophet who had the spirit of God. He went to the royal court. Ahab, the reigning king was a wicked person. His queen Isabel surpassed him in wickedness. She was a depraved woman. During their reign faith was suppressed. The faithful were tormented and annihilated.

The king had the power of authority. The torture of innocent children of God by the people in authority brandishing the sword of their power is prevalent even today. Ahab used his authority to wipe out the children of God. The children of God who worshipped the living God ran away to caves to escape from Ahab. But Elijah was undeterred. He went alone to the court of Ahab and announced:

“Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe[a] in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither

dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word.”
1 Kings 17: 1

What insolence! Is it a man of God who makes this announcement? Is it man who brings rain and dew? Ahab was livid with anger. He looked around. What are the soldiers doing? Shouldn't they pounce upon him and slay him? What insolence has he spoken! Ahab boiled with rage. But Elijah was not to be put off. He spoke what ought to be spoken. He was the emissary of God. He announced on behalf of God. There will be rain and dew in the land only as bidden by me. Before Ahab could draw his sword to finish him, he walked away.

While returning from the palace Elijah heard the voice of God. “Son, King Ahab is on the lookout for killing you. Go where I tell you and hide there. There are some bushes in the Kerith ravine. Hide in those bushes.” Elijah obeyed. Elijah could have thought, there is only water. What about food? Where to find food in the desolation of Kerith?

But Elijah did not think twice. For, it was the ever living God who had sent him to Ahab's palace. It was He who had put those brave words in to his mouth. It was He who asked him to hide in the Kerith ravine. It was He who asked to drink from the Kerith. That God would take care of his food also. Elijah had confidence, His God would provide for him.

Elijah drank from the Kerith. No dew. No rain. The land was in the grip of drought. Blades of grass, leaves and everything green had dried up. Birds and animals

were falling dead. There was widespread devastation. No prospect of rain on the land. The water in the Kerith was steadily decreasing as Elijah drank from it every day. Elijah was not disturbed. Reason, God had asked him to hide there. He believed in the ever living God. He would cater for me.

Elijah grew hungry. There was no possible way to find food nor any scope. There comes a raven flying! A packet in its beaks! The raven gave the packet to Elijah and flew away. Elijah found bread and meat in the packet. Who sent it? God sent it. Believe, He who has the power to feed his servant through a raven is with us. The tendency of a raven is to grab food from the hands of man. But here a raven fetched bread and meat to God's servant. Elijah did not have to starve in the Kerith ravine.

Elijah was not likely to have the habit of eating food on time. Who would take care of such timing in the case of a poor God of man? But now while hiding in the Kerith ravine raven brought him food on time in the bidding of God. Every morning and evening raven brought him bread and meat. Elijah would eat. The wind of God feeds Elijah.

God provides for you. You won't be hard up in money matters. You won't have to worry about your debts. You won't have to stand aghast in the face of tribulations of life. You can present your problems before your Heavenly Father.

Once a small boy accompanied his mother to the shop. Mother was picking up things. But the child was

watching the chocolates displayed at the shop counter. His expectation was that his mother would buy him chocolates. But his mother didn't even look at them. The boy wouldn't leave the shop even after the mother had paid the bill. He still stood before the counter.

Though the mother couldn't make out why the boy was still standing there, the shop keeper got the hint. He said, "Take as many as you want." The mother too asked him to take two or three bars from the jar. But he wouldn't do it, nor would he leave. Finally, the shop keeper opened the jar and took out a handful of them from the jar and gave them to the boy. They were more than he could hold. On the way his mother asked him, "Why didn't you take the chocolates from the jar yourself?" The boy said, "Couldn't you make out? If I took them myself, I wouldn't get as many. My hand is small. Whereas if he took out and gave me, I would get more, as his hand is big."

If you grab, you will get only a little, whereas if Lord Almighty gives, what he gives will be as large his hand. God is the one who gives. When the Lord of Heaven gives, the amount would be proportionate to the magnitude of his hand and His glory. "My God will supply all of your needs according to his riches and glory in Jesus Christ." You should ask. One should ask who provides. Why don't you try this? What you have to do is:

"If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened;" Psalms 66: 18

If there is sin in you, God cannot give. Remove your sin, your iniquity and your vices.

If you ask keeping sin in your heart, God cannot give. Therefore stretch out your hands after you have cleansed your hands. Lord, evils took place in my life. Immorality occurred. I hereby forsake all my sins forever. Pray to him, 'Jesus, wash me clean with the blood that has burst out of your heart.' Your sins, however severe they are, however inexorable they are, will be forgiven.

The Bible refers to the Samaritan woman. She had had five husbands. Yet she had a sixth man. She hadn't yet married him. She had divorced the first five husbands. She was living with the sixth man who was not her husband. It was such a woman who became a witness to Christ.

It was to this woman Jesus spoke to at the well in the village of Sychar. Jesus told her about her life, which she had very carefully kept under the wraps. Jesus pointed out her sin:

"...for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" *John 4: 18*

As Jesus spoke to her, her heart caught fire. She went back to her town. She brought many other people.

"Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?" *John 4: 29*

Our ever living God loves and cleanses even the most sinful person. He obliterates all your past sins. There were so many things that had been scribbled on the board. But now when you look at it, nothing is visible,

everything has been wiped away.

Similarly, God is willing to rinse you clean of all the blots on your past. He is willing to write off all the sins that have been accounted. Pray to Him, my Lord, cleanse me, and forgive my sins. How immense would be the relief, when you gain the assurance that your sins have been forgiven!

If you have ever got angry with your father, you should beg pardon to God as well as your father. You might have hurt your children, hurt or ignored and made your mother-in-law unhappy, treated your husband without courtesy and deference.

You might have hurt your wife. You might have thrashed your wife, your cruel words might have made indelible bruises in her heart. "I had absolutely no intention to marry you, but merely acquiesced in the plans of my parents." Such words which create the impression that her husband is not happy with her and doesn't need her are apt to make her life a torment. There are husbands who are sadistic to their wives in this fashion.

There are wives who tell their husbands, "I was not willing to marry you. I had had better proposals. I didn't want this; my parents and brother hustled me in to this." Don't ever think or say such words. Imagine the trauma such words can create in the heart of that hapless man.

Dear ones, repent such behaviour, ask forgiveness and be reconciled. Repent the insults caused to your teachers, torments caused to your students and losses

you have brought to other people.

“Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.” Proverbs 28 : 13

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1 : 9

You should repent your sins to Jesus Christ. Thus your sins should get forgiven. After your sins have been forgiven, you can demand to God, Lord, I have certain needs, make me pass my examination, get the marriage of my daughter arranged, Lord, heal me of my sickness, show me mercy and relieve me of this debt etc. When you approach the Lord after getting rid of your sins, He will caress you, meet your demands and relieve you of your sorrows.

Many people don't bother to repent their sins, nor are they willing to give up their sins. You studiously listen to the gospel, but never take account of your sins and forsake them.

Some people who read these words may entertain certain icons in their hearts. They cling to sins, certain photos, certain illicit relationships, certain obscene pictures, blue films, evils they got hooked to through mobile chatting.

There are many who are addict to drinking and smoking marihuana. Bickering in the family, drug addiction, addiction to *Hans, Pan Parag*, illicit

relationships, extra-marital relationships are common.

Son, unless you abstain from these sins, your prayer will not rise to the Lord. He has been patient with you in his infinite mercy. He is giving you a chance to repent. He is loosening the compact soil around you and adding manure for one more year. He is giving you another chance with the intention to chop you off only if you don't yet bear fruit.

“A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?'

“Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'”

Luke 13:6-9

He is giving you grace time to bear fruit, failing which you will be cut off. Don't ever be heedless when you get a chance. Do repent soon and change your life. You may not get another chance. Death is so unpredictable that you wouldn't know when it comes for you. Once consigned to it, there is no return from the fiery lake that is hell.

The merciful God offers to forgive your sins. Seizing this great opportunity change your life before setbacks

and reverses befall you. Stand as a fruit bearing tree of God. Now you are being fertilized. You are being given grace period of one more year.

What is this fertilizer? It is nothing but the blood of Jesus. Adding this fertilizer, the living God is watering you. Retaining you in the grove, He is pouring his life blood on to the roots. He is soaking you with the heavenly water of life. Don't lose this opportunity. As you read this word, lift up your heart to the Lord.

Jesus, be kind to me, don't take in to account my sins and hold them against me. I believe that you have made the provision for heeding my prayer, for sustaining me and for feeding me. I am giving up my sins. Thus, pray, dedicate and give yourself in to the hands of the Lord.

The wind is blowing. The quail is flying towards you. You are being fed. Let the wind blow, let the wind, which is the Holy Ghost, blow. Let your needs be fulfilled. Let your demonic possessions be cast off, let your curses be lifted, let the curses and misfortunes that have been handed down from generations be lifted for ever.

Let prosperity and well-being rush in to your family. Let there be peace. Let the bindings of your sins be broken. Let the fortifications of Satan be dismantled. Let the living God deliver you from Satan after destroying his fortifications. Let times of comfort prevail over you. Let your illnesses be healed. Let your family be blessed with harmony. Let your children be blessed. Dedicate yourself to God at this very moment.

Give yourself in to the hands of God. Give your word to God. 'Jesus, I am a new person from this moment.' If you are determined to give yourself to God, repeat this prayer after me.

'Merciful God, be kind to me, I abandon Satan and all his bindings forever. I accept Messiah, the saviour who died for me on the cross. I am a new person from this day.'

Merciful God, praise be to thee for this beautiful time. Praise be to thee for the word of life, the heavenly manna that is being given to us. Praise be to thee for raising us to glory. Lord, heal our sick, comfort those who are in distress, bring peace and harmony to the families and sanctify everybody for your Second Coming. Let your name be glorified. In the sovereign name of Christ, Amen.



Chapter - 7

We have been pondering over the functions of the Holy Spirit. The wind, which is the Holy Ghost, is the wind that creates; the wind that revives. The Holy Ghost is the wind that brings the dry bones to life. The Holy Ghost is the wind that sanctifies, the wind that winnows and blows away the chaff. The Holy Ghost is the wind that feeds. The Holy Ghost is the wind that removes obstacles.

Let us examine what the next function of the Holy Ghost is.

“But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark, and he sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded. Now the springs of the deep and the floodgates of the heavens had been closed, and the rain had stopped falling from the sky. The water receded steadily from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the water had gone down,”

Genesis 8 : 1 - 3

God sent the wind, the floods subsided. The floods of the early period. What is dealt with in the Bible are geographical facts. In other words, the contents of the Bible are not contradictory to scientific facts. It is said in

the Bible that a fish swallowed Jonah and Jonah spent three days in the belly of the fish. Can this be factual? Can a man come out of the belly of a fish alive after remaining there for three days? This suspicion of scientists was cleared in 1964.

In 1964 two fishermen went in to the sea in the Norwegian coast. They disappeared with their boat. After a few days a giant fish, of the size which had never been seen, about twenty four times the size of an elephant, landed on the coast. It hadn't been quite dead. When they cut open its belly they found the two fishermen inside.

They were shifted to hospital and given necessary treatment. They survived. This happened in 1964. It was found out that there is oxygen bladder in the stomach of a variety of fish. The men survived due to the oxygen available in the stomach of the fish. God had recorded a scientific fact that was not known to science!

Emperor *Ahasuerus* mentioned in the Bible is the Emperor *Xerexes* in the history. So do *Cyrus*, *Darius* and *Artaxerexes* find place in the Bible. *Russia* (as *Rus*), *Moscow* (as *Meshech*), *Tobolsk* (as *Tuba*) *Mongolia* (as *Magog*), *Athens* (as *Athens*) and *Macedonia* occur in the Bible.

Science and the Bible go hand in hand. But what is stated in science can change. As science grows its findings vary. That doesn't happen to the biblical facts though. The Deluge in the Genesis is historical. That the earth underwent mega floods once is a fact mentioned in history.

Jawaharlal Nehru in his 'Glimpses of World History' mentions the devastating floods the earth witnessed. Then the earth lay under water for a period. The earth that emerged out of the floods was with a new atmosphere. What emerged was a clean earth clear of diseases and disease causing germs.

The Mediterranean Sea came in to being following the mega floods. Till then there was no divide of the sea between Europe and Africa. The floods, a historical fact, was God's retributive measure. Why did God bring the floods? The retribution of God on humans steeped in sin! The sinner is punished. The retribution that fell upon the humans who did not avail the opportunity afforded to them to repent! The reason for the floods:

“When human beings began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, the sons of God saw that the daughters of humans were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose. Then the Lord said, “My Spirit will not contend with humans forever, for they are mortal; their days will be a hundred and twenty years.”

(Genesis 6 : 1 - 3)

When man's ways became wicked, God says, His Holy Spirit would not be pleading for ever with man. This is quite lucid in the English version of the Bible.

“My spirit must not for ever be disgraced in man.”-The Living Bible

I won't allow my spirit to be disgraced in man. If, even after long counselling, man doesn't change ways, I won't

allow my spirit to withdraw in disgrace. Man has gone rotten through and through; wicked through and through; sinful through and through. He has been given 120 years to mend his ways.

“My spirit must not for ever be disgraced in man. Wholly evil as he is. I will give him 120 years to mend his ways.” -The Living Bible

Jehovah saw that man's wickedness was of great magnitude and that his inner feelings and his intentions were always wicked. Man's intentions were sinful. His thoughts were sinful. There was sin in man. He didn't bother to turn to God. God foresaw the perdition that he was heading for. As he loved man he didn't want man to meet such a terrible end.

It is because we love our children that we don't want them to run in to danger. We caution them when they walk down a slippery slope. God sees the hidden danger with the panic of a mother who watches her child standing on the edge of a well. Like the mother who fears the fall of the child in to the well, God is worried about the man who is heading for perdition and wants to stop him in his track.

God saw that his intentions were diabolic. He foresaw him slipping in to danger, his life in ruins and heading for eternal damnation.

“The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled.” *Genesis 6:6*

God repented having created man. 'The one I moulded in my hands is heading for danger.' He

announced that he would slay the man whom he himself created.

That was the reason for the deluge. The retribution of God on man. Condemned to damnation. The sin wrought by Satan comes to the fore in man. God repents. He watches man's rebellion with a heavy heart. Man is going to be damned. God does not impose damnation on man. Man begs for it. God does not want anything bad to happen to man. Nor does he scourge man.

Don't ever think that your afflictions and misfortunes are punishments given by God. Don't ever think that God has brought this to you in his anger. What we mistake as God's punishment is nothing but losing his presence. Losing the presence of God which we once had in our heart is the greatest punishment. Your soul which was living once is dead now. When sin comes in to you God dies in you. Your soul dies. There is no punishment as hard as that.

When you look up towards the Lord, you don't perceive his light. When you address the Lord, you are not able to hear His voice. When you pray to Him you don't get any response. There is no worse punishment. Are you at that stage where you deserve such retribution? Are you able to discern the presence of God when you pray?

The other day an elderly man telephoned me. "Sir, shall I come to your place? I need to talk to you." I asked him to talk to me over the phone. He said, "No, I must talk to you. I want to meet you face to face." He came home. While talking he said, "I don't get the presence of God

when I pray. Till the other day I have had His presence. What shall I do? Where have I erred? I am not able to make out. I don't have the impression that the Lord responds when I address Him.”

As we talked on, the reason revealed itself. A hard hearted gentleman talked to him, while they were travelling together in a vehicle for four or five kilometres. The man was a non-believer and all the while he talked of ungodly things. He merely listened to him and it never shook his belief not even for a moment.

He was a firm believer, but just as he listened to him the grace of God ebbed away from him. Through hearing disbelief stole in to him. Sin enters through your organs. In respect of this man sin entered in to him through his hearing. Iniquity may enter you through your eyes.

People become subject to the wrath of God, when they watch obscene pictures and get excited, when they indulge in *Facebook* friendships, or when they get in to dirty sites and watch dirty pictures. They abuse the gifts of modern science and technology in disgusting ways. It is the soul that gets corrupted in the process, for which the retribution is going to be terrible.

Have you experienced The Lord having heeded your prayer when you addressed him as 'My Lord'? Are you able to sit on and on praising Him without getting up? Have you ever yearned the time of praise not to end? Have you ever experienced that exaltation, the feeling that the more you praised, the more you wanted to praise? If not, there is something amiss. The deluge is going to

happen in your life. Not even for a moment should you be without feeling the presence of God. The void of sin should not be allowed to distance you from God.

Don't ever allow leeway to Satan in your life. Don't ever let sin enter you through your eyes, nor through your ears. Don't deceive yourself thinking that nobody has heard the fulminations and obscenities you uttered. God sees and hears everything. God will exit from you. You lose the presence of God.

Do words of soreness, grudge, bitterness, malice and vilification occur in your words or thoughts? The word of God says, man is accountable for every silly word he speaks on the Day of Judgement.

“But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the Day of Judgment for every empty word they have spoken.”

Mathew 12 : 36

Suppose the Collector of your district said, “The Prime Minister of India is coming to Ernakulam. He desires to rest for some time in your house. He will be there at such and such a place and time.” How excited and happy you would be! You would think, “I haven't ever met the Prime Minister. How come he knows me?” What a surprise! Your status has risen overnight. 'A dignitary of the stature of the Prime Minister is coming to my house.' Following the information, the police enters the scene, clears the route for the dignitary and makes security fool proof. You get your house repainted. You clean and arrange the furniture. You do whatever possible to give a

facelift to your house in honour of the dignitary.

'What honour! The Prime Minister of India whom I haven't ever met before is visiting my house!' This you can understand.

Now, Lord Jesus Christ says, 'daughter, not the Prime Minister of India, not the President of India, but the immortal Christ who assigned these posts to these people and who has created the sun, the moon, the stars and the entire universe has been pleased to visit your heart.' Prepare the way for him to your heart. Prepare the way for the Lord, pave the way for Him.

Have you prepared your heart for Christ? You don't get the presence of God unless you haven't paved the way. You don't get a response when you call the Lord. You don't experience the Holy Ghost descending on you when you praise. What is the reason? You don't have an idea about the paramount stature of this visitor. You have no notion of the person who wants to visit you.

You may not have health or beauty. You may not have money. You may have many shortcomings. You may not be respected in society. You may not even be respected in your family. You may not be held in high esteem even by your near and dear ones. But Jesus Christ attaches great prestige to you and offers to dwell in your heart. Have you paved the way for Him? Make a retrospection. Is there anything that has to be renounced?

Before coming in to this experience of spiritual exaltation, divine love and praise, I made a thorough examination of my life for a whole day. This introspection

covered the whole life since the past I could recollect. I combed out all the sins I committed in my thoughts and emotions, in my dealings, in my words and deeds, in my seeing and hearing, in my talk, movements and touch. I jotted down each one of them in a note book. This was a tremendously redeeming experience.

You should pave way for Jesus to walk in to your life. Pray to God to expel all sinful intentions from your heart. The wickedness in your life is enormous. You should pray for its expulsion.

You have caused agony to many people. People have lamented on account of you. You have wounded people with your words. You have made them suffer. You have slandered many people. You have spread rumours and calumny about many people. You have criticized, flouted and ridiculed the service of God and God's workers. You haven't for a moment contemplated the peril you are likely to bring upon yourself. Retribution is imminent. The deluge is imminent. The deluge is fast approaching as you are reading this. It has arrived.

However, to us, who are living in the grace period, has scope for hope. God's word says:

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands

condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil."

3 John : 16 - 19

What is the Judgement? Aren't a majority of people subject to The Judgement, retribution and The Deluge strictly in accordance with the above words? The Judgement is nothing but man's preference for darkness despite the light that has come to the world. The word is the light. Christ is the light. The Holy Ghost of God is the light. The Holy Ghost has come. You have got the word of God. The light of truth and life are radiating towards us.

What you have read is the word of life, the word that is light. This is the word of the spirit of life. The word that makes you live. The word that leads you to Heaven. The word that deletes your infirmities. The word that gets rid of your fatigue. The word that erases the blots in your soul. The word that delivers you from the retribution you have incurred. The word that extricates you from The Judgement. The word that resuscitates your soul that is dead. The word that cleanses you. The word that sanctifies you. The word that brings peace and harmony to the family. The word that gives happiness to your mind. This is the light which is nothing but the spirit. The light has come to the world.

"Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light"; therefore, in spite of the word they have received they turn to evil. You have received the

word which is the light of life. You have received the true word. You have received the word undefiled by vested interest. You have heard the word which has no other objective than beseeching God to bless us with the Holy Spirit.

Still people misread this fellowship, defy it presumptuously and resent it. People denounce it and try to isolate it. This is a fellowship which has no other interest than to restore the kingdom of heaven, to redeem the sinner, to transform character, to obtain the renewal Jesus Christ brings about, to bring peace and to wipe out devastation and demerit in your life.

Whatever man does involves evil. Man tends to fall in to unrighteousness. He prefers darkness to light. He repeats quarrelling. He repeats creating disharmony in the family. He repeats tormenting his wife. He repeats drinking. He repeats going in to bad company. He repeats ganging up with his friends and vandalizing the college. He repeats the ruinous habits of substance abuse. He repeats wasting away his life in dirty pictures and illicit relationships. As man's deeds are evil he prefers darkness to light.

Who defies light? All who does evil defies light. Those who defy the true word. Those who don't abandon their sins. They don't come in to the light in order not to expose their misdeeds. Those whose deeds are righteous come to the light as their deeds are in God. Those who want to abandon their sins bring their deeds to the light. Those who are unwilling to abandon their sins are under Judgement. Many among you are subject to

damnation. Many among you are under Judgement.

*O Judge of Judges, due to my trespass against you,
Shame me not at the House of Judgement
Though not fit for redemption, show me mercy
For the sake of thy flesh and blood vested in me.
I bow to the cross of your great love of me
Your precious flesh and blood to absolve me
O Merciful Jesus, give me redemption in thy mercy.*

So now it is clear that you are under Judgement. What do we do now? Pray, Merciful Christ, give me redemption from the Judgement. Give me redemption from the Deluge. Give me salvation. I am not eligible for redemption. Condemnation is my just deserts.

Nevertheless, my Lord, I claim and insist, didn't you shatter your body and shed your blood on the cross for my sake? For the sake of that supreme sacrifice, not on my merit, but by your mercy, give me redemption.

You need not weary. You need not be desperate. This is the period of grace. There is absolution from Judgement. The door of the Ark is open. Anybody can enter. The leopard is free to enter. The cruel lion is free to enter. The ferocious tiger is free to enter. The hyena and the bear are free to enter. All beasts of prey, all wild animals can enter. There is space in this Ark. You need not get drowned in the floods. You need not be damned. An Ark has been designed to escape from the floods. The side has been pierced and blood has been shed. Lord, I don't merit deliverance, yet on the merit of your flesh and blood vested in me, give me deliverance. Jesus, who died

in the cross for my sake, I bow to your cross, I prostrate before your cross, avert the Judgement on me. Forgive me now.

“Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.’ And you forgave the guilt of my sin.” Psalms 32 : 1 - 5

Sitting where you are, decide that you will confess all your sins and abandon them. The signs of goodness are in the offing. Blessings await you.

Jesus Christ is immutable. Jesus will come with you. The man who is 'I' may not be found on this earth tomorrow. Nobody can live in this world forever. But God has no end. This fellowship may cease to be, but Jesus will not cease to be. God's children will cease to be, but Jesus will not cease to be. Jesus is immutable. If you aspire for a bright future, say goodbye to your sins.

Jesus is close to you. Jesus has come to avert the Deluge. Jesus has come to avert the conflagration and the floods. Jesus has come to avert your Judgement. Jesus has come to avert your retribution. Jesus has come

to revive your soul that is dead. Jesus has come to wash you of your sin and of the vices of your heart. Pray, Father, wash me clean of the blemishes of my sins with your flesh and blood.

It is a blessing to be absolved of your sins. It is a blessing to be sanctified. To be rid of all your sins up to date is a grand benediction. Jesus is offering you this grand benediction of getting absolved of your sins. For this great blessing you need not change your church or your community; you remain loyal to the church you belong to, you pay respect to the priests and all important people. There is nothing wrong in these things. What matters is to live a life after the image of Jesus Christ.

Live a life which will please Christ. Stay out of sin. Let your curses be lifted. Let your diseases be healed. Let your closed doors be wide open to Christ. When Jesus touches you, you are cured of your inherited mental diseases, of cancer, of asthma and of blocks in your blood vessels. So are you of defects in heart valves, migraine, and intestinal ulcers.

Truly the source of life has come in to your midst. He is touching you. He is caressing you. He is embracing you. He is expelling from you bad habits. The aroma of sanctity and love are wafting in to your family.

Your life is becoming fragrant. Fragrance is spreading everywhere. Prosperity, peace and love suffuse your family. The fellowship is blessed. The children of God unite and work as one force. They set out working for God. The work of God becomes their sole life

mission.

Lord, what shall I do? How do I serve you? In whichever ways shall I love you? These become the quests of your heart. Jesus Christ blesses you. God's people, let the nail-ripped hand be placed on your head. Let the Judgement be revoked. Let the deluge recede. Let heavenly graces be showered upon you. Let God bless you.

Let us dedicate. O merciful Lord, praise be to thee for this beautiful moment. Father, praise be to thee for your grace that has found me. Praise be to thee for giving us your loving gospel. Praise be to thee for retrieving our souls. Pass your hand on all, wipe their tears, bless them and bring them peace. Bring relief to the bruised hearts and smouldering minds. Let peace come upon families. Prepare all of us for your Second Coming. In the holiest name of Jesus Christ, Amen.



Chapter - 8

Wind is the subject of our discussion. What all happens when the wind of Holy Ghost blows:

1. Creation. The wind that creates.
2. Regeneration. The wind that regenerates.
3. Revival. The wind that revives and gives new vigour.
4. Sanctification. The wind that sanctifies.
5. Removing the obstacles. The wind that removes hardships and hurdles.
6. Feeding. The wind that brings food; the wind brought quails.
7. Judgement. The wind that revokes Judgement.
The wind that recedes the Deluge.

Let us find out what next the wind of Holy Ghost brings us.

“The Lord said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.”

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake,

eloquence, fluent declamation, and semblance of philosophizing. But it is not necessary that the Word of God is in that, like the Word of God was not in the storm and the earthquake or fire. But afterwards there was a gentle whisper, a soft voice. There was a gentle breeze blowing. There was God's Word in that. "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

God's Word is awakening and invigorating. God's Word makes man stand up from where he is and move ahead. It points out your mistakes. 'Elijah, it is not here you should be sitting.' God is showing you your mistake. 'This is not how you should be sitting.' God is revealing your mistakes to you. How loving of Him!

'Well, son, it is good that you are sitting here. You are sitting in prayer here. You have been traversing the desert forty days and forty nights without food. You have had a tiresome journey. Now you are taking rest under a broom tree.' Thus saying, God did not congratulate Elijah; on the other hand God shows us our failures. That is the nature of God's love.

In Revelations, chapter 2, while writing the epistle to the Church of Ephesus, the Spirit of God says that there is an oversight to be mentioned. He is writing to the emissary of the church:

"Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place"

Revelations 2 : 4, 5

God's Word is always that reminds man of his transgressions. The place where you are sitting is not right. Your present way of life is not right. You will be of no use if you go on in your present style. Even though I want to make use of you, I am simply not being able to do so. You have a mission in this life. You have been displaced to such a degree that I am not able to make use of you. "You have forsaken the love you had at first. Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first."

The church of Ephesus was a full spirit church of the first century. The Church was a church of full spirit, which praised God and interacted each other with psalms and praises and raised glory to 'Father and God' constantly for everything.

However, in course of time the full spirit church began to wear down. It is addressed to that church, "You have forsaken the love you had at first. Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place." It is warned.

There was an amplitude in your prayer. Fire glowed when you prayed. You had a spiritual experience. Fire sparked when you gave message. You once had power and zeal. You had competence. You had sanctity. What has happened to you? You have deviated from your first love. Therefore, introspect where you have veered, repent and resume the right path. If you don't mend your ways, I will remove your lampstand from its place. The lamp is blown out.

Dear ones, the Word of God always lacerates your heart. God points out your failings with a view to making you eligible for the Kingdom of Heaven. That is what God does here. God awakened Elijah. A gentle whisper, what are you doing here?

For the benefit of those who want to learn more about Elijah, I would like to draw your attention to the three books on Elijah-'*Beside the Kerith*', '*How long in two boats*' and '*Where is the God of Elijah*'. Reading those books are a spiritually edifying experience. You should read spiritual books as often as you can. They provide you a spiritual verve. Your sadness and weariness will vanish.

In fact, should Elijah be sitting there? If you look back to his past, you find that he was a dynamic and fiery prophet. It was like a storm he barged in to the palace of Ahab. An unrefined, uneducated, shabbily attired and ascetic figure stormed in to the palace and confronted the King. He pointed his finger at the king and said, "*As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word.*"

What power! What vigour! How did he get the courage to say that? If anybody dared to say such things in front of a king, would he be able to come out alive? But Elijah had no fear whatsoever.

When you were spiritually empowered, did you entertain any fear for anybody? Weren't you full of courage? Did you bother if anybody ridiculed you, abused you, misunderstood you, opposed you, grudged you,

threatened you or expelled you from the church? Absolutely no fear. What power! The confidence that the Almighty God is with you!

Actually, in the early period I repented, it was as if I were not on this earth. Though physically present in this world, in fact, I was in another world. Nothing bothered me. Nothing troubled my heart. No cares and worries. Nothing disturbed me. The mind was in ecstasy as though I found a treasure.

The early experiences were times of ecstasy of first love. I was running after Gospel meetings. In those days I was not able to speak God's word. But I had immense respect for those who spoke the word. I was after them. I was never satiated of listening to them.

In those days there was a small fellowship in my church. It consisted of ten or twelve people. I too would sit with them. I was the youngest among them. They had good knowledge, knew the Bible, spoke the message fairly well and even were able to quote from the Bible by heart. Whereas I didn't have an inkling how to speak the message.

However, after being spiritually enlightened, it was pure ecstasy to be sitting among them. It was thrilling to sit among them and my heart jumped with joy while listening to the word with great longing. I hankered after listening to the word, an experience similar to sucking honey. I would pray for the experience to be never ending.

In those days following Sunday service I would attend prayer group. After lunch at home I would rush

back to church. After teaching in Sunday school, I would sit among the elders and listen to their reflections on God till sunset. What good times! Glory to God! The ecstasy of the first love for God! What an exalting experience!

Shall I ask you out of my affection for you, don't you want that experience of fire? Don't you want to involve in that experience? You can definitely come in to it. You should say to God, My Lord, if there is such an ecstatic experience, if there is such fire, I must have it. Lord, it should commence now, otherwise, it would be an irreparable loss.

You have accumulated wealth. You have saved a lot of money. You have built a big house. You are affluent. You have a fat bank balance. You have stashed away plenty of money for marrying off your daughters. All is well. But would it be the end? After a certain period in this world, you will pass on to the other world. Nobody would see you after that. You are no more. Therefore, you should appropriate the fiery experience of repentance, of mercy and the power and love following repentance.

The God of Heavens will not be indebted to anyone. Once you handed over your life to Christ he wouldn't leave you to be hard up or to regress. He would mitigate and raise you.

“If you return to the Almighty, you will be restored: If you remove wickedness far from your tent.” Job 22 : 23

“Humility is the fear of the LORD; its wages are riches and honour and life.” Proverbs 22 : 4

“The LORD will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the LORD your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom.” Deuteronomy 28 : 13

Some may wonder why they haven't got progress in life in spite of having given their life to God. Delay doesn't mean denial. That God hasn't given you as soon as you asked need not mean that God is not going to give you. Son, wait with patience, wait with faith, wait after sanctifying yourself. He will have done it in his time. Because the reply has been delayed you need not jump in to the conclusion that your prayer has been rejected. Delays are not denials.

Elijah had no worry. He had water in the Kerith to drink and the raven brought him bread. The king failed to find him. He sent his troops. But they couldn't find him. He had hidden himself in the bushes. At last water in the Kerith dried up. Elijah could have thought, the water is fast drying up. Won't the raven stop bringing bread too? The Almighty God who fed him by the raven said to Elijah, “You go to the widow of Seraphat.”

In obedience to God Elijah went in search of the widow's house. When Elijah found her, she and her son were collecting firewood. Elijah asked, “What are you doing?” They said, “We are gathering a couple of sticks. We have just enough dough to make a piece of bread each. After eating it, we are going to die. We have nothing left to eat. The whole province is in the grip of famine. There has been no rain and a severe drought has set in.

There is no water to drink nor any food to eat.” Elijah said, 'First bring me some water to drink, and also a piece of bread to eat.'

It was for the good that the widow obeyed. She felt the urge to obey when a man who had the spirit of God in him asked. She baked a piece of bread. She was amazed to see that the dough in the jar hadn't been used up proportionately. There was as much dough in the jar as it had been before. She fed Elijah with that loaf.

She baked more bread, but dough in the jar didn't go short a bit. Mother and son had their meal. Yet, neither the dough in the jar nor the oil in the jug was used up a bit. They made bread and fed their neighbours. The house became a house of feast. In the severe famine, the widow was able to feed the poor and the wretched in the locality. The arrival of the prophet who had been sent by God became a boon.

The presence of a man of God in the area is a blessing. The presence of a man of God sent by God in a family is a blessing. Elijah had gone there on the instructions of God. Elijah lived there for three and a half years. He lived in hiding in the loft of the widow's house. Meanwhile, the king and his troops went searching for the prophet everywhere, but to no avail.

After three and a half years Elijah presented himself before the king. He went in the open to the palace and challenged the king to a test of Baal's power, “King, I am here in your kingdom. Listen to me. You are a worshipper of false Gods. You are an idol worshipper, aren't you? Let

us go to Mount Carmel. Let us prepare altars there. You can worship idols of Baal. And if your God descends on the offering as fire, I will concede that your God is true. On the other hand, if the fire descends on my altar, it will authenticate the true and living God, the one and only God, Jehovah.” The king agreed to the contest. He had no way out but to accept the challenge.

Elijah, the king and all idol worshippers of Baal assembled at Mount Carmel and built their respective altars. No fire descended on the altar of the king. They made a big racket, they yelled, they gashed themselves with their swords. But no fire descended to consume their offering. When they were tired, Elijah mocked at the king. Then he cut the bull in pieces and laid them on the altar. He dug a trench around the altar and filled it to the brim with water.

After pouring water over the altar and soaking the wood through and through, Elijah prayed, “O Lord in the Heavens, in order to prove before these people that I have done all this at your command, send your fire upon this altar.” No sooner did he finish his prayer than a flame of fire descended from heaven. The Baal worshippers were stunned. Elijah commanded, “Now that it has been proved beyond doubt who the true God is, seize all the prophets of Baal and kill them.”

A large number of idol worshippers were killed on that day. The king was shaken. Elijah bent down low on the top of Carmel and prayed to God. The Elijah, who had said, three and half years ago, 'no rain will fall except at my word', now prayed, 'Lord, make it rain'. After bringing

down fire from heaven, Elijah prayed for rain.

After praying for some time he said to his servant, 'Go and find out if you see anything.' He replied, 'There is nothing.' And seven times the reply was repeated. The seventh time he replied, 'There is a cloud, as small as a man's hand, rising out of the sea!' Elijah realized, he heard the reverberations of rain. Elijah said to the king, 'Climb into your chariot and go back home. If you don't hurry, the rain will stop you!' Elijah commanded. It rained. A terrific rain! In the rain the frail Elijah ran ahead of Ahab's chariot. The chariot was driven by a horse. Yet Elijah ran ahead of the chariot faster than the horse.

The hand of the Lord was on Elijah. He was instrumental in descending fire. At his command the rain would stop. At his command the rain would fall. On Elijah's request fire would descend from heaven. Elijah was one with such extra-ordinary powers. But later on we find that Elijah became timid. Elijah did not sit where he should have sat.

We find Elijah sitting in the gloom of despair and defeat in the wilderness of Beersheba. He asks God to let him die. What is the cause of this change? Jezebel, Ahab's consort, had sent out a threat to kill Elijah. She would kill him within twenty four hours. Elijah trembled at the threat and feared that the heartless woman would execute her threat. He wanted to die before she got him killed. Hence his death wish.

Dear child of God, shall I tell you, you have lost your power. There was great power in your prayer once. Once

you had great fervour. Today you are under distress due to many reasons. Your power has diminished. There was a time you had the power to overpower natural forces- to stop the rain from falling, to bring down fire from heaven. All these were God given grace.

Consider whether you had such experience. The experience of fire descending when you worshipped. Retrospect, whether miracles have occurred when you prayed for some people filled with the amazing power of the Spirit; problems solved, diseases cured.

Once you prophesied, didn't you? Certain people repented at your word. The words from your mouth made certain people introspect.

You struggled in prayer on your bent knees many a time, devoted yourself to God, worshipped in beatitude and your heart filled with bliss. Consider what state you are in now. You are lying stretched out in a cave tired and in panic. 'I don't want to see anyone. I have had enough. Lord, take my life. I don't want to have anything to do with the fellowship. I have no hope in the fellowship. I don't even want my servant to give me company. I have left him far behind at the beginning of the desert.'

If Elijah had sat there without food or water in despair, one day those who passed through the desert would have stumbled on an unclaimed dead body. Son, you should never be an unclaimed dead body. 'Who is this? Prophet Elijah!' Wouldn't God's name be disgraced when people would exclaim that this dead body was of Elijah who brought down fire on Mount Carmel?

Many are sitting alone. They feel isolated as if they had no one to help. But God in Heaven hasn't forgotten you. Yes, He remembers you; the God who empowered Elijah, the God who preserved him beside the Kerith, the God who sheltered him in the house of the widow of Seraphat, the God who employed him to do supernatural things on Carmel hasn't forgotten you.

Even if you are tired, God will not let you be tired. Even if you forget, God will not forget. Even if you forget what you covenanted, God will not forget the word he has given you. The living God requires to involve you in more of His Service. Your service has not ended.

Elijah, what are you doing here? That is what God asked. A big storm at the mouth of the cave. Elijah pricked up his ears. Why this tempest now? Is everything tumbling down? He listened, nothing was heard. God was not there. Next there was a big earthquake. Elijah listened again. There were echoes and voices. Nothing happened. Then came fire. Elijah was reminded of the fire in Carmel. But will God come here in fire? No, God wasn't there in the fire too. Slowly he heard a soft whisper:

“The Lord said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the

fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.” Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”
1 Kings 19: 11 - 13

That voice, that gentle whisper which followed the breeze touched his heart. It touched a chord in his heart and wakened him.

Now, the child of God, you are being asked, 'what are you doing here?' This is not the place you are to be found. You should not be sitting here. You shouldn't have gone to that place. You shouldn't have fallen in to that company. You shouldn't have seen that mobile message. You should have deleted that SMS. You shouldn't have replied to that. What business do you have here? Why did you go for that? Are you bent upon ruining yourself?

It would appear as if you are bent upon shortening your life span? Young man, why did you fall in to that company? Why did you become alcoholic? Why did you join bad friends? Isn't it your life span that is getting shortened? Isn't it your future that is being ruined? What are you doing here?

Elijah, what are you doing here? You are not one to be gloomy like this. Haven't you had sublime experiences? Haven't you been intimate to God? Haven't you heard the voice of the Lord? Haven't you had close friendship with God? Didn't you see him send fire?

You asked him to stop rain from falling. He obliged. You asked him to send rain. He obliged. You asked him to

send fire. He sent fire. Didn't He give you whatever you asked? Did he deny you anything? He didn't leave you to ridicule. Did he leave you to fatigue? Did he leave you to be shamed before others? He didn't let you down anywhere. He didn't leave you in the lurch. He always promoted you.

Elijah, this cave is not the place you should be sitting. You are not the one to go in to hiding. You are not the one to be isolated. There are seven thousand people behind you, seven thousand who wouldn't kneel to Baal. I looked upon you to lead these people from the front. I called upon you for that mission.

There are thousands of ignorant people who can't make out their left hand from the right hand. I have set hope on you to lead them in the path of truth, to introduce the living God to them. The wind of the Holy Ghost is blowing. This wind is apt to restore you from your lethargy and frailty and to empower you. It makes you competent. Are you gathering the power the gentle whisper is providing you? Are you conscious of that gentle breeze blowing?

Lord, let the breeze of your Holy Spirit caress each one who reads these words. Jesus has come to visit those who have lost their power, those who have lost their sanctity, those who have lost their spiritual vigour, those who have lost their first love, those who have lost their faith. The gentle whisper is oscillating in your ears. It is enchanting, caressing and comforting.

Don't ignore this wind that has come to comfort you.

That precious love is blowing at the entrance of your heart. It is offering relief to you aching heart. It is relieving you of your bindings. It is removing your fatigue. It is removing your frailties. It is removing your shortcomings. It is removing your fear and giving you courage.

O God who has preserved me and brought me up to this point, who sustained me and nurtured me with you word, I am offering my life in to your hands once again. Place your hand on me. Give me courage. Overlook my frailties and forgive my sins.

Let us pray. O merciful Lord, praise be to thee for touching those who are reading this. Praise be to thee for placing your hand on your children. Praise be to thee for blessing all of your children. Pass your hand upon us, caress us, and remove our frailties and apprehensions. Invest those who are drained of their power with new power. Show mercy to restore us, entrust us with new services, give us new vigour and bless all of us. In the loving name of Jesus Christ.



Chapter - 9

There is an inspiration the Holy Ghost gives me when the people of God assemble. Uninterrupted billows of thick smog spiralling up as if it were smoke from the chimney of a furnace. They roll up and form thick clouds in the sky. The sky darkens, so do the nature and the earth. They block the sun's rays from reaching the earth. The Holy Ghost reveals this. What is this dark smog? Nothing but the heavy sighs that rise from us. Everyone's heart is boiling and smouldering and is in great anguish. Life chokes with grievances and tribulations. There is no peace. There is no harmony in the family. There is no oneness among parents and children. Husband and wife battle, making their life an unending misery. Families live in the gloom of despair, as disparate people who don't love or trust each other.

There are many controversies that distort and bedevil family life. The heavy sighs that rise from such jinxed families thicken in the atmosphere as smog. The atmosphere is growing darker and darker. Then the wind blows. That is the gospel. During the gospel service the wind of the Holy Ghost blows. The word is the voice of the spirit. The word is the message of the spirit. The word is the power of the spirit. The word is the flame of the spirit.

When the word blows, the sun's rays diffuse, the fog scatters and the atmosphere clears up and becomes bright. Great! Isn't it? That is how the word works. We are fortunate in this respect. That is why we call upon you to come to the fellowship with aplomb. It is God's love that engages and entices people in to the fellowship.

We have heard that Isaac Newton began to wonder why apple did not go up or sideways instead of coming down when it lost hold to the stem. His reflection on this phenomenon led to the discovery of the earth's gravitational force. It is this gravitation that draws objects to the ground. This is law of gravity. This is a scientific theory.

The cross of Jesus Christ has a similar gravitational power. The love at the cross attracts us. It enchants us and comforts us. The love of God is drawing us towards it, ushering us in to that love. The cross of Christ attracts us with a view to giving us peace and dispelling the gloom, the darkness, the lethargy and dimness of the heart.

Until the age of twenty nine Alice, my wife, hadn't known happiness in her life. There wasn't any dearth as such in the family. By God's grace both of us were employed. There were no difficulties. We had the resources to live comfortably. In short we had all the background to lead a happy and peaceful life. But strangely, there was no peace or happiness.

Where was the lapse then? There was no Christ in the heart. That was the lapse. When Christ came in to the heart unity and peace showed up. She was reconciled

with my mother. The disagreement between the mother-in-law and the daughter-in-law gave way to the love and agreement between the mother and the daughter. When Alice knelt before my mother and asked her forgiveness, both the mother and the daughter burst in to tears. Praise God! There had been no distinct quarrel, but there had been no harmony of the heart.

I would like the mothers-in-law and daughters-in-law to consider this. Between these two there is a mind suffering in dilemma. Have you ever thought of it? He cannot denounce his wife. Nor can he denounce his mother. Imagine the predicament of the person caught between the two—the husband who is a son as well. I was a man who was in this predicament. I have suffered on account of this. I knew for certain that Alice had no animosity with my mother. Neither did my mother entertain any rivalry or grudge against Alice. But they wouldn't understand each other.

Mother scolded Alice for her betterment, I knew. But Alice wouldn't understand this. As for my mother, she rebuked Alice severely. She would give vent to her anger and displeasure. Alice would be embarrassed. But she wouldn't retort. Her discomfiture would hurt me. But my mother was a hapless woman who became a widow at the age of thirty. Imagine the plight of a woman who becomes a widow at the young age of thirty. She lived a disheartened life. She remained alive solely for my sake.

There was no question of hurting my mother. But Alice was a new entrant in the family who couldn't be expected to appreciate the situation. I knew that Alice had

no noticeable fault. How could I blame her? I suffered between them.

In this context I would like to tell you something. There is somebody above who can understand the mental agony of every man. Praise be to God! Do place your faith in Him. Are you in agony? Are you in dilemma? There is a power watching you from above. He will stretch his hand towards you at the right moment. He will act. He will lift the burden of your heart. He will dispel your gloom. He will give peace to your heart. He will give prosperity to your family.

Aren't there problems that smother you? Aren't there issues that depress your mind? Aren't there many people pining away with heavy sighs? Now listen, there is a God who is aware of them. There is a God who is watching you. There is a God who has remedies for your problems. No other person can help you. No genius can find solutions to them.

For your information I will narrate how my experience of how smartness fails. My mother used to read out essays in the church. It was a cousin of mine, living in the immediate neighbourhood, who wrote these essays for her. On one occasion I offered to write the essay for her. I was trying to be clever. 'Fortunate are those who make peace, for they would be called the children of God.' was the subject of the essay. As I did not want to tell directly to my mother that she should be the peacemaker, I meant mother to get the hint through the essay.

My cleverness utterly failed. She read out the essay alright, but she came back home only to continue the strife with Alice. I had thought that she would feel like making peace when she herself discussed the topic "Fortunate are those who make peace, for they would be called the children of God.' But that thought was mere human skill. Human skill cannot better human condition. No genius can do it.

Believe it, however you tried, you wouldn't be able to overcome your problem on your own. However you tried, you wouldn't be able to avert a crisis on your own. But there is one who can help. There are two eyes watching everything. There is a heart which loves. There is a God who is striving with concern for your good. We should invite that God.

Lord, come in to my life. Give me peace. Heal me. Find me solution for my problem. Cure the illness of my child. Reform the character of my husband. Relieve my wife of her uneasiness. O Lord, bring peace to my family. Reform the character of my son. Bring prosperity to my family. Remit my debt.

Give me the acumen to study. Give me a good job. Give me a livelihood. Reform my ways. Remove my temper. You should pray and ask everything you need in your prayer. Then the love of God will rush in to you and give you the reply. Then you will be gifted the grace of God. You will be strengthened. You will commence praising the Lord in abundance.

This is the essence of spiritual life. We appeal to God and God makes possible what is impossible for us. 'I

admit defeat and humble myself, Lord, it is not with in my power. It is time for you to act.' When you say so the Lord will rush in to your life. He will stand by you and suggest plans to you. He will give you word. His comforting hand will caress you, wipe your tears and sweep away the uneasiness of your heart. You will have the first-hand experience of these blessings.

It is this experience which characterises Christian life. Christian life is not merely learning to quote by heart from the Bible, speaking, giving testimony, singing devotional songs, reading the Bible, holding fellowship meetings; but Christ reigning with in you is the real Christian life. Then your family becomes heaven.

There is a person to intervene on our behalf. Whatever happens, whatever needs arise, there is a person, a father, who can be appealed to. The love of that father has drawn you in to this fellowship. It is the selfless love of Christ on the Cross which has ushered you in to this fellowship. It is the caress of that love you are experiencing now. It is in the shade and serenity of that you are sitting now. His love has engaged you so that the wind of the Holy Ghost may blow on your and dissipate the clouds in your life.

*“Awake, north wind, and come, south wind!
Blow on my garden, that its fragrance may
spread everywhere.” Song of Songs 4: 16*

We started with this verse. Following it, we discussed, one by one, what happens in the life of man when the wind of the Holy Ghost blows. Eight points have

been considered. Now let us find out what the next point is.

*“Then the Lord spoke to Job out of the storm.
He said:”* *Job 38: 1*

Job was a person who had been devastated by storms. Storms of perils, miseries, diseases had ravaged his life. Job was the most righteous among the early votaries of Jehovah. Theologians hold that the Book of Job had been written even before the Genesis was written.

Job was a man of very early times. He was the greatest and the most righteous of all the people of the East in the land of Uz. He was blameless and upright. But misfortunes befell him one after the other. The reason was not his sin. Satan became jealous of his piety and devotion.

Satan cannot tolerate the well-being of man. Satan cannot stomach when you flourish, when there is unity and love in your family, when there is harmony between husband and wife, when there is solidarity among parents and children, when they have enough food to eat and peace to sleep well. Satan cannot brook the cheer in your family, the merry-making of your children and the amusement of parents.

Satan is jealous and intolerant. He was the one who inveigled in to the happiness, peace and unity of the Garden of Eden and created a rift. He is a monster. He will breach happiness wherever he finds it. He will breach peace wherever he finds it.

Why does a hiatus occur in your family? Why does husband and wife fight over trifles? Why do you yell in rage? Why do you take to drinking? Why do you fall in to bad ways? Why do you throw away your hard-earned money in bar hotels and in other dissolute ways?

There is a monster behind you goading you in to doing such things. You are a pawn in his hands. You dance to his tunes. Son, it is this Satan who drags you in to drinking, marijuana, cinema, pornography and debauchery. He makes you do these things out of sheer jealousy. He knows that, left to yourself, you will progress and reach heights. He is adamant that you shouldn't make headway.

Daughter, it is Satan who tempts you in to unhealthy and illicit relationships. His objective is to ruin you. That is why the jealous demon is intent on despoiling you.

Satan grew jealous of Job. He was on the lookout for an opportunity to find fault with Job in front of God. But there was no malfeasance on the part of Job. Satan couldn't torment people without leave from God. But there was nothing to hold against Job. Nevertheless, he stood before God. God asked him, "Where have you come from?"

Satan replied, "From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it."

Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant, Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."

To this Satan said: 'God, why should he be otherwise? What does he lack? Blessed with a large family, seven sons and three daughters. Blessed with enormous wealth. Each son has a house. Nothing to complain about. He is showered with affluence and prosperity. Why should he not be a votary of you? No wonder he is devoted to you. Let hardships come to him. Let mishaps occur in his life. Let setbacks happen to him. Let perils happen and disasters strike him. You will find him denouncing you.' Thus Satan challenged God.

God reluctantly said: "Alright, if it is a challenge, I do accept it. I know my faithful servant Job through and through. I leave him to your power. But give me word not to do any harm to his person and life." God gave him leave to test Job.

Satan tormented Job with all sorts of misfortunes. Marauders raided his estates killing his servants and taking away his sheep and cattle. On top of that, he lost his seven sons and three daughters, all ten of them together, when the whole house toppled on them in a storm that hit its four corners while they were holding a feast with great gusto. Alas! What bad luck!

But Job said, 'The Lord gave and the Lord has taken. Blessed be the name of God!'

Satan was beaten. God felt proud of Job when he learnt that Job stood his ground. But Satan presented himself before God again.

God asked him, "Where have you come from?"

Satan replied, "From roaming throughout the earth,

going back and forth on it.” Barging in to every home. Anything amiss, any way to endanger this man? Any trick to imperil this man, to tempt him in to sin, to bedevil his future? Thus, Satan and his accomplices roaming on the lookout for mischief.

Then the Lord said to Satan: “Did you cast your eye over my servant, Job? I conceded ground to you last time. What all misfortunes you brought upon him! Yet he didn't denounce me, he maintained his integrity.”

Satan said: “Well, you are right. But he has lost only his wealth and next of kin. Isn't he still in the pink of health? Touch his health, the only way to ascertain his integrity.”

God accepted the challenge. “Alright, strike his flesh, but you must spare his life.”

Satan wouldn't dare to touch his votary without God's express permission, a matter for consolation.

Satan went out from the presence of God and afflicted Job with dreadful sores. Such a disease was unprecedented in the province. Sores from soles of his feet to the crown of his head itching like hell. He took out a broken piece of pottery and began to scrape himself with it. The inflamed sores began to ooze out pus through the broken skin. The whole place stank of putrid pus. His wife closed her nostrils. The servants showed reluctance to come near.

His wife said: “Are you still holding on to your integrity? You have lost your children, you have lost your wealth and you have lost your health. You are badly ill. Will a God bring upon his votary such misfortune? What have

you done to deserve this? Curse your God and die.”

A wife asking her husband to condemn God and to commit suicide! The misfortunes coming one after the other beset Job.

His friends from the fellowship came to visit Job. Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite came. Very good spiritual friends. They didn't say a word for a whole week.

A wife saying what should not have been said. Friends not saying what should have been said.

There are people who have intruded in to our life with untoward advice. There are people who have stood aloof without positive intervention. Aren't there people who have spoken ill of you? Aren't there people who have shunned you where they should have lent a helping hand?

Job was in dire straits. Job considered: 'Why did this happen to me? I haven't committed any obvious sin. Where have I erred? I have made a covenant with you. Have I violated my commitment in any way? Have I gone back on my promises? I have made a sacred pledge with my eyes. How then could I look at a young woman with desire? I have always been a father to the indigent. I have fed and clothed them and have helped them in many ways. Then, Lord, why should this happen to me?' Job was clueless and in great confusion.

His friends, when they broke their silence, began to accuse him of sins. His sins have brought him to this pass. All this aggravated his suffering. It was in this context God

appeared him in a whirl wind. The ever living God came to give him much needed relief.

*“Then the Lord spoke to Job out of the storm.
He said:”* *Job 38:1*

God is speaking to Job. Job had thought: I committed no wrong. My devotion didn't ever flag. Why did, then, God forsake me?

Haven't some of you thought in this vein? 'I haven't committed any sin. Nor have I ever been inclined to sin. Then why did this happen to me? Why did my business fail? I have never indulged in express sins. There are many people who don't do any conspicuous sins. In the case of my wife Alice, I know very well that she had lived a blameless life without indulging in any apparent sin. Yet she had a sin- self-righteousness, the attitude that 'I am okay'.

I have to say the same problem about myself. I have been a Pharisee. I have never been involved in any undesirable activities. I have never fallen in to bad company. I haven't watched any obscene pictures. I haven't known what a blue film is. Though I use computer, I have never searched for pornographic sites in internet, nor have I asked about them.

I have had the determination not to involve deliberately in any unsavoury activities since my childhood. My merciful God might have granted me this dedication with a view to putting the word of God in to my mouth later in life. Let your life be chaste. You may come across difficulties and impasses. Satan may torment you.

Tribulations may come in your life. Satan may make efforts to enslave you.

So it is not necessary to arrive at the conclusion that a chaste life will insulate you from frailties, diseases, perils and traumas. But, whatever happens, the Lord will show you a way out or find you a remedy. Even though you haven't been able to maintain integrity so far, son or daughter, maintain it now onwards. Commence a new chapter from today. Let your life be impeccable from today.

Then the God in Heavens will speak to you from the whirl wind. He will interact with you. God will reveal your defects to you. He will prescribe remedies. He will give you peace. He will expunge all your past liabilities. God is faithful. He never goes back on his word.

Based on this message you should say: 'O merciful Lord, I have been vulnerable to infirmities and sins. I have had unspeakable trespasses in my life. I have given away myself to all sorts of offences knowingly or unknowingly. I have erred in what I drank, what I smoked, what I watched, what I did with my hands and in my fancies, in my feelings and desires.'

My Lord, I believe that you shed your sacred blood to wash me clean of my sins. Cleanse me with the blood and water that came out of your side. I am setting out on a sinless life.

God will give you counsel from the whirl wind. He will give you wisdom. The God in Heavens is capable of putting an end to your trials and tribulations. Child of God,

place your trust in his greatness and goodness. It was his heart blood that got drained out for your sake. All your sins will be washed away in that blood. He has given us life with his death.

Daughter, cast off your affairs and liaisons. Begin a new life. Jesus Christ loves you. He offers you a new and peaceful life. He is approaching you. Open your eyes and see. Jesus is there very close to you stretching his hand towards you. His bleeding hand is held above your head. Say a word, he will place it on your head.

Jesus, I won't sin anymore. I will not give space to Satan in my life. I will not allow Satan to enter my life. I will not spare myself even for an iota of sin. In my word or deed there will be no trespass, no fraud and no trickery. No vice or violations. My Lord Jesus, I pledge to live a sinless life from this moment.

When you pray like this, the bleeding hand of Jesus will come down upon your head. The moment that hand lands on your head, you will experience a renewal in your life. The amazing grace of God will descend on you. The heavenly wind will blow on you. All your abominations will be blown away never to come back. All your sins will be forced out of you in the power of the heavenly whirl wind. You will be washed of all your sins. You will be a new person. Let us dedicate now, let us pray.

O merciful Lord, we praise you for this beautiful moment. Praise to thee for the heavenly message, praise to thee for the heavenly graces, praise to thee for having touched each one of us, praise to thee for caressing each

one of us, praise to thee for dislodging the aches of each of our hearts.

My Lord, praise to thee for healing the sick, for granting us peace and serenity, for creating harmony in the families and for dripping honey drops of relief in to our smouldering hearts. Sate every one with goodness. Be gracious to admit us too in to the bridal church which is all set in holiness to meet the Lord on his Second Coming. Thy name be glorified! In the holy name of Jesus Christ! Amen.



Chapter - 10

The greatest famine today is that the food for soul is scarce. There are churches. There are conventions. There are many group meetings and unit meetings. Conventions, meetings, retreats and prayer meetings are aplenty. But no manna is falling from heaven, churches are there, religions are there; but no Manna!

There are learned speakers. There are many speakers who tell stories that amuse and delight. But there is no word of God. No soul to speak the word of God. If word comes there will be miracles. The soul will get its sustenance when word is given. Soul will grow, healing will take place. If it is the manna from heaven sorrows will go, depression will go, difficulties will go, tribulations will go, grievances will go. There will be solutions for all problems.

A few months ago, Twinkle rang me up from Ireland: 'Sir, a miracle has taken place. The impossible has happened. My wife is expecting.' I listened with amusement. Last time we visited them we realised that they had a private grief. Though they displayed no obvious disappointment we realised that they had an unrealized dream in their heart of hearts. But that dream would not materialise, if the medical word is to be

believed. They wouldn't have a baby.

I had told them before I left: let us pray for this matter. I also asked them to look forward to God acting at the right moment. I told them: 'My assurance is that you will have a baby and it wouldn't be very late.' Now by God's grace they are going to have a baby. Lord's name be glorified!

There is a God who listens to our prayer. There is a God who gives credence to our tears. What are your needs? Certainly, you have burdens, subjects for worry. Gather all these and come to Jesus. Put down all these at the feet of Jesus one by one, at the foot of the cross. Son, you can rise relieved of your worries. You can rise keeping the Christ who takes up all your burdens in view, experiencing the Christ who takes over your untold sufferings.

There are people who grieve about their children. They are worried about their future. 'My daughter is going astray. My son is ruining the family without absolutely any sense of responsibility', thus grieve some parents. 'My husband ruins everything in drinking. When sober, he is well-behaved and loving. But once drunk, he behaves as if he were insane, as if he were mad. My God, please give my husband good sense and relief.' There are those who pray like this.

Now fetch all your burdens and lower them at the foot of the cross in Golgotha. Jesus is there to bear all your burdens. The one who ascended the Golgotha hill with a heavy cross will shoulder everything. Son, you need not carry this alone. Entrust it to Jesus. Entrust your load, your

burden on Jehovah. He will look after you. Believe that he will take care of it.

All human beings have a common property. What is this property? Sorrow is the sole saving in this world.

Reckon what is possible

Sorrow the sole earthly asset

Only Jesus will suffice, my mind, daily.

Sorrow is the common property. No doubt. No one is exempt. Who is there in this world otherwise? Jesus is there to take over this common property. Here He is, writhing in pain on the cross bearing all your sufferings, entrust the whole load of your sins on him. He will accept them. The wind of the Holy Ghost will be blowing on you. When it blows it will bring you comfort.

Let the hands of Jesus caress you. Let his hand wipe your tears. Let Jesus bear your burdens. Let his hands lead you on the right path. Let his hand guide you in to walking in dignity. Entrust yourself in to that marvellous hand, the hand of your creator. Everything- your education, your career, your family, your marriage and your livelihood.

Wherever you are deficient, Jesus is there to make good. Wherever you have incurred loss, the ever living Christ is engaging you to compensate it. He is standing close by to place his hand on you to bless you. Humble yourself to those raised hands. Pray asking Jesus to speak to you, to shower His life giving manna on you.

God spoke from the whirl wind. This was the theme we dealt on in the previous chapter. God spoke to Job

from the whirl wind.

*Take us by storm, thou serene spiritual breeze,
Thy humble servants,
Take us by storm, however strong the huge tree,
And as does a great tempest
Buffet us about, leaves, branches and stem
Take us by storm.*

We have discussed nine things that happen when the wind that is Holy Ghost blows. The whirl wind that blew on Job is the ninth thing.

1. Creation, the wind that creates.
2. Regeneration, the wind that gives rebirth.
3. Revival, the wind that gives us new vigour.
4. Sanctification, the wind that sanctifies us.
5. Removing the obstacles, the wind that removes obstacles or hurdles.
6. Feeding, the wind that feeds, the wind which blows in quails.
7. Judgement, the wind that averts Judgement, the wind that averts the Deluge.
8. Renewal, the wind that gives us energy, the wind that restores the depressed prophet in to God's love. The gentle whisper that Elijah heard from the mouth of the cave.
9. God's provision in the midst of sufferings. The wind that reveals the mystery of suffering. God's provision for Job.

The wind represents the Holy Ghost. The whirl wind that blew on Job is the ninth thing. The Holy Ghost spoke to Job. The Living God spoke to him. Job was cross with God. Misfortunes had come to his life one after the other. He had lost his wealth. His children, all ten of them, seven sons and three daughters had perished. Who can bear such a fate? A man who has lost everything, his wealth and his children.

To add to the misery came the next misfortune, the disease on his body. And what a miserable disease! Dreadful sores from the sole of his feet to the crown of his head. Itching and putrid sores. His wife kept a distance due to the putrid smell. His servants were reluctant to come near him. What an unbearable predicament! His wife said, "Curse your God and die." He expected his friends to console him. But they, who wouldn't utter a word for the first seven days, blamed Job when they spoke.

What a miserable, desperate and wretched life! How did Job endure all these? But he was pleading with God. Why did you bring this upon me, God? What sin have I committed to deserve this plight? He was continually pleading and reasoning with God. In the meanwhile God appeared to him. It was not a figure appearing, but a powerful wind striking. From the wind there was a whisper. It was a whirl wind blowing. The character of a whirl wind is that it is local. When the whirl wind struck, Job smirked ironically. What more could happen to a man who had lost everything? Of course he had a piece of broken pottery to scrape on the sores. The sores were so severe. He held on to it so that it might not be blown off his hand.

At this moment God spoke in thunder to him from the whirl wind! God spoke from the whirl wind. A misery befell you. God intervened and spoke through that misery. You incurred a big debt. God did you a good turn through that debt. Believe, God can turn whatever happens to you for the good. Let it be a disaster, let it be a misfortune, God can turn it for the good.

Are you bereaved of your husband? Jesus can turn it for your good. Are you bereaved of your mother? Are you bereaved of your father? No doubt, it is sad. It is a loss, irreparable loss. But Jesus can turn it for your good. All those who underwent tribulations, but turned to God and bore them with fortitude have experienced how God has turned them for the good. Wherever people have stood steadfastly in their faith in Jesus in the teeth of difficulties, perils and losses, they have realised how Jesus has turned them for the good.

“His way is in the whirlwind and the storm,”

(Nahum 1: 3)

Robinson Crusoe is a famous English novel, described as the first in that genre, written by Daniel Defoe. Robinson Crusoe was a young man given to adventure. His passion was to sail around the world in a ship. His ship was cruising in the far seas. As bad luck would have it, a big gash developed in the bottom of the ship and water began to gush in to the ship. The ship wrecked and sank.

All the sailors were drowned except the young Crusoe. He could get hold of a wooden plank and floated

on. The waves brought him ashore. When he got up and looked around there was a vast expanse of sand. He walked on the sand. It was an uninhabited island. He survived on wild berries and water from the streams. He could see ships moving miles away in the sea. But nobody could make out that he was on the island. After working for many days, he managed to cut the branches, hacking away at trees with a piece of flint to make a small hut. He thatched it with the leaves.

He spent a lonely life for thirty seven long years on the island. Every day he would pray: “my God, let a ship find me and save me from this island.” One day returning from wandering through the island, he saw a frightening scene. The hut he had built out of hard work of long days was up in flames. He lost his heart. “O God, not only did you not heed to my prayer, but I lost my shelter in fire too.” He cried aloud.

Then he heard a siren. When he looked out. There was a boat approaching the island. He boarded the boat. The boat returned with him to a ship anchored in the deep sea. The captain of the ship said to him, “It was good that you made a fire flaming so high. That is how we learnt that there is an island and there is a needy man there.”

The loss of his hut, which was a heavy loss in the given circumstances, became instrumental in bringing him a great boon.

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

Romans 8 : 28

Thus wrote St. Paul.

Don't lose your faith. Pray without losing heart, be undaunted: Jesus, turn this misfortune for my good in the final count. You will see how the Holy Ghost intervenes in his great power. You will have the unforgettable experience of your misfortune turning in your favour. How could our misfortunes be for our good? The evil one did everything for the bad. It was the evil one who robbed you of your children. He was the one who brought you great misery and loss. But Jesus Christ can turn the loss and misfortune the evil one has wrought for your good.

It was starvation that made the prodigal son reminiscent of his father's home, his servants and their good life. The good sense to realise that he was getting ruined due to hunger dawned on him due to starvation. It was again starvation that made it instrumental to his return to the rich food at the table of his father.

In fact the inner eye of Job opened only when he heard the whisper of God in the whirl wind. He realised that he erred when he argued with God and indulged in self-pity over his misfortunes. He humbled himself before God:

"I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted. You asked, 'Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?' Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. "You said, 'Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.'

My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.” Job 42 : 2 - 6

The Living Bible makes it clearer.

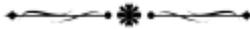
“I know that you can do anything and that no one can stop you. You ask who it is who has so foolishly denied your providence. It is I. I was talking about things, I knew nothing about and did not understand, things far too wonderful for me. (You said,) Listen and I will speak! Let me put the questions to you! See if you can answer them!

(But now I say,) I had heard about you before, but now I have seen you, and I loathe myself and repent in dust and ashes.” Job 42 : 2 - 6

Job had true repentance when his inner eye opened. God who doesn't deny a broken heart brought about the change in Job's state.

“After Job had prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before.” Job 42 : 10

“So the Lord blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning.” Job 42 : 12



Chapter - 11

“Their bodies will lie in the public square of the city- which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt- where also their Lord was crucified. For three and a half days from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth. But after three and half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them.”

Rev. 11 : 8 - 11

The wind that signifies the Second Coming of Christ.
The Second Advent of Christ.

The Second Coming of Christ is a momentous event the believers are looking forward to. In a significant moment during the Holy Mass in the Syrian Liturgy the believers pray:

“Our Lord, we remember your death, acknowledge your resurrection and are looking forward to your Second Coming.”

The second paragraph of the Nicene Creed that

ends thus:

“We believe in the one and only Lord Jesus Christ who is yet to come in great glory to sit in judgement over the living and the dead and whose kingdom will have no end.”

The early fathers believed that Jesus Christ would come in glory to raise the dead.

The King arrives in state, glorified in the beauty of clouds, to raise the dead;

The righteous, robed in raiment, on hearing the trumpet blasts of His advance guard,

Rise up in the air to welcome Him.

The Word of God suggests two distinct phases of the Second Coming:

1. Rapture (Advent in the Clouds)
2. Restitution (Advent in Glory)

St. Paul says Jesus Christ will come in the air amidst the clouds in an unpredicted moment.

“For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one

another with these words.”

1 Thessalonians 4 : 16 - 18

Only the righteous will be gathered at the phase of Rapture (Advent of Lord in the clouds).

“Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.”

Only the righteous among the dead will rise. That was the belief of the holy forefathers.

Anoint the fraternity of our forefathers who were dead in thy faith;

Show mercy on those who died in thy faith and lie asleep awaiting your arrival;

Let your living voice raise those dead in thy faith from the grave to the garden.

The faithful in the mercy are those who became righteous by believing in the crucifixion, receiving the sanctification by blood and the transformation by the Holy Ghost. Only the righteous will rise on the coming of Christ in the clouds.

Among the living only those who have received the sanctification will rise on the coming of Christ in the clouds.

The Restitution is the second stage of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. The apostle Paul says about it:

“God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you and give relief to you who are

troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus."

2 Thessalonians 1 : 6 - 8

The prophet Zachariah prophesied about the Restitution six hundred years before the First Coming of Jesus Christ.

On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south."

Zachariah 14 : 4

The interval between Rapture and the Restitution is seven years. This is the time when the Anti-Christ reigns on the earth. The last three and a half years of the reign will be the most frightening and tyrannical. The references to those three and a half years in the Bible are noteworthy.

1. *A time, times and half a time - Daniel 7 : 25*
2. *A time, times and half a time - Daniel 12 : 7*
3. *42 months - Rev. 11 : 2, 13 : 5*
4. *1,260 days - Rev. 11 : 3, 12 : 6*
5. *A time, times and half a time - Rev 12 : 15*

This frightening period is called 'The great tribulation'. It is mentioned in the eleventh chapter of the Revelation that Moses and Elijah will come in that period.

Anti-Christ will kill them and leave their dead bodies on the streets of Jerusalem for all to see. It was foretold in AD 95, even when television hadn't been invented, that their dead bodies will be seen by people of all tribes, tongues, nationalities and races. After three and a half days God's life breath will blow on them and they will rise alive. That wind is the wind of the Holy Ghost.

Friends, it was that wind that blew on the bewildered disciples in the *Sehion* Mansion. The Christ who resurrected said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." It was that wind which blew on the disciples gathered in the *Sehion* Mansion on the Day of the Pentecost and filled them with the anointment of the Holy Ghost. It was that wind which enabled St. Stephen to pray, "Let not this sin lie upon them" even while being stoned to death. It was that wind that spread as the fire of the spirit on all those who listened to the message of Simon Peter at the house of Cornelius.

Dear friend, it is the wind of the Holy Ghost that is blowing on you while you are reading this. If you dedicate your life to Christ that wind will give you rebirth, sanctification, transformation, a pure heart, purity in thoughts, spotless love, eternal peace, eternal life, the quest to do the work of Christ and the concern about the souls. The fire of spirit will pass through your blood vessels. You will turn in to a total fireball. In the Second Coming of Christ you will also rise from the array of the righteous.

Let the abundant blessings of Jesus Christ descend upon your head and be there.



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