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## SPIRITUAL DELUSION -2

In our previous issue we saw two marks of those who fear God; they do not doubt God's love, and they honour God by offering sacrifices which are pure and righteous, sacrifices of contrite hearts, and living sacrifices of bodies offered to Him.

They also offer the sacrifices of praise. To God continually, that is, the fruit of their lips giving thanks to God (Heb.13: 15). We should bring such offerings to the Lord day after day and week after week. But many people despise the time of worship on the Lord's Day, and come late saying they do not have time. They have time for everything; they work over-time in their offices, but have no time for the House of God. Our Lord is a great King. Those who offer Him blind and lame offerings and that which cost them nothing, are in spiritual delusion.

In Matt.5:23,24 the Lord Jesus said, "Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar. and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift". If you are not in talking terms with your brother, if you have hatred in your heart for him and yet you offer worship with your lips, it will be only like dung. The Lord will not accept it because God wants offerings, which are offered with pure hearts. The Lord did not say, "If you bring your offering and remember that your brother has something against you, just claim My blood and go and offer". No, He said, "First go and make peace and then you come and offer sacrifices". God will not accept an offering, which comes out of a defiled heart.

The third mark of those who fear God is, they are faithful to their marriage vows. "Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant" (Mal.2:14). Such people are in spiritual delusion. These days many men put away their wives and want to marry some one else, and yet they. cover the altar with tears. They have no proper fellowship at home. Yet they come to God's House and bring their offering. God will never accept such worship. In God's sight husband and wife are one. What God has joined man should not put asunder. Many homes are breaking these days because fathers - in -law and mothers -in -law live under the same roof and cause much confusion. If you do not have the right relationship with your wife or husband you are in delusion.

Fourthly, those who fear God, give God His portion regularly. "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, where in have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings" (Mal.3:8). They never realized that by not giving the Lord's portion, they had become robbers. If you do not give your tithe to the Lord, you are not going to make God pauper, you yourself will become poor.

## HOW WE CAN HAVE THE FEAR OF GOD

The key to get back the fear of God is found in Mal.3: 7. "...Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts". When we return to the Lord, He will put His fear in our hearts as we read in Jer.32: 40, "And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me". Our personal revival starts when we turn to God whole -heartedly, not rending our garments but our hearts (Joel

2:12,13). True repentance means we see our sins and turn away from them whole - heartedly; then the Lord will turn to us.

When Paul saw sin among the Corinthians, he wrote a letter to them. When they read that letter, they were filled with sorrow and turned towards God. Such a repentance brought several things in their lives. "For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter"(2 Cor. 7:11). In true repentance these seven things are seen. Firstly, it brought about carefulness in their lives. Then there was clearing of themselves. They did not want to continue in that sin. Thirdly, they had indignation, that means they had holy anger, and they wanted to do away with that sin. Fourthly, they had fear, because of which they trembled at God's Word. Fifthly, with vehement desire, they wanted to possess what God wanted to give them. previously they had a desire for sin, but now a desire for righteousness. Sixthly, they had great zeal for holiness. Seventhly, God put His fire in their hearts for righteous revenge. When we turn to the Lord with such a repentance, He writes His laws in our hearts, so that we may fear Him and escape spiritual delusion.

#### REWARDS FOR THOSE WHO FEAR GOD

"Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name" (Mal.3:16). The Lord delights to hear what such people talk. From other people He hears only blasphemy, foolish and evil words. When those who fear the Lord speak one to another, it is delightful to Him. So He says, "Let me hear their words". That is the meaning of the word hearken. Then He writes their names in the book of remembrance. Not only that, He makes them His jewels (v.17).

The Lord Jesus Christ is going to come again. "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings" (Mal.4:2). When He first came to this world, He loved us and shed His blood to redeem us. Now He is going to come again for His jewels, that is, His Bride. Then they will b~ with Him for ever and ever.

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#### LETTER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

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Dear Fellow -Believers in Christ,

Greetings in the precious Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. the Lord of Glory, Who hath called

us to the obtaining of His Glory through the Gospel. Let our eyes be upon Him, Who was made a little lower than angels, for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour. He tasted death for every man, and has become the captain of salvation, bringing many sons to glory.

Crowns as rewards are mentioned in the Scriptures connected with the appearance or the second coming of the Lord for His Church; e.g. "...when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory..." (1 Pet.5: 4); "Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown" (Rev.3: 11). Also the promise, "I will give thee a crown of life"(Rev.2:10) as addressed to the persecuted church at Smyrna would also be fulfilled at His appearing again. This has a reference to the third Motto Text for this year. The CROWN which the faithful will receive is indeed an expression of the GLORY that will "be theirs. So let us hold fast the traditions and teachings we have received through His Word from Apostolic times, and even through others who have ministered to us, the things in relation to the eternal weight of glory, that will be ours.

The verdict upon the life of the Lord Jesus, spoken of by Paul as the King eternal and immortal is GLORY (1 Tim.1: 17). Apostle John writes the same note of GLORY, "we beheld his glory" (John1: 14). So also Peter writes in 2 Pet.1: 17, "...he received from God the Father honour and GLORY". It is the immortal, incorruptible Eternal One Who promises to us, "I will give thee a crown of life". The glory of Christ was due to certain incorruptible characteristics. First, His union with His Father. It was something so deep, so real and unshakable, as to abide all tests and trials He had to undergo. In spite of all the efforts of man and demons and the very Devil himself to part the Two (the Father and Son) and come between them, that union went right through.

The union with the Father was uninterrupted. The Lord Jesus made it perfectly clear that such a union as existed between Him and His Father could exist between us and Himself and with the Father, -not in Deity but in living organic oneness and fellowship, by being born of God. That union is the basis of glory. It is something incorruptible.

Man was created for glory (Isa.43: 1, 1). Paul it is, who calls Jesus "the second man", "the last Adam". He indicates that God takes another step in the second Man, and a final and inclusive step in the last Adam. Christ is God's next move and Christ is God's final move, but Christ comes into the place which the first Adam held as representing the intention of God concerning man. As we are thrown back by this way in which Paul speaks of Him, to the first man Adam, we are shown by the Scriptures that God's intention for man was that he should be glorified, to be CROWNED WITH GLORY (Heb.2: 7). He was made for glory. This is the definite statement of Scriptures.

But the glory was conditioned upon life, a peculiar life, the particular life of God. The glory was contingent upon man having that life, because the glory was the very essence of that life. That particular divine life held all the nature and potentiality of glory. So glory depended upon man having that life and that life was dependent upon faith and obedience. It depended upon whether man would believe God to be true, to be honest, to be faithful and whether God meant what He said. And so believing one should act accordingly, -that is to be obedient to God.

We know that man has fallen short of glory. He did not believe God, did not trust God, did not take the attitude that God was to be trusted. He disbelieved and acted accordingly. He disobeyed God. The result was that he brought into his own being and into all his seed, first corruption and then death. A state of corruption entered into his moral being, and that corruption led to death. Thus for that man, the prospect of glory ended. The intention of his being came to a full stop. No glory for that man. Heaven is closed; glory departs and man is excluded.

But man strangely did not accept that divine verdict. The thing became such a positive factor in his being, this corruption was so active that he refused to accept the verdict and set out upon a course of making his own glory, getting glory for himself. The history of man is the history of an effort to get

glory without getting it from God. That covers a very great deal. It started very early in the Bible story, and we see it going all the way through. But the glory of man, as we have said, always ends in corruption. However much glory he draws to himself, however much he achieves of that which is called "the glory of man", it ends in corruption.

We who are at the end of the history of this world, -as it now is -are seeing how the glory of man is bringing his own undoing, the most universal corruption. Will that be glory? But man cannot help himself. He is energised by another power. He is not his own master. In blindness man calls it glory. He wages war and calls it "a war to end war", and on goes man, still worse and worse. Now it is true, without exaggeration that we are in sight of the disintegration of humanity, and the possibility of the wiping out of the human race. We understand today more than ever it could possibly have been understood before, the meaning of our Lord's words- "And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved!" (Matt.24:22). Is that not true? That is now our present condition -corruption with false glory. God helping we may continue these thoughts in our next issue.

Bro. P. Devadanam, brother in responsibility in the church at New Jerusalem, Begumpet, covets our prayers for his daughter Prema Salome who was united in marriage with Bro. D. Satish Kumar (son of Bro. D. Mohan Reddy) on January 5th at Begumpet. Bro. Devadas of Bidar also covets our prayers for his daughter Salome who was united in marriage with Bro. David, (son of Bro. Sumitra) at Gulbarga, on 19th January .

Pray also for Sis.Esther Florence (daughter of Bro. R. Victor Thyagaraj, Elder, Jehovah -Shammah, Chennai) who was united with Bro. Gideon (son of Bro. Joshua Jayakumar, functioning as Deacon at Jehovah- Shammah) on 19th January.

The marriage of Bro. K. Daniel (God's servant at Guwahati, sent from Hebron), with Sis. B. Somila (handmaiden of the Lord, hitherto at Kalimpong) was solemnised in the church at Hebron on 22nd of January, many of our co -workers too being present. Pray that the Lord may use them for the ministry of the Gospel in Guwahati and around.

Saints at Ahmednagar , gathering at Hermon Prayer House would have us to thank the Lord for helping them to have their Prayer House newly constructed, and seek prayer for its completion and dedication soon.

Bro. M. Jayaraj, sharing responsibility in the church at Eschol, Ongole was suddenly called to Glory on 18th January, while he was going for ministry.

Bro. S. J. Cornelius, an elder at Jehovah - Shammah, Chennai, was promoted to Glory on 23rd January .Please pray for the comfort of the family members.

Sis. Mary (of Addanki, the Lord's handmaiden at Armur) was called to Glory on 24th January, at a young age, as she developed serious problems during pregnancy. Pray for the comfort of all her family members.

Bro. Solomon (son of late Bro. John Wesley), helping in the ministry at EI- Shaddai, R.K.Puram, Secunderabad was called to Glory on 24th January after a short period of illness and hospitalisation. Pray for the comfort of his wife, two small children, mother and other family members.

Bro. K. Jayaraj, God's servant at G.S.I. Colony, who was ailing with partial paralysis was called to Glory on 28th January. Pray for the comfort of his family.

Praying that the Lord may help us all to escape from the corruption that is in the world, and laying hold of His precious promises be made partakers of divine nature, and live and labour amongst His people, awaiting the Glorious appearance of our great God and Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ

I remain,  
Yours in His grace,

K.PHILLIP

2 Pet. 1: 3-5

Titus 2: 11-14

Exodus 33: 18,19

SECRET OF EFFECTIVE MINISTRY -3  
BAKHT SINGH

God wanted Moses to be His partner and co -worker for two great purposes. He wanted to deliver His people from the bondage of the Egyptians and to bring them to the land flowing with milk and honey. God saw that His people were in great affliction and bondage under cruel taskmasters. They were working hard the whole day and received no pay. The Lord saw the affliction of His people, heard their cry and wanted to deliver them from the bondage. He wanted Moses to be His co -worker for that great deliverance to be wrought through Him. Secondly, God wanted Moses to bring His people into Canaan. "I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey" (Exo.3:8).

Even though God may not call us like Moses for a very big task like that, yet He does call everyone of us for some task. Whatever work He gives us, it is equally precious in His sight. To everyone of us our job looks very big like a huge mountain. Zerubbabel felt the same way. If you want to grow spiritually, you must be willing to hear God's call and obey Him. You can pray, "O Lord, please show me which way I can serve Thee, obey Thee and be of some use to Thee". Then He will guide you and help you day by day. But you must be conscious of the call of God that He wants to use you for His glory , for the deliverance of those who are in bondage and lead them to their inheritance. Those who are in bondage should be delivered through us, and after being delivered they must come into the possession to enjoy their salvation. We find that more than seventy-five percent of believers do not enjoy their salvation. They live just an ordinary life, coming for the meetings and going away. They do not have any understanding of the deeper truths of salvation. If we understand God's purposes, then through love and fellowship we can help such believers.

When God was calling Moses to be the great deliverer of His people, he was saying, "Lord, who am I? What am I? I am nothing. I know my weaknesses, and my failures, my shortcomings and my limitations. How can such a man be useful unto Thee?" By knowing our nothingness, and by understanding God's purpose in saving us, we become unto God more useful.

Now in Exo. 3:6 and 14, God gave His four names to Moses to prepare him for his great task. "...I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob...And God said unto Moses. I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel. I AM hath sent me unto you". God called Himself the God of Abraham, God of Isaac. God of Jacob and I am that I am. Through these four great names God was preparing Moses for a very effective service.

The first name is "The God of Abraham". That has a double meaning. First of all, Abraham began to see the true meaning of righteousness. Here you have the true meaning of the Name. The God of Abraham. God appeared to Abraham twice in Genesis 12 and then in chapter 13. In chapter 14 He appeared to him in the form of Melchisedec. Then He appeared to him in chapter 15 and then in chapter 17 by which time he was 99 years old. Only at that age, he began to believe in God's wonder- working power to give him a child. Before that he was hoping to have a child in his own strength, but when he became very old, that

is, when he was a hundred years old, when both he and Sarah passed the age of child -bearing, when they had the least hope of having a child, then God opened his eyes. God provided a new power, a death -conquering power, to be poured into him to make him righteous and that is the power of resurrection. Only with that power he became righteous and it was imputed to him for righteousness.

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## A GREEN OLIVE TREE

"I am like a green olive tree in the house of God" (Psa.52:8).

Beloved, this is what the God of grace and glory wants you to be. If you knew what it means, then like David you also would long to be like this, so that you might satisfy the loving heart of God; and when the Lord makes you so your heart also will be filled with joy.

### AN OLIVE TREE

You will remember that it was the olive tree which first appeared on the new earth in the days of Noah, after the waters of the flood had subsided, and the dove returned with an olive leaf in her mouth (Gen.8: 11). This meant that the waters of judgment had passed away, and that the new vegetation had begun to show itself.

If you have not yet repented of your sins, and given your heart to the Lord Jesus Who loved you and died for you, then you are still under judgment, ready to be cut down and cast into the fire. But if you have accepted into your heart the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, Who bore the judgment of all your sins upon the cross, then for you the judgment, is over, and the new creation has begun in your heart. "He that believeth on him is not condemned" (John 3:18). "...if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Cor.5:17). Then you can be called an olive tree.

### A GREEN OLIVE TREE

A green tree is full of sap; a green olive tree is full of oil; and oil is the symbol of the Holy Spirit. The Lord desires that every child of His should be filled with the Spirit. The best life, the happiest life and the easiest life, is for those who are willing to be filled with the Spirit. Alas, how much joy is lost; how much glory, power and blessing are left un - enjoyed; how many unnecessary tears are shed; how much reproach is brought upon the Lord's Name; all because His people do not long to be filled with the Spirit! How sad it is to see the people of God full of bitterness, quarrelling, jealousy, arguments, rebellion, and love for worldly pleasure; a people neither hot nor cold; a people who have forgotten their heavenly calling! We have to lament like Jeremiah, because the gold has become dim; "the stones of the sanctuary are poured out in the top of every street. The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold, ...are...esteemed as earthen pitchers" (Lam.4:1 ,2).

Beloved, are you filled with the Holy Spirit? Are you a green olive tree? Or, are you only an old, dry and barren tree?

### IN THE HOUSE OF GOD

If the olive tree is full of oil, if the child of God is filled with the Spirit, the Lord's whole intention is, that his or her life, testimony and ministry should be always in the House of God, and in relation to the House of God. Read the Word of God over and over again, and you will be amazed to see how much the Lord

and His saints love the House of God, -the Heavenly Jerusalem, -Zion, the City of the Living God. "The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob"(Psa.87: 2). "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy" (Psa.137: 5,6).

If you are a green olive tree, but not "in the House of God", then God's full purpose in you is not being accomplished. Alas! how many believers there are who have love and zeal for the Lord, but who yet love to work independently. Thus their love is mostly misdirected, and their zeal is largely wasted. Even though souls may be saved through them, yet this is not God's best for them. God wants that love and zeal to be poured out in the House of God, in the Church, and to be used in building it up. Beloved, are you a green olive tree in the House of God?

In Zech.4: 11-14, we read of two trees, or two olive branches, which through two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves, into the golden candlestick. These two olive trees are explained as the two anointed ones that stand by the Lord of the whole earth. Such is the beautiful picture which the Lord gives of Zerubbabel, the Prince, and Joshua, the High Priest, who led the children of Israel in their first expedition out of their captivity in Babylon. Having come to Jerusalem, these two men led the people in building again the Temple of God, and this ministry is described as pouring golden oil, through golden pipes into the golden candlestick.

But now the Lord is building a better Temple, made without hands. The Golden Candlestick is the Church, the Holy Jerusalem. And the Lord wants us to have the unique privilege of standing by Him, as builders together with God. He wants you to be an olive branch emptying out of itself the golden oil through golden pipes, into the golden candlestick.

Beloved, are you emptying yourself, are you being poured out in the service of the Lord? Are you spending and being spent, with all your energy and time and talent, in this great eternal work of God, which is to shed forth its heavenly light, and to show forth now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places the manifold wisdom of God? (Eph.3: 10). How greatly the Lord loves us! How great are His intentions towards us! And how great are the riches of His grace!

May the Lord make each one of us to be "a green olive tree in the House of God", for His Name's sake. Amen.

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## LETTER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

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Dear Fellow -Believers in Christ,

All honour and glory, power and riches be unto Him, even our Lord Jesus Christ, Who according to His divine power has given us "all things that pertain unto life and godliness,...and hath called us to glory and virtue" (2 Pet.1 :3). By the exceeding great and precious promises given unto us we might become

partakers of divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world. Partakers of divine nature would mean, finally to be partakers of His glory. The Lord enable us to be saints pressing forward unto glory, as well as making our election and calling sure (2 Pet. 1: 3,4, 10; 1 Pet.5: 10; 2 Thess. 2:13, 14).

Christianity in its true sense, we may say, is a system of glory, which was lost in the first Adam, but recovered fully in the coming of the last Adam, the second Man, the Lord Jesus Christ. There are three statements regarding Him. "The word was made flesh" (John 1: 14), -that is incarnation. "In him was life" (John 1: 4), -that is incorruption. "We beheld his glory" (John 1: 14), -that is the effect of that life. Glory works out from life, and thus the final Adam, this last Adam, retrieves the loss of the first. He secures a life that was lost, the incorruptibility that was never known, and secures the glory. That is the story of Christ in three words -life, incorruptibility, glory. In those three words He comes to us and says, "Have faith in Me, believe in Me and in that life, and that life is for you". Through that life He offers us incorruptibility and glory. Hence from one point of view, true Christianity may be described as a system of glory. God is called, "The God of glory" (Acts 7:2). Christianity is a family and its Father is called, "the Father of glory" (Eph.1: 17). Christ Who brought Christianity into being is called, "the Lord of glory" (1 Cor.2:8). The Holy Spirit, the energy of this heavenly system, is called the "the Spirit of glory". So the three, Persons of the divine Trinity are all related to glory, all interested in glory. The Father produces the whole system of glory. It emanates from Him as the Father. The Son as the Lord of glory is governing everything in relation to glory. What a glorious statement that is, how much is gathered into it, -the LORD OF GLORY.

So we have in our Bible, a whole book containing the record of the activities of the Lord of glory. Situations and positions seem at first sight all the work of the devil, all the work of devil - inspired and energized people. Such situations are so difficult that they seem hopeless. And that Book contains the verdict of the long run, that every one of those situations was turned to glory. Something glorious came out of every hopeless and impossible situation. The LORD OF GLORY was seeing to that.

The Spirit of Glory, so called by Peter, was in a context when believers were passing through fiery trials. They were misunderstood, slandered and misrepresented. And Peter says -"It is alright if you can take it humbly, if you take it without bitterness; the spirit of glory will rest upon you". That means, in adversity believers find, that right in the midst of persecution and opposition something of inexplicable joy rises up, a deep and wonderful peace fills them. The persecutors hurl their stones, or whatever else they may do, somehow there is glory in the heart. That is the story of many a martyr, of many a murdered servant of God -the SPIRIT OF GLORY.

Glory is not some place to which we are going presently, although glory may be the sphere in which everything is glorious. Glory is for now. It is part of the very life we have received. It is the ESSENCE OF CHRIST in us, as the HOPE OF GLORY. It is the very nature of what we have received through faith in Jesus Christ. The Lord wants us to have a life, and to live according to that life, which will produce more and more glory in us. It will again be only as we live according to that incorruptible life, that the glory will be manifested.

So Christ is the pattern for glory. We have to look again at the One Who hath set for us the pattern, indicated the principles of the incorruptible, which result in glory. We have to look at what was true of Him, as this incorruptible One, that resulted in God giving Him glory. One or two important things we may see in this connection. Firstly, it was His inward separation from sin. There was a great gap between Him and sin. It is said of Him that He "knew no sin" (2 Cor.5: 21), that He was "separate from sinners" (Heb.7: 26). That is, in His nature He was separate from the rest of men -there was an inward separation. Now we are not constituted as He was -sinless, but we are told and made to understand in the New Testament that that inward separation which was true of Him, can be made true in us, to be on the ground of glory. God helping we will continue in our next issue.

We had mentioned in our last issue the sudden Home call of Bro. S. J. D. Cornelius, on the 23rd January.

"The memory of the just is blessed" (Prov.10:7), and hence the following lines are penned to call to remembrance the service he was enabled to render by the grace of God, to the people of God and the House of God. He magnified his office as an elder, besides functioning as the secretary and finally as the treasurer of the Church's Society, all put together for the past fifteen years almost. He also shouldered the overall stewardship of the Sunday school ministry. With the help of others in spite of his weakening health, he took pains to maintain the Lord's treasury faithfully and wisely, catering to the multifarious needs of the work and ministry of the House of God, as well as lay aside a sizable amount for construction, repairs and restructuring of the church's very old building. His timely and accepted representation to the Government's Urban Land Department, after having framed the present bylaws of the Church's Society, preserved the Jehovah-Shammah compound in its entirety from Urban Land acquisition. Also he was of immense help in the Society's legal matters to late Bro. Bakht Singh, who, though the Principal Trustee, had become weak and ailing by 1988. He helped his servant to form the Governing Body with amended by-laws, for the safe and stable management of all the affairs of the Society Of The Indigenous Churches In India. Though a disciplinarian in many practical matters, he showed care and compassion for all in need. Thus like priest Jehoiada, "having done good in Israel, both toward God, and toward his house" (2 Chro.24: 16), he finished his course (2 Tim.4: 7). He was committed to the grave amidst a large gathering of believers from allover Chennai on the Lord's Day, the 25th January, in the sure assurance of Paul's words, "It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body" (1 Cor.15:44).

The annual ministry for the youth of West Bengal, Nepal, Assam, Mizoram and surrounding areas was held at

El -Shaddai, Kalimpong, from 5th to 18th January. About 2000 were present, Bro. Paul Sudhakar was the main minister of the Word-, and he covets our prayers for the ministry fulfilled. Also the dedication of the new big Worship Hall at Mt. Hermon, Siliguri was conducted by him. Bro. Victor Pradhan, God's-servant there and saints at Mt. Hermon would have us to thank and praise the Lord for His faithfulness and goodness toward them in finishing this big construction, followed by dedication.

God willing, the dedication of the newly constructed Worship Hall at Carmel, Nellore, would be on 7th of February. Also the dedication of the top floor construction of the Prayer House, Jehovah -Shammah, Avilala, Tirupathi, will be held; God willing, on 9th February. They all covet our prayers.

Pray for Bro. and Sis. D. S. Christopher as they left on 30th January for Brisbane, Australia, to spend a week with Bro. and Sis. Golsworthy in the Home for the aged, for fellowship and helpful service.

Praying that looking unto Jesus, we may run our race with patience, and be qualified to be partakers of His glory at His coming,

I remain,  
Yours in His grace,

**K.PHILLIP**

Col. 3: 1-4

Psa. 73 : 23,24

Psa. 73 : 23,24

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SECRET OF EFFECTIVE MINISTRY -4  
BAKHT SINGH

God put new life into Abraham, and so he became righteous. "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that, what he

had promised, he was able also to perform. And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness" (Rom.4: 20 -22). He could not glory in his own self or energy. We do not become righteous before God by our Bible knowledge, rituals and activities. By receiving into us by faith the power of resurrection, we become righteous forever. And that is the meaning of new birth, which is a great experience. It is by that new life and death -conquering power that day by day we have to serve God, by becoming righteous in His sight. "...Jesus our Lord...was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification" (Rom.4: 24,25).

The second thing we learn through the Name, the God of Abraham, is how Abraham became the friend of God. "And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was the Friend of God" (James 2:23). He became God's friend at the age of 99. Before that he could have said truthfully, "God appeared to me; God spoke to me; I obeyed Him" and so on, but he could not say, "God is my friend". Only after Genesis 17 he became God's friend. We read in Gen.18: 17, " And the Lord said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do... ?" God could share with Abraham all the secrets from that time onwards. By sharing our personal secrets, problems, shortcomings and failures freely, we also become God's friends. Talk to Him like a Friend. There is no fear in telling Him our personal secrets, temptations and failures. Share everything with Him as your best Friend. Then wait patiently for His answer. Similarly, ask God to show you His own secrets, His heavenly mysteries. Friendship becomes thicker when we share secrets. And that is how God could speak to Moses and He could carry out His task. As we walk with God like a friend we have the privilege of serving Him more fruitfully.

Secondly, God is called by the Name, "The God of Isaac" (Exo.3: 6). In Isaac we have the symbol of resurrection. The power of resurrection was available, not only for Moses but it is for all those who obey the Lord. That power of resurrection works in a threefold way. First of all, we become righteous by the power of resurrection (Rom.4: 25). Secondly, by the power of resurrection we conquer all our earthly trials and temptations (Phil.3: 10 - 14). That was the longing of Paul the apostle -to know Him and the power of His resurrection, that he might win the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. That is possible by conquering every trial and temptation by the power of resurrection. Whatever may be our trials and temptations, weaknesses and shortcomings, we can say by faith, "O Lord, in myself I am weak and helpless, having so many failures. Will you kindly pour in me your power of resurrection 'and make me an overcomer? Help me to overcome this temptation. In myself I am nothing. I depend upon you". That is the second way in which the power of resurrection works in us. Thirdly, by that power one day we will be given immortal bodies. "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you" (Rom.8: 11). The same power by which our Lord rose again will be poured into our bodies. When the Lord Jesus Christ will come back again, by the efficacy of the precious blood and by the power of resurrection we will be given immortal, glorified, heavenly bodies. But we must learn how to receive and appropriate that power day by day, and not depend upon our own human strength of any kind for victory.

The third name is the God of Jacob. When God first met Jacob he was full of fear. He was fully transformed after going through many years of severe trials. Then he became Israel, i.e. God's prince (Gen.32: 26-29). Then the God of Jacob became the God of Israel. God has given us a high heavenly calling in the Lord Jesus Christ to be kings, but very few believers enjoy it in experience.

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