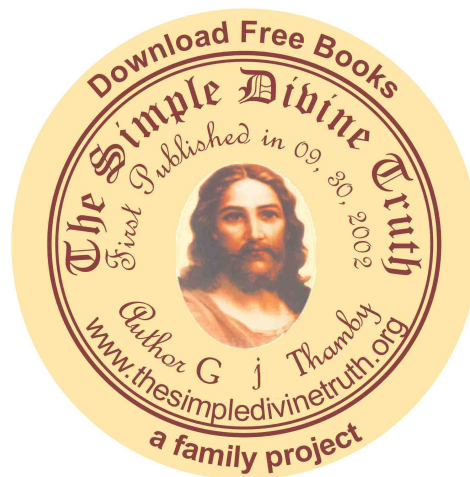


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For the salvation of man, under the sky Acts 4:12



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Prologue

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It is not necessary to say that this book is in continuation to the previous books, but you must read the previous books before you read this part. Since the previous ones happened to be very successful and fruitful, it is very much encouraging to write this at a faster pace.

One of the things that have been very attractive about the previous books is its simplicity in language. The books are mainly aimed for the English-medium students. In fact they are the greatest sufferers for the deficiency of spiritual books that can be easily digested and that can be of great interest to them. No other book has ever been published with wide variety of subjects. Usually one book deals with one subject, but that will not take the reader anywhere. One must have the basic idea of the innumerable subjects needed to know for his eternal life.

Several parents have surprised me when they told me; after their reading they gave these books to their children and also to others. These parents were very happy, when they found that this book was interesting to their children. Regardless a person has interest in spiritual matters or not, once they go through the index, it is for sure to have some topics of their interest; this is more than enough to drag them through the rest of the chapters. The meaning of the most of the words, which are not commonly used, is given in the book. This is to help the reader not to break the continuity in reading for referring the dictionary.

One must have the outlook and aim in life by the time they become an adolescent. This is the most critical time of one's character formation.

In this modern wild era, children have virtually none to look at and to follow. They have nothing to learn from their parents, teachers, elders, friends, and neighbors, not even their spiritual leaders. Anywhere you look at; you can find people struggling to make money and establishments, by all means; even through unethical ways. Tax evasion is no mistake for them. In such surroundings what would the children learn? The parents have a lot to sacrifice for the uplift of the spiritual standards of their children. They must be honest and show a good example with their life itself. That is what Jesus did, he has shown himself as a perfect example to everyone and then he said, "*Follow me*"

The Bible is the greatest Spiritual-Epic that has ever been formed. If anybody wants to improve even his or her communication skill, or literature it is better to study the Bible. There is no other book about which innumerable books are being written everyday. As you study the Bible it improves you in all respect. You are required to read, study, memorize, reproduce and practice what is said in the Bible.

Once you are thorough with the Bible you must meditate over those verses, *which is your real worshipping in Spirit*. Compared to the Bible, this book has nothing to offer but an introduction and an invitation to read the whole Bible itself, which is the original and authentic book of the word of God, which does have Copyrights to all. In these days you can see politicians frequently changing their parties to gain something, which they could not get from the previous party. Whether it is good or not is the point; they do not get what they are seeking.

Far as the religious people are concerned, they have an inner driving force to seek the truth. They are wandering aimlessly because they lost their track. The real track is Jesus' way and that is under your nose. When you are desperate you cannot even read anything that might bring some Peace of mind, so you keep running from one Church to another. At the same time when each Church says that they are the only right, and others are all wrong, you get totally lost.

These earthly churches can never be perfect because the real Church is the congregation in Jesus and not the administrative system of any denomination. A particular building and the people in it are known as a Church for us. Where as the real congregation is the Church - that is the body of Christ and where Christ is the head. The Church made of concrete and bricks are the symbol of Jesus Church. Now you can differentiate the 'Body' and the 'Head'. Christ is the head of all churches and we are all parts of His body.

Can the Body, which is the church rule the head? Or should the Head rule the Church known as His body. When the Body rules the Head, it becomes totally unholy and not-spiritual. At the same time when the Head rules the Body it becomes totally holy. The reasons for the total unrest of all churches are they are far short of real spirituality.

**Christian's belief is in Jesus
But their relief is in their pocket.**

Now you may have another question, what is spirituality? The possession of fruit of the Holy Spirit is spirituality, what is not spirituality is the desire of the flesh. You must have all the qualities of Holy Spirit and you must not have any of the desires of the flesh. Once you reach this level you are above all disputes, quarrels and discrimination.

When you are thorough with the commandments of God, you have to implement the whole thing in your life, which is not an easy task for any one. We are in the wrong track, right from the beginning of our life. Our normal aim is to win every thing we desire and honesty is out of question. The principle in gaining everything; is the return of something done through dishonesty and un-righteousness. When you gain material benefits what you have sacrificed is the truth, honesty and spirituality. If you have to gain spirituality you have to loose materialism and the driving force of materialism. When you are willing to seek The Kingdom of God, which is not of this world, God will give the rest of the things you need, of this world and the other world.

You will get according to your need, determined by God, and not according to your desires. You should not earn what you desire by disobeying God's commandments.

You should not sell God and make money.

Once you know this much, you have achieved peace of mind in God, which is everlasting. The following shows the simple way of understanding real spiritual life and what is not a spiritual life. When you lead a spiritual life your life is holy, and when you don't lead a spiritual life, your life is unholy and far away from God. What man should have and should not have is described below.

Fruit of The Holy Spirit

Man is expected to possess all these qualities.

Galatians 5: 22--23 The fruit of the spirit is (1) love, (2) joy, (3) peace, (4) patience, (5) kindness, (6) faithfulness, (7) gentleness, (8) self-control; against such there is no law.

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

These gifts are given to chosen people

1 Corinthians 12: 4--7, Same Holy spirit provides varieties of gifts to man, (1) varieties of services (2) varieties of activities (3) utterance of Wisdom, (4) knowledge, (5) faith, (6) healing, (7) performing of miracles, (8) prophecy, (9) ability to distinguish between spirits, (10) various kinds of tongues, (11) interpretation of tongues, etc. One and the same Holy Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses, activates all these. Each is given the manifestation of the Holy Spirit for the common Good.

Desires of Flesh

You should not have any of the desires of the flesh, not even one.

Galatians 5: 16-21 Live by the Spirit and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the spirit, and what the spirit desires is opposed to flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. Now the works of the flesh are obvious:--

(1) fornication, (2) impurity, (3) licentiousness, (4) idolatry (5) sorcery (6) enmities (7) strife (8) jealousy (9) anger (10) quarrels (11) dissensions (12) factions (13) envy (14) drunkenness (15) carousing and those who do things like these, will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

Flesh = Body + Mind.

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Chapter 01

Prayer

Prayer is an intimate fellowship with God. This can be achieved only through personal prayer. Mass-prayer is not a substitute for personal prayers. Mass-prayer will not be effective unless you have good personal prayer and spiritual growth. Many Christians do not know this basic truth; they simply make a small prayer before they go to sleep and they just make Sunday appearance in a church. The reason for bed-time prayer is man is basically scared of darkness because he cannot see in the night, besides he is afraid of horrifying dreams and vampire stories. A reasonably good personal prayer should not be less than an hour, if it cannot be done in one stretch, at least it can be in two sessions.

Mathew 26: 40-42. Jesus said, "Could you not stay awake with me one hour" "The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak"

I can tell you of one of my personal happenings. I have worked day and night depending on the urgency. So I was well accustomed of sleepless nights. On one occasion I had to stay in a hospital for 48 hours, without food, nature's call and even a glass of water. You cannot imagine the agony I had, which made me to stand in one place for that long time. Now I should be ashamed to tell that I could not spend even half of that time in prayer at one stretch. When you are mentally disturbed and in tension, you forgo your food and all your other needs; but why you cannot spend some time in prayer? You may say that you are too busy, you are exhausted and you don't have time to pray. This is what Jesus said; *"Your spirit is always awake and ready but not your flesh"*.

(Flesh consist Body and mind) You may be working for long hours, when it comes to the time of prayers you are too tired and you fall asleep. It is the power of Satan that makes you sleep, so that you will stay away from God. Then Satan will have an easy access to control you.

When we pray we put our faith in God's promises; subjected to our obedience to His commandments and according to His 'WILL' He will accept it. When we agree with Him or level with Him, God can execute His promises. Paul says to pray always, so that you will be in constant fellowship with God, for your own good, so that He could interfere at the time of your need. If you think of God all the time even when you are at work, your mind will not be engaged in any sinful thoughts, as a result you are rather keeping yourself Holy. When your thoughts and your works are free from sins, your flesh is fully subjected to your spirit; these are the precious moments, when your spirit is in fellowship with the Holy Spirit. Your mind is not aware of the worshipping of your own spirit. This is what Jesus said that your time has come to worship in "Truth and Spirit".

As much we need God, He also needs us, because we are His children and He loves us. If you don't let Him in, He will not come in to your life and fulfill His will. As a result vast majority of the people live of their own and without God.

John 4: 24. Jesus said, "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in Spirit and Truth"

To know what truth is, refer the following verses: --

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John 1: 1. In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, And the word was God.

John 1: 14. And the word became flesh and dwelt among us.

*John 14: 6. Jesus said, "I am The Truth,
And no one comes to the Father except through me."*

Truth? *John 17: 8 Jesus said, "In truth, I came from you Father."*

{Jesus is the Word of His Father, which is the Truth.}

John 17: 17. Jesus said, "The word of God is the Truth."

Worshipping in truth means worshipping in the word of God. You must say the word of God with your lips or with your mind and then worship Him, or meditate over it.

Psalms 1:2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law he meditates day and night.

Psalms 19:14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my rock, and my redeemer.

Psalms 104:34 My meditation (Songs) of him shall be pleasing to Him: I will rejoice in the Lord.

Psalms 119:97 O how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day.

If you surrender yourself to God, then the Holy Spirit can function in you. Surrendering to God means you must have the sincere desire to give up your attachments of everything that belongs to the world.

Psalms 119:148 My eyes are awake before each night watch (stay awake) that I might meditate in your word.

God is spirit, he does not need anything earthly, what he needs is your body, mind and your spirit. He will help you to maintain your body, mind and spirit healthy when you obey His commandments.

He wants you to live physically and spiritually strong. When you are his son it is His interest to keep you mentally, physically and spiritually strong; don't try to own your problems. If you possess your problems God cannot solve it, you have to give it to Him. That is why Jesus prayed, "*Let your will prevail*" letting His heavenly father do everything. (Father God's will)

If the Holy Spirit can function in you, then the evil spirit can also function in you. The evil spirits will function in you when you give them access. To resist the evil spirits, you must hang on to Holy Spirit.

If you don't give access to the Holy Spirit, He cannot function in you. When the Holy Spirit comes in you, the evil spirit will flee; at the same time when you give access to evil

spirits then the Holy Spirit will leave you. For the same reason Jesus said, *"You cannot serve two masters; money and God at the same time"*

(Money is materialism and evil) Mammon = Wealth

{The word Mammon has originated from Aramaic, "Mamona" meaning wealth}

Mathew 6: 24. Jesus said, "You cannot serve God and Mammon"

Jeremiah 33: 3. The Lord said, "Call to me I will answer you, And will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known"

Though God knows everything happening to you, he will not interfere in your matters until you call upon Him, because He said so; the reasons are given below.

*Psalms 115: 16. The Heavens are the Lord's,
But the earth He has given to human beings.*

This verse tells us that the earth belongs to man who has a physical body (man is made from the dust of the earth), and the heavens belong to God who has a spiritual body. When God in the heaven has to interfere on the earth for your need, you must call upon Him. God has demarcated man's and God's territory, so it is a question of trespassing for God when God comes in without man's invitation because He will not break His own law.

Remember, half of the earth is always awake. Many are calling upon Him so God is in constant touch with the earth. Even if you don't pray to Him your basic birthright, as it is promised by Him will be given to you. They are food, clothing and shelter. This is not enough; we plan many things to achieve.

We fall sick, we must be healed and we have several righteous ambitions in our life, to whom we are going to ask for these? Finally we must achieve the everlasting life. The Lord said if you ask in faith, you would receive them.

Mathew 21: 22 Jesus said, "What ever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive." (Read 'Faith')

Exodus 3: 7-8 The Lord said to Moses, "I have heard the cries of the people of Israel and their bondage; I have come to deliver them"

When the Israelites cried to the Lord, He came for their help

John 14: 26, Jesus said, "The advocate, The Holy spirit, whom The Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have told you".

Romans 8: 26. The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray, as we ought, but that very spirit intercedes according to the will of God.

God's Spirit is willing to help you, but you must pray for it.

1 Thessalonians 5: 17 Pray constantly; this is God's will.

Ephesians 6: 18. Pray in the spirit at all times.

Praying in spirit is something, the conscious mind is not aware of. When you live by the statutes of the Lord, your spirit will be in fellowship with the Lord. If you do not live by the statutes of the Lord, then your spirit is in darkness.

It may be said, as the spirit is inactive or dead, like in the prodigal son and in Adam and Eve. Praying is being convincing and believing, what you are saying is in line with the God's promises, then God will execute your need, provided it is acceptable to God.

When your need and God's will becomes same, then only, things will happen according to your prayers, otherwise only "God's decision" will prevail and not your desires.

In the presence of God everyone is a prodigal child. When you travel in Jesus' way in His light and in truth, you are proceeding towards the heavenly Father. At that time God's spirit is having fellowship with your spirit, and your spirit is worshipping the Lord who is a Spirit, without your knowledge. In fact the Spirit will lead you all the time.

You are in total silence and at peace, free from all the worldly thoughts and desires. Since God is peace, your fellowship with God is in peace. There will be no shouting and yelling at that time, *"God is not of unrest but of peace"*

Luke 15: 11-24 explains the story of the prodigal son. He gathered all the worldly possessions he could get from his Father and went on his way.

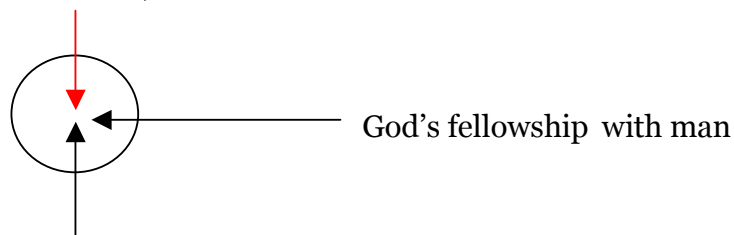
When he lost everything he realized his mistake and felt sorry for what he has done and decided to return to his Father. When he was coming back to his Father; *"While he was still far off, his Father saw him and was filled with compassion; the Father ran and put his arms around him and kissed him (Luke 15: 20)"*

Luke 15 24 *"This son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and he is found!" They began to celebrate.*

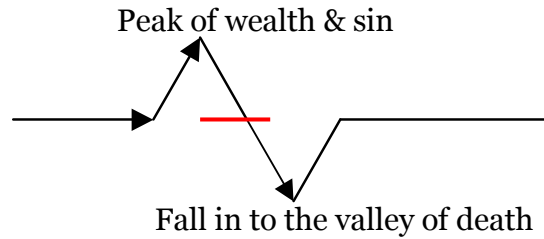
(1) When your Spirit move in Jesus 'Way'

(2) God's Spirit comes down to you

(3) See that God comes down to have fellowship with man. When the prodigal son came back to his father, the Father ran to receive him!!



At the heights of wealth, your pride will also be high and then you will be at the peak of sin. Please refer the following sketch. Here, the straight line between the peak and the valley is your normal life, when you have all the worldly blessings you are at the peak of pride and sin. From the peak God will strike you down and you fall in to the valley of death. If you repent and straighten your life then you can get back to your normal and divine life.



Your constant fellowship with God is the only way to stay spiritually alive otherwise you are as good as a dead person like the prodigal son.

*Romans 8:26 - 30 Likewise the **S**pirit also helps our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the **S**pirit itself makes intercession for us with groaning which cannot be uttered. And **He** that searches the hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because **He** makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to **His** purpose. For whom **He** did foreknow, **He** also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of **His Son**, that **He** might be the **Firstborn** among many brethren. Moreover whom **He** did predestinate, them **He** also called: and whom **He** called, them **He** also justified: and whom **He** justified, them **He** also glorified.*

The above verses explain the secrets in praying in spirit of the man. Though almost all the denominations have printed out several kinds of prayer books that keep can keep you for hours together, none of them are adequate enough to meet the fullness of your spiritual need. So God has decided that human spirit should pray with the help of the Holy Spirit. We always confront a technical problem; when we do not obey God's commandments, we are unholy; and at that time we loose the presence of Holy Spirit in us. Then the fellowship with God and our spirit is cut-off. Under these conditions everything we do manually such as –

1) The verbal prayers 2) Mental prayers 3) All kinds of Rituals 4) Lighting candles and oil lamps 5) Crawling on knees around the church

Charity works, Construction works, Pilgrimages and all the other paraphernalia, does not help you to attain salvation. These are part of social and earthly work; these have the least help to reach eternity. During this manual work period, your spirit is virtually starving for the Divine help from the high above. Your sins have created a gap between you and God. The true fellowship of your spirit with God's spirit is not achieved but lost.

Isaiah 59: 2. Your iniquities have been barriers between you and your God. Your sins have hidden his face from you, so that He does not hear your prayer.

You must do what pleases God and not what pleases you and others. One of the reasons for the failures and tragedies in your life is – you are going against the will of God. You could not be content with the little you have. This itself is against God's will and you are revolting against God. You must do exactly like God has told you, and don't try to play intellectual games with God, that brings you disaster and finally your spiritual destruction and loss of everlasting life.

Next-David's Repentance

Chapter 02

David's Repentance

David's illicit relationship with Bathsheba, wife of a soldier Uriah is explained in 2nd Samuel 11th Chapter. When David saw that she was beautiful, he summoned her and lay with her and she became conceived.

1) An anointed king committed adultery and thereby he broke the seventh Commandment. *"You shall not commit adultery"*

Instead of repenting about it, David tried to cover up his involvement in Bathsheba's pregnancy. David summoned her husband Uriah and asked him to stay with his wife, which he refused, because his comrades were in the battlefront, so he alone did not want to enjoy at his home.

2) David broke the tenth commandment.

"You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, house or anything that belong to him"

3) Uriah was sent to the battlefront and got him killed. Thereby David broke the sixth Commandment.

"You shall not kill"

4) A king failed to be just and righteous.

5) David has shown a bad example to his subjects

David made God very angry. So God has sent Prophet Nathan to tell him the following.

*2 Samuel 12: 7-12. The Lord said, "You are the man, I anointed you, King of Israel, and I rescued from the hand of Saul; I gave you your masters house, and your master's wives in to your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you displeased the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in His sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to your wife, and have killed him with the sword of ammonites. **Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife**" Thus says the Lord: **"I will raise up trouble against you from your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this before all Israel, and before the Sun"***

David's Miseries

(I) God did not kill David instead David's first son, born to Bathsheba died. In due course another son was born to David and Bathsheba and he was Solomon.

(II) One of the David's sons Amnon raped Absalom's sister Tamar and disgraced her and drove her off.

(III) Absalom killed Amnon in revenge. Absalom was afraid of King David so he fled the

~~ county. Later he came back to Israel and declared himself as king. Finally David fled the country in fear of Absalom.

(IV) Absalom went to his father David's concubines in the broad daylight and fulfilled God's curse. (2 Samuel 16:22)

(V) Fierce battle broke out between David's army and Absalom's army and twenty thousand men died on the first day, and many more on the subsequent days.

(VI) At last David's soldiers killed Absalom while he was in the forest hanging in an oak tree when his most beautiful hair was caught in the branches while riding through the forest. Absalom loved and admired his hair most; he was very proud of it, and that became a trap for him. All these happened just because of David's killing of Uriah and taking his wife. Because of David's confession, God raised him again and he ruled until he handed over his kingdom to his son Solomon.

Jeremiah 36: 3. The Lord says, "All those whom turn from their evil ways, I may forgive their iniquity and their sin".

You have enough reason to think: --

- 1) Did God forgive David when he repented?
- 2) If God did forgive David, why David was punished?

2 Samuel 12: 13-14. Nathan said to David, "Now the Lord has put away sin; you shall not die, instead your Child will die"

Because David has repented, God has reduced David's punishment. Only David's child died, and David's life was spared.

2 Samuel 12: 10 The Lord said, "Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife"

This is a reduced punishment otherwise the whole kingdom would have been destroyed. Our normal thinking in relation to the scripture is: -- David may get a total forgiveness when he repented and there will be no more miss-happenings. That was not so, if God did not forgive David, he may not have been alive, and the Kingdom would have been given to somebody else. Though we don't know how precisely God is dispersing every person, God has told us that He does forgive when we repent, and it stands. Just don't crack your brain for further answers. David's confession helped him to rise once again spiritually.

King David's confession: -- Psalms 51: 1-12

O God, according to your steadfast love, have mercy on me; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions and my sin is ever before me. Against you alone I have sinned, and what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with Hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart O God, and put a new right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Chapter 03

House Sanctification

How to sanctify any objects, or even your own House

I) First you must command all the evil spirit to leave your house in the name of Jesus.

Exodus 40: 9. And you shall take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle, and all that is therein, and shall hallow it, and all the vessels thereof: and it shall be holy.

Hebrew 4-12-16 The word of God is sharper, than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing the soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace so that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Jeremiah 17: 9-10 The Lord said, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can understand it? I the Lord search the heart, and give to all according to their ways, according to their fruits of their doings"

Since after crucifixion, there are no more animal sacrifices and no more animal blood sprinkling. The only alternative is to use anointing oil, and pray to God to purify your house and to seal it with His precious blood; it is done.

Any believer can do this. You may ask what kind of oil is to be used. It can be any oil, because oil is the symbolic representation of blood, it does not matter what kind of oil is used. Not any cheap contaminated type oil. I have seen such oil sold in Kerala-State shops for oil lamps in early days. As you pray the power of Jesus' precious blood does the work. Depending upon the visitors you have, you will have to do this frequently.

II) Make sure that you don't have any Satanic objects

Deuteronomy 7: 25 -26 The Lord said, "The graven images of their gods, you shall burn with fire: You shall not desire the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it for yourself, you could be snared by it: for it is an abomination to the Lord your God. Do not bring an abomination into your house, or you will be set apart for destruction like it. You must utterly detest and abhor it, for it is set apart for destruction" (Snare=Trap)

You will never know that some of the gifts you received can be under spell, they should be discarded. Beyond its attraction, cost, and beauty, it brings only disaster. It may not be easy for you to believe these things, unless you are able to be convinced with some proof; until such time you will continue the way you are which is human and not divine.

1 Corinthians 10: 19-20. What say I then? That the idol is anything, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is anything? But I say that the things, which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils and not to the Gods.

- III)** When you move to new location, you must sanctify everything inside and around the house.
- IV)** Self control (Do not fall in to temptations)
- V)** You should not commit any sin by disobeying God's commandments.
- VI)** Your house must be kept spiritually In Good Order.

Why evil Spirits influence in your everyday life? They function where favorable conditions prevail for them even otherwise they create such conditions. If you resist them the evil spirit cannot stand. The evil spirit usually may seek the help of another person to work against you. If you depend on God then the evil spirit cannot defeat you.

Same way you must give favorable conditions to Holy Spirit to dwell in you. Otherwise it cannot inhabit in you.

Psalms 51: 11-13. Do not take the Holy Spirit away from me. Sustain in me a willing Spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

David is praying to the Lord not to take His Holy Spirit away but to sustain, so that David could teach the Lords statutes to others and save the sinners. This tells us how to deal with the situations.



Cherubim

Chapter 04



Death

Kinds of Deaths

- 1) Physical death:** Most of us relate the meaning of death to our physical death, when physical life comes to an end; before or at the end of one's life span.
- 2) Spiritual Death happens when man continues to be alive:** Man is alive but only spiritually dead. When a man loses his companionship with God, spiritually he is a dead person. Example = Adam & Eve, Prodigal son
- 3) Eternal death of human Spirit:** -- When man meets his physical death, his spirit survives, but depending on his obedience to God, God will decide on the Day of Judgment either to give the human spirit, an eternal life or eternal death.

Is Physical death Avoidable?

Everything that has come from earth has a lifespan; it must finish and perish on the earth itself on some day. When we look at the nature, which is created by the same God, all living things, which include, beings and plants, have a life span. Considering the working pattern, it is likely to have a physical death for human beings also, which is a biological necessity. On that principle when a man is born what accompanies him is his death. This is a truth and reality that cannot be denied, and cannot be avoided. Considering this fact you should not fear death. There are many people, old and even very weak whose life span has already crossed the zenith, but when they hear of death they get frightened. For Christians, death is the transformation from worldly life into an eternal life of his spirit. If you have lost all the games in this world, you are going to be great success in eternal life, provided you had faith in God and have obeyed His commandments.

Genesis 3: 22-24. Then the Lord said, "The man has become like one of us: He knows good and evil. We must keep him from eating some of the fruit from the 'Tree of life', or he will live forever" So the Lord forced the man out of the Garden of Eden to work on the ground from where he was taken. After God forced the man out of the garden, He placed angels and a sword of fire that flashed around in every direction on its eastern border. This kept people from getting to the Tree of Life.

The above verse confirms that man had a life span and he was not created as immortal, but if he ever ate the fruit from "The Tree of Life" he would not have died. So God did not give a chance to anyone to eat the 'Fruit of Life' when he has put angels around it, to guard it.

Genesis 2: 17. God said to Adam, "When you eat of the fruit, you will die"

By disobeying God, Adam and Eve has sinned against God so they fell into darkness and they lost their fellowship with God, this is what is explained in Genesis 2: 17

Romans 5: 12. "Sin entered through one man and death through sin"

Through Adam, sin entered in this world, and eternal death was the reward of their sin.

Romans 6: 23. Wages of sin is death. (Spiritual death)

Once you continue in a state of spiritual death and never reverse the situation, then you are very likely to meet with your eternal death also.

'The Good-news' Jesus has brought is -- *"Repent, 'The Kingdom of heaven' is at hand"* (He wants to help you to inherit His Kingdom and avoid an eternal death)

Man's Spirit may be (Alive/ Dead)
Mind (Unholy)
Body (Unholy)

Man's spirit, mind and body are in somewhat balanced form. When the spirit rules the 'mind and body', character of flesh will become recessive and he becomes a spiritual man or holy man. If the flesh rules the spirit, then the spirit becomes inactive, and the man lives in darkness. Then the man is described as a spiritually dead person. What really happens is man's spirit's fellowship with God is lost, and his spirit cannot worship the Lord. When you analyze further you will understand that it was not Adam's spirit that committed the sin, but it was his flesh.

Ezekiel 18: 4. It is only the person who sins, that shall die.

Eternal death applies only to the man who disobeys God. Here a man is described as a person; the personality of a man consist the body and the mind (Rather the outer shell) Since flesh commits sin, flesh must be punished, if not the spirit also will be punished on the Day of Judgment.

Romans 6: 23. "Wages of sin is death; free gift of God is eternal life in Christ".

John 3: 6. Jesus said, "That which is born of flesh is flesh"

Man is born from flesh, so he is flesh and he inherits the characters of flesh, because he is born from the will of the flesh and by the desire of man. State of flesh cannot be upgraded, or justified, no matter what you do, because it is from the earth. So it has to be condemned, for which it has to be crucified for your salvation.

James 2: 10. Who ever keep the whole law but fails in one point has become liable for the whole.

Romans 3: 20. No human being will be justified in God's sight by deeds prescribed by the law, because through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

Romans 8: 3-4 God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh could not do; by sending His own son in the likeness of sinful flesh to deal with sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but Spirit.

Romans 7: 25. With my flesh I serve the law of sin.

You have no way to sanctify your flesh; since it is sinful you have to crucify your flesh, to save your spirit. Instead of sending each and every person for crucifixion, Jesus carried the sins of the whole world, as a lamb of sacrifice, and underwent the crucifixion. Jesus saved us from crucifixion to reach eternity. Man has to meet the physical death, regardless when that is going to happen. Our search for the time of our death, has led us to several ungodly practices. We go to the astrologers, Sooth-Sayers and warlocks. people even do human sacrifices for our betterment, prosperity, power and treasures and prolonged life. Nothing would work.

Genesis 3: 22. The Lord said, "See the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live for ever"-- therefore the Lord sent him forth from the Garden of Eden.

To become immortal, man had to eat the fruit from the 'Tree of Life'; God averted that chance once for all. What accompanies every being at the time of birth is his death. If you do all the research and run after vampires and so forth, nothing is going to help you. Once you accept this truth, what is left for you is to run your life in righteous way. When we die physically our spirit will depart and will reach the deserving destination either for eternal life or for eternal death. The Bible is the only authentic book regarding human life on the earth and the eternal life. You are on the earth for a pilgrimage of 60-70 years. There is a lot more beautiful and peaceful eternal life which is for ever and if you are scared to go there, it is due to the disbelief of its existence or due to your fear of not reaching there?

No matter what you think about the eternal life, you have no escape from your physical death. God has revealed to us, if we obey His commandments, we are sure to have eternal life. The whole Bible is describing what you should do and what you should not do. When you understand that your life cannot be prolonged on the earth, no matter what you do; then you better turn to Jesus' way for salvation so that at least your eternal life will not be lost. What the Bible say about physical and spiritual death may be interesting to see.

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Mathew 8:18-22 Now when Jesus saw great multitudes about him, he gave commandment to depart to the other side. And a certain scribe came, and said to him, Master; I will follow you wherever you go. And Jesus said to him, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man has no where to lay His head". And another of his disciples said to Jesus, Lord, let me first to go and bury my father. "But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead"

The disciple heard what Jesus has told the scribes that Jesus doesn't have any place even to lay his head. When the disciple was sure that Jesus was going to wander without any worldly possessions, he wanted to escape from that situation with a genuine reason, by saying that he wants to bury his dead father. Jesus said to his disciple let the dead burry the dead, meaning **"Let the spiritually dead people burry the physically dead"** But Jesus' answer was either to follow him or to go to fulfill the social commitments. The disciple was given a choice between the spiritual and non-spiritual obligation, but Jesus made it clear, following Him is more important than anything else in this world.

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2) Ezekiel 24:15-24 *The word of the Lord came unto Ezekiel, saying, "Son of man, behold, I take away from you the desire of your eyes with a stroke: yet neither you shall mourn or weep, neither you shall run down your tears. (Desire of eyes=wife) Forbear to cry, make no mourning for the dead, bind the tire of your head upon you, and put on your shoes upon your feet, and cover not your lips, and eat not the bread of men" So I spoke to the people in the morning: and at even my wife died; and I did in the morning as I was commanded. And the people said to me, Will you not tell us what these things are to us, that you do so? Then I answered them, The word of the Lord came to me, saying, Speak to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God; Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, the Excellency of your strength, the desire of your eyes, and that which your soul pities; and your sons and your daughters whom you have left shall fall by the sword. And you shall do as I have done: you shall not cover your lips, nor eat the bread of men. And your tires shall be upon your heads, and your shoes upon your feet: you shall not mourn nor weep; but you shall pine away for your iniquities, and mourn one toward another. Thus Ezekiel is to you a sign: according to all that he hath done shall you do: and when this comes, you shall know that I am the Lord your God.*

This passage is self-explanatory. It tells us that some disasters happen in the most miserable way; in our sight we may not have its reasons. Though we don't have prophets now to explain each and everything; what ever is already said in the Bible explains it. God is righteous – fear Him and obey what He said. Accept your cup of sorrow, the way it comes. If you grumble, you are revolting against God. Revolting against God would make things worse. Job has been an example of accepting the cup of sorrow cheerfully.

Sirach 38:16-23 *"My son, let tears fall down over the dead, and begin to lament, as if you have suffered great harm yourself; and then cover his body according to the custom, and neglect not his burial. Weep bitterly, and make great moan, and use lamentation, as he is worthy, and that a day or two, do not let you be evil spoken of the dead: and then comfort yourself for your grief. For grief may result in death and the sorrow of the heart break strength, when the person is taken away the sorrow is over. In affliction also sorrow remains: and the life of the poor is the curse of the heart. Take no grief to heart: drive it away and remember your own end. Forget it not, for there is no coming back: you shall not do any good to the dead, but hurt yourself. **Remember my judgment: for yours also shall be so; yesterday it was his and to day for you.** When the dead is at rest, let his remembrance rest too; and be comforted for him, when his Spirit has departed from him.*

Here you have seen three different kinds of situations. For the third one it says: --

- 1) Give, honorable funeral and to cry and grieve for the dead for a while and not too long.
- 2) Don't say bad things about the dead 3) don't grieve too much so, it could hurt you.

Excess grief over the dead can only grieve the dead and you cannot do any good for the dead. When you see one passing away, remember, next is your turn, be always prepared to go, you may not get a chance to repent and to level with God. After your death there is no opportunity for making it up; but to keep waiting for the final Judgment Day. Do exactly what the Lord says, so that we shall meet on the other shore. You will be surprised to see many who were behind us, far ahead in heaven. Remember – you have no second chance. The Lord's judgment is final. While we are on the earth let us try hard so that we may get the best and not the least place in heaven.

Next-Pride

Chapter 05

Pride

What Instigates pride?

- 1) Prosperity: when one progress in what he is doing
- 2) Position: Status in social life or business
- 3) Power: based on employment, in politics or on job-wise
- 4) Poverty: when one is poor out of his hatred to everyone who has something
- 5) Self sufficiency: when one has everything for more than a reasonable survival
- 6) Self dependency: when one does not have to depend another
- 7) Better education:
- 8) Superiority feelings due to caste, color or creed
- 9) Better health and physical strength
- 10) When one feels himself more intelligent than others.
- 11) Beauty: When one feels more beautiful than many others

In fact any anything can contribute for the growth of pride. The opposite character of pride is humility. Lucifer destroyed his position in heaven due to his own pride, and as revenge to God he is destroying mankind. To defeat Satan's plans and pride Jesus brought humility in to the world.

*Mathew 11:29-30 Jesus said,
"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me;
For I am gentle and humble in heart:
And you shall find rest to your souls.
For my yoke is easy,
And my burden is light."*

Luke 1:51- 53 God has showed strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. He has filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he has sent away empty.

1) Pride is sin?

*Proverb 21: 4. A high look, and a proud heart,
And the plowing of the wicked is sin.*

2) Pride destroys eternal life

Pride began with God's former archangel Lucifer. Prophet Isaiah wrote about him through the revelations he received from God. Angels are the first among creations. They are the spiritual beings. They don't have flesh - even then, they also did have sinful desires, which led to their own downfall from God's presence. Lucifer and a huge number of angels were thrown away from the presence of God. After that he misled Eve and Adam and the generations after them as revenge to God. Lucifer will continue this till the end of the world so that he can have many companions and continue his fight against God.

Lucifer thought to fight against God by instigating human beings to disobey God. For that reason Lucifer told Eve to eat the forbidden fruit. It was not the specialty of fruit that tempted Eve to take the fruit. Eden was filled with all kinds of beautiful fruits in abundance. What tempted Eve was that she could become knowledgeable just like God, by eating the forbidden fruit.

*Genesis 3: 4-6. The serpent said to the woman, you shall not surely die: For God does know that in the day you eat the fruit, your eyes shall be opened, and **you shall be as gods**, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was **good for food**, and that it was **pleasant to the eyes**, and a tree to be **desired to make one wise**, she took of the fruit, **and did eat**, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.*

Isaiah 14: 12-20. The Lord said to Lucifer, {“How you have fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the dawn and day star! How you are cut down to the ground, you laid the nations low! You said in your heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High; But you are brought down to hell, to the depths of the pit. Those who see you shall stare at you, and consider you, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners? All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house. But you are cast out, away from your grave like an abominable branch, and clothed with the slain, thrust through with a sword, who go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcasses trodden under feet. You shall not be joined with them in burial, because you have destroyed the land, and slain thy people: the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned”}

Lucifer's pride and greediness destroyed his eternal life forever. By making Adam and Eve disobey God, Lucifer ruined the entire mankind's eternal life also.

3) Pride brings shame

Proverb 11: 2. When pride comes, then comes shame (Disgrace) but wisdom is with the humble.

4) Pride is abomination to God, and will be punished.

Proverb 16: 5. Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord: though hand joins in hand, he shall not be unpunished. Abomination=Revolting

5) Pride brings disaster

Proverb 16: 18-19. Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall. It is better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.

6) Pride brings dishonor

Proverb 29: 23. A man's pride shall bring him low: but honor shall uphold the humble in spirit.

7) The Lord destroys the proud

Proverb 15: 25 The Lord will destroy the house of the proud

8) Pride defiles a man. (Defile = Tarnish)

Mark 7: 23. Jesus said, "Evil things comes from within, and they defile a person"

Man is born with a nature inclined to pride. The pride comes from within and works its way out, like a worm in a fruit.

Pride was there in the blossom of the fruit.

Pride makes a man unholy, through his thoughts, words and deeds.

There are many who fail in their ministry because they are too proud, so God cannot use them. They may continue in their ministry and make money and live lavishly, but because of their failure in their ministry, they cannot save even a single soul when they preach. This is the greatest downfall of the present Christians.

9) God rejects the proud

1 Peter 5: 5. God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.

10) God grieves over the proud

Jeremiah 13:17 The Lord says, "If you will not listen, my soul will weep in secret"

11) God will humble the pride (By force He will do it)

Isaiah 2: 11. The Lord says, "The pride of everyone shall be humbled"

An intellectual or morally proud man wants honor, praise, esteem, and wealth but God will destroy them all, and will bring him down.

Pride started in the eternal world and continues in the material world.

Pride will be contained to this world alone.

Pride has to be destroyed with this earth, for the creation of a new sky and a new earth.

You have a life between righteous and unrighteous choice is all yours.

12) Pride brings disputes

Proverb 13:10. Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.
(Contention = Come out against)

Pride is the root cause of all disharmonies in personal life, family life and social life. Pride is the cause of all disputes quarrels, and divorces and separations. Pride is the cause of all racial disturbances and even wars.

Chapter 06

The Temple

When you hear the word 'The Temple', there is only one in the Bible, "The Jerusalem Temple" the temple where Jesus went. The Jews, Christians and the Muslims acknowledge the Jerusalem temple. Before Solomon, Herod's temple was commenced in nineteenth BC. Solomon's temple was demolished and rebuilt several times and the present temple has nothing to do with Solomon's original temple and everything in it had. When the Israelites go wicked and made the temple unholy the Lord destroyed it.

Solomon's temple is the landmark in Jewish history. The original temple doesn't exist anymore not even any trace is available; it was ransacked by Shishak of Egypt, during the reign of Rehoboam. The present temple was built at a later stage.

The renovation of the Solomon's temple was done in Ezekiel's time also. How many times those temples were destroyed and rebuilt is not a matter of interest to us. When Jesus came to the temple what He saw was a den of thieves. The zeal of the Lord for the place of worshipping made Him very angry and drove those merchants away from the temple. The importance of temple was for the mass prayer and for the sacrifices under the law given through Moses.

When Jesus came He stressed for the purification of mind and worshipping in 'Truth and in Spirit'. The disciples continued to follow what Jesus has taught them. After the first century the worshipping became totally corrupt. The people destroyed the essence of worshipping and ended up in rituals. Now Christians do not know what is worshipping in truth and Spirit. Just for namesake people go to Church and spend some time there and enjoy a social gathering.

After the worshipping time in a church, people go home as if they have done some great thing. The name temple is no more in use, and now the place of Christian's worshipping is called 'Church'. The literal meaning of church is 'The Lord's House'. When it comes to New Testament the word Church is meant for the congregation and not the building. Since the building is also called Church you must be able to differentiate which is which.

Jesus is the head of the Church and the rest of mankind comes as one congregation. This may not be practical on the earth because of the disputes between the Churches. If people abide with the scripture, lot of trouble can be avoided. Each one claims that they are the only right. If you go through all the disputes you will be confused and likely to loose even your faith itself. We must understand that God's aim is to save each and every human being. We are in no way fit to determine who will be saved and who will not be saved.

Jesus has shown the greatest example, and He gives hope even to the worst human being, by saving one of the thieves who was crucified along with Him. The judiciary, priests, Pharisees, Sadducees scribes, the society and even the law-enforcement agency, condemned that man, but not Jesus. Just before breathing His last the thief asked Jesus to remember him, when Jesus comes back in His kingdom. At the same time the thief admits & acknowledges his sins. In fact he accepts his punishments were deserved. In fact Jesus took the thief's confession and admission of guilt into consideration for the forgiveness of his sins.

The Lord promised him paradise on the very day! This incident gives us hope and at the same time desperation and confusion, who will win and who will loose eternity on the Day of Judgment. You should know the fact, that the temple is the Lord's house, and must go there with due respect and fear. You too are God's temple. The fact remains that the place of worship is kept holy but who ever go there, do they go with proper preparedness?

Isaiah 1: 15. The lord said, "When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my face; even though you made many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood"

Why God turns His face away? If He doesn't, that man is going to be destroyed. In Jerusalem temple the priest enters in to the "Holy of holies" only once in a year that also with a chain on his waist. The priest enters this place after purifying himself – for any reason if the priest's purification was improper he will be burned to ashes. Nobody else can enter that place to drag the body out for the same reason.

When you raise your hands, or your mind or your eyes to The Lord and pray, you are reaching the Holy of all hollies. Because the Lord intends to give you some more time to repent to confess to Him and save yourself from eternal death, He doesn't want to destroy you, so he turns His face away. A hot water or shampoo bath and your clean and expensive clothes are not enough, but must cleanse your mind and free yourself from all the sins before you pray and enter the place of worship.

In AD 1582 Gregorian calendar came in to force. Pope Gregory made this; hence it is called Gregorian calendar. Before that it was Julian calendar, which was in force. The Great Shakespearean Julius Caesar, the Roman General and Statesman and a great warrior, introduced it in 46 BC. Though Gregorian calendar was introduced in AD 1582, England and America adopted it in 1752. Several Christian Churches like, Catholic and Orthodox churches were following Christmas on 6th Jan, where as others celebrated on 25th December several decades ago (May be in fifties) these Churches accepted December 25, as Christmas day and made even with other denominations.

Apart from nature worshippers, it is good to know about Jews, Muslims and Christian's background, and their different calendars just for the sake of general knowledge. Jews have their own calendar. Mohammad Nimbi found Islam. He was born in AD 570 in Mecca, Arabia. Islam personalized their calendar on July 16, 622 AD, the day they began their calendar.

Do any of these things help you to reach your eternal life? **NO.**

Keep your temple Holy by obeying God's Commandments so that you can have an everlasting life.

Chapter 07

Blessings for 'Sale'

Acts 8: 18-19. Simon offered money to Peter and said, "Give me also this power so that on anyone whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy-Spirit".

Peter was too quick to answer, and said, *"May your silver perish with you because you thought that you could obtain Gods gift with money".*

About two thousand years ago if Simon thought to buy the power of the Holy Spirit; spiritually and morally it was a serious offense but in social life it was not an offense. You cannot buy anything without a price. This incident exposes the human attitude. Anything can be sold and bought for a price. Simon was a simple man that is why he went and asked Peter, point blank. If he were a wise guy he would have sent another one to ask peter. The modern way is to use a broker or a middleman.

Sooth Sayers, astrologers, magicians, and sorcerers influenced the society very much during Jesus' time and even before. No matter what the service is, you have to pay, because those who do such things, live on that income. Even in 2007 people are no better than of the first century and beyond. Today we have all kinds of media; they all cover these kinds of horoscope and astrology. Which Christian does not know of their Zodiac signs and horoscope?

During the first century if Simon tried to buy God's blessings; and people continue to do that even today in disguise. People do not think much of what they do.

People do not care how far they are against God's will. They do what pleases them, for that they will find a suitable justification either from the Bible or from some other religious book. In fact people are playing tricks with God, just like they do in a court of law.

We have seen a man have been killed and later buried. The criminal has been caught and the attorneys from both sides fiercely make arguments in the court of law. When the final judgment comes, it was read, "The evidences are not enough to prove beyond the shadow of doubt that the accused have killed the victim" These days you will not be astounded to hear such judgments, because it is very common. When God asked Cain, where Abel is, he answered in the same way, like it is in today's court of law.

Genesis 4: 9. Cain said to God, he does not know and he is not his brother's keeper.

Genesis 4: 10. God said to Cain, "The voice of Abel's blood is crying out to me from the ground"

God never asked for any eyewitness when He tried Cain, God is the eyewitness. Do not think that you can do anything and get away with it. If you keep committing sins and offer some rituals and donations you can never save yourself from God's punishments.

Mark 12: 30; Mathew 22: 37. Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind and with all your strength"

God has spoken in a very simple language to love Him.

You must love him with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your soul and with all your might and He explained further, loving God means that you will not do anything that displeases Him. You can do this only when you obey all His commandments.

John 14: 15. Jesus said, "If you love me you will keep my commandments"

Jesus did not stop with the verses He said in John 14: 15 but continued by saying the following verse.

John 15: 17. Jesus said, "I command you to love one another"

Your love to God will be complete only when you love one another, because God have created them in His image. The point is when you love a person; you cannot do anything that displeases him then how can you offend him. Thereby you do not violate any of God's commandments. When you obey God, you have become holy, that is what God really expects from you. God can bless you generously only when you obey His commandments. You cannot buy blessings in exchange of money; blessings are a free gift from God.

1 Thessalonians 4: 7. God has not called us to uncleanness but in holiness.

Chapter 8

Prayers for Sale

In one-way or other prayers are sold in places of worshipping or such related organizations. If you call it an exploitation, that would fit perfectly. What service is not sold for a price, if not for cash or kind in return? You can never tell exactly when it started but for centuries it continued in different forms and different ways in cash and kind.

The Bible explains a number of things, out of that if you pick one of the God's promises, and try to gain that from God without obeying Him, are serious mistake. Not only that such action does not bring any good to you, but destruction. In a court of law you may say lies and get away with it, can you deceive God with such tricks? Once my father had to appear before a court of law. Just before that he had to see the lawyer for a routine briefing. After receiving the instructions my father told the lawyer, how he could deny the truth after swearing on a Bible? Those times Christians had to swear on the Bible before giving the statement in a court.

The lawyer answered don't you know how to answer on such occasions? When you swear you must say, "I will", loudly, then whisper "Not" then say, "Tell the truth" -- "I will (not) tell the truth". Whether you win this case or not, according to the scripture can you do it? A Christian lawyer is teaching another Christian client how to tell a lie before the court of law under oath? If the lawyer loses a case, it is a great shame for him so the lawyer told the client how to win the case. Since both have been dead for along time, I thought of saying it now. I don't know, what that case was, and whether my father has won that case or not.

Why people do such things? They have one motive, they must win, if not it is really a great shame to loose. This is the kind of society we live in, we do not want to loose the materialistic things, but we are loosing the kingdom of God. As we continue to do such many evil things, we suffer a lot, financial difficulties, job related problems, diseases, and finally anything we touch turns in to hell. What is the escape, do more treachery, deceive people and make money? Now the things have gone from bad to worse. Last way out is to go to an astrologer. Did any astrologer ever say that you are suffering from your ancestral sins, and your sins? Did he say that you must repent and pray for the forgiveness of your sins? No. He would tell you some remedies, do some 'Poojas' (rituals) and some other related rituals, go to some specific places of worship and give some special worshipping and alms. These are the only few great things he can tell you.

The main problem remains unsolved. Nobody told you to repent and straighten your life. These are the places where you try to buy God's blessings. Who ever provide you some sort of service must be paid. They are the seller and you are the buyer. The more you try to buy, the less the benefit you get because the basic man in you have not changed a bit. At last it will come to a stage that you cannot take it any more and then you will look for Judas' rope.

In this modern era, besides the different institutions, radios and TV channels are on the desperate evangelization requesting your prayer requests and donations. This is what they keep announcing. Will they pray if there are no donations? They are involved in many humanitarian activities too.

When the spiritual people are getting involved in other matters their time to worship is lost. It is better not to mix up these two things. This does irreparable damage to them, and they will not be able to perform their spiritual responsibilities successfully. Once an evangelist told me of his preaching; he said if he accepts any gifts in cash or kind, as a reward for his preaching, he would immediately know the impact when he preach, there will be no healing. He goes for preaching after a great deal of prayers, he has to prepare spiritually a lot before he does his preaching and healing ministry. He lives at his own income. He wants only his traveling and food to be provided and does not accept anything beyond. Often I have heard of people saying that they favor payments for conducting prayers and some are very much demanding. Once a parish priest told me, Moses used to fine people, so payment is justifiable. The modern terminology is a disguised one; compulsory donation -- which is extortion?

God says, He will forgive all your sins when you repent. It is a question of spiritual ethics, whether you can justify, the acceptance of any form of reward even for a Church for spiritual services. This is a degenerated mentality of man. Those prayers and donations cannot manipulate one's success, and washing away of all the sins, without his repentance?

2 Corinthians 2: 17 Paul said, "We are not peddlers of Word of God' like so many"

Don't try to buy prayers -- but straighten your life first, in God's way. When God owns everything in the whole universe what He expects is mans heart itself. When man loves God, everything owned by the man becomes God's, out of free will.

God's greatest interest is to save the man's spirit. For this purpose God bless the man who obeys Him and punish the man who does not obey Him. Eventually the man who stray (Wander away) away form God must come back to God.

God wants you, and not what you have.

What is the point if you give a hand full of money without obeying Him, when your heart is far away from Him?

I wrote in my previous book referring Macbeth as following.

"Even if you wash your sinful hands in the waters of seven oceans, your sins cannot be washed away, unless you repent and God forgives you".

The sins will remain with you and you will pay for it, to the last Penny. It is for the same reason Jesus was crucified. Don't try to buy prayers so that you can escape from the punishments of your sins on the earth and the rest in the other world.

Chapter 09

Creator X Creature

Man's basic nature is to grab anything and everything including knowledge and then not to part with it. Once a very highly educated man misled me so that I should not get a very prospective job, which shadowed my entire life. Though I did not feel a strong enmity with him, I was very much hurt because of what he has done, it ruined my entire career. I consoled myself thinking of Judas who betrayed Jesus. In those days I thought, without Judas, Christ could not have been crucified. If Judas weren't there somebody else would have been engaged because Crucifixion was to take place without any failure that was God's decision. Later I knew that, the man who misled me was very jealous of my prospective job, finally he had such a miserable end, which I cannot even think about it. In religious life also you will find the people who reach the zenith of knowledge, do not give the entire clue for others to prosper, their intention is no one should grow better than him, not even a second person.

John 3: 30. John said, "My joy has been fulfilled, He must increase, but I must decrease"

Baptist John had a great place in the society. He was considered to be a prophet and people feared him. When it comes to the Son of Man John said that Jesus should increase and he must decrease. We should always give way to God to prosper in us, but when we feel jealous and do harm to others, we become the greatest sufferer and not the others. When I go through the following portion of the scripture, I have every reason to believe that the people who knew the secrets in worshipping have misled the world.

People were misled to worship the creations and not the Creator. Even in religious life throughout the history you will find that the intelligent ruled the weak, and kept his ego and 'Ideefixe' high. Like God is generous to humans He expects everyone to be generous to with each other. Everyone who has the knowledge must help others so that they also should be saved. If you don't part your knowledge, God is going to be very angry and He will punish you for the downfall of others because you withheld the knowledge from others. {Ideefixe = Ideas that dominates the mind}

Romans 1:18-23. The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and wickedness of those who by their wickedness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. Ever since the creation of the world his eternal power and divine nature, invisible through they are, have been understood and seen through the things He has made. So they are without excuse; for though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks to Him but they became futile in their thinking, and their senseless minds were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools; and they exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling a mortal human being or birds or four footed animals or reptiles.

Romans 1: 24-32*Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the degrading of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator who is blessed for ever. For this reason God gave them up to degrading passions. Their women exchanged natural intercourse for unnatural, and in the same way also the*

men, giving up natural intercourse with women, were consumed with passion for one another. Men committed shameless acts with men and received in their own persons the due penalty for their error. Since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind and to things that should not be done. They were filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, covetous, malice, full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, craftiness, they are:-- gossips, slanders, God haters, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, rebellious toward parents, foolish, faithlessness, heartless, ruthless. They know God's decree that those who practice such things deserve to die - yet they not only do them but even applaud others who practice them. (Romans 1: 24-32)

Ephesians 2: 2 *You once lived following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient.*

The authentic book of Hindu-religion is 'Upanishads' which was originally written in Sanskrit. The people who were dealing such subjects were 'Brahmins' equal to Leviticus. Though the Brahmins did all the 'Poojas' and rituals; it is doubtful whether they ever did part such knowledge, to others about worshipping a true God, who has created everything and such a God is Spirit. These things and about Jesus Christ and His Crucifixion were also written in Upanishads. There was no one to tell, the truth to the people so the people did what they felt like is right. The people saw the power of God in His creations so they worshipped them, assuming all such worshipping would ultimately reach God. They went by their own assumptions and interpretations of their religious books.

Upanishads=Are a collection of books on "Vedas" An authentic Hindu philosophical and spiritual treatises.

Galatians 3: 8-10 The scripture foreseeing that God would justify the gentiles by faith, declared the gospel beforehand to Abraham saying, "All the gentiles shall be blessed with Abraham who believed"

Jesus attitude was if anyone wants to accept and acknowledge "The truth" let them take it. If people want to trade the Kingdom of God for the pleasures of the five senses and submit themselves to the will of their mind, let them go in their own way. In the beginning God has given the freedom to man to make choice between the good and the evil; between life and death.

You have brought the disasters by disobeying God. Disasters are neither your fate nor your destiny nor accidents but your own creation.

Chapter 10

Talent

Misinterpretation of Scripture is a deadly business. It is against the will of God. You are punishable for ruining another life and will be accountable for that before God. God bless a man generously who provides the word of God correctly and condemn the one who misleads others.

Throughout the scripture, wealth is the last thing before God, because the Kingdom of God is the primary thing, which does not include earthly possessions. For the same reason Jesus said to seek the kingdom of God first.

The parable of talent (Mathew 25: 15-30) is not really about the multiplying of the money, it is a symbolic representation of gift (ability). One man was given 50 % ability. Another 20 % and a third was given 10 % ability. Each one is supposed to be constructive and productive. God is condemning the unproductive, and God withdrew the ability that was given to the man, as a punishment so that he may suffer more difficulties.

This portion of the scripture is misinterpreted as a failure to make money.

Who is productive and constructive and who is unproductive?

One who obeys God and preaches the gospel within his capacity, regardless it is small or big, is productive. God wants everyone to preach to another who does not know about it.

We laymen usually don't do it because we don't know that such responsibility belongs to us. Another reason is, we are ashamed to do it, because we do not consider preaching has good status. In some Christian denominations they have a separate department who does evangelization. Those who does not belong that group do not get involved in preaching. They are mainly for fund raising, new constructions and running different institutions. That is a worldly approach and there is no spirituality in them and God cares least about them. We may have seen several simple and non-intellectual preachers, whom we don't admire. Our nature is to admire people of good status, education, rich and not a simple fellow-creation. We elevate ourselves by way of caste, color, creed, job, personality and wealth. But God works in the reverse order of man. He chooses the most uneducated, uncivilized, uncultured and ignorant people to preach the kingdom of God. That is how Jesus chose His disciples, just some uncivilized fishermen. When a man becomes productive, in God's terms he will earn or he will be given what is required for him and not everything he desires and the eternal wealth. That is why Jesus said to seek his Kingdom first, and then the rest will be added according to His will. If this is explained in simple terms: -- a productive person will prosper according to the will of God and not according to the desires of man. What you need is God's blessing to prosper, and God cannot bless anyone who does not obey Him.

One Talent = little above 34 Kg. copper/ silver /Gold

Though the meaning of Talent is a measure of money that has nothing to do with it when Jesus said Talent. What ever He spoke was not of the wealth of this world but of the eternal world and eternal wealth.

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Chapter 11

Wealth

Proverb 13: 8, Wealth is the ransom of the rich but the poor has no treat.

You may not feel comfortable when you hear how the Bible is telling you the kind of wealth you should earn.

There are two kindness of wealth.

1) No worldly wealth but only God's blessings.

God's disciples are good examples for this. They never had material wealth but poverty and sufferings of this world.

2) God's blessings and material wealth.

Abraham, Jacob, Isaac and Job are good example for this.

Material wealth are of two kinds

2. a) God given worldly wealth: -- Earnings made through justifiable means only, and that must be justifiable before the eyes of the Lord.

2. b) Man made worldly wealth: -- Wealth amassed through wicked ways. The outcome of the illegal earnings is the main subject. Once we understand the horrifying side of such earnings you will understand the greatness of the other.

Proverb 10: 2 Treasures gained by wickedness do not profit, but righteousness delivers from death.

Proverb 13: 11 Wealth hastily gotten will dwindle, but those who gather little by little will increase it.

Proverb 20: 21 An estate quickly acquired in the beginning will not be blessed in the end.

The scripture says that the sin has penetrated in the blossom stage of a young one at the time he was formed in his mother's womb. Just because of this phenomenon that cannot be reversed, man has to abandon the body and mind in this sinful world itself. Mind and body is the abode of sin.

Psalms 51: 5. Indeed I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

As it was stated previously several times – you know that mind is the place where the sin originates. The thought of non-materialism is very tough for the mind to accept because mind is the part of materialistic body. When the body dies the mind also dies with it. Real Wealth is that comes through the natural and justifiable way, which is God's will. If you don't get rich, be content with what you have, stay poor that is the way God wants you to be. You must sincerely try to be above all sorts of un-holiness. When you have the blessings of God, then you are the richest. God expects every one to be at certain level. I think people do not care this part of life. Human tendency is to go against the will of God and to follow ones own desire. Anything the mind says right is right for the man. When we depend on God's commandments we go by His will and our desires are out of place and then we become Holy.

Proverb 10: 22. The blessing of the Lord makes rich

Chapter 12

Widow's Coin

Mark 12: 42-44, Luke 21: 2-3. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a Penny. *Jesus called His disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury"*

This is a good example of God's appreciation of human's good work. When she contributed those coins she was left with nothing. Though nobody else knew that, God knew it. God always goes deep into the human heart and makes His assessment.

Mathew 6: 21. Jesus said, "Your heart is where your treasure is"

Jesus knew that the woman was a widow; she was poor and those two coins were the only thing she was left with. When a rich person gives a good amount of money that is only a very small portion of his wealth, but when it came to the widow she has given everything she had, which was the most appreciable part to Jesus. Without keeping any attachment for the money, her willingness to part with the last coins was the greatest thing.

What inspired her to give away the money?
It was nothing but her love for God.

How to Love your God? -- Loving God also requires sacrifice

Mark 12: 30. Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength".

- 1) With all your heart = With a strong will
- 2) With all your mind = With all your thoughts
- 3) With all your soul = With all your emotion
(Above three constitutes (Body + Mind = Soul))
- 4) With all your strength = With all your worldly possessions, and your abilities and resources.

This is what Jesus saw with the widow, how He could avoid appreciating such works but when he pointed that out – He meant for us to learn that from the widow. A money-collecting bag made of cloth with a handle was used in Indian Churches in the past. Even in these modern days several churches in India use this kind; considering as traditional. But in some other Churches they use a flat decorated metallic platter kept on a table where people will go and put their tithes and offerings in front of others. The idea of this kind of deal is; it should embarrass the laymen having small donations and to exhibit and exalt the greater donor. This is in violation of the scripture, *"Let not your left hand know what your right hand is doing"* Jesus said; *Mathew 6: 3.*

Human tendency is where the donor gets publicity and appreciation he will donate more. Publicity and such appreciation are forbidden, because the Lord cares your thoughts and

intentions. Your donations and tithes are based on the true love you have for God. Even if you are a big donor when the publicity comes, the spiritual benefit will be lost.

Pomp and show are part of material world and desires of the flesh. The poor widow could make a proclamation, saying she was poor and she has given everything she had and stand tall in the church. No one saw her offering but only God himself, and she was appreciated.

Though man is very intelligent sometimes his mind becomes so weak, so that he could easily be led in to all kinds of foolishness. Man does wicked things and justifies it. Even if he has the true knowledge he will play tricks with God, thinking that he can get away with it.

Human beings are emotional and liable to unstable moods, when difficulties come he will accuse God and when success comes he will praise God. This is the most confusing and difficult part of human nature to understand. You can never predict a man's actions and reactions. Man praises and accuses with the same tongue conveniently. When Jesus appreciates some one, it is much beyond our imagination and estimation and it stands. How much you give is not that matter but with what intention you give is most important; is it whole-heartedly or not?

Isaiah 55: 8 & 9, The Lord says, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways. Just as the heaven are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than yours"

Chapter 13

Merchants

Proverb 20: 23. Diverse weights are an abomination to the lord, and false scales are not good. Abomination = hatred; Diverse = Different

Sirach 26: 29 A merchant can hardly keep from wrongdoing, nor is a tradesman innocent of sin.

Sirach 27: 1-2. Many have committed sin for gain, and those who seek to get rich will avert their eyes. As a stake is driven firmly in to fissure between stones, so sin is wedged in between selling and buying. (Fissure=Crack or gap)

Like any other business, trading is also a profession, and they are doing it for a better financial gain and not for salvation. The sin of dishonesty gets deep rooted in the activities of buying and selling and gets stuck firmly like a wedge in between stones, which may never come out. If you ask me what is their honesty I do not know. I have heard of a sword that has cutting edges on both sides, no matter which way it turns, it will cut and it cuts so deep so that it can take all the meat. That is how the moneylenders in India who take heavy interest; are nicknamed as 'blade-companies'.

Not long ago I happened to buy an inverter, it worked for some time and then it became spoiled within the warranty period. Without any trouble the dealer has send a replacement. Meanwhile I asked for a digital type and offered him the additional cost. He was happy to do it, and has sent one in his terms a digital one.

As I looked at it, I did not feel that was a digital one and it was looking like the previous model. When I looked at the delivery note it was printed as a Digital one and additional charge of Rupees. 1500/ I happened to have the same company's Digital's leaflet and showed it to the deliveryman, he coolly left it without any additional payment. When I spoke to the retailer he was swearing that was a digital type and that is what the manufacturer told him. He never contacted me again and I did not make any additional payment.

In another incident I bought a computer pen-drive costing 2500/ rupees and came home with it. After few minutes a man came from the shop and said, it was wrongly priced and I should pay 250/ rupees more to have it. I was sure that was not true reason but the market price was risen. He must have found, when he placed fresh order with the distributor. Though I had no legal obligation either to return the product or pay more, because at the bottom of the bill it was written, 'the goods once sold will not be taken back'. I did show that to the messenger, but he kept silent. I gave the article back and he returned the money, though they realized that they lost a good customer that did not bother them.

For them the money was more precious than honesty and future business they could get. I figured that I could substitute that computer part 'pen-drive' with a low priced CD costing Rupees 10/ from another shop. Because he took, the sold item back, that deal became a blessing to me.

In another incidence I made an agreement to sell a property and received an advance, on the buyer's conditions. If I fail to give the property he has the right to confiscate the

property with a court order. At the same time if he fails to pay the rest of the amount within the specified time he would lose the money paid as advance. This was his conditions, I didn't say anything but agreed to what he wanted and signed the document. Before the end of the contract period the buyer wanted to cancel the deal and wanted the money back. Legally I was not obliged to return the money, but I was willing to give the money back when I sell that property to another. I had to stipulate such a condition because if he backs off that could delay the sale. Anyway after a while he changed his mind and he bought the land without any ill feelings.

These people are all above middle class, well educated, well civilized and having good establishments. I can tell you hundreds of true stories of this kind. Is something wrong with me, or with them?

Probably honesty does not mean anything to them. I never had any answers to these deceptive characteristics of human beings. I could only remember the above-mentioned scripture, *"A merchant can hardly keep from wrongdoing, nor is a tradesman innocent of sin"*

Anyone who sells an article is a seller, apart from professional merchants and anyone who buy something is a buyer no one is better than the other. Every moment it reminds me as I go through the Bible how precisely things are explained in it. Can anybody be righteous and true after all, other than God Himself?

Chapter 14

Rain withheld

Jeremiah 3: 2-3 The Lord said, “You have polluted the land with whoring and wickedness. Therefore the showers have been withheld and the spring rain has not come”
Whoring = Prostitution

Isaiah 24: 4-6 The earth dries up and withers, the world languishes and withers; the heavens languish together with the earth. The earth lies polluted under its inhabitants; for they have transgressed the laws, violated the statutes, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore the curse devours the earth, and its inhabitants suffer for their guilt; therefore the inhabitants of the earth dwindled, and few people are left.

We know environmental pollution, noise pollution but not familiar with “whoring pollution”. Sometimes in 600 BC The Lord told Jeremiah that the land has been polluted by adultery and prostitution. So the rain has been stopped and the land will suffer severe drought, famine will breakout, domestic and wild animals will perish. But usually when the rain stops, people will curse the nature and might do some ‘Pageant rituals’ to please rain Gods, so that the rain might fall. Even Christians don’t know that the natural calamities are Godsend. At the most they might pray for rain without knowing the reason for drought. You must always pray for moderate climate and sufficient rain, not excess and not less.

When we don’t have something, we know that we must pray; without righteous works, will it help? NEVER

Read “The Simple Divine Truth Book 1 - ‘Prayers not Answered’ then you will know that your prayers are answered subjected to the condition that has been set by God. Conditions are simple - obey His commandments. If you don’t repent for your sins you have already committed and disobey God’s commandments further, your prayers are not going to be answered. If you intend to challenge God’s might; you are inviting your own destruction.

The ‘Nature’ is under God’s directive, and God loosens the limits of the nature and let it destroy the land and all the creations. If you worship Nature assuming, that ultimately it will reach God, it will not help. God wants you to acknowledge Him as the Supreme Power. You must be submissive to Him and you must worship the Almighty Creator only and not His creations and other creatures.

Mathew 8: 23-27, Luke 8: 22-25. When Jesus got in to the boat, His disciples followed Him. A windstorm arose in the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but He was asleep. The disciples woke Him up saying, “Lord save us! We are perishing!”

Jesus said to hem, “Why are you afraid, you of little faith?” Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was dead calm. They were amazed, saying, “What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him”

1 Kings Chapter 17-18’ describes of rain and droughts send by God. Elijah Prophesied to

~~ Ahab; three years drought for his wickedness, and the Lord have send the rain after three years of drought and famine.

Deuteronomy 11: 14. The Lord said, "If you obey me I will give the rain for your land in its season, the early rain, and the later rain, that you may gather in your grain and your wine and your oil"

God is promising you suitable climate and enough rain so that you may prosper with your crops, provided you obey Him. Anything God has spoken is forever. Only we humans change and break our promises and commitments conveniently. You can depend on God's promises by obeying His commandments.

Job 5: 10. He gives rain upon the earth and sends waters upon the fields.

In fact the stars described in astrology does not do anything by themselves, they are the creations of the one and only God, it is your sins that makes the Nature imbalance. If you worship any forces other than the supreme God, it cannot be benefited but brings disaster.

Next-Who will hear?

Chapter 15

Who will hear ?

Ezekiel 3: 27. The Lord says, "Let those who will hear, let them hear; and let those refuse to hear, let them refuse; for they are a rebellious house"

Why one does not obey the word of God?

In the beginning Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and their descendents inherited that disobedience. The Lord created man in his image and gave the authority over everything on the earth, water and the sky and even freedom.

Man was given a free will and a strong mind. He is supposed to obey God out of his free will, but his strong mind is tempted with the transient pleasures of the world. Satan influences them and they fall in to sinful acts.

If a man obeys God, then he becomes holy and his spirit will be in constant fellowship with God. This is the real worshipping in Spirit. When the man lives in constant companionship with God his spirit is said to be alive and he lives in the light of God, because Jesus said that He is the light. When a man loses this fellowship with God, he is said to be spiritually dead or said to be living in darkness.

Once God has given the freedom to man, He never took it back. When man misuses his freedom and stray away from God's path and He has to grieve for creating man. From time to time God has sent prophets and preachers to remind the people to obey Him. When everything fails His Laws will take effect, which we call sometimes as fate, curse or punishment.

Fate is your creation, because you have every opportunity to be good or bad. Depending on what you do, your life will be good or bad. You cannot blame others or God for your downfalls because it is your own mistake and creation.

When you are revolting against God; how can you fragile human defeat God? He has the power to make you healthy, wealthy and wise besides he could prolong your earthly life and even destroy or save your spirit when you die. You already know God's might why do you revolt against Him?

The word of God is life and you know that, but if you refuse it, you are going to perish. It is for you to choose death or life, bad or good. At this point God doesn't want to force his will upon you. Besides those who do not seek Jesus will never find Him. You know your relationship with God; father and Child, why you cannot obey Him, He is the one who gives you everything, without His knowledge and consent nothing happens in this whole universe.

So Jesus said, those who want let them hear and obey Him. If they do not wish to obey Him let them perish.

Next-The End of The World

Chapter 16

The end of the World

Mathew 24: 36. The Lord said, "That day and the hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the father"

Example

Mathew 24: 37-39 Jesus said, "The coming of the Son of man will be like what happened in the time of Noah. In the days before the flood people ate and drank, men and women married, up to the very day of Noah went into the boat; yet they did not realize what was happening until the flood came and swept them away. That is how it will be when the son of man comes"

How

Mathew 24: 40. Jesus said, "At that time two men will be working in a field; one will be taken away, the other will be left behind. Two women will be at a mill grinding meal; one will be taken away, the other will be left behind"

When

Mathew 24: 42-44 Jesus said, "Be on your guard, then, because you do not know what day your Lord will come. If the owner of a house knew the time when the thief would come, you can be sure that he would stay awake and not let the thief break into his house. So then, you also must always be ready, because the son of Man will come at an hour when you are not expecting Him"

Jesus has disclosed, regarding His second coming nobody can give any authentic information including Jesus Himself, it is known to His Father only.

We have heard so many times from different people on different occasions in the past, the world was going to end at certain time, which never happened. If you read the scripture carefully, as it is shown above you can see how clearly Jesus has revealed it. Once you know that on some day it will end why you should bother when it is going to end. Before the world is going to end, our end could be at any moment. The earth is sinking, the well is sinking, flash flood washes away, lightning strikes, earth quakes, cyclones hit, tsunami washes away, accidents occur and that list of calamities are too long. The second coming of Jesus is not for you and me to debate. How you are going to face "The Day of Judgment" is the only question for you? What is going to happen to you, where you are going to end? These are the things you should be worried about. God has told us through his prophets over and over again reminding God's commandments. If you obey them you will be saved, if not you will be condemned, knowing this much is more than enough.

*Isaiah 43:15 "I am the Lord, your holy one,
The creator of Israel, your King"
Thus says the Lord.*

Psalms 47: 07 God is the king of all the earth

(At His right time God will end the world)

Next-King of Kings

Chapter 17

The King of Kings

Psalms 29: 10 The Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

1 Timothy 6: 15 He is the blessed and only Sovereign, the king of kings and Lord of Lords.

Isaiah 6: 5 "I live among the people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the king, The Lord of hosts"

Mathew 2: 2 The wise men asked, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews"

1 Timothy 1: 17 To the king of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.

Revelations 19: 16 On His robe and on His thigh He has a name inscribed, "The king of kings, and Lord of Lords"

From the above verses God himself, His prophets His disciples and the angels has revealed to us, that God is the king of kings. God has been revealing that he is the only king and none above him.

The king, who reigns, has a kingdom and a huge number of subjects. God has created everything and he rules over it, but his subjects are His own creations, in His own image. Unlike other rulers He did not make His subjects, slaves. He has subjected himself and the mankind to the laws He has made and gave man full freedom to do what he wants. But God has warned them the consequences of their disobedience.

Sooner or later man has to face the Judgment. When they became totally wicked God made His decisions to save them with a one-time sacrifice:—The Crucifixion. This crucifixion has to be done by one man, who has absolutely no sin, for which Jesus was the only suitable person. For that reason He has subjected himself to crucifixion and resurrected on the third day. Though Jesus created us, he lowered himself to our level and made us His friends.

John 15: 14-15, Jesus said, "If you obey my Commandments, you will be my friends. I will not call you servants, but I will call you friends"

Exodus 19: 5 "If you obey me and keep my agreement, you will be my treasured possession out of all the people. Indeed the whole earth is mine"

Exodus 19: 6 The Lord said, "You shall be my Priestly kingdom and holy nation"

The Lord keeps reminding us what we are going to be after our death. We are the children of 'The Heavenly Father' and friends and companions of Jesus. The heavenly Father is the King of Kings. To be the king of kings, the heavenly father should have many kings below Him that is what we are.

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Since He is God, there must be innumerable priests to worship Him that is what we are. Is it not strange that we are kings and priests at the same time? Sure it is a strange thing that is what God has decided about us, He has made us kings and priests at the same time not in this world but in the eternal world.

1 Peter 2: 9. You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood and a holy nation, And God's own people

There are millions of Gods worshipped around the world by different religions.

None of them elevate man to the God's nearest seat. Gentiles continue to sacrifice human beings to please their Gods.

None of the Pageant Gods sacrificed themselves to save mankind; only Jesus has done it; which shows the immeasurable love of God for man.

Jesus is the only king who sacrificed His own life to save His own subjects.

Chapter 18

Picnic or Pilgrimage

When people do not know what is true worshipping but they go after rituals and console themselves; pilgrimage is one of that.

What is a traditional Christian's prayer & practice?

1) Going to the church on Sundays: -- Very seldom I have seen some people coming to Churches even without a bath. They do not think that has any importance. They think makeup and perfume is more than enough. When you think of prayer, your mind, your under garments and your external dress must be clean.

2) You may be reading the smallest passage from the Bible everyday and you don't even remember what you read after some time.

3) Say the shortest prayer and draw the sign of cross across your chest, so that you will not have any frightening dreams of vampires or any such things.

John 15: 5, Without Jesus you can do nothing.

You do such things without knowing the very purpose and need of a prayer. Prayer is your strength; otherwise your condition is worse than that of a wild animal. You must have the fellowship with your Heavenly Father the Creator, without Him you cannot do anything good.

When you go for pilgrimage you should do the same thing. As you see the beautiful sceneries, enjoy its beauty but think of your God's greatness who created all these things. Nothing unholy should come in to your mind and sight, which keeps you away from God.

The place of pilgrimage is surrounded by all kinds of drug sellers and prostitutes. They do their business and you must fulfill your duty and must not have any part in unholy matters.

Pilgrimage is not picnic; you can find most of the time such tours arranged even by religious people, does not make any difference to them; they consider it as a time for merry making. Just visiting a holy place will not bring any blessings. Your determination was to go for a pilgrimage, when you make it a picnic; how can it give the benefits of pilgrimage. Pilgrimage is a journey to a sacred place, and a sacred place is where you expect God's presence. When you have failed to keep yourself holy, how are you going to feel the presence God? People do same thing with fasting. Fasting is not starving by avoiding a meal or two and you cannot call it a real fasting.

Fasting is abstaining food and worshipping God without wasting time for anything else other than having fellowship with God. And you should not loose your concentration from God. Real prayer has to come from your innermost mind and what comes from your lips alone is called tongue-exercise. If your pilgrimage is a spiritually successful one, it can be read from your face. I have seen people rarely, with unusual brightness on their face after their retreat. Such drastic change in physical appearance can be seen only when that man is born again. Otherwise he will be seen totally tired and exhausted. Next time when you go for a pilgrimage or retreat, make sure that you spend that time with

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God; otherwise spiritually it is a failure because you have made it a picnic. Have you ever realized that your stay on earth itself is a pilgrimage? Hope not. People think that man belong to earth. Man is fit to stay on the earth when he has the physical body. Man is constituted with his alive and seen physique and an unseen spirit. We care for the body, which is visible to us, and do not care for our own unseen spirit. We consider our body is more precious and not the spirit. When we care more for the spirit and not the body we are spiritual. You may have too many questions and ideas. We often think things would have been better if everything worked out in our way. The Creator has the master plan and everything works in his way. We are not prepared to accept it but revolt against Him. We loose the game of life miserably without realizing where we went wrong.

If you have read the "Simple Truth Books", you can see how Alexander the great lost, how Samson lost and how King Solomon lost in their last days. Only Solomon made it till the end of his life, because God loved his father David so much.

No matter on what pilgrimage you go; spend your time carefully, not for picnic so that you don't loose your divinity and eternity.

Don't try to convert
a Holyday in to a holiday

Chapter 19

Worship in Truth & Spirit

God has created the entire universe and everything in it. He is the only supreme power and authority of everything. *"He kept His name and His word above everything" Psalms 138: 2.* He is the only one who deserves everybody's adoration, worshipping and homage. True worshipping is not what humans do, they worship like pagans, but true worshipping is in 'Spirit and Truth'; which is not known to most of the people.

1 Peter 2: 5 "Let yourselves be built in to a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God, through Jesus Christ"

If faith without works is worthless, worship without works is also worthless. Works means your obedience to God's commandments. You are being instructed to associate with other fellow Christians and come to God as a priest and to offer spiritual sacrifice, which does not give any importance to materialism. Any one constantly worshipping God is a priest, so he has to submit and surrender his mind, and then everything he has belongs to God. The rest of his life also belongs to God and he doesn't do anything for himself, but everything he does is for the glory of God.

In New Testament, the Jerusalem temple has a low profile, but the synagogues. The place and the number of people also do not carry any importance, when Jesus promised his presence, in the midst of two or more than two gathered in His name. Animal sacrifices were replaced with Jesus Crucifixion and repentance followed by receiving of Holy Bread and Wine.

Ultimately man has to be more conscious about his *thoughts, speech* and his *works*, rather than depending on rituals and donations. Instead of the synagogues, the present Church came in to place for mass worshipping. The nature of worshipping in churches is reading passages from the Bible and singing hymnals. Who ever lead the worshipping or someone else can deliver sermons and everything ends there. The minds of the congregation are far away from God, this is what Jesus tried to tell the people, to come closer to God not only physically but also spiritually.

John 4: 23-24. Jesus said, "The hour is here when the true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth. God is Spirit and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and Truth"

1) Worshipping in Truth

John 14: 6. Jesus said, "I am The Truth"

John 1: 14. The word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen His glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and Truth.

John testifies that Jesus is the word of the Heavenly Father, and that word is 'The Truth'. This means 'The word of God is The Truth'. When you worship God you are worshipping with 'The word' of the Heavenly Father. You can see how David was worshipping through the word of God, and he meditated over the word of God.

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Psalms 119:97. O, how I love the law! It is my meditation all the day.

*Psalms 104: 34. May my meditation be pleasing to Him
for I rejoice in the Lord*

*Psalms 19: 14. My Lord, let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be
acceptable in your sight.*

2) Worship in Spirit.

This is something man's mind cannot recognize under normal conditions, unless The Holy Spirit reveals it. If you meditate without God and make your mind to rule your spirit, you are of your own and getting in to witchcraft. At this point your mind can instruct your spirit to travel without your body and will be able to do several things. Your mind, which is sinful, has to be submissive to your spirit, and you must let your spirit rule your mind.

2 Kings 5 describes, King Aram's commander Naaman coming to Prophet Elisha to get healed from leprosy. After receiving the prophet's instructions, Naaman had gone for a short distance, Elisha's servant Ghazi, went after Naaman to get something out of him, which he did and came back home with it.

Kingdom of Aram is modern Syria and their language is Aramic.

2 Kings 5: 25. Elisha asked him, "Where you have been Gahazi? He answered, your servant has not gone anywhere" Elisha said, "My spirit did go with you, when someone left his chariot to meet you"? He cursed Gahazi with Naaman's leprosy. Here you can see Elisha has traveled in Spirit. The Holy Spirit carried Elisha's spirit.

We don't see in the scripture that Jesus was playing and laughing around with his friends and disciples.

This does not mean that He was a sad person. Being a spiritual man he always rejoiced in spirit and not in flesh.

Luke 10: 21. Jesus rejoiced in Holy Spirit.

Since Jesus being God He knew that His Spirit was rejoicing, but without the help from the Holy Spirit we cannot know it.

By this time you must have been able to understand that there is such a thing like worshipping in spirit. They can be divided in to two kinds.

1) Intentional: -- One of the conditions before you start praying is you must prepare yourself to approach the Holy of holies. You must clean your body and mind and wear clean clothes from inside to outside. You cannot cover-up all the dirt you are carrying with costly perfume before God.

Like David said when you keep meditating in truth: -- you are preparing and submitting yourself to the most favorable conditions for the worshipping in spirit. At that time if

God is pleased, your spirit may be allowed to have the fellowship with the God's spirit. You may not be aware of this process but if God's spirit ever desire, He might give you visions or messages or He may let you worship in tongues. God has decided for this worshipping for humans because humans do not know exactly how to pray. The shortcoming in your prayer is made up with the help of the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 14:14 -15 Paul said, "If I pray in tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unproductive. What should I do then? I will pray with my spirit; I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with the spirit, but I will sing praise with the mind also".

Romans 8: 26-27. The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

1 Corinthians 14: 32. The spirits of the prophets are subject to prophets.

This is a special blessing given to prophets, so that they can foresee and prophesy what is going to happen and when needed, the prophet can also travel in spirit.

2) Unintentional:-- In your conscious mind you may not be intentionally trying to worship with, "your spirit". When you are a spiritual person and keeping out of sins, you are sincerely trying to be holy, during this time without your knowledge your spirit may be having the fellowship with Gods spirit. At that time you may or you may not receive visions and messages or even prophesies from God. Though Jesus said to worship him in truth and Spirit, Christians did not advance spiritually. This advancement is not merely possible through the mass worshipping alone but only through the personal prayers.

Spiritual growth requires more study of scripture and strict self-discipline and prolonged personal prayers. Man is weak and has a very low resistance to temptations, and he loses his divinity easily and the spiritual growth is stopped. Very slowly he falls in to small mistakes first and eventually he becomes incapable of getting out of his vices.

I know a man who has told me' that several times he has sopped smoking and he can stop it when ever he wants. If he stopped several times smoking he could not resist his old habit and he is continuing his smoking. This is the human attitude, he boasts that he is strong and he is capable of doing anything he wants, and can quit any bad habits at any time he wants, but it never works out that way. Man's basic nature is to believe what he can see. Eternal life and spirit are all invisible things but can only experience through faith only. As a result Christians remained where they started and do not grow spiritually.

1 Corinthians 3: 1-2. Paul says, "I could not address you as spiritual men, but as men of flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food; for you were not ready for it; and even yet you are not ready, for you are still of flesh".

Two thousand years ago, if Paul said that you are babies, thriving on milk; your condition after two thousand and fifteen AD is all the same. Any one who does not have the spiritual growth is not a spiritual man but of flesh, he is no better than Adam and the prodigal son. They were spiritually dead and they live in darkness. What I write is nothing of my own but what is written in the scripture.

2 Corinthians 12:14. I do not want, what is yours, but you.

This is a verse, not at all used in Churches, because this could undermine every fund raise. Fund should not be the important thing for any Church but the salvation of every man. When importance is given for money matters, people deviate from spiritual matters instead they settle themselves with the donations and rituals and stay away from God. They are not any better than pre-Christ Jews.

You may have come across the similar related ideas. And this is being written to convey the importance of the subject of your salvation.

Who knows that you may pass through the gates of heaven?

How can a student pass the examination who does not study hard?

How can a student get rank and distinction unless he works hard for it?

If at all you get to heaven, what is the point if you happened to stay at the bottommost level? Certainly it is million times better than eternal death.

You try very hard to accumulate more wealth on the earth but not in heaven. If you donate liberally even everything you have to any church, you will neither get to heaven nor you can accumulate any wealth in heaven.

You must obey all the commandments of God. The other gimmicks and publicity-stunts are good for their fund raising and not for your salvation.

Ephesians 5: 14-15
“Sleeper, Awake, Rise from the dead,
And Christ will shine on you,
Be careful how you live,
Be wise making the most of the time
Because the days are evil”

Chapter 20

Unity of Family

Since man is supposed to be a social and also a spiritual being, he should know of his head. A person is the smallest part of one huge group called - Christ's Church. And the head of that Church is Christ. On the earth there are innumerable small churches and each church contains several families. Each family is supposed to have a head, the father, then the mother and children. Like Christ being the head of all Churches, the father is the head of the family, regardless, he is handsome, educated, civilized or efficient, or wicked, and any other members of the family cannot undervalue his place. You have to acknowledge him the way he is, with all his wickedness, evilness and weaknesses. Under no circumstances you should quarrel with him, but only pray for him, to get over from his wickedness if he has anything at all.

This is explained in the Old Testament - Sirach 3: 1-16.

The reason is God wants to save each and every person. To save a wicked man either he should repent and pray or someone else should pray for his repentance. God cannot forgive a person who does not repent, that is His law. He doesn't change His own law. Whether the people are going to accept this 'God given law' or not, is not the point of discussion - that is the will of the creator. If you obey God's law then there is no problem, but when you disobey His Commandments, you have severe problems.

When Jesus came as a man; people persecuted Him, but He did not retaliate rather prayed for them. His proclamation was "The Kingdom of God that has to come", and every one should repent and seek the Kingdom of God first. Jesus said to follow Him by carrying your cross and also His Yoke. {Yoke = willingness for sacrifices for the sake of others} When the head of your family or any other member of your family becomes a problem for you that is 'your cross' and that is your cup of sorrow, take it cheerfully. If you fight against or revolt against it your life will become miserable because you are revolting against God. So must let God resolve it with your prayers. {Cross = labor, pain and miseries in life; + Jesus' Yoke = Sacrifice}

Mathew 11: 29-31. Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. My yoke is easy and my burden is light"

Mathew 16: 24. Jesus said, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me"

When you put these two verses together you will understand that you must carry all the miseries in your life and you must be willing to do some sacrifice for the betterment of others, regardless they are your family members or strangers. Then follow Jesus. When we do not know this spiritual aspect we don't know that we should pray for others. We try to get things done in our way, through all kinds of unjustifiable means and quarrels instead of praying for them. This is not the way Jesus wants us to do, He wants us even to love our enemies and to pray for them. You will never be successful in your intellectual games, because in the long run whatever drastic measures you have taken is going to backfire because you are working against God's will, and your condition will be worst than ever before.

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Spiritual interdependency

1 Corinthians 7: 14. The unbelieving husband is made holy through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy through her husband, otherwise your children would be unclean {Note, how his or her counterpart makes one holy}

This process has to be done by constant prayers for the counterpart. This is not to be done by pressure and quarrelling. People do not know this great responsibility and they don't practice it. In your difficult times in family life, or when you have difficulty to get along with the partner, one must cry to the Lord who will show you mercy, and resolve your problems. When you go out of God's way and try to resolve it by yourself then everything will be worse than ever before.

Parent to Children

*Sirach 30:1-13 He who loves his children will whip him often; so that he may rejoice at the way he turns out. He who disciplines his son will profit by him, and will boast of him among acquaintances. He who teaches his son will make his enemies envious, and will glory in him among his friends. **When the father dies he will not seem to be dead, for he has left behind him one like him, whom in his life he looked upon with joy and at death, without grief, He has left behind him an avenger against his enemies, and one to repay the kindness of his friends.** Who ever spoil his son will bind up his wounds, and will suffer heartache at every cry. An unbroken horse turns out stubborn, and an unchecked son turns out headstrong. Pamper a child, and he will terrorize you; play with him, and he will grieve you. Do not laugh with him, or you will have sorrow with him, your teeth. Give him no freedom in his youth, and do not ignore his errors. Bow down his neck in his youth and beat his sides while he is young, or else he becomes stubborn and disobey you, and you will have sorrow of soul from him. Discipline your son and make his yoke heavy, so that you may not be offended by his shamelessness. (Sirach 30:1-13 ends here)*

Parent to Daughter

*Sirach 26: 10-12. Keep strict watch over a headstrong daughter, or else, when she finds liberty, she will make use of it. Be on guard against impudent eye, and do not be surprised if she sins against you. As a thirsty traveler opens his mouth and drinks from any water near him, so he will sit in front of every tent peg and pen her quiver against every arrow. Sirach 42: 9-14. A daughter is a secret anxiety to her father, and worry over her robs him of sleep; when she is young, for fear she may not marry, or if married; while a virgin, for fear she may be seduced and pregnant in her father's house; or having a husband, for fear she may go astray, or though married, for fear she may be barren. Keep Strict watch over a headstrong daughter, or she may make you a laughingstock of your enemies, a word in the city and the assembly of the people and put to you to shame in public gatherings. See that there is no lattice in her room, no spot that overlooks the approaches to the house. **Do not let her parade her beauty before any man,** or spend her time among married women; for from garments come the moth, and from a woman comes woman's wickedness. Better is the wickedness of a man than a woman who does good; **it is woman who brings shame and disgrace.***

Parent & Children

*Ephesians 6: 1. Children obey your parents
in the Lord, for this is right.*

Ephesians 6: 4. Fathers do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction in the Lord.

Husband to Wife

Ephesians 5: 25-33. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the Church and gave himself up for her, in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, so as to present the church to himself in splendor, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of that kind- yes, so that she may be holy and without blemish. In the same way, husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies. He, who loves his wives, loves himself. No one ever hates his own body, but nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, because we are members of His body. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the Church. Each of you, how ever, should love his wife as himself, and a wife should respect her husband.

***Proverb 12: 4. A good wife is the crown
of her husband***

See the decoration of a woman is great according to the scripture. Man must honor the woman; at the same time she must keep her dignity and honesty in all respect.

Children to Parents

Exodus 20; 12 The Lord said, "Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long, in the land that the Lord your God is giving you."

This is the fifth commandment God has given through Moses. If you do not honor your father and mother, God is going to cut down your life. In this era we see even the children murdering their own parents.

Mathew 15: 4 Jesus repeated the old commandment, "Honor your father and your mother, and whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die".

Sirach 3: 2- 16

The Lord honors a father above his children, and he confirms a mother's rights over her children. Those who honor their father atone for sins, and those who respect their mother are like those who lay up treasure. Those who honor their father will have joy in their own children, and when they pray they will be heard. Those who respect their father will have long life, and those who honor their mother obey the Lord; they will serve their parents as their masters. Honor your father by word and deed that his blessing may come upon you. For a father's blessing strengthens the houses of the children, but a mother's curse uproots their foundations. Do not glorify yourself by dishonoring your father, for your father's dishonor is no glory for you. The glory of ones own father is ones own glory. It is a disgrace for children not to respect their

mother. My child help your father in his old age and do not grieve him as long as he lives; even if his mind fails, be patient with him; because you have all your faculties do not despise him. For kindness to a father will not be forgotten, and we will be credited to you against your sins; in the day of your distress it will be remembered in your favor; like frost in the fair weather, your sins will melt away. **Who ever forsake a father is like a blasphemer, and who ever angers a mother is cursed by the Lord.**

In-laws

Tobit 8: 21. Raguel told his son-in-law Tobias, "Take half of what I own and return in safety to your father; the other half will be yours when my wife and I die. Take courage, my child, I am your father and Edna is your mother, and we belong to you as well as your wife now and forever"

*Tobit 10: 12. Raquel kissed his daughter Sarah and said to her, **"My daughter, honor your father-in-law and your mother-in-law, since from now on they are as those who gave you birth. Go in peace, daughter, and may I hear a good report about you as long as I live"** Then he bade them farewell.*

This is the greatest advice you can see in the scripture. When Tobias and Sarah are married, not only they have become one, but the in-laws become their parents. There may be disputes and disagreements in the family, but it must be resolved by negotiations and not by force or through court of law. Who ever take a hard step and wins what he wants will be a failure in his life, if not immediate, may be after a while.

I do not know anyone who could flourish and retain the wealth ill earned for a long time. Who ever is willing to loose, will flourish and gain in this world and also in the eternal world. To keep the harmony of the family is a very tough business, each one has to contribute and have to sacrifice to some extent to keep things together.

Hatred: *1 John 3: 15. All who hate a brother and a sister are murderers; and murderers do not have eternal life abiding in them.*

If you wish you may call this as a very sophisticated type of killing. Anything you do against another person is equal to virtually killing him. No matter what type of killing, one does, he will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Without doing any revenge, just keeping hatred in the mind is a serious sin. When you hate another person, what are all the things you normally do? Gossip, destroy his credibility, destroy his job or job opportunity, and destroy marriage life or family life. Anything you do against another person is equal to virtually killing him. You are violating the sixth commandment – **"You shall not kill"**

Emotions, anger, and shouting are no solution to your problems. When things are getting emotional stop arguing and take a few deep breathing and pray alone for a while, you will find peace. God is not of unrest and quarrel but of peace. He intends to keep and maintain peace among His children, but He needs your effort and cooperation.

Prayer is a must, and it must be done regularly at a fixed time, just after sunset and not when you have anything else to do. Never take up disputes just before meals and prayer. It will disrupt and spoil your prayer and meals. When the family sits together for prayers

and meals, lot of ill feelings will evaporate. It may not be easy during your first few attempts but after few, it will become easy and the 'oneness' of the family will take effect. Individually each member of the family may be good, but if they cannot keep together without ill feelings, you cannot expect the presence of God in your house. God is love and peace, how can He come in to a place where His children are fighting with each other. God does care who is right and who is wrong but he dislikes the person who cannot stop quarreling and who cannot stay in peace. Their prayers will never be answered. God will care more for who does sacrifice to keep peace and harmony of the family & society.

Mathew 5: 23-24. Jesus said, "When you are offering your sacrifice at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your sacrifice there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your sacrifice"

Mathew 5: 22. Jesus said, "If you are angry with a brother or sister you will be liable to judgment"

If you keep your anger in your mind, you are continuing your hatred in your mind, for the same reason. God is telling you to level with your brother. The whole family is one; the father stands, as the head and the rest are his own body. The head is important than the body before God, just like Christ is more important than the Church.

This is something we cannot change because this is the way God wants it, then only God can bless next generations.

You may be an important person of the church, teaching in Sunday school, may be in the committee, and may be treasurer or Trustee, very regular in the church, but if you fail to keep the unity of the family at home; everything you do elsewhere is a waste. You don't have to feel who wrote this, whether a layman wrote this or not is the point, but this is what the scripture say. I am not a person who enjoy over enforcing any authority vested in me on somebody else. I will utilize my freedom for the benefit of others rather than refusing any benefits of knowledge due for them, on technical grounds. I do not wish to be in public and political activities, which gives me no spiritual growth rather destroys whatever spirituality I have.

Psalms 133: 1- 3 How very good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity. For there the Lord ordained His blessing, life forevermore.

Psalms 128: 3-4. Your wife will be like a fruitful wine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord?

Jealousy

Because of Jealous, Cain killed Abel. Jealous can be overtaking everything, when one feels that the other one is or has anything better than him.

Property disputes

Any property dispute creates a lot of problem even murder. No matter who demands wealth, he is a 'prodigal son'.

Some husbands and their family demand wealth from groom; and later their children fight for their share with their parents. Such people are spiritually dead. If you are supposed to inherit ancestral wealth, don't demand for it, just pray for him to make a righteous decision in disposing that wealth. You should receive it with a blessing and not with a curse, ***"Ill-gotten wealth will not sustain"*** it brings only disaster. Those parents who are to divide the property must do it, when they are mentally and physically strong. Don't give a chance to your children to fight with each other on property disputes after their death.

It is certainly parents responsibility to divide the wealth, no children should demand it, should not even think about it. Parent's blessings are the greatest thing on the earth, when parents bless their children; it is God who blesses them.

Who ever invite parents curse invites God's curse. You must obey the fifth commandment ***"You shall honor your father and mother"***

God will bless abundantly any one who is willing to loose everything for the unity and the uplift of the others. Think of Abraham's son Joseph.

His own brothers persecuted Joseph. First they thought of killing him then he was sold to the caravan. Read the following and see what happens.

Genesis 37: 26. Joseph's brother Judah said to others, "What profit is if we kill our brother Joseph and conceal his blood? Come let us sell him to the Ishmaelite and not lay our hands on his life"

When Joseph was sold to them he was taken to Egypt and finally he reached the palace of Pharaoh and became the governor of his palace and the people. Later when the famine broke out which lasted for seven years the people in Canaan began to suffer and starve. So Joseph's brothers have to come to Egypt to buy food.

Finally Joseph recognized his brothers when they came to Egypt. Joseph treated them extremely well, forgetting all the persecutions they have done to him. At last Joseph revealed himself to his brothers and they were stunned to see him in such a great position and feared what would happen to them for all the evil things they have done to Joseph. Now they are at Joseph's mercy for food and even their own life. Their fear of Joseph was boundless because even Pharaoh did not overrule him, because of Pharaoh's great admiration of him. Then Joseph consoled his brothers and never revenged them.

Genesis 45: 5. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; God sent me here to preserve life"

Joseph's brothers were reduced to ashes before him for the evilness they have done to him. At the same time when Joseph accepted all the persecutions cheerfully that has happened to him, has turned out to be a great blessing for him. Joseph has been generous to his brothers because he was a God fearing man.

When he obeyed God's commandments his blessings were great. If we don't learn the morals from all the parables and incidents written in the Bible, we are wasting our life.

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Chapter 21

Know Your Enemies

Who is your real enemy? Your real enemies are not wild animals, poisonous snakes, neighbors, friends, or even relatives. Since you are an alien carrying a foreign object called spirit, everything on the earth other than your Spirit is your enemy including your own mind and your body? When you die the spirit will depart, the dead body and mind will be discarded on the earth.

Because Adam has sinned, God cursed the woman, the earth, the snake and the man and everything on the earth. Since then, the world and Satan and the flesh of the man became the real enemies of man's spirit.

1) The World

Genesis 3: 17 The Lord said to Adam, “Cursed is the ground because of you”

*1 John 2: 15 Do not love the world or the things in the world.
The love of the Father is not in those who love the world.*

Romans 12: 2 Do not be conformed to this world

The worldly matters involve your reputation, importance, wealth and what others talk about you- good and bad. Society plays an important role in driving one's self esteem high. People join different clubs of high status to have contact with other prominent people and for show-off and publicity. Now everything is available, even millionaire's and billionaire's clubs are waiting for you.

You can also see, magazines putting out worlds top most rich people and their greatness. When one becomes one of the tops most, then they want to stay and hang on to that position. I have seen and heard people who say that they belong to certain high society club, and now it is impossible to get in to that club, it is very much restricted!

Another strange phenomenon is the creation of reputed clubs for men only, other than homosexuals. Where there is a club they have some charity work to keep their reputation high and to shine in the news media, which is only a cover. Very soon they get fed up with their organizations and withdraw when they become slightly old or when their finance goes weak.

I know one evangelist who kept his work as a cover for all his unhealthy practices. Eventually he got separated from all his spiritual practices and finally divorced and lived with several women and no more evangelism. After few years of sinful life he committed suicide in USA. Many of the evangelists have ruined their reputation whereby the very profession has lost its good credibility.

People look at them with suspicious eyes. If you cannot control yourself there will be a total breakdown and failure of personal and spiritual life. People are not serious about any responsibility they are undertaking, everybody else can go wrong but not spiritual people; they must practice first what they preach. Their punishments will be severe for every mistake they do. Satan leads you to temptation and makes you to commit sins.

The devil came in the form of serpent and persuaded Adam and Eve to eat the forbidden fruit. He may appear in different forms and provide with evil ideas and thoughts. Since man's body parts and mind committed the sin, he was cursed irrevocably.

2) The Devil

Genesis 3: 14-15 The Lord said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, you are cursed among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. I will put the enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel"

God's curse on Man

Genesis 3: 17-19. The Lord cursed the man and said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten the fruit of the tree about which I commanded you, you shall not eat it; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, and to dust you shall return"

With Eve's **ears** she heard what Satan said.
With her **eyes** she found the 'Fruit' is beautiful.
She **smelled** it and found pleasing.
She imagined of its **taste** to be great
In addition with her **mind** she made a decision to achieve the knowledge equal to God.
She **touched** and **tasted** and executed her mind's decision with her **body**. Though Adam knew he is violating God's commandment, he also fell in to the temptation and ate the fruit.

Adam should have stopped her from violating God's commandment, which he didn't. So God put the entire responsibility of committing the sin on the first man. The spirit is free from this terrible act, and what Adam did was against the will of his and Holy Spirit. Since mind and body has committed the sin and continues to do so, God decided to crucify the body. Instead of sending each man to the cross, Jesus carried everybody's sin and got him crucified. Since one man Adam brought in the sin, through one man Jesus the sin of the mankind was erased.

3) The Flesh

Romans 7: 25. With my flesh I serve the law of sin.

Mind Consists

- 1) Conscious Mind (2) Subconscious Mind
- 3) Unconscious Mind (4) Mind/ intellect
- 5) Will/ Desire (6) Emotion

Body Consists

(1) Brain (2) Body parts (3) Sex
Though Jesus came in flesh and He is the only one without sin. As a Lamb of sacrifice.

He carried all the sins of the man; of past, present and future until the end of the world and became a sacrifice, by which our sins are washed away. The Word that became flesh has been crucified for your sins. You must believe that you have been crucified with Jesus, died, buried, and resurrected with Him; you must proclaim this fact with your lips

Baptism is the proclamation of this truth. It is not you who is alive now, but the Christ in you. You must bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit and not the works of the flesh. After Jesus' Crucifixion our path to eternity is wide open, all you have to do is carry your cross and Jesus' yoke and follow Jesus. If Jesus were not Crucified our salvation would not have been possible. If it were possible Jesus would not have died. Financially, socially, and politically you might be a great success, you may have kept a great name before the public and in the Church. You may have millions of evil secrets; even your wife and children may not know. If the public knows such things they might reduce you to ashes. You could hide your secrecy before the eyes of the public and from your own family, but can you get away with it from God.

All that you have gained will be lost just like the Macedonian invader, Alexander the Great have lost. At the age of thirty-three on his deathbed he divided, what he had conquered, among his generals. He told them to bury him with his hands stretched out of his coffin. Do you think with this kind of act his spirit will ever find peace and eternity? A man who has too many involvements will never be able to execute his spiritual obligations sincerely. Such people remind me of a traveler's suitcase having too many stickers on it, just proclaiming that the suitcase had been to many places. What is it worth before God? A sincere heart and an uncorrupt mind and the obedience to His Laws are most acceptable to God, rest of the things are just waste before Him. Once you identify (1) The world, (2) The devil and (3) The flesh, it becomes easy for you to know what is righteous and what is not; and what is sin and what is not sin, and who is your enemy and who your friend. It is for you to control yourself and choose your righteous way knowing your enemies.

Chapter 22

Importance of Man

God has created man in his own image and gave him authority over everything on the earth and taught him all His commandments, expecting to obey them.

Genesis 1: 27. God created man in his own image; male and female He created them.

From the beginning man never stayed in God's path but always made the heavenly Father to grieve.

Genesis 6: 6. The Lord was sorry that He made man on the earth and it grieved Him to His heart.

God expected man to be holy like God.

Thessalonians 4: 7. God has not called us for uncleanness, but in holiness.

Philippians 4: 6. The Lord said, Have no anxiety"

God knew man's nature that he is always worried about everyday problems and his anxiety about tomorrow is immeasurable. He gave the assurance to man not to worry about anything but to stick to his faith in God. Though we know God is the creator of everything and he is capable of doing everything we need, even then we don't have the ability to free ourselves from our worries and to be in peace. Lack of faith is the greatest weakness of man, which leads him to all kinds of troubles and sins. Hindu philosophy will tell you to defeat your desire with your strong will of the mind.

Though this is perfectly true it will not last. How do you achieve peace that would last? The Bible does not tell you that you should do it with your will power alone. Besides your mind; you have a spirit and this spirit is not supposed to be under the control of your mind. This is not proper because your mind is incapable of determining what is righteous but to go by the desires of the flesh. Your spirit that discerns right and wrong must influence your inner mind and give awareness of right and wrong, this is generally expressed as conscience. Rather than being controlled by your mind alone: your mind must be controlled and must be submissive to your spirit, then only you will become a spiritual man.

John 3: 16. God loved the world so much, He gave His only son, that who ever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life

Since man is sinful, God decided to save him through His firstborn - Jesus, who came and lived among men and finally got crucified, for the forgiveness of mankind.

Isaiah 54: 10. "My steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be moved", says the Lord who has compassion on you.

Exodus 19: 5-6. "If you obey me and keep my agreement, you will be my kingdom priests and a holy nation"

(In the presence of the Heavenly Father we all are His children and priests)

John 15: 14-15, Jesus said, "If you obey my Commandments, you will be my friends. I will not call you servants, but I will call you friends"

In the presence of Jesus Christ, we are all His friends and co-priests.

Isaiah 43: 4. The Lord says, "You are precious in my sight and honored".

The good and the bad are all precious to Him and he wants to save each and every one of them. Only a righteous man can be most precious and will be honored and will inherit the eternal life. The rest will be condemned.

1 John 3: 2.

*You have a life after death,
Which is everlasting
When you become equal to God,
Then we shall see God as He is.*

Do not ruin your eternal life,
This is a free gift from God

Chapter 23

Why Miracles

If you ask what a miracle is, I have to ask you a counter question, what is not a miracle because if you try to study the life and function of a small worm that itself is amazing. Everything in this universe is a miracle. But we usually refer 'miracle': -- a happening or change from the previous to the new situation in an unusual manner. We may have seen people breathing their last, without any chance of recovery from their sickness. Even at this juncture when all the doctors have forsaken, they come back to good health, when the patient repents and pray. Jesus has healed many people from their incurable diseases within seconds, and He said have faith then you will be healed. He dealt, not only with sick but has driven demons out and also commanded even the sea to be calm. Nothing was impossible for Him. We have only heard that some prophets have done many things. Jesus proved to us that He is the one who does everything. Those miracles He has done was to give us the following messages so that we may improve our faith in God and sanctify ourselves so that we can reach eternity. His intention was to stop the mankind from their sinful acts through His gospel otherwise they cannot be saved.

Purpose of Miracles: ---

- 1) To show God's greatness and glory

Genesis Chapter 1 and 2 explains God's creation of the entire universe and everything in it. The last thing He created was Adam and Eve; the first man and the first woman.

- 2) To show God's mercy

Near Bethzetha pool a paralyzed man was lying for 38 years. Jesus knew that a man was lying there and he had no help to get in to the water and he could not be healed. Jesus came to Him without anybody's request and healed him, to prove God knows every one and he helps those who don't have anybody else help. John 5: 5 – 9 (only content is stated here)

- 3) To prove God is always agile and alive and active

Mathew 14: 29 – 31. Jesus said to peter, "Come" When Peter came down from the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. When Peter saw the wind was strong, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. Immediately Jesus stretched forth His hand, and caught him.

Jesus saved Peter from drowning within the fraction of a second otherwise Peter would have been drowned. Jesus was too quick to act upon at the time of need.

- 4) To prove God's might

Jesus calmed the Sea; Mathew 8: 26 Jesus rebuked the wind and the sea and it obeyed and became calm.

- 5) Because God is compassionate



Mathew 15: 32 -37 Then Jesus called his disciples and said, "I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, and faint on the way". His disciples said to him, where should we have so much bread in the wilderness, as to fill so great a multitude? Jesus said to them, "How many loaves you have?" They said, "Seven, and a few little fishes". He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. He took the seven loaves and the fishes, and gave thanks, and broke and gave to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. They all ate, and were filled: and they took that was left seven baskets full.

6) To create faith in God

Jesus turned water in to wine John 2: 11 This was the beginning of miracles Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

7) For confession and repentance

Mathew 11: 10-20 Jesus criticized the cities where He did most of His miracles, because people did not repent and did not stop sinning.

8) Miracles continue to happen to prove God is always alive and forever and he cares for you and everyone else.

Wherever the word of God is preached, miracles will take place and it continues to happen. This is more than enough to prove God is the same way yesterday, today, and tomorrow. From the beginning God continued in the same way; and He will continue till the end of the world and even beyond.

Next-Martha and Mary

Chapter 24

Martha & Mary

Luke 10:38- 40: As they went on their way, He entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed Him to her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to Him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me".

Jesus and his disciples were going to Jerusalem on the way they entered a village where a woman named Martha received Him in to her house. Jews always took good care of their guests. Martha was fully engaged in preparing to serve the guests very well. People always enjoyed very much when they served the guests; and the guests enjoyed when they are looked after exceptionally well. Finally Martha got exhausted with her laborious work and she had to seek Mary's help. Mary was pre-occupied with Jesus' teachings and did not help Martha with her household work. It is improper to withdraw a person from an eminent person's presence without His consent so Martha asked Jesus to relieve Mary.

Luke 10: 41 The Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried, and distracted by many things, there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her"

Jesus answer was simple and straight, Jesus did not give any importance to what Martha was doing but what Mary was doing, worshipping the Lord! We are very negligent in pleasing God and we always spend all the time to please the people. This does not mean that you should displease men but it should not be at the cost of God.

Apart from God; Jesus was a spiritual man and has always shown good example for us to follow. Giving and receiving a good reception to a guest is an attractive thing for any non-spiritual people but not for the spiritual people. Any glory coming on the spiritual people's way must be given to God and they should not take it.

Isaiah 48: 11 The Lord said, "My glory I will not give to another."

Acts 12: 22 When people praised Herod, an angel of God smote Herod, because he did not give glory to God; Herod was eaten by worms and died.

Here is an example of taking glory of God, by Herod. Give importance to God only and rest of the things are of less importance. You are worshipping a Jealous God! People are no better than Martha. They spend most of their time in pleasing others. We should be spending all the time we can get in meditating God and not praising and worshipping humans.

David and Solomon were kings but they have spent lot of time in spiritual matters, and there is none comparable to David. When today's freaks say that they have no time even to go to a church, how would you see them? They don't even care for their personal prayers, because they have no time. Martha's sister Mary has shown an example, admired by Jesus.

Have you done anything in your life admirable to Jesus?

The truth is –you have not done a thing.

You have to do things righteous to God and not pleasing to the people alone who praise you.

Next - Fasting or Starving

Chapter 25

Fasting or Starving

People think if they do any ritual in the name of God is acceptable to God and fruitful.

- 1) Going to church once in a week, that too towards the end of the service and make a small or big offering as usual.
 - 2) When some important people go to a church they stick around the church premises and never enter the Church. They are fully satisfied of their ways.
 - 3) Some people transport their family members to a church and slip away or stay in the car read the newspaper.
 - 4) Some do the office work of the church and attend the committee meeting and disappear.
 - 5) Some people take care of VIPs and bishops and above.
 - 6) Some people donate liberally and make publicity and get praised.
 - 7) Some people arrange pilgrimage to impress others.
 - 8) Some people organize important events and other luxurious functions of the church.
 - 9) Some people organize prayer groups, retreats and conventions.
 - 10) Some people donate something of tangible nature or money so that the donor will get good recognition.
 - 11) Some people donate some special dress or clothes for priests.
 - 12) Some people are regular in fasting and make it known to others.
 - 13) Some people donate candles and plenty of oil and oil lamps Etc.
 - 14) Some people Publish saint's pictures & novena in the news media 'for favors received'
- I think there is a catch in that very above sentence (14). Pictures are published for favors received; if no favor is received they don't have to spend the money to publish the picture. They are really wise people aren't they?

If the saint wants to see their picture in the newspaper, they must favor and obey the donor! Great ideas for great people! These lists of rituals are too long. Do you think spiritually these people are benefited by these kinds of gimmicks?

Even if you give everything you have but not your heart you will not even see the door of heaven.

You have given or done these things with a specific worldly intention, which is not acceptable to God. Usually you give a small part of your wealth you have, but never your heart. When you do fasting also you do the same thing. You might skip one or two meals and engage yourself in your own worldly business.

Mathew 17: 21. The Lord said, "This evil spirits never comes out except by prayer and fasting"

Your prayers and fasting are your strength; they keep the evil spirits away. In some versions of the Bible the above verse is added, but in others it is skipped. The authenticity of the verse *Mathew 17: 21* is not positive. Moses and Jesus did fast for forty days. If anyone says that Jesus said to fast it is acceptable because He himself did fast for forty days. If Moses could fast for forty days, it is an amazing thing, because he grew up in Pharaoh's palace in the midst of all luxury. For such a man fasting is next to impossible, but God was preparing him ahead of Exodus for a great spiritual battle.

Fasting was practiced in the Old Testament time and it is widely discussed in Isaiah chapter 58. When you go on fasting you may or you may not spend some time in a mass worshipping.

Rest of the time you must engage yourself in solitary prayer without distracting yourself. Most of the people cannot concentrate in such personal prayers. Though they do not know why such people get away with some rituals and get lost without any personal prayer. The people, who could not concentrate in their prayers, go for "Yoga" and "Art of living" and all that kind of things to learn concentration of mind besides the other things they teach. The scripture, very clearly tells us to meditate over the word of God. God spoke through Isaiah regarding fasting and how it is acceptable to God.

Isaiah 58: 2. The Lord said, "As if they were a nation that practiced righteousness day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God"

Isaiah 58: 3-4. The people say, "Why do we fast, God do not see, why humble ourselves, but God do not notice?" The Lord said, "Look you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. Look you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting, as you do today will not make your voice heard on high"

Isaiah 58: 9-12. The Lord said, "If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food for the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noon day. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the beach the restorer of the streets to live in".

Mathew 6: 16-18. Jesus said, "Whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you" (dismal=Miserable)

Apart from these factors described in the scripture, some people are not physically strong or may be sick to withstand the strain of fasting and such people need not fast.

- 1) Sick people and conceived women, or anyone on medical grounds need not do fasting.
- 2) Very elderly people and people having poor general health need not fast.
- 3) People taking medicines at definite intervals are excluded

I have heard some people saying that the sick people can fast and they will overcome from all their weakness and will be able to withstand the strain of their fast. I knew an evangelist who was acute diabetic and was suffering from neuromuscular problems, and he was in his fifties. He always boasted that he used to get extra strength whenever he

preached. Once it so happened, after a hot day's strenuous work he had a long bath in the cold water.

By evening he had high fever and was admitted in the hospital. His fever turned in to pneumonia and succumbed to death within days. We know for sure, when our time is up we have to go once for all that cannot be postponed. Do we invite disaster when we have the basic knowledge of don'ts?

If you claim faith and jump from the top of a hill, you are going to hit the ground at a speed of 32 feet/ Sec/ Sec, during every second the velocity of your fall will be increased by 32 feet; don't forget that the gravitational force was set by the same God who created you and me. You cannot go against the law of the nature because same God has created that nature and have set the rules for them. If God really desires a man should walk over the sea, he can do it, but if the man wants to do some experiments then it is for sure that he is going to drown.

Chapter 26

"This applies in India"

Buying Education & Jobs

India fought for independence to free from the slavery and the evil rule of the British. But The Indian politicians failed totally to present an uncorrupt Government. Indians learned all the evilness from their predecessors; remember that the Britain is a Christian country, without Christ. They broke every law stated in the Bible and they preached a lot and did all the evil things. Irish Christians fought the most destructive war for several decades.

In 1757 British defeated French in the Battle of Plessey in India, one Christian country fought against another for the supremacy over India. And they were on the spree, but only in 1947 the British left India after ransacking and leading the whole country in to all wickedness. If they did some good things that drowned in the ocean of their wickedness done in India. Is there any Christian country in the world, which follows what Christ has taught? What about the Christian's predecessor Jews who continue their slaughtering as the world moves on? God promised all the blessings for those who obey Him, but the Israelites hold the God's promises high and continue their slaughtering. Are they supposed to fight against their neighbors and shed blood? Will they get blessed? Are they supposed to obey, Ten Commandments?

Thinking more of the Indian Christians I can tell, they are in a miserable state. Though the ancient India followed great philosophy, they gave up everything and fell deep in to the westerner's corrupt worldly practices. Developed nations have the best technology but the least morals.

They call it, as the highest culture. Indians learned that money is the foundation of everything and anyone who has money can do everything as he pleases. The British legalized prostitution, smoking of Marijuana and use of opium in India. Probably it was nearly five decades ago marijuana and opium were prohibited. Prostitution centers still continue as the British monument in India. During British rule one Indian air force high ranking officer became a Christian after having reached the highest position he went back to his old religion; long after the British have left India. Later he died in a very tragic situation.

Tsunami and earthquakes destroyed the places of high drug use places, prostitution centers and where there are witchcrafts Etc. Education and jobs to the undeserving is a commodity for those who have money. Professional education students are taken on merit basis and through competitive examination. If you have no merit you can buy that for a huge price. For Jobs also you have to bribe same way regardless it is a private company or government job. There are many Christian education centers where studentship and jobs are sold illegally. Though these institutions have plenty of money accumulated in the banks, their greed for further money is unimaginable, why?

The term Christian is a brand name. In these days none of the non-Christians wants to know much about Christianity sooner they see the present Christians; because these Christians are so much downtrodden. Some people became Christians quite some time back and their children continue to be Christians and multiply without any quality. From where these Christians can learn righteousness and improve their quality.

They can learn it from Jesus only and nobody else, not even from Christ's disciples; because Jesus is the only perfect one to follow.

You will not find anybody else more shameless like Christians. They will sell and buy anything like Judas did. Jesus exposed a true human character through Judas. From the beginning, man was bent upon materialism. Because the true spirit of the commandments of God was not observed, Jesus explained the magnitude and the depth of God's laws. Judas was after money; but Christians are after all kinds of wealth, luxury and pleasure. Though Judas knew who Jesus was, money was more important to him than Jesus. This is the true exposition of human characteristics.

Christian countries and Christians follow Judas, and would sell any principle and philosophy for the sake of an income. When people live in violation of God's law constantly their conscience don't work any more. Anything that pleases them is right and anything that displeases them is wrong. They make their own rules above God's law and they say that they have the authority to do it.

Indian MPs are caught for accepting bribe, they are caught for holding office of profit, and ministers are caught for drug trafficking and murder cases. They will do more than that when they intend to achieve their illegal and unrighteous aims and desires.

Buying education and Jobs are no more a mistake in the Indian society. Though politicians and officials have good justifiable income they are not content with it and go for kickbacks. Their greed for money is driving them for all kinds of corruptions. The public fall in to their trap and bribe them to get their things done. What about Christian rulers and the ruled, they are worse than the non-Christians. You can see individuals, families and business people rising financially just like a rocket shot in to the sky. When they fall like a star from the sky, they fall in to the valley of death from where they will never rise. At least I know few people who say that they love to stay below the average and to work hard to earn their bread with sweat. They do not wish to be too poor so that they will curse their own life and do not wish to be rich so that they will stray away from God. If you ever see one of these kinds in your life you can be content and you may even ask yourself, is there such people on the earth?

I knew a man who belonged to a rich family who got nothing from his family wealth. But none in the family fought for the wealth. One of his brothers took all of it and lived like a drunkard and died before he could reach forty. The rest of the people live in peace. Christian Churches in India fighting for property rights have to learn from these kinds of people who has shown greatest patience for their loss and who stood on the Biblical principle by not going to the court of law to settle their disputes.

Only in the longest run you will learn that life is worth living on Biblical principles. If you are looking for an immediate result and financial betterment, Christianity is the wrong religion for you to practice. It is meant for the one who wish to be righteous and non-materialistic and for more spiritual return and benefits. You better think twice before you have to bribe for a job, or pay capitation fee for an admission for an education regardless the recipient is Christian institution.

Next-Who spoils you

Chapter 27

Who spoil you?

What Christ teaches you is for a total eternal benefit and not for the benefit of this world. You should not be conformed to this world, which is ruled, by Satan and his army, which is against Christ. It will be too late when a man realizes that his run for the worldly attractions is mere waste for which he outsold his eternal life. Your wealth is the ransom of your eternal life. This was what the rich man's life against Lazarus reveals to us in Luke 16: 19 – 31.

Romans 12: 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Human body having the five senses and the sex drive and an uncontrollable mind are the most suitable factors for Anti-Christ activities. The followings are the threat of a believer, which really spoils his spiritual life and ruins his eternal life.

Colossians 2:8 Beware let no man spoil you through--(1) Philosophy and (2) Vain deceit, after the (3) Tradition of men, after the (4) Rudiments (principles) of the world, and (5) Not after Christ.

(1) Philosophy: You can be easily spoiled by philosophy of this world. Philosophy is the pursuit of knowledge of this 'seen world' and its root causes. Eternity is far beyond any reasoning, which could not be confined within philosophy. **Eternity is the faith of unseen things to human eyes and the hope to achieve it.**

Without faith the whole concept of eternity cannot be perceived, and cannot be achieved. When you get in to the philosophical aspect of eternity you cannot have any faith in the unseen things whereby you loose your eternity. That is why Jesus said that it is easy for the children to reach heaven because they are innocent and their immature mind is incapable of analyzing the philosophical aspect of spiritual life.

(2) Vain Deceit: -- The mastermind of 'deceit' is Satan. He is the one who deceived Adam and Eve since after Satan and his followers continue to deceive man. He also tried to tempt Jesus by quoting the word of God. He could do more than that because he is thorough with the word of God since he was the archangel of God once. You have to be watchful not to fall in to his trap. Whether he succeeds in his attempt or not he will continue to deceive the mankind.

Mathew 26: 41. Jesus said, "Stay awake and pray, so that you may not come in to the time of trial"

James 1: 12-14. The Lord said, "Blessed is the one who stood the temptation, he will receive the crown of life. God does not tempt anyone and God himself cannot be tempted. One is tempted by his own desire, being lure and enticed by it. Desire gives birth to sin and sin gives birth to death"

(3) Tradition of men: -- Apart from what is said in the scripture, man will say and do anything that suits his taste. Man calls it a tradition.

These man made rules or traditions are disastrous to spiritual life.

Mathew 15: 1 – 7 Some Scribes and Pharisees came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, "Why your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread". Jesus said "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? For God commanded, saying, Honor your father and mother: and, he that curse his father or mother, must be put to death. But you say, that a person can tell his father or mother that I have something that could help you, but I have given it to God and not to honor his father or his mother. Thus you have rejected the commandment of God of by your tradition. Isaiah was right when he said about you"

(4) Principles (rudiments) of this world: = Elementary things in faith and ‘ruling Spirits of the world’. These are man-made rules and teachings, which became a part of religion and this, do not defeat the evil desires of man.

Galatians 2: 20. Since you have died with Christ and were made free from the ruling spirits of the world by following those rules.

(5) Not after Christ? When you stray away from Christ you are spoiled: apart from Christ whom else you should go? If you do not follow the words of eternity, you are loosing eternity itself. Anything other than the word of life cannot lead you to eternal life. When you obey the word of life, you are obeying God himself. So you must strictly go by the word of God and not any other things described above.

John 6: 68-69. Peter said, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that you are that Christ, the Son of the living God."

Chapter 28

Spells & Mantras

Spells

Magical spell is the uttering of certain definite words, by witches and warlocks to create an enchantment of good or evil nature.

Objects under spell

This subject is widely discussed in my 'Previous book of The Simple Divine Truth' "The Power of Darkness"

Witch & Warlock

Witch is the female person and warlock is the male person who practices black – magic and sorcery.

Witchcraft

The performance of black magic is called witchcraft

Mantras

Mantras are devotional *incantation* done by any person of their cult. (Incantation is the utterance of magical words repeatedly) There are many Spirits whom the worshippers consider as Gods. Over repeated chanting of certain words and the names of specific God and doing their favorite things is considered to be pleasing to those Gods. At that point they may appear or perform what is requested to them by the sorcerer.

Sorcery

Sorcery is the performance of black magic. A person who performs black magic is called Sorcerer

Spirit Channeling

- 1) Channeling (directly communicating with spirit)
- 2) Use of Ouiji board, (also used to communicate with spirit)
- 3) Tarot card, for foretelling future?

Objects under spell

- (1) Fetish: An object believed by some people to have magical power
- (2) Talisman: An engraved object to produce magical effect.
- (3) Amulet: A small object worn as a charm against evil.

- (4) Rings with special stones and bangles embedded with Elephant - tail - hair are used by some people in India to protect them from fear attacks of evil spirit.
- (5) You can also see black knotted threads and several ornamental lockets made of gold and silver, having copper plates concealed in it is widely used by Indians.
- (6) Diamonds under spell, and Birth-day-stones. If the diamond is not under the spell it will have only its market value and glamour and cannot bring any harm or fortune.

Astrology, Horoscope, Palmistry, omen, Numerology, & Auspicious time are all forbidden to believers.

You are not to seek the help of any spirits – some people call it good spirits and others call it evil spirits. There is only one Supreme-God who created the whole universe and everything in it. You must seek only His help. A Creator is a widely accepted truth by all religions. Even then there are many who worship the powers of nature, which are the true creations of Supreme God. Nature worshippers' theory is: -- when you worship those creations; you are worshipping the Creator itself – no matter what path you choose they all lead you ultimately to the supreme God - "All roads lead to Rome"

You cannot question the supreme God's authority, but what He says is the law for His believers and non-believers, obeying is your part. If you ask me what will happen to the people who practice and believe unholy things, I would say according to the Bible – they will be destroyed! Bible has a different explanation – God wants you to recognize Him and to worship Him only. Why you should worship the creations, when He himself is available, active and known to you.

Jeremiah 7:20 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD; "Behold, my anger and my fury shall be poured out upon this place, upon man, and upon beast, and upon the trees of the field, and upon the fruit of the ground; and it shall burn, and shall not be quenched"

Job 9: 9 It is God who made the bear, Orion, and the Pleiades And the chambers of the south. (Saptharshi mandalam, Karthika, and the group of stars in the southern sky. As stated in 'Malayalam' -- in one of Indian Languages)

Isaiah 47: 13 –1 The Lord said, "Let those who study the sky those who tell the future by looking at the stars and the new moons, and let them save you from what is about to happen to you. But they are like straw; fire will quickly burn them up. They cannot save themselves from the power of fire"

Deuteronomy 18: 10 – 13. The Lord said, "No one shall be found among you who makes a son or daughter pass through the fire, or who practices divination, or is a soothsayer, or an augur, or sorcerer, or one who cast spells, or who consults ghosts or spirits, or who seeks oracles from the dead. For who ever does these things is horrent to the Lord; it is because of such abhorrent practices that the Lord your God is driving them out before you. You must remain completely loyal to the Lord you God."

The Bible forbids all forms of worshipping other than the supreme God himself. This message is not to hurt the feelings of those who worship different Gods, but to give them this knowledge. This faith is not to be forced upon anyone and they should not be

persuaded with any worldly promises. Anyone who knows the scripture will not do it because it serves no purpose to such people who receive the advice and the one who gives such advice. If any false teaching or any deception is done that man will be punished severely by God not only on the earth but also on the Day of Judgment. This is not a political game but a question of eternal death and eternal life; no one will dare to do such things. You may have seen such news-media reports stating that some have been forcibly converted and some have been tempted and persuaded with some attractive promises and so forth. The news media will say what they have received from a reliable person.

Those who have been accused by the news media could not do such things. Just to have faith you don't have to change your name and religion because faith is that something comes from within self. If that does not come from his innermost mind what is the use? It is not relevant to God whether you change your name or not. God doesn't want what he has, but his heart. If his heart is not given to God why he should pretend; and give some publicity stating that he has changed his religion.

The Eternal God keeps reminding you that you should live above the power and traditions of all the creations. You are given the authority over the earth to rule over it. Everything above the earth like stars are to perform certain functions about which you have some limited and some wrong knowledge. When you do not know about the stars and planets, do not give them a supernatural power and assume that they can rule over you or determine your destiny.

In Job 9: 9 it says that they are the creations of God.

There are many people who does not believe in God at all, don't they survive. We don't know exactly what are all things going to happen to them but it is sure that their eternity will be lost. If you don't believe in God and you have a spirit then you just worry about your everyday life and finish it when and where it ends.

My responsibility is, like many in the past and the present - - to part my knowledge to you through these writings; you have the right to take it or to leave it. I do not have to worry about it and I do not wish anything beyond because I am talking about your eternity and not mine, if you can gain, it is good for you, and I don't make any profit through my books.

Next-Don't pray for this People

Chapter 29

Don't pray for this people

Jesus said the following

Mathew 7: 7 – 11. "Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened to you:

For every one who ask receives; and he who seek finds; and who knocks it shall be opened.

Who among you will give his son a stone when he asks bread? Or if he asks a fish, will he give him a serpent?

When you evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more your Father who is in heaven will give good things to those who ask him?"

Jesus taught to pray, so that God can bless His children abundantly. Jesus also revealed, how carefully he observes and cares for man. He continued to expose the true nature of God and His love for man. It is the same God who says not to pray for the wicked people.

Jeremiah 9:8 The Lord said,

*"Their tongue is an arrow shot out; it speaks deceit:
one speaks peaceably to his neighbor with his mouth,
but in heart he lays his wait"*

Jeremiah 7:16 The Lord said

*"Therefore pray not for this people
neither lift up cry nor prayer for them
neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear you"*

Jeremiah 7:20 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD; "Behold, my anger and my fury shall be poured out upon this place, upon man, and upon beast, and upon the trees of the field, and upon the fruit of the ground; and it shall burn, and shall not be quenched"

*Psalms 148: 3. Praise God,
the sun and the moon Praise God,
all you shining stars.*

If the sun and the moon and the stars are to worship the Creator
How can they control and influence your Life?
How can they be Gods?
How can you ignore the Supreme God and worship his creations?

Man's prayer is acceptable to God only when the man meets all the conditions set by God. This subject is widely discussed in my previous book "The Simple Divine Truth, Prayers not answered" In Jeremiah 7: verse 16, describes that God will not accept even the intercessional prayers on behalf of the wicked people. They have gone far beyond God's tolerance and patience and God meant to punish them like He did in Noah's time

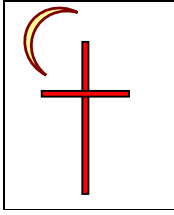
and like he did in Sodom and Gomorrah. Exercise of man's tongue and his rituals are unproductive and futile when there is no righteousness in those pretenders. Nothing is unseen to God and His scrutiny is beyond man's imagination. Man's intellectual game with God is the root cause of his disaster. God gives man a lot of chances to repent and to wash away the sins he has done.

With reasoning, man justifies his own mistakes, which angers God very much. God who promises man that he would forgive anything and everything man has done – The same God says, he will not listen to your prayer if you don't obey Him. The biggest failure in man is--- how many people really know that their prayers are not acceptable to God?

If man knew, his prayer is not acceptable to God; he may not even go to any church at all. Man will stop all his rituals and donations instead he would have done some other profitable business.

Obey His commandments so that your prayers will be acceptable to God.

Chapter 30



Cross & Crescent

Were those Crusades Holy

Any war is a violation of God's sixth commandment.

"You shall not kill"

Any invasion of another country is a violation of God's tenth commandment,

"You shall not covet"

The term Crusade has derived from the blend of Croisade and Spanish Crusada.
Croisade and Crusada meant Holy-war.

Crusades are a number of military expeditions originated by Christian leaders, from the 11th century to 13th century. Romans occupied Jerusalem for four hundred years embraced with Christianity. During the seventh century Jerusalem was under Muslims; for capturing the Holy Land back from the Mohammedans' the Christians set out for war.

When the first war ended the Christians' military strength has diminished from sixty thousand to six hundred, what a remarkable achievement? They traveled more than three thousand miles on foot to fight the war. Several tens of thousands of soldiers died from both sides and the civilians of all ages and sex were brutally massacred. Christian leaders instigated this war at the zenith of the Islamic culture and prosperity. Jerusalem was at the peak of richness and peace at that time.

During that period all the people lived in perfect harmony over there. The Christian leaders inspired the soldiers by telling them about the great blessing they will get for participating in that "Holy-war" in their terms. The sins of every soldier will be forgiven by God and will have their salvation and will reach heaven straight. They also said that war is inevitable for the liberation of the Christians and the Churches. This propaganda was totally a lie and breach of ninth Commandment, **"You shall not bear false witness"** but the aim was to capture the entire wealth of Jerusalem in the disguise of a lost holy place.

The soldiers who set out for war had only one hope and nothing else – Eternity, because the chance of returning after the war from a distance of more than three thousand miles was mere bleak and stark. The Christian leaders of the early century were very powerful and they could do everything virtually possible in playing all kinds of political games and manipulating and politicizing what they wanted.

They instigated the Christian's feelings and drove their Emotions Mountain high by saying that Jerusalem was ruled by atheists in their terms and the Christian women were made prostitutes and persecuted. They really meant an ethnic cleansing through the crusades wherever the Crusade soldiers entered.

Next-Journey of Crusade

The Journey of Crusaders Started from

1) Constantinople

2) Nicea

Within 30 miles of Constantinople They fought a fierce battle in Doreylaeum.

3) Antitaurus-Mountains

4) Edessa Baldwin entered a Christian state and killed the governor TAURUS by treachery and took over Edessa. (Good work for a Christian crusader?)

5) Antioch: This was part of eastern Turkey and was under Turkish rule.

Antioch had strategic Importance

1) Gateway to Syria

2) Gateway to Jerusalem

6) Jerusalem

Antioch consisted of Armenians and Greek Orthodox. When the Crusader army was out side, the Christians were sent away from Antioch because they feared betrayal. When the crusaders ran out of food they drained blood from their own horses and drank it for survival. A Muslim weapon maker betrayed Antioch and finally the Crusaders broke in to Antioch. As usual they continued their butchering until the city was fully under their feet. Now the crusaders were virtually prisoners in Antioch because Muslim soldiers outside surrounding them. Finally the remaining few horsemen of the Crusaders had no choice but to attack the Muslims or starve to death. So the Crusaders charged head-on with the Muslim army. They say, a miracle took place, few horsemen could have never defeated such a huge army, even then a fear struck the Muslim army and they fled.

Crusader leader Bowman declared himself as prince of Antioch, a self proclaimed royal blood is created. Edessa and Antioch are now in Crusader's hands. After that they marched to the nearby city 'Morat' where Turks and Sarasans lived. The crusaders ransacked their city when they begged for peace with them, the crusaders killed every one of them in cold blood for no reason before the next daybreak.

They were more than 30'000 of them; people of all categories from infant to old male and female which included Muslims and Christians. They impaled even children at stakes. What a remarkable work for Christian redeemers. No war-crime question was ever been raised for the treachery and massacre, the crusaders have done. Later they ran out of food during then they ripped human flesh and cooked and ate for survival, which spread a terror and horror feeling not only to their enemies but also throughout the world. At this juncture Jerusalem-Muslim rulers called for peace with the crusaders, but they moved, under the leadership of Godfrey, towards the city of Jerusalem with an army of some 15'000 men after three years traveling a distance of 3000 miles. Can you expect any peace from crusaders, fully exhausted and gone out of mind with all the killings they have done? They continued their merciless killings and massacre and finally they captured the City of Jerusalem.

Thus ending the first Crusade and beginning the endless war and trouble for another 197 years of continued war.

When the Europeans heard the news they said, the war was God's will and it was meant to happen. Godfrey became the new ruler of captured Jerusalem and refused to crown himself as a king. After a year he died.

Godfrey's brother 'Baldwin' the "Treacherous Lord of the desert" took over and declared himself as the King. Another self-made royal blood came in to power. Jerusalem became under Christian rule once again after 400 years of Muslim rule. The pope who initiated the war has died before the capture of Jerusalem by the crusaders.

This is the end of the first Crusade and the beginning of the next.

When compared to the subsequent limitless misery, after capturing Jerusalem through an ocean of blood, was nothing. To continue to rule Jerusalem surrounded by Muslim Saracens the desert people, was a devastating situation. They had only few crusaders left to protect a big city, Jerusalem. Catholic Church did everything to send new settlers to Jerusalem from Europe. Jerusalem flourished and they consolidated Edessa, Antioch and Tripoli under Christian rule. Pilgrims poured in to Jerusalem and were attacked frequently; for their protection a Knights Templar was formed. They became immensely powerful and were good protection for the pilgrims.

Muslims from all over joined under the banner of jihad as a retaliating power to the Crusaders' occupation of Jerusalem. A Muslim leader from present Iraq namely Al-Din-Sinki joined the siege. After few years of preparation Sinki made his strike against the crusaders with more than 30'000 troops. He overpowered the Knights of the deserts easily, and got full control over the desert, which was a great blow to crusaders. After two years his own people murdered Al-Sinki and his son Noordin took over the reign. He knew the setbacks, suffering and reasons of their downfall.

Noordin united the Muslims, knowing the reasons of the downfall of the Muslims and meant to strike back the crusaders.

At this juncture in Italy Pope Eugene IIIrd, appealed for a second Crusade to fight against the lords of the desert. Louis VIIth, of France led his army from France to Asia Minor – and finally through Central Turkey in winter snow. The Crusaders were miserably defeated; many were killed and many got killed, Louis escaped and finally reached Damascus. Noordin was also on the move towards Damascus, with more than the double the strength of crusader troops. Noordin fought against the French and finally Louis turned back to France without any victory but in shame and anguish.

Soon Noor Al Din died. Saladin who was the general controlled and ruled Egypt. Saladin who was wise, valiant and ruthless moved on to Jerusalem. In a battle of 'Attin' Saladin's combined army of Egyptians, Syrians and Iranians defeated the crusaders.

Saladin marched through ACRE, CAESAREA, JAJA and finally to Jerusalem. Saladin took over Jerusalem without any blood shed inside the city. When the fall of Jerusalem reached Italy, Pope Gregory VIII appealed for the third crusade.

The third crusade was led by Richard first of England.

He also went through all the terrain, his predecessors had and did all the notorious merciless unwanted killings and he reached close to Jerusalem and gained a name "Richard the lion heart". Richard and his men captured the Saladin's several thousands of troops and finally killed them in cold blood, which shook the entire world. Until then no one has killed prisoners of war like that.

When Richard could not feed his own army and was starving; in no way he could feed Saladin's men of prisoners. Besides Richard feared, if they go free they may gain strength and fight back – so he figured it was better to eliminate them. Finally Richard moved on to Jerusalem and just few miles before reaching the city he decided to turn back to England without capturing Jerusalem. He realized it was easy to capture Jerusalem but impossible to maintain and keep it when Saladin's strong army was on the free run who were all around outside of Jerusalem. Richard marched back with 12'000 men. Richard who set out for the third crusade ended this way. A lion heart made a wise decision to retreat.

I often think what greatness a lion have to be called as the king of the animals. The male one is more beautiful like many other male animals. One of its characteristics is, resting and sleeping for twenty hours out of twenty-four, more than 83.3 % of the time of 24 hrs. When it comes to a prey what a carnivorous animal would do?

A Christian from England, Richard First, happened to get a name for butchering the POWs, "The lion heart" does it mean any good, or a proclamation of his nasty cruelty?

In 1193 Saladin who was a great warrior and a great leader died at the age of 56.

In 1196 Richard died in another battle in Europe.

The crusaders butchered young and old of both sexes in cold blood. Like it today they never carried supplies but have to depend on the neighborhood. The crusaders killed people indiscriminately and you could not walk any where without tumbling over a dead body.

The crusade soldiers were just ruthless brutes; they impaled even children at the stake. The soldiers who died in the war had no benefit and many never returned home, they had only the promise of a ticket to heaven by the Christian leaders; and the Christian leaders never knew where the soldier's spirits ended. As you know the scripture; you can tell; nothing would take you to heaven – except faith and obedience to God's commandments. Once the war is on; none will have any ethics. During medieval time some duels may have had fair fight, even then once the opponent remains unconquerable, treachery was the last resort to bring him down. In this modern time the first thing that is done is economic-strangulation through trade-sanctions. This is deprival of ones bread – which is equivalent to sixth commandment you shall not kill.

From the early days of history to the last day of the earth, Jerusalem will remain like a live and fierce volcano with violent eruptions all the time bringing catastrophe to every one within the vicinity and also around the globe.

Its repercussions and reverberations will be echoed around the world, when Gods commandments, *"You shall not Kill" and "You shall not covet anything that belongs to another"*, are violated.

Jerusalem is a great site (place) of the Temple of Solomon for Jews. From there Prophet-Mohammad ascended to Heaven for Muslims. Jesus Christ was crucified there far as the Christians are concerned. The fate of a tiny strip of land about half a mile wide stretched over a few hundred miles; where three worlds collide, the Muslims and the Christians and the Jews is devastating?

Whom did they liberate in Ireland, when the Christians fought against Christians for several decades?

This is another question for you to think? The people, who pray every day and teach others to pray, "Our Father in Heaven, forgive our sins as we forgive others", fight wars and massacre people.

Whom does Jerusalem belong to?

(1) The Jews (2) The Muslims or (3) The Christians

For Christians Cross means a symbol of reconciliation of Jews and Gentiles; reconciliation between believers and non-believers. Does the Christians or the Christian countries ever honor the meaning and spirit and purpose of the Crucifixion of Christ and the cross? If you read the following scripture, *Ephesians 2: 12-22*, you will know that the Christians don't obey anything, Jesus has taught.

Ephesians 2: 12-22 Paul says that at one time Gentiles by birth was without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of the promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ, you, who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Jesus Christ. For He is our peace: in His flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us, (between the Jews and Gentiles) He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in Himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So He came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off, and peace to those who were near: for through Him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you gentiles are no longer strangers and aliens, but are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ Himself as the corner stone. In Him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord: in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place to God.

Anything the Christians do, is unholy purpose motivated, is totally un-justifiable before God and not based on Christ's principles. How long will the Christians continue to shed the human blood around the Globe– till the end of mankind?

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Who are the Muslims, Jews and the Christians?

Genesis chapter 16 – 18, explains about the two off-springs of Abraham

1) Ishmael: Genesis 16: 11

2) Isaac: Genesis 17:21

Isaac's descendents continued as Jews and Ishmael's descendents later became Muslims.

Root of Different Religions

All are Adam and Eves' descendants. At an early stage some of them worshipped Jehovah and others worshipped other Gods and powers of nature. The later one was known as Gentiles. These people are identical to Aryans and Hindus of India.

Aryans are said to be Indo-European and Indo-Iranian descendents. If this is the root of all the different religions; for what and why are they fighting with each other?

- 1) Fighting for wealth,
- 2) Power and supremacy
- 3) For Women?
- 4) Protecting their God
- 5) To protect their place of worship

One violates the law and the other retaliates and it goes on for a never-ending fight. Peace will never come unless someone obeys God's commandment. Even when one of the parties obeys God's commandments, without considering what the counterpart does obey or not, there will be peace and prosperity. The Lord's commandments are same for Christians and the Jews except the question of Jesus as God. What kind of example does either of them show for others to follow; no one is better than the other.

If you do not obey God's commandments you are not the child of God; you are not a Christian, but you are the son of a devil. Make your choice between God and the devil. Just for political gain and gain of wealth and other natural resources only wars were and are fought. What goes on within one country should not be taken as an international issue and rage war, because that is nobody else business. What you can and what you should do is pray sincerely for them and not fighting a war.

For any Christian the basic law is the Bible and that cannot be ignored. When man is incapable of bringing a dead back to life, how can he take others' life.

Mathew 5: 38 Jesus said, "You have heard that it hath been said, an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

Mathew 5:39 But I say to you, that you resist not evil: but whosoever shall slaps you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also.

Mathew 5: 40 And if any man will sue you at the law, and take away your coat, let him have your cloak also."

Mathew 5: 43 – 44 "You have heard that it was said, "Love your neighbors, but I say to you, love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you"

You might think why a spiritual book like this should write about crusade, because the Church leaders created the war and they called it a spiritual war and you should know the truth. Whatever adverse situation you may have to confront, it does not matter; a war is not the answer especially for Jews and Christians and Muslims. They have a basic law (God's Commandments) given through Moses, which is common for them. Crusades were initiated and instigated by religious leaders and backed up by the ruling machinery of several states. Beyond human lives it burns up all the natural resources and creates damages and destructions of the country and their ethnic heritage, which is far beyond repair and compensation. It will take innumerable years to reach prosperity and peace.

The final outcome of any war is not victory but catastrophes. You should not do anything other than peaceful negotiations, if this doesn't work, only one thing you are left with -- which is prayers. These people should wear the armor of the Lord and not missiles, rockets and nuclear bombs. Listen to what the Lord say in the following ----

**Mathew 5: 9 "Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God"**

There are only two kinds of people on the earth

(1) God's people

(2) Devils people. Any one who does not choose God's path is devils. Only devils can do evil things and that is what war is all about how can you favor any such policy of any country? Pray sincerely to avoid a war.

List of Crusades 1096-1291

(1) 1096-1099 First Crusade

(2) 1101 Crusade of 1101

(3) 1147-1149 Second Crusade

(4) 1187-1191 Third Crusade

(5) 1202-1204 Fourth Crusade

(6) 1217-1221 Fifth Crusade

(7) 1228 Sixth Crusade

(8) 1248-1254 Seventh Crusade

(9) 1270 Eighth Crusade

(10) 1271-1291 Ninth Crusade

Next-Preaching & Preachers

Chapter 31

Preaching & Preachers

Anyone close to spiritual matters is in danger zone. Regardless of their work involved, from Pope to Janitor, they must do their job honestly and sincerely. There may be many clever people who could manipulate finance and enjoy luxury and all the worldly pleasures, it is better for them to practice the scripture well, so that they are not setting the trap for themselves. The people who deal with spiritual matters like pastors, preachers, evangelists, and administrators will be dealt by God very severely because they know God's Commandments better than any one else.

People learn theology and spiritual matters from where it is taught and some depend on self-study. The theologians learn several languages like Hebrew, Latin, and Greek besides the Bible itself, and they are quite aware what is said in the Bible. Anyone who steps in to this field cannot grow spiritually unless they are chosen and blessed by God. Financial growth of spiritual people is not an evidence of their spiritual growth because it may easily destroy their spirituality. I personally know some people of very high theological study, involved in all kinds of wickedness. They did reap what they sowed. The Bible teaches you the spiritual aspect of life, at the same time; not to conform to this world. God's commandments deal with all areas of human life, which includes social, spiritual, family matters and politics. No matter where you go, you must be true and faithful to God, to others and as well as to yourself. There are several other books, which are not added, in the present Bible. There are more than thirty gospels itself, though only four of them are in the present Bible. Learning one gospel that is enough for your salvation.

The mode of preaching also changes, as the time go by, due to the progressive growth of man's knowledge in all fields. Man receives more revelations of the existing Bible from God, which widens the knowledge of scripture, and thereby restricting more worldly activities for man. What God wants is people should become more spiritual and less subjected to their desire of flesh.

It is important to observe the teaching of Jesus is to be innocent, simple and to be true. When one goes deep with excavations and discoveries it may be great scholastic success and achievement, but it does not help any one to be born again? Jesus wants everyone to study the scripture and to follow His path. If you study the scripture without end and expose self-esteem how can you follow His path? It may be right to say; very highly educated people are less holy.

Romans 3: 10 None is righteous not even one. (All are sinners)

James 3:1 Many of you should not become Preachers, knowing that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

The preachers are also not above the commandments of God. They must be thorough with the scripture and obey them so that they can minimize their sins. The above verse explains the disastrous outcome that could happen to preachers. Not only that you will be judged with greater strictness but your punishments will be more than seven folds. Any person breaking God's law willfully will be punished seven folds preachers' and priests' punishments could be even much worse.

When you find such people do wickedness, as you see through several news media reports; their life in this world and the life after death will be extremely miserable. No one can escape from God's wrath. It is not the layman's responsibility to straighten them but God will deal with them according to His righteousness.

2 Corinthians 12: 14. *I want you and not what you have.*

The explanation is simple, when you become His, everything you have belongs to Him and you will follow His path. The people are misled, so they stay away from God and make some contributions and run their life totally unholy. God wants you to surrender yourself before God and to be Holy. Heavens is horrified by the wickedness of the people. The evidences of spiritual growths are~~

- 1) Growth in worshipping,
- 2) Self awareness and
- 3) Intuition (Intuitions are of three kinds)
 - (a) VISION
 - (b) MESSAGE.
 - (c) Prophecy;

When it comes to confession you don't have to tell anything to the priest or whom ever you wish to confess; they will tell your spiritual shortcomings, before hand like a prophet. Those who do not go to priests, they can seek the help from one who counsel. He will be able to do this, you don't have to feel bad when God has given such gifts to people, it is His will. I have met several of these kinds of people and was helpful. Those who preach must pray intensely and must continue to study the scripture, even if he has read the Bible a hundred times. The time you spend with the Bible is the time you are spending with God himself, because word of God itself is God.

- 1) Purity in life
- 2) Necessary prayers
- 3) Obeying God's commandments
- 4) Humbleness and no pride and
- 5) Good faith, of the preacher will help many to come to repentance.

When such people preach the word of God will cut through the listener's heart and they will come to repentance. Fiery sermon will have no after effect that goes with the wind without any yield. People might be thrilled and excited for a moment and afterwards they will be the same without any change. Preaching is the most dangerous profession one can undertake. Without considering his own downfall he is getting closer to the mighty flame of God's glory of fire. God's holiness of fire will consume him at any moment when he goes astray.

*1 Timothy 4: 1 -- 6 Now the Holy Spirit speaks expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; **Forbidding to marry**, and **commanding to abstain from meats**, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer. If you put the brethren in remembrance of these things, you shall be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained. (1 Timothy 4: 1 – 6 ends here)*

Forbidding marriage and commanding to abstain from meats and fasting, was instructed because man can be easily tempted and break his own oaths and thereby committing sin. This not biblical. It is easy to make promises but will you be able to keep it till the end of the time you have determined. God keeps His word and He expects man to do the same, and He admires everyone who keeps his word. It is better not to make such hard promises and then fail to perform it because God is willing to accept the way you are and He doesn't accept your broken promises. Some people struggle to stay single with burning desires and fall in to adultery. When a goddess of beauty runs in to his life he falls for it, ignoring his oaths. The story of Helen of Troy ended up in a fierce battle between two countries reminds us the desire to possess her. Same thing with the food also they do. Always commit what you can do cheerfully, and do not overburden yourself and fail to fulfill it.

*1 Timothy 6: 3-10 Whoever teaches and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strife of words, whereof comes **envy, strife, railings, evil surmising, perverse disputing** of men of corrupt minds, and **destitute** of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw yourself. But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and **raiment** let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a **snare**, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and **perdition**. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.*

Envy = jealous; Strife = quarrel; Railings = Abusive language (Slander); Evil surmising = Evil suspicion; Destitute = Great need, Lack, Urge; Perverse-disputing = Unreasonable dispute (Wrangling); Raiment = Clothing; Snare = Trap; Perdition = Damnation (Utter ruining)

2 Timothy 4: 3 For the time will come when people will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts they shall accumulate themselves teachers, to suit their own desires; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned to myths.

When a preacher is trying to please the congregation with incorrect and pleasant teaching to suit the listeners, he is doing a grave mistake. The preacher has to give accountability of the lost sheep to God. Word of God has to be spoken correctly as it is written in the scripture so that it should make the listener to repent and confess and to strengthen their faith.

Hebrew 4: 12 The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

The above verse explains the might of the word of God. It penetrates through every part of human body and analyzes even the thoughts to judge every creature. The word of God must cut through soul and spirit.

It must cut the joints and marrow; and discerning thoughts and intentions of heart.

In our previous notes it was explained that man commits sins through, (1) thoughts (2) words and, (3) deed. This very verse explains the equal importance of thoughts in committing sins. If the word of God does not cut through the mind it cannot perform its function by not separating mind and spirit; and man cannot recognize sins and repent; in other words he cannot be judged and sanctified by God.

*Luke 13:5 Jesus said,
"I tell you unless you repent you shall all perish"*

The preacher must prepare himself with prayers so that when he preaches the word of God should take effect. At the same time the one who listen to the word of God, must also pray to God for ~~

(1) Wisdom to understand the 'Word of God' in depth,

(2) To remember the word of God all the time and

(3) To walk in the Lord's statutes. Though God knows everything you do, it is His will that you should ask him and also to pray to Him, otherwise you don't get it. You have to seek to find it and you have to ask to be given. If you do not follow these commandments you will not understand the word of God and the meanings will be hidden from you.

Luke 9: 45 They did not understand Jesus' saying; its meaning was concealed from them so they could not perceive it.

2 Corinthians 11:14 -- 15 No wonder; for Satan himself transforms into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

What can you do when you confront with false teachers? You have to seek God's help to discern the evil spirits. If you don't walk in the statutes of God, you cannot find that out. On such occasions, going after mediums will make things worse.

Difficulties and turmoil in life is a warning for us to correct ourselves and to level with God. There is no shortcuts and easy way out. You can go through only Jesus way and nothing else, either you live or you perish.

*Psalms 119: 71 It is good that I was humbled,
So that I might learn God's statutes*

David says it was good that he was humbled – David did not become humble by himself, God made him humble through the tribulations given to him, which made him to learn God's commandments. When David learned God's commandments he repented – Psalms 51 is David's confession – after which God raised him and gave an everlasting tribal name and a heir for his throne for ever – that is how Jesus became the son of David.

Anti-Christ is a word always long debated. Anything against Christ; and anything against the true word of God or arguments or anything and everything against Jesus Christ is Anti-Christ. They also hypothecate of a Spirit who fights against God during the last days of the end of the world.

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1 John 2: 22 One who denies Jesus Christ is a liar and the one who denies the Father and the Son is Anti-Christ.

Preaching means to deliver a sermon. Sermon: is a piece of religious exhortation or instructions usually spoken under any religious order.

Any one who does preaching is a preacher. Priests do preach, but a preacher is not necessarily be a priest, because priesthood is a different religious ordination, and to become a preacher you don't need such religious ordination.

Whether one is a preacher or priest, or pastor, he preaches the word of God and everything God has spoken. What God has spoken, are all commandments and laws. The whole Bible is the elaboration of "Ten Commandments" When Jesus came He said "When you love one another truly you fulfill the whole commandments" where there is true love, no law can be broken. Jesus made the whole Ten Commandments in to one Commandment, by saying to love each other and God. Before we preach we must practice it first, then only we should preach. If we follow the path of lawmakers who breaks the law; we are heading for eternal destruction. Self-discipline is the greatest thing for preachers. They must realize none is above God's Law, God Himself respect and honor what He has spoken and He does not break His own law – this is God's righteousness. Preachers are under severe scrutiny of the public, so they have to be very careful about what they speak and what they do so that others are not misled. Usually the preachers get lost in the worldly matters, which involve everything. Once you give up your life to God, and if you don't have enough for your survival you must labor for it. It is permitted to receive just reasonable income for survival from any religious organization, but not for amassing wealth and luxury. Luxury is not a part of any religious order; that is worldly and that is Satanic.

If you go after money then you are fighting against the very cause and principle of crucifixion. Jesus is God and He is Holy even on His human side, but when He carried all the sins of the entire mankind; His body became sinful and un-holy. So He let himself to crucify His body to redeem everyone from their sins. "Desire of money is idolatry" and when you go after money, you are no better than Judas and gentiles. (gentile=Nonbeliever of true God)

Can any spiritual being can go for fund raising?
My answer is a big NO.

When I began to get involved in the study of spiritual matters, I felt that I do not have enough time to finish my reading of related books. If this is the truth of a layman who has not taken up any responsibilities of the spiritual matters officially, I just cannot think of Pastors and Priests who go for everything else on the earth. When I take up any responsibility of something I must do it sincerely – "With all-my heart, with all-my mind, with all-my soul and with all my might" If you look at this carefully you will know this where you get totally lost. If I determine my destination, then I am working against God's will. I must understand God had His will what I should become. If I am destined to become a doctor, then I will become a successful doctor, through the normal way. When I am not destined to become a doctor through normal channel, and if I can afford, I will buy an admission in a medical college and will try to become a doctor. Such doctors can never be good physicians, and the related shortcomings will haunt them forever. There may be thousands of examples of mushrooms that outgrow overnight to rule the earth,

but the Bible forbids such things. Your mighty Heavenly Father has created you. He is more concerned about you; then why you should worry about yourself. When you go against His will, your hard work is worse than your swimming against the current of the river.

The greatest responsibility of a preacher or priest is to –

"Let the priests and the ministers of the Lord, weep between the entrance and the altar, and let them say, Spare your people, O Lord, and don't let them be put to shame; don't let other nations to rule over them: and don't let people of other nations ask where is their God"? (Joel 2: 17)

The other nations mean gentiles. You believers should not make yourself and your God, a laughing stuff for others.

I have heard straight from such responsible Christian leaders say, "Let him get lost, he is worthless" with the addition of some adjectives. I said nothing to them, and never wanted to talk to them again. Did Jesus say to leave the ninety-nine and look for the lost one?

That is in the Bible and that is not in practice? Does anyone cries for the lost sheep or tried to bring them back?

Is that what they did for the couple of decades between the Northern and Southern Ireland? What kind of Christianity is that, who goes for battles? Who led them?

Anyone who goes after worldly matters along with spiritual involvement is destroying their and others' eternity. Often we look for the purpose and not means to achieve it.

Human nature is to achieve any good intention with very sinful ways. Based on the scripture, spiritual people should be involved only in spiritual matters and not in worldly matters. When I intend to go beyond my periphery of spiritual life, I am performing many ungodly things, whereby I destroy my spirituality and holiness.

The fact is you never realize your spiritual downfall, because it is slow and not easily recognizable, you are drawn in to it and you will never be able to come out of that pit. At early stages your conscience will tell you what you are doing is not right and if you don't budge (yield) to it, this inner call will not happen any more. This inner awareness is the corrections of Holy Spirit, which tells your spirit, and your spirit is trying to tell your mind, to lead you according to God's will. If you keep ignoring these corrections that are coming from within yourself, it will stop coming. When your conscience is not bothering you any more. That is an indication of the presence of the Holy Spirit in you has departed because of your un-holiness. When the Holy Spirit has left you, you are a spiritually dead person ----

- 4) Adam & Eve,
- 4) The prodigal son and
- 4) Judas

They were all spiritually dead people even when they were physically alive. For your spiritual gain you must have the willingness to give a ransom – which is your worldly possessions, and that involves -----

- 4) Your wealth,
- 4) Your prestige
- 4) Your abilities and resources
- 4) Your position or your importance in the society. Paul is a good example to this.

Those who exchanged their worldly possessions for eternity have become saints before the eyes of God and not before freak-human-beings (unconventional). Bible spells out thousands of people, but they all looked at the Heavenly Father and obeyed His Commandments. Now you look at Jesus and follow Him and nobody else, not even His disciples, they also had their imperfections and that should not be an issue for your arguments. The disciples followed Jesus path and tells us to follow Jesus. The disciples who were just ordinary people and have followed Jesus as much they could. Jesus' followers' life is our secondary example after Jesus, demonstrating that they also could follow Jesus' teachings.

Instead of going in harmony, each one of the preachers, pastors, priests and even different denominations go in disharmony and enmity. This contradicts all the teachings of Christ. They don't even consider that they have one common aim in their activities. If they knew then they cannot fight. Each one is trying to prove, he is superior to everyone else. If the sun rises in the middle of the night, you will know the greatness of several of the so-called saints. Non-cooperation is understandable if it goes beyond that and becoming destructive to each other is unthinkable. That breaks all the teachings of Christ. How can they call themselves Christians, who cannot obey Christ's teachings? Once a man who was a drunkard got good attention from a neighboring Christian belonging to a denomination and he told him several of Christ's teaching and how to pray.

It so happened; another one came belonging a different denomination came in and told him everything he was taught was incorrect. After couple of days when the neighbor came in as usual that man was drunk more than ever before and said good-bye to him and said no more prayers from both parties. This is the kind of evangelization people are doing. People are trying to increase the membership of their own denomination by drawing people from another Church. Who ever destroyed that man's faith is answerable to God and the punishment he can get is unimaginable.

What kind of preaching is this?

Regardless of the denomination there is only one thing in common that is believing in Jesus in whom the salvation is. Obey His statutes. I believe I have made my point that I am not inviting anyone to any particular group or denomination; all you have to do is follow Jesus. If you find anything disagreeable in this book that should not bother you, take what you like most that serves the purpose. Each human being is unique and God handles and treat each one differently, they behave, think, speak and do things differently; they preach also differently. But they have one common interest that is to bring the listener to repentance. If you drive people in to disputes and rituals; you have foiled the very purpose of it. Common man has an average level of thinking and you should preach to them without creating disputes, discrimination and confusion. What one man or one group can do is very little. They must set example to others for the desperate multitude who does not know how to go by. Your example is their strength that is why when one commits suicide, many are misled and they also follow same thing. Even in poverty and difficulty, one should continue to live so long the life lasts.

God's promises are not for the rich but for the poor because the rich already got everything on the earth. This should be well understood by both rich and poor, so that the gap between these two can be minimized. When Alexander conquered one third of the world what could he do, he has to leave everything behind and that has gone to pieces again. If you cannot bring people together and in faith don't preach. At least don't make them fight with each other.

For the past several decades, preaching was to create more divisionism. What is the benefit when you make someone to move from one sect to another, when that particular man has not changed internally?

Christianity projects rebirth in spotlight. When a man has totally changed from unrighteousness to righteousness he is born again. From then onwards he is supposed to go by every letter of the scripture. He will become humble, God-fearing, and honest and will live according to the commandments of the Lord.

Do they live like that as an example to others?

Several of them have become preachers because they could not fit themselves anywhere else to make a living.

Preaching is the most dangerous profession for anyone who does not practice it.

The people, who don't live up to that standard, mislead others also thereby inviting severe punishments from God.

If preaching is for wealth, your eternity is lost.

Proverb 13: 8, Wealth is the ransom of the rich man's life but the poor has no threat.

Chapter 32

Runaways

Runaways (noun)

- 1) One who, flees from danger and duty,
- 2) A fugitive; a vagabond; a soldier
- 3) Runaway marriage (elopement)
- 4) Runaway from Churches
- 5) Runaway Children
- 6) Run away husbands and wives
- 7) Runaway elders
- 8) Runaway preachers and priests

'Runaway people' of all level have same disease. Based on a situation one cannot confront, one runs away. This situation was created either by the person itself or must have come from an unexpected situation naturally or otherwise. Any person, who does not want either face or fear it, will have to run. The above are the meanings of runaways that can be given. You must be very much familiar with the term runaways, and meaning shown above. But what comes on your mind is mostly about youngsters who run away from homes. Youngsters are not the only runaways; people of all age, groups and categories are involved. At present let us consider only the Church-runaways. If we express that in a well refined way you may say that as "Change of denomination from one to another", just like marrying one – divorcing and repeating the same. Some has done it innumerable times – just like politicians changing their party. If you fall in this category, and read this writings I know you are you are going to get angry, outwardly and in inside you are going to burn. I have met several highly educated and well-placed and well-to-do people, and also many other people known to me very well and who has changed their denominations.

Some of them were very honest and told me the truth. My questions to them were simple and straight and without any prejudice. They were rather happy with my pursuit for truth. I was neither against nor for their plight, I was only concerned about their conviction – or what made them to leave their parent Church.

1) Question: Why did you leave your old Church?

Answer:

(a) Everything the Church do, is against the word of God and what is explained in the Bible (b) The Church does pageant worshipping which is against the word of God

2) Question: Is your present Church peaceful and better than the previous Church?

Answer:

(a) Worshipping is according to the Scripture (b) Quarrels and gossiping may be even worse than the previous Church

3) Question: If your present Church is not better than your previous one, why did you continue with the present Church?

Answer:

(a) Churches have made rules above the scripture (b) Traditional churches consider that they have the authority to do anything and everything they think is right; and they do not follow the scripture but go against it.

4) Question: Why didn't you speak to the concerned people of your previous church about your analysis?

Answer: I did speak to the concerned people; they said, their present practice is right and cannot be changed! They are according to the scripture. He continued: -- It is said in the Bible as following.

John 21: 25. "There are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that could be written".

The traditional Churches say, the above verse makes it very clear to them that the Bible is incomplete; so the church has to make rules; and they proclaim, they have the authority to do it.

5) Question: What are the contradicting factors?

Answer:

- (a) There is no priesthood
- (b) Jerusalem temple is the only one built according to the Old Testament; and the present so-called churches are not correct. Disciples gathered in houses and synagogues.
- (c) We don't believe in intercessional prayers through the dead people whom you call saints. Jesus is the only intercessor and nobody else and we should pray to Him only and not through the so-called man made saints.
- (d) We don't pray for the dead, our prayer is no use for them.
- (e) Child baptism is not scriptural and there are many more things and this list is too long.
- (f) In some denomination, their marriage is just miserable to watch. I) The priest put the authentic engagement ring, just before the marriage in the church. Neither the groom nor the bride is allowed to exchange the rings.
- II) The priest also put the gold chain on the brides and groom's neck, which is supposed to be exchanged by them.
- III) When the marriage is over, the priest will stand in-between the bride and the groom and pose for wedding photos. The priest is between the groom and bride separating what God has joined. Why not the priests do the marriage also and hand over the bride to the groom? Who gave authority to priest to make all these kinds of rituals? Shameless priests, what else can I say. I have heard lot of senseless explanations by the priest about their marriage rituals. It is too much and just unbearable.

6) Question: Does any one fight in your churches; do they have any court cases? If there is do you think it is right?

Answer:

People do fight and there are also some court cases, and it is not right.

7) Question: Do you think your Church is a perfect one? If not in your knowledge is there any perfect Church?

Answer: Our Church is not perfect and I do not think that there is any Church on the earth, which is perfect.

8) Question: Since your new Church is not perfect and since there is no perfect Church why did you leave your old Church? Why not, go back to your old church?

Answer:

I told you, there are serious differences in faith, so I could not stay in my old Church.

9) Question: Don't you think that you have the responsibility to share your knowledge with the other people and preach them what you have learned?

Answer:

Preaching is everybody's responsibility and the traditional Churches don't let the laymen preach and it is the priest's monopoly. Priests say laymen have no authority to preach.

10) Question: Would you consider going back to your old Church.

Answer: I have thought about all aspects and then only I left my old Church, for no reason I intend to go back. I do not even want to think about it. What I have made is a correct decision and what I have done is right. The attitude of the Churches is very bad they treat the laymen like slaves. They play police and thief game. For them every one in the church is a criminal and the priests behave like saints. They are to rule and others are to be ruled, like master and slave. But for laymen the clergy are corrupt. Everything they do is against the teaching of Christ.

I knew the people who gave above answers are honest and they are good people in my knowledge. They did not want a compromise in spiritual matters so they left. But there are many others who have many different reasons. Many others left old Churches for some sort of benefits or advantages.

- (1) One man could not get a bride so he joined another denomination from where he got a bride.
- (2) For financial benefit and support
- (3) Because of conviction in faith.
- (4) Majority of the people left their old Churches based on some sort of quarrels with clergy and other laymen; some may be based on spiritual matters and mostly personal.
- (5) There were and there are many who wanted to make a living by preaching, not in small scale but eventually they want to swallow all traditional Churches.
- (6) Many people left their parent church when they were treated very badly by other laymen, preachers and church administrators.
- (7) Some left the Church when the dead body of their family member was not allowed to bury until the Church dues was paid. There are all kinds of fees for the members to pay, after taking the money the Church gives a receipt titled – 'Donation'

Once one clergy described a church member as "The son of a pig" That layman left the Church later. This clergy used to spend a lot of time with him and his family having his

food in his house, but inside his heart he hated him. This clergy did not get enough money from that church member.

In 2006 January a man told me that some time back he confessed before his parish priest; but later the clergy revealed his confession to the public which tarnished the confessor very badly, and he was very desperate when I saw him last. After few days that priest's son had an accident and died instantly. The churches are least concerned about their blacklisted people, as a result the wicked multiply at a faster rate than the good.

Church has no spiritual authority to excommunicate any one. What the Church can and what they should do is treat them well and pray for the wicked. They should be brought back in to the main stream. Several of the churches want only white-collar people and white washed coffins. They hate black sheep. The only pitiful factor I consider is; the Churches have not made any effort to bring the lost sheep back to their home and settle their grievances.

The attitude of the Church is let those wicked people get lost; they are not good for our Church any way. Remember, Jesus came to save the sinners and not to promote sins and not to gather the so-called good people. Most of the church people, whom I know, never change basically; they never change their rituals and styles but they have a lot of pomp and show.

My findings are: -- running away from any denomination or any issue for bad or good, does not bring any spiritual gain rather spiritual degeneration. You may have a mental satisfaction of revenging your enemies or achieving something that pleases your flesh. The other findings they have mentioned may be true regarding the functioning of Churches, about which 'the author has no remarks'

You have not made any change within you by going to another denomination but your achievement is outwardly and worldly and not spiritual. Your hatred to your old Church and your attitude to insult those people persists. You can be better than the most advanced true Christians if you study the Bible and change your own life in accordance to the Scripture. What your Church or your priest is doing will not and should not affect your eternal life.

You always make big mistake by trying to straighten another man by all means of telling them repeatedly; including brainwashing, at the same time you are going far away from God.

Our only example is what Jesus did and how - He preached.
Mathew 11: 15. Jesus said "He who has ears to hear let him hear"

This must be the attitude of every Christian preacher and not any policeman's behavior. You have to make your knowledge available to others just only once, if the Lord has decided to add some one to his flock regardless of the denomination He has the ways and means to execute it.

It is not your need but the creator's will to save each and every one He chooses; and no one can stop it. If this is the truth, according to the scripture, why people do all kinds of unethical things. Such things are nothing but the "Politics in religion". Man is basically corrupt anything that pleases his senses is considered to be right for him: -- to make his

stand is right, he will quote from the scripture or from the law of the land. Such people only preach and don't live by what they say. By the personal life of those people who preach, we see them as white-washed-coffins.

Everything we do in this world will have the ultimate result in our next life also. You have only two places to go either to Heaven or to the Hell. When people fight with each other, none of them say to each other go to Heaven but they will say go to Hell. Probably both of them may be ending in Hell. We can never tell which one will go to heaven and which one will go to Hell – did anyone think that the thief who was crucified with Jesus would ever go to Paradise?

- 1) Was that thief a Jew or a Gentile?
- 2) Did he have Circumcision?
- 3) Was he given a Child-baptism or grownup' baptism?
- 4) Did he ever confess before a priest or a preacher?
- 5) Did he have any Church membership?
- 6) Did he belong to any traditional or liberal Church?
- 7) Do we pray to God to accept our prayers like the thief's prayer? Why?
- 8) What made a proud, rich, highly educated outrageous young Roman citizen and official like 'Paul' who persecuted and killed Christians to be chosen by Jesus Himself as His disciple and preacher?
- 9) How dead Elijah's and Moses' spirit came to Jesus. (Ref Mathew 9: 4)
- 10) What really happened to Jesus' human body after His death?
- 11) Do you want to tell God what He should and what He shouldn't do?
- 12) Do you have the answers to these questions?
- 13) Are you continuing in your Church after learning all the answers to these questions, and many more you may have? Do you think God doesn't have answers to all these questions? Yes, He has but He doesn't have to give the answers.

Certainly within His law He has provisions to do what is right, the only thing is we don't know much about it. Even if God gives the answers to all our questions we won't digest it.

Suppose God tells you, "These questions are none of your business; they are also my children and I know what I should do to them and I am just, and I am the only authentic and supreme God and my decision is final" What will you say to Him then, bow your head down and run.

He said similar things to Prophet Jonah! And Jonah had no answer; he could only stay impatient and see the outcome of God's grace rather than seeing the destruction of the people of Nineveh.

Jonah 4: 11. The Lord said to Jonah, "Should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left; and also many animals"

Prophet Jonah came to tell the people of Nineveh that God is going to destroy that city because of their wickedness and Jonah was waiting to see their destruction. Jonah was getting impatient over the delay in the destruction of Nineveh. When Prophet Jonah wanted to see their end; God wanted to save the people of Nineveh provided they repent! This is the difference between man's thinking and God's. When the final decision-making is not your concern and your authority -- that is not your business?

Learn the Commandments well and do accordingly. First of all look at yourself and then your family. Straighten yourself first - then your family will follow you. Children learn from their parents and grandparents and elders first. If the children go astray blame them not but their parents and other connected people. Parent's and elders' secret activities are the Children's public activities. That is why Jesus said in: --

Luke 23: 28 "Do not weep for me but for yourselves and your Children"

You cry; when you saw innocent Jesus was persecuted – He was persecuted because of your sins, and your tears for Jesus will not save you. You must cry over your and your children's wickedness and repent; then only your sins can be forgiven.

You don't have to react and fight over the wickedness of your Church, priest or preacher, but stay where you are and pray for them if you have the willingness, otherwise ignore it. Jesus taught the greatest lesson, as His last wish, by praying to His Heavenly Father, for those who persecuted Him.

Luke 23:34 Jesus said, "Father forgive them; for they know not what they do."

Did you ever think of the depth of your forgiveness, you might have reasons not to forgive anyone, because you never experienced it. You are not alone, all are in the same boat, but you have to do it. That is what Jesus did and that is what Stephen has shown, praying for their enemies.

God dislikes all kinds of runaways. He expects every person to perform his duty and to bear all kinds of sufferings and torturing. No matter what others speak of you, or what happens to you, bear it like Jesus did before Pontius Pilate. Anything less than that is not godly. Stephen was the first to follow Jesus' path.

Then all His disciples except John every one of them got killed in the name of gospel. When your emotion overrides your reasoning you will run away from issues. Running is a resultant of your emotions and not reasoning. Emotions and anger are the qualities of flesh and you must overcome with the love of Holy-Spirit and let things go in God's way, He will resolve it. You stay where you belong to and the way you are.

If you ever think of going back to your old home, you are doing better than the prodigal son. When the lost son came back to his father's house, The Father came down all the way to greet him.

Luke 15: 20 – 24. And the son arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. And the son said unto him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son". But the Father said to his servants, "Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: For this my son he was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry"

If you ever come back to your old home, people might gossip, fear them not because they can't do anything to you, but heaven will rejoice, because you are not a loser but a winner. You are fulfilling several of God's commandments. Your responsibility is not

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your fights with flesh and blood but to the power of darkness. What you need is not a run-away-program, only a coward will run, put on the armor of the Lord and stand straight and face the wicked. Condemning others and other denominations are the worst things usually people do. When you elevate yourself high, God will bring you down because of the pride you have is a sin.

*Proverb 21: 4. A high look, and a proud heart,
And the plowing of the wicked, is sin*

Luke 1:51- 53 God has shown strength with his arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. He has filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he has sent away empty.

*The simple Truth, Book 4 concludes,
And continues in Book 5*

*Mathew 11: 28 Jesus said,
Come to me,
all you that are weary and are carrying Heavy burdens,
And I will give you rest”*

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