

SUVISESHA DHWANI

Suvishesha Dhvani Reg. No. RN 29475/78

20 February 2010

ABEL THE KEEPER OF SHEEP

The scripture has given details of only very few of Adam and Eve's offspring. Out of that Cain and Abel are very important. Cain is the first born of the human race. His mother took him in her hand with much hope. She said "I have gotten a man from God". She might have remembered the words of a God, "The seed of the woman shall bruise the head of the serpent". But the life of Cain was against all hope. The first born man became the first killer.

Abel was born next to Cain. The reference about them is seen in Gen 4:2. But listen, the Spirit of God recorded Abel's name first. 'Gen 4:2 Then she gave birth to another child, Abel, Cain's brother. Abel was a shepherd, and Cain was a farmer'. God said to Adam in Gen 1:29, "I have given you every plant with seeds on the face of the earth and every tree that has fruit with seeds. This will be your food". Cain understood the meaning of these

words very well. He thought that for a good meal good cultivation is inevitable. His mind was after the food and clothing. And he became a good farmer. He made good profit out of it. In Gen 4:17 we see that he made a town also. Even though the first man was cursed by God, everything was well of with him. Psa 17:14 With your power rescue me from mortals, O LORD, from mortals who enjoy their

Contd to Page 2

RUNS ...RUNS

Apostle Paul has written that physical exercise is of little benefit. He has also written that those who run in the races will be getting crowns which will fade. If we conduct a detailed study on it it is a quite interesting. In the first century the game of cricket was not there. If it would have existed then Paul would have enlisted that too. We the Indians are quite familiar with this game. Many believers entertain themselves by watching this game on the big screen even at the cost of Assembly meetings and outreach programmes. They have more knowledge in Cricket than in the scripture. The one who knoweth the owner and the ass his masters cribb but Israel doth not know my people doth not consider. So but if some believers are let loose they will be then seen in front of the television. They will watch the match and enjoy it.

This cricket match can be compared to spiritual life. Mind that those who waste time in front of the TVs will be judged accordingly. There are 50 overs and 300 balls in a one day crick match. We can compare each and every balls as a chance for us to do the work of the Lord. The number of runs that a batsman get depends on the way of his approach to the match and the way he plays it. The total is what is counted on his merit.

For a single run how much effort a batsman has to effort is to be reckoned. He has to run a lot even for a single run. He should be much careful when the balls comes to him. We have to utilize each and every chance that we get. How many chances do we waste? Anything that we do for the Lord should

turn out as a spiritual achievement and a run. If we get more runs for the souls that we have got then examine and find how many runs we have got. **Do we cry like Hanna who wept for a child for the lost souls.** We should not consider these thing in a meaningless manner. If anyone thinks that his responsibility to the Lord ends with the Lords supper on Sunday then it is more foolishness. Nothing short of total submission and surrender will not please the Lord. We have along list of responsibilities in front of us. We are supposed to help the fellow brethren give a ride to those who are in

Contd to Page 2

Y.M.E.F (SD) Tamilnadu Karnataka Campaign

The God in heaven enables us to continue the follow up campaign in Raichur and the gospel campaign and ministries in Tamilnadu. Both these ministries which were on the move in the midst of difficulties and problems are going ahead smoothly only because of the prayers of the saints all over the world. More other than dear brothers regularly take part in the Tamilnadu Campaign. Let us thank the Lord because most of them are evangelists from Salem and Erode districts. Along with them we have our fellow brethren from Kerala. Brother C M Varghese of Ezhupuna Brethren Assembly take charge of the campaign. The Lord provides us drivers to drive the vehicle at the apt time. But we are looking for a brother from the 1st week of the month of March. We need a brother who has commitment. We solicit the prayers of the saints for this. The follow up campaign in Raichur is also continuing in a very blessed manner. In the mornings the dear brethren will go to the villages to share the gospel. In the evening after 5pm they visit villages and conduct Bible Classes. The poor, illiterate and ignorant villagers listen to the word very earnestly and in some villages the classes will go beyond 10pm. It is at this juncture Brother A Joseph had an attack of Dengu fever. He was admitted in the hospital. He was in the hospital for more than a week. A large amount was spent on him for his treatment. He is taking rest at home. Kindly pray for him.

But the Lord is so gracious that He sent two brothers, Sunder Raj and Praveen from Chamrajnagar to take up the work in Raichur. So the Campaign continued without interruption. Kindly pray for the team members. Those who wish to give financial assistance may kindly draw drafts and cheques in favour of Y M E F (SD) which can be cashed in Catholic Syrian Bank Pathanamthitta and mail to the Treasurer. His Address: **George Samuel, Muttattu House, Omalloor P O, Pathanamthitta.**

“TOMORROW YOUR CHILDREN AND OUR CHILDREN”

We all are thinking about our children and caring for them. The heading is the words of the tribes Reuben, Gad and half of Manasseh. [Jos 22:24](#) “We were worried because of the situation we’re in. We thought sometime in the future your children might say to our children, ‘What relationship do you have with the LORD God of Israel? The subject at the last chapters of the book of Joshua is very important for the children of God. The prime desire of God was that all the children of Israel should occupy the land of Canaan, when He brought them miraculously through the wilderness. But these 2 ½ tribes told Moses that “Do not take us to the other side of Jordan”. Instead of going to a place of God’s decision, they are choosing a place of their own choice. Even today this type of stiff neck is seen among the children of God. Lot also did the same thing. He shifted his tents towards the fertile and watery land and finally he was trapped at Sodom and he lost all the spiritual fellowship.

Why these 2 ½ tribes had asked the eastern side of Jordan to Moses and Eliazer? They said that they have cattle and that place is good for animals. But at the same time other tribes also had limited number of cattle. The blessings of God for their cattle wealth became a trap for them. Jehoshaphath had wealth and fame. He made alliance with Ahab. [2Ch 18:1](#) Jehoshaphath was wealthy and honorable and became Ahab’s in-law. The land of Canaan was very suitable for cattle. But these tribes reject God’s selection and went for their own choice. How is our choice? Are we in fellowship with the children of God or only giving the importance for the worldly success? Let us examine ourselves.

After conquering Canaan the 2 ½ tribes went to the eastern side of Jordan. They got a great doubt about the future of their children. They doubted that the future generation of Canaan may ask their children that “What matter you have with God of Israel?” But when they demanded the eastern side of Jordan, they never thought about their children, but of the cattle. This kind of fall is happening in our midst also. Children are the valuable gift of God. We should think about their spiritual enrichment above all. Even if we save much wealth for them and if they go away from God’s way, then what is the use? These 2 ½ tribes thought about their children very late. Then what happened to these tribes? When the Israelites went for a war under the leadership of Deborah, the tribe of Reuben stayed back. Then Deborah asked like this, [Jdg 5:16](#) Why did you sit between the saddlebags? **Was it to listen to the shepherds playing their flutes?** Reuben’s divisions of important men had second thoughts. They were thinking only about sheep and shelter. So the enemies took them first to the bondage. Then what happened to the future of the children? Once when this writer spoke about this subject in the assembly one sister resigned her respectable job for looking after her daughter. Today that sister is at home to nourish and cherish her daughter in God’s way.

Children are our valuable treasure. Their spiritual enrichment is very important. In that way let our God help us to bring up a generation for his glory. Amen.

E.J. PAILY

Contd from Page 1

inheritance only in this life. You fill their bellies with your treasure. Their children are satisfied with it, and they leave what remains to their children. Cain was a carnal man. He enjoyed the pleasures of the world. He became first of all. But Abel, he chooses sheep keeping. That time men were not allowed to eat meat. Only after the flood men were allowed to eat meat. [Gen 9:3](#) Everything that lives and moves will be your food. I gave you green plants as food; I now give you

everything else. Then why Abel became a shepherd? The wool may be good for making cloths. But above all the children knew a truth. The sins of their parents were covered by the skin of that sinless animal. A sacrifice was occurred due to the sins of their parents. This may be the good reason for his mighty selection. He separated his life for the glory of God. His motivation was to offer a living sacrifice to the Living God. As a result he became the first martyr. In eternity when God will list out the names

of martyrs, his name will be number one.

Cain might have thought badly about his brother. He might have asked his brother like this, what will you eat if you wander always after these sheep? He might have advised his brother to work hard for a decent living. But Abel forwarded with an aim above all that mockery. [Heb 11:4](#) Faith led Abel to offer God a better sacrifice than Cain’s sacrifice. Through his faith Abel received God’s approval, since God accepted his sacrifices. **Through his faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.** Abel’s name is included in the list of martyrs.

Remember the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, [Joh 6:27](#) Don’t work for food that spoils. Instead, work for the food that lasts into eternal life. This is the food the Son of Man will give you. After all, the Father has placed his seal of approval on him.” Every believer has to remember that he is kept in such places as a witness of Christ. Our aim should not be set for the worldly needs. Like Abel we all should involve in pasturing sheep. Any other cultivation in the spiritual field is not allowed. We should not be trapped among the share holders of this world. Let God give His grace to us. Let His name only be glorified.

MATHEW PAUL

Contd from Page 1

need to help the evangelisation to attend all assembly meets for private prayer to learn the word and to teach it etc. The list is unending. We can gain runs in hospital and hospitals. We to can have it in hospitals and in meetings. Runs are hidden everywhere and in everything. When a batsman get 6 runs through a boundary he is cheered from the gallery. Exactly in the same way there will be cheers in heaven when we get a soul for Him. Our score board is in heaven. There we have to increase the score on the board. The zeros increase in the blanks will have no meaning in heaven. That cannot bring any change in the heavens scoreboard. Moreover meaningless songs and dances will never increase the runs in the heavenly score board.

SBS General Prayer

The monthly prayer meeting under the auspices of the SBS General will be held on 5.03.2010 at the residence of brother Raju K Thomas Vadasserikkara. All Blasangam workers are cordially invited to take part in this prayer meeting. Prayer Co ordinator:

C M Chacko

The Monthly Prayer Meeting of the Evangelists

Kottarakkara: If it be the wil of the Lord the monthly prayer meeting of the evangelists will be held on 3rd March 2010 at Gospel Hall Kottarakkara at 10am. All the evangelist are requested to attend it with prayer.

Monthly Prayer Meeting

Pathanamthitta: The monthly prayer meeting in association with the Brethren Assemblies in and around Pathanamthitta will be held on 27.2.2010 at the Chengara Brethren Assembly. All the saints are requested to attend it with prayer

A M Thomas

Outreach by Evangelist

Kottayam: A one day outreach under the auspices of the evangelist in and around Kottayam will be held on 2.3.2010 at Ettumannoor in association with the Ettumannoor Brethren Assembly. All those who are interested in evangelisation may kindly attend this ministry.

Sisters Meeting

The sisters meeting of the Kallisserry centre will be held on 5th March 2010 at the Umayattukara Pullanthara Assembly at 10am. All sisters are requested to attend this meeting. Bible Quiz Gene 16-30.

Molly Babu

Change of Address

The new mailing Address of brother **P M Mathew P M Mathew, Puthenpurackal, Kallippara, Kallarkutty P O, Adimaly, Idukki 685 562**

The mailing address of the **Theyode Assembly is T C Cherian, Thekkekoottu, Theyode P O, Kochi 682 030**

For Special Prayer

Raichur: Brother A Joseph evangelist of Raichur Brethren Assembly was admitted in the hospital for Dengu fever. He is a hard working brother and is in charge of the follow up campaign of the Y M E F (SD) in Raichur. We solicit the fervent prayers of the saints



God is Testing You, Don't Worry! You are in His Arms

A God's child is always safe in His hands or in the safe realm of God. Therefore his life is very safe. Still he loves in a world which is under the control of Satan. Therefore he should be kept safe and secure in purity. For that our God who created and transformed us as a new creation may do some arrangements by cutting and polishing us to make us more pure and beautiful. That may be very painful for us. But when we wait and see the end of it, we can observe that it was for good.

Few years back, a miser got a precious diamond was got from a gold mine. It was given to the King of England as a gift. He presented it to the king to wear it on the Majesty's crown. But the king sent it to another country to make it more beautiful. The diamond is now in the hands of the most famous and talented designer of that country.

The designer took his blade to cut some parts of it. He started to cut the edges of it. Then it was polished and made it beautiful. What a cruel thing the designer did on that precious diamond! Surely the king will become angry when he come to know of it. He cut quite some part of the diamond. For many days he observed the diamond. He studied the quality and the faults of the diamond. The reason was that he was a world famous designer. The diamond was forced to face rare pressures. But that was to make it more perfect, precious and beautiful.

Dear brethren, the great creator, God, who made this world and all in this world with His words made Adam and Eve with His hands. He gave them shape and emotions. That God who is the creator same transformed us as a new creation. We are also precious stones of heavenly temple. We should be also faultless. For that that Great designer may beat us with hammer and small instruments which may seem to us as cruel. Each and every one of us is expected to adorn the crown of the creator as a precious stone. To become so we have to undergo certain cuttings and polishings by the hand of the Master Creator. We have to suffer some pain. Then only our shape and structure will become beautiful. Not only that we bear more fruits and thus the Father will be glorified through us. Finally everything will become good for us. Because we are in His hands.

Trials and tribulations will open for us the door of blessing.

With the Lord

Murani (Ranny): Mrs Mariamma Thomas (65) wife of Thomas Yohannan of the Murani Brethren Assembly went to be with the Lord on 20.1.10. The mortal remains of the dear sister was buried on 24.1.10 under the auspices of the Murani Brethren Assembly in the presence of large gathering of saints from all over. Kindly pray for the bereaved family.

Mumbai: Brother K M Cherian (Baby 77) of the Kunchachedathu family went to be with the Lord on 12.2.10 in Mumbai. The mortal remains of the dear brother was buried under the auspices

of the zion brethren assembly Mumbai in the presence of large gathering of saints from all over. Kindly pray for the bereaved family.

A word about Babychayan: He reached Mumbai in the second half of the fifties. He was one of the elders of the Zion Assembly. He tried his best to take gospel to the nook and croners of Mumbai. More he used to give a good fellowship to the evangelisation programmes. We Y M E F and Suvishesha dhvani join the family in their sorrow and pray for thir consolation.

Angamaly: Dr. A P Daniel of the Areekal went to be with the Lord. The mortal remains of the brother was buried on 17.2.2010 in the Chambanoor Brethren Assembly in the presence of large saints from all over. He is the publisher and editor of Daniel Bible.

SUVISHESHA DHWANI

Annual Subscription

India Rs. 100

USA/Canada US\$ 60

Envelope Postage Rs. 1500

Please send news and articles to:

Chief Editor

V.S.Mathew

Suvishesha Dhvani

Elim Thompil Vadakethil

Elanthoor East P.O., Pathanamthitta

Kerala 689 643

Tel: 0468- 2361498

Mob. 9447354998

Associate Editor

A.J. Oommen

Iykkarethu,

Pullad P.O. 689 548

Ph. 0469 2660478

Send your drafts & moneyorders to:

Managing Editor

Jose Philip

Iyookuzhiyil,

Vettoor P.O.

Pathanamthitta-689 653

Tel : 0468-2333938

mob. 9447257038

joseayroo@rediffmail.com

Circulation Manager

Thomas John

3320 DARCEY COURT

s#mFLOWER MOUND.

TX 750 22, USA

Ph. 001 469 293 6235

Please send DD/Cheque drawn in favour of:

SUVISHESHA DHWANI

20.02.2010