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GREATER THAN WORKS THESE

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father" (John 14:12).

These words must be among the most amazing ever uttered by our Lord. They were addressed to a group of very ordinary people, gathered from very humble circumstances, and yet they were being told that believers in the Lord, like themselves, would perform greater miracles than those performed by Christ Himself!

We need to remember, also, that those addressed had recently witnessed miracles unprecedented. They had seen Christ raise Lazarus from the dead, -a man who had been in the grave four days, but, at a word from Christ's lips, he had emerged from the tomb, still bound in grave- clothes (John 11: 44). Just prior to that, again, the Lord had given sight to a man who was born blind (John 9:1-7). They had actually seen Christ feed a multitude of 5000 people from only five loaves and two fishes (John 6:11-13). On that same day, Christ had walked on the sea to rescue His storm -tossed disciples (John 6:19), and there had even been times when Christ had positively rebuked the wind and the sea, and they had obeyed Him (Mark 4:39)! Everywhere, people were saying, "We have seen strange things today" (Luke 5:26), and even the disciples had to ask, "What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!" (Matt.8: 27). These are but a few examples, but now, in John 14, Christ is telling them that they would do GREATER works than these! Strange word, indeed, and calling for some explanation. With the help of the Lord, we shall now share what has come to us regarding it.

Let us first say that we ourselves have never questioned that "working of miracles" was one of the GIFTS given by our Lord to His Church (1 Cor.12: 10), -or that miracles were performed, - but it is still a fact that 2000 years of Church history make no mention of miracles commensurate with those performed by our Lord. We must therefore look DEEPER for the true explanation, and this we shall now seek to do.

First, we need to realise that, in this whole section of John's Gospel, (chs.14-16), our Lord was approaching the matter of A GREAT AND GLORIOUS TRANSITION that was about to take place among His people. It was, indeed, the dawning of a new era, when "things physical " would give way to" things spiritual ". The physical works and wonders that they had seen had been great indeed, but now they could expect those SPIRITUAL COUNTERPARTS which would be far greater; -and that would be the area where their ministry, in due time, would centre. They would "perform" those GREATER WONDERS of the Spirit, and they would witness those MIGHTIER MARVELS of the inner man. In that sense, they would be accomplishing greater miracles than those that had been performed by Christ.

No doubt we would all agree that WHILST the raising of Lazarus from the dead was something immeasurably great, -the bringing of "dead souls" into "newness of Life", in Christ, is something even greater, -certainly in the light of a coming ETERNITY! What a privilege it is to see our fellow- men BORN AGAIN, as we give out God's glorious Gospel among them! And it is the same with the matter of giving sight to the blind; -great indeed, but still not to be compared with the opening of men's inward eyes through the giving out of God's Word! Paul, we remember, was sent to the Gentile world "TO OPEN THEIR EYES, and to turn them from darkness to Light, and from the power of Satan unto God" (Acts 26:18). And did not the same Paul "feed" multitudes of inward "spirits" through the writing, and sending out, of his inspired Epistles? And, thank God, we also may have our part in the same miraculous ministry, as we pass on the loaves and fishes of God's Truth. Yes, even we are called to perform "GREATER WORKS"!

We feel we must now say a little about a specially important point which the Lord carefully made when giving His original promise. The FULL statement actually occupies THREE verses (12- 14), and we have to keep the WHOLE passage in view when looking into this subject. In verse 12 (where we have the mention of the "greater works"), the

Lord concludes the promise with the important words, -" BECAUSE I go unto My Father", thereby indicating, (to start with), that those "works" would be related to His ascension; -they would, in fact, be the happy issue of that triumph. Then, in the two verses that follow, He takes us still further, and lets us know that it will be HE, The Ascended Lord, Who will be The Accomplishing Worker behind everything that will take place! His words are, "Ye shall ask, and I WILL DO". The full truth of the matter, then, is that it is still HE Who will be doing those greater works, -but working, now, from the GLORY through the instrumentality of His people! All will be Heaven -based, and it is in that way that His earlier works on earth will be surpassed by what HE will do FROM THE THRONE, - through people like us! They will be inner and spiritual wonders indeed.

A verse which greatly helps us here is Luke 12:50, where our Lord says, "I have a baptism to be baptised with; and HOW AM I STRAITENED till it be accomplished!". He was referring, of course, to the "BAPTISM" of His Cross, which was then drawing near, and He says that He was enduring a great "straitening" until it was all over. He was alluding to those very severe restrictions which He took upon Himself for the period of His sojourn on earth, and which it is so difficult for us to understand. Imagine it! -The Great Creator of this vast universe, held within the confines of the tiny land of Palestine! All power was His, and yet we find Him "Wearied with his journey", and having to rest on the well of Samaria! (John 4:6). Such was restriction indeed, but, in Luke 12, He was saying that the chains would soon be off, and He would be moving again everywhere in the full majesty of His power.

We must emphasise, of course, that the "limitations" we have mentioned were willingly accepted, and patiently endured, until the "baptism" was, indeed, accomplished. And we should also add that it was a merciful self-limitation", for, had He come and moved around in the full blaze of His Eternal Being, all would have been consumed before Him. But, thank God, the "baptism" is now accomplished, and our Risen and Ascended Lord is limited no more. As the enthroned Lord of All, HE is now knowing anew-glorious RELEASE, and, wonder of wonders; His believing people are the very instruments for the expression of that RELEASE! Now, He will perform those new, and inner, and greater wonders through us. Indeed, He will "DO MARVELS"! (See Exodus: 34:10). That, we say, is the FULLER secret behind the promise of John 14:12-14. It is linked with His ascension, and with His resultant union with His people.

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LETTER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

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Dear Fellow-Believers in Christ,

Greetings in the mighty Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Who is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, by Whose redemptive work on the Cross, we have come unto the City of the living God, and to the Church of the Firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, - realities connected with the heavenly Zion (Heb.12: 22-24), -"Jesus the mediator of the new covenant", the Man ordained of God, to judge the world in righteousness (Acts17:31) is also the righteous Judge, Who in the words of Paul, is the Giver of the crown of righteousness, unto all them that love His appearing. May it be our exercise therefore day by day so to live and labour, as those who love His appearing, and be found worthy of His promised rewards on that day (2 Tim.4: 7, 8; Heb.9: 24,28).

Considering our Lord as the righteous Judge, Let us seek to dwell upon the last and fourth distinctive of the Church, that distinguishes it from the Kingdom of Biblical prophecy.

Paul was referring to believers from the era of Pentecost to the rapture when he wrote, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he

hath done, whether it be good or bad" (2 Cor.5: 10). The time of this judgement is indicated in Revelation chapter 19; "...the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen...for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints" (vs. 7,8).

John had been describing the great tribulation (Rev.6 -18) and was about to discuss the glorious return of Christ to defeat His foes (Rev.20). It is while these momentous events will transpire on earth, that the bride of Christ will be ready in heaven. This "bride" is the Church and the making ready will be her appearance before the judgement seat of Christ. Using highly symbolic language, John described her as dressed in "fine linen clean and white", and then explained that the fine linen is "the righteousness of the saints".

The plural word "RIGHTEOUSNESSES" means "righteous deeds" -the good works and godly characteristics of the saved. Therefore each Christian life will be examined at the judgement seat of Christ, while great tribulation will run its course on earth. Believers of the CHURCH AGE will thus be prepared for their role in Millennium - joining the faithful of the ages in sharing Christ's rule upon the earth (Rev.20: 4).

Every believer will receive an individual examination for rewards, but only the CHURCH AGE saints will be judged during the tribulation period. According to Dan.12: 1-3, the Old Testament faithful will be resurrected after the great tribulation. Their personal judgement for rewards will therefore take place sometime during the interval between the final defeat of Anti-Christ at Armageddon and the full establishment of the Kingdom. Dan. 12:11-13 does allow for a brief time span of this nature -states Herbert Vander Lugt in "God's plan in all the ages". Very likely we may infer that the tribulation saints who die will also be judged at this time. We do know from Rev.20: 4 that they will be resurrected before the Millennium. The lost of all the ages will be resurrected to stand in judgement immediately after the 1000-year period has expired (Rev.20: 6, 11-15).

Church Age saints therefore are the only believers to appear in resurrection bodies at the judgement seat of Christ. They are that distinct company of people, who will receive special honour as the bride of Christ. Thus the New Testament epistles teach a distinction between the Church and the Kingdom. The difference appears in at least four important aspects- a distinct membership, a distinct history, a distinct relationship to Christ, and a distinct judgment.

Right now in Church era the Lord is calling out a "people for his name" (Acts 15: 14). Even as He does, He is permitting a parallel development of evil under the leadership of the devil, the god of this age. From His place of exaltation at the right hand, Jesus Christ is building His Church and is serving as its Head. One of these days He will resurrect all believers of the Church age, translate the living saints, judge them for rewards or loss and unleash the fury of the tribulation upon the earth in preparation for His glorious return. As a unique company of the redeemed, these CHURCH AGE SAINTS shall rule with Him.. and be with Him forever as the special objects of His grace. May the Lord find us as such for that glorious day.

Pray for Bro.Kiran Paul, son of God's servant Bro.Satyanarayana, who was united in marriage with Sis. Lakshmi on 27th September at Berachah, Machilipatnam, Bro.G. T .Benjamin solemnising the event.

Pray for Bro.Sunil Samuel, younger brother of God's servant Bro.K.Samson, who is to be united in marriage with Sis.Grace, God willing at Hebron on the 29th September.

Pray for the ministry of the Gospel Campaign in Madhya Pradesh through Bro.Eddy Williams and fellow -brethren from 17th to 26th October touching Korba, Bilaspur, Charavda and Bhilai, ending with one day Youth Retreat at Bhilai and for the provision and preparations for the forth - coming Convocation, God willing from 27th November to 2nd December at Bethany, Tera near Amritsar.

Please pray for the mini Convocation gatherings, God willing from 24th to 28th October 2001, at Salem Prayer House, Bellampalle touching the assemblies of coal belt area, when Bros. J.C. Rao and Paul Sudhakar will minister the word of God.

Please pray for the Youth Camp to be held at Bethany, Rourkela from October 24 to 27, to minister to the needs of youth in Orissa, and surrounding areas.

Praying that we all be enabled to be worthy recipients of His grace, and be counted as labourers together with God and be accepted of Him and rewarded by Him, before the judgement seat of Christ,

I remain yours in His grace,
K.PHILLIP

Acts 20: 28; Eph. 1: 22-23; Rom. 14:17

PEACEABLE FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS –2

The second lesson we learn through afflictions is, we can develop a strong active faith (1 Pet.1: 7). Gold cannot be purified with soap and water. It has, to go through many refining fires to become pure and bright. So also our faith becomes strong when we go through suffering.

THIRDLY, these trials keep us on the right path. We are only human, and are likely to go astray from the path which our loving Saviour has marked out for us. In order to keep us on the right path, the Lord sometimes allows afflictions to come upon us. We read about this in Psa. 119:67. "Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word".

FOURTHLY, God allows afflictions so that we may learn God's statutes and precepts. We can never understand God's statutes through any book of human origin. God has to teach us in His own way. David speaks of this side of sufferings in Psa. 119:71." It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes".

FIFTHLY, these hardships finally lead us to a spiritually wealthy place, enlarge our vision and give us a large heart. In Psa.66: 12, we read: "Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place".

SIXTHLY, by these testings, we are being prepared for our heavenly inheritance with the saints in light. We shall soon meet our Lord face to face, and receive this inheritance. Then the meaning of Rom.8: 17 will be made clear to us: "And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint- heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together".

SEVENTHLY, when we have passed through sorrows and trials, we are better qualified to comfort those who are passing through similar sorrows and trials as we read in 2 Cor.1: 4: "Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God".

EIGHTHLY, it is when we pass through mockings and revilings for the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that we are able to appreciate better our oneness with Him. We see in Matt.10: 24,25, "The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master".

NINTHLY, sufferings help to keep us humble. When the Lord blesses us, we are likely to get puffed up; but in order to keep us balanced; the Lord allows sufferings to come upon us. Paul speaks about this benefit of sufferings in 2 Cor .12:7- 9, where he mentions about the abundance of the revelations given to him, and also the thorn in the flesh, lest he should be exalted above measure. This thorn in the flesh must have been very painful; but the Lord allowed it in his life to keep him humble.

TENTHLY, through hardships we are prepared to enjoy God's power in fullness. See 2 Cor.12: 9,10. "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong".

May the Lord make this true in our lives. (Concluded)

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GREATER WORKS THAN THESE -2

**“And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do,
that the Father may be glorified in the Son.**

**"If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it".
(John 14:13,14)**

We shall now consider something which, in some respects, must be the greatest marvel of all, certainly something which carries the most solemn and practical challenges. We have in mind our Lord's references (in John 14:13,14) to the "ASKINGS" of His people; -"If ye ASK, I will do".

We need to see that, in adding those words, our Great Lord was again "limiting Himself"; -this time restricting what would be His great Ascension Powers to the prayers of His people. Evidently, He plans to do ONLY what His people ASK Him to do! This is gracious self-limitation indeed, and it bespeaks the measureless preciousness of His people to Him, and also shows His inseparable union with them! We repeat, -He plans to do, from the GLORY, only what His people will ask Him to do.

We believe that Christ has held Himself to this principle from the very beginning of the Church age. If we but knew the WHOLE story, we would see that there never has been an activity of our Ascended Lord, towards the consummation of His purpose, without there being, SOMEWHERE BEHIND IT, some praying person, or some group of praying persons. They may have prayed tremblingly in some obscure or hidden place, but it has been PRAYER IN THE NAME, and the Great Ascended Lord has been "freed to move", --mightily!

We ask, then, would we not all do well to pause quietly here and face up to some very serious questions, --such as
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- * What release of our Lord's ascension powers has been brought about through MY prayers? What have I dared to ask Him to do?
- * Have I given to PRAYER the priority it should have?
- * What, really is the "level" and "nature" of the praying at OUR church Prayer Meetings?

What is the measure of the "vision" behind those prayers? Are they being linked to the FACT of our Lord's ascension? Is there any "echo", for instance, of prayers like that in Psalm 45; - "Gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh, O MOST MIGHTY, with Thy glory and THY majesty...ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness" (Psa.45:3,4).

For our comfort and encouragement (and I most certainly include myself), let me say that we do not need to be "prayer-experts" of some kind, -for the promise of John 14 is for those who will simply "believe on Christ" (v.12). That is all that is needed!

O Lord. TEACH US TO PRAY.

O Lord, graciously do Thine own "GREATER WORKS".

Do them today, through whomsoever Thou choosest,

We "ASK", -in Thine own Great Name! Amen. Hallelujah! WE BELIEVE!

APPENDIX

Perhaps this is an appropriate time for me to "share around" the words of a song which the Lord put into my heart

just recently.

MAKE ME A MAN OF PRAYER

My Father Who in Heaven art
Make me a man of prayer
This longing overwhelms my heart
Make me a man of prayer.

O grant me my petition
Make me a man of prayer
'Tis all my life's ambition
Make me a man of prayer.

While Christ the Lord has power to save
Make me a man of prayer
And lift poor sinners from the grave
Make me a man of prayer.

While men still seek the world's acclaim
Make me a man of prayer
And see no beauty in Christ's Name
Make me a man of prayer.

While churches bear the marks of death
Make me a man of prayer
And lack the Spirit's vital breath
Make me a man of prayer.

While millions lie in awful need
Make me a man of prayer
And few the Master's call will heed
Make me a man of prayer.

While hellish legions hold the field
Make me a man of prayer
And few the Spirit's sword can wield
Make me a man of prayer.

While God's great purposes are sealed
Make me a man of prayer
And Christ the Son is unrevealed
Make me a man of prayer.

Till comes the Bride in spotless white
Make me a man of prayer
All precious in the Saviour's sight
Make me a man of prayer.

While faithful promises still stand
Make me a man of prayer
And faith can move God's Mighty Hand

Make me a man of prayer.

While Christ Himself lives just to pray
Make me a man of prayer
And grants His Spirit day by day
Make me a man of prayer.

(May be sung to the tune of "Near to the heart of God").

"Verily, verily, I say unto you... the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do: because I go unto My Father.

And whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

If ye shall ask any thing in My Name. I will do it" (John 14:12-14).

Note: "Prayer in the Name" is prayer prayed by those who are IN UNION WITH THE LORD. The fact is that, after His ascension, Christ poured out the Holy Spirit, -thereby implanting His own Risen Life into the hearts of those who believe on Him. He thus became the Vital Head of a CORPORATE ORGANISM, -and all who are part of that organism rightly share the NAME of Him Who is its Head. This glorious reality also eliminates all thought of selfish or superficial prayers, as such cannot even exist in an Organism, where a Selfless Christ is the Head and the Life. This is a great secret in the matter of prevailing prayer.

The basic call to the CHRISTIAN, now, is to "DO ALL IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him"

(Col.3: 17). We just ABIDE IN HIM, --by faith.

Hallelujah! (Concluded) C.R.G.

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Dear Fellow-Believers in Christ,

May all honour, glory and praise be unto Him, even our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the First begotten of the dead, the Prince of the kings of the earth, the One Who loved us and washed us from our sins, and hath made us kings and priests unto God, to share in His reign -Millennial and in His eternal Kingdom. Rev.22: 5 reads, "And there shall be no night there...neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign forever and ever". In the growing assurance and anticipation of this blessed prospect, may the Lord comfort and carry us through this last quarter of 2001, inspite of the ailing and alarming situation humanity is facing round the globe (Rev.1 :5,6;20:6;11:15).

God's servant Bro.Paul Sudhakar gave us some Bible studies, from the first few verses of Revelation chapter 1, during the last few days of September closing with the 30th, the Lord's day, at Hebron, Hyderabad. It was both devotional and expository, challenging hearts to be ready, for"...the time is at hand" (Rev.1 :3). Very good number eagerly attended the gatherings inspite of the wet weather. The messages will be printed in our coming issues, in the front page, for the benefit and blessing of us all.

"Let the temporal recede and let the eternal grip our attention, for the time is at hand" -to quote from our brother's message. So we would like to consider together with you some facets of Biblical revelation related to the ushering in

of the eternal Kingdom of Christ -"everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (2 Pet. 1 :11). Peter the Apostle is writing to the "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father", who have become partakers of the divine nature (1 Pet.1 :2;2 Pet. 1 :4), awaiting and giving diligence, for an abundant entrance into that Kingdom when it will be manifested in power and glory to continue for eternity. Though the Millennial age will be a glorious time, it will not be completely without sin. Jesus Christ will rule righteously and will punish wickedness justly. According to Rev.20: 7-9, a large number of earth's citizens will be obedient to the Lord only because they have no other choice. The entire earth will be fruitful and habitable however, and food and water will be plentiful.

After the thousand years are finished, Satan will be released from the abyss. God will give mankind one more opportunity to choose between good and evil. Sadly a vast company will elect to join the devil in the final attack against God and His people. This demonstrates again the depth of human depravity. Even under beautiful conditions, with all benefits of perfect Government and material abundance, many will prefer SIN to RIGHTEOUS-NESS. Satan's army will move into Palestine and begin to encircle Jerusalem, but no battle will occur. Before a single shot is fired, God will supernaturally destroy the rebels. Satan will be cast into the lake of fire, joining the beast and the false prophet, and the unholy trinity will be in torment, "day and night for ever and ever". (Rev.20:9,10).

Immediately following this crushing act of rebellion, two great events will take place, -the Great White Throne judgement, and the renovation of the earth. Rev.20:11-14 pictures the unsaved dead being resurrected to stand before the Lord. God will judge each person justly to determine his degree of punishment. (These principles of judgement are set forth clearly in Romans 2: 1-16 and we can be assured that no one will have any cause for complaint. Every one will receive perfect justice). Our earth -system will then be purged and renewed. In 2 Peter3:10 we are told that "...the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein, shall be burned up". Peter then declares that from this conflagration will issue the new heaven and the new earth, which are described in Revelation 21 and 22.

As we begin reading Revelation 21 we envision the heavenly Jerusalem coming down to rest upon the new earth. We hear a voice declaring that God will now dwell with His people, freed from any contact with sin or its consequences, as death, sorrow, crying or pain. Rev .22 shows us the city as the new paradise. The best part of the new heaven and earth, however is not to be found in its physical beauty. It is the assurance that we will know God perfectly. Of the Redeemed we are told, "And they shall see his face and His Name shall be in their foreheads" (Rev.22:4). What a wonderful eternity to anticipate, because the coming of Jesus Christ for His own, will initiate a series of events, that will culminate in the ETERNAL KINGDOM of GOD. We should cherish it as our blessed hope. Let us respond to our Lord's announcement, "Surely I come quickly" with the fervent prayer, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Rev.22:20). And let us live in a manner befitting those who cherish this wonderful prospect.

Let our souls be filled with gratitude and praise to God as we quote these words of Erich Sauer, "We behold with worship this age -long plan of God. The record of salvation in the Bible has conducted from the gate of eternity before all time to the gate of eternity after this time. The goal is exactly as the commencement (Psa.90:2). GOD HIMSELF... He Himself, the King of the ages (1 Tim. 1: 17) will bring ages upon ages out of His Inexhaustible infinite fullness (Rev.22:5; Eph.2:7,lit.). In heavenly Jubilee His redeemed creatures praise Him, and through the sphere and worlds of the new creation will ring and resound the triumphant exultant song, "unto Him that sitteth upon the Throne, and unto the Lamb, be the blessing, and the honour and the glory and the dominion, from eternity to eternity" (Rev.5:13, 14)".

Thus will the eternal and universal Kingdom of God continue for ages. May the Lord prepare us all for an abundant entrance into this Kingdom.

October 2nd being a holiday, the saints and servants of various assemblies took the opportunity for special meetings, retreats and Gospel outreach in the land. Let us pray that this would lead to the harvest of souls besides helping forward the work of the ministry for the perfecting of the saints. At Hebron, we had a day's retreat especially for all connected with the Sunday School ministry from the twin cities -a time of devotional ministry followed by prayer and testimonies of the Sunday School teachers. The Lord enabled us to dwell upon the exemplary prayer life of Hannah from First Samuel -the one who was brought to the Holy Mountain (as we read in Isaiah 56:7), worshipping the Lord of Hosts, and receiving her petition for a man child. She was made joyful in the House of prayer. Naming him Samuel she offered him for His service in His House, even when the priesthood was corrupted and polluted. The Ark of God was taken by the Philistines, and the "glory departed from Israel" His chosen people. The Lord opened the way for recovery of that glory through Samuel and the monarchy under David and Solomon, the former being anointed as king by Samuel himself (1 Sam.16:13). These truths are expressed in book form, by beloved Bro.Bakht Singh in "Return of God's Glory", which demands our prayerful perusal, for our profit and participation in God's programme in this age.

Please pray for the ministry of the Vacation Bible School in about fifteen assemblies in Andhra Pradesh during the forthcoming Dasara holidays.

Pray for the marriage of Bro. I.S. Peters Babu, the Lord's servant at Berhampur, Orissa, with Sis. Mariam from Bolangir, Orissa, to be solemnized at Bethany, Rourkela on the 10th of October.

Also pray for the marriage of Sis. Sharon, (daughter of Bro.B.Timothy, the Lord's servant at Khammam) with Bro. Reuben (son of Bro. V. Rathnam) to be solemnised, God willing, on the 7th of November at Khammam.

Please thank the Lord for the recovery and health granted to Bro. B. A. Andrews, the Lord's servant at Sangareddy, after his surgery two weeks ago.

Please pray for the comfort of the family members of Bro.John Pradhan of Kharagpur as he was called Home on the 5th October an account of Cardiac problem.

Praying that the Lord Who raises the poor out of the dust and dunghill, to make them inherit the Throne of glory may lift us and lead us all on to the obtaining of the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ, escaping the perils and pollutions in the pathway of our pilgrimage,

I remain yours in His grace,
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2 Thess. 2 : 13, 14; 1 Sam. 2 : 8-10; Psa. 24 : 8,10

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