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THE MINISTRY OF THE RISEN CHRIST

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Have you noticed the ministry of our Risen Lord on the day of His resurrection? The shepherd was smitten and His sheep scattered (Matt. 26:31), but He spends the day of His resurrection seeking His sheep until He has them gathered together at the end of the day (Luke 24:36 and John 20:19,20).

He reveals Himself to a sorrowful heart --- John 20:1-18. Mary Magdalene is the first person to whom He appears, a sorrowful but devoted heart. She sorrowed for HIM - v.13. A vision of angels could not satisfy her, none but her Lord! Her devotion exceeded her physical strength (v.15). She is rewarded by Him (v. 16-18) as He reveals Himself. Her sorrow vanishes! Her service is renewed and she is commissioned with the first resurrection message. Do we

have a devoted heart in our sorrows?

He reveals Himself to a troubled conscience --- Luke 24:34. Peter had failed Him! - but Christ is faithful to Peter. He prayed for him; warned him; looked on him (Luke 22:61) and communicated with him (Mark 16:7). He restored him and in kindness the interview is not recorded as the Lord ministered to his soiled conscience. How many soiled consciences need His ministry today!

He reveals Himself to straying feet -- Luke 24:13-35. Straying from Jerusalem, the divine centre (v.13). From the Scriptures (v.25-27). From Himself (v.28-31). His ministry brings them back to the Scriptures (v.27); to Himself (v.28-31) and then to Jerusalem (v. 33). How many believers are today straying and need their feet to be

restored by the ministry of the Risen Christ!

The result of His day's ministry ---John 20:19-23. His scattered sheep were gathered together again! "Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord" --- (V.20), for 'Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them' ---Luke 24:36. The centrality of their Lord was now enjoyed. How little we experience this privilege in our gatherings today as we should!

The continual ministry of the risen Christ --- Luke 24: 45-58 and John 20:21--- "As my Father hath sent me, so send I you" What a commission for us to continue the ministry of the Risen Christ! Reaching sorrowful hearts, soiled consciences and straying feet, among saints and sinners! Even today His sheep are scattered, but the great

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THE ELECTION

Samuel Abraham, Sharja.

Recently when I visited one of my cousin's house, they were much disturbed. And one among them told me 'these drinks are not for papa, the church election is coming, these are for distribution since papa is also a candidate'. On further discussion I heard that some candidates are offering a good sum of money and airtickets to canvass votes. Once one elected member told me that he had spent a lot of money for election, by arranging two tourist buses, food, pocket money, printing expenses, banners, telephone bill...etc. These things happened in churches. Somebody told that in future the political parties will sponsor the church candidates.

But election as per the Word of God is entirely different. The church belongs to God. And the election should be according to the Word of God. He will not

accept any other method. God is the ruler of the church. The Holy spirit appoints the rulers. The ruler is one who take care of the church. Nobody should take any position by themselves or discard any position given by God in the church of God. Heb.5:4,5 says no man takes the honour unto himself and that he is called of God as Aaron. So also Christ glorified not himself to be made a High Priest, but God the Father had said unto Him 'Thou art my son today I have begotten you. This is the ministry of Our Lord'.

The public should not elect rulers. If he is not elected by God, He will not accept him. A candidate always declares his own abilities, wealth, and qualifications...etc. And always ridicule his opposer. The voting is for the public approval of somebody's ability.

Lucifer said the same (Isa.14:13,14) Those think about the ruling by themselves

it is clearly devilish. In the church there should not be any autocracy or democracy. But it should be the Lordship of our Lord. Any election by men is the rivalry to God. Instead of accepting God's election men elect and ask for God's approval. Is this biblical?

Even Samuel could make mistakes Isa.16:6,7. When samuel saw Eliab he was mistaken. V.7 says man looketh on the outward appearance, but Lord looketh the heart. Even Isaac and Joseph made mistakes in election. The farmer decides himself the type of work in the garden. God called Moses to lead the Israelites. God elected David as the king. God showed Aaron as the high priest. God called Paul as the Apostle. Jesus selected the disciples. God called Abraham. These people never requested for a position. Moses, Paul and Peter said about their disabilities and not about their abilities.

Y. M. E. F. Karnataka Campaign

In the last few weeks we did not publish the Karnataka report. Since the mode of work is the same and so it is not indispensable to have a report of it every week. As the team is in Kollegal we have the chance to get into the small huts and share gospel to the poor people. Most of the inhabitants of this place is from Tamil nadu. They are either farmers or farm labours. They are ignorant, illiterate and poor. They do not know anything of the present world. But they are willing to listen to the Word of God and spare their valuable time for it. The Kannada brethren in the YMEF team share the gospel so simply and clearly so that these illiterate people also can understand the real meaning of **gospel**. Many have shown interest to listen to it again and again and number of doors are open now. So in a few villages the team is conducting follow up work with the help of the Kollegal brethren assembly. God enables us to continue this ministry in these days without much hindrances.

Now-a-days we do not have much opposition from the religious fanatics. Charmraj Nagar Dist. is a sole one in Karnataka except Bangalore that has a number of churches. Most of the churches belong to the Roman catholic. We can see some Methodists as well as Pentacostal churches also. We have few Brethren assemblies also in this district. But again the team had to face some problem from 'our own people'. But God protected the team members and we specially thank the timely intervention of the elders of the Kollegal assembly. The team members were so shocked when they were taken to the police station by our own people.

So we request saints all over the world to continue to pray for this ministry and we thank all for your continuous prayer support for this wonderful ministry in the past. May the name of the Lord be glorified.

C.M. Varghese, Ezhupunna.

The church should not be ruled by the committee. The ministers should not be changed every year. There is no proof in the scripture for changing the elders, apostles and ministers. All these practices came to the church from the world. In many churches the leaders act like political leaders. They are waiting for chances to accuse each other.

There are some special criteria in God's election. Human abilities are not the qualities in front of God. (1Cor. 1;27-29) God had chosen the foolish things, the weak things and things which are despised. The election in the churches which are against the Word of God are not acceptable for God. Listen to the Word of God, Elders are those who help the poor and bear the meekness. Joshua was in and around the tabernacle day and night. So God told Moses to choose him. Those who have the qualities which are mentioned in the Epistle of Timothy will not go for a human election. Jesus rebuked the confusion among the disciples about the leadership.

Our Lord's desire is that we should be big in heaven and not in this world. Those who humble themselves like a child will be big in heaven. The rival election will cause some serious problems in the churches. There will be great enmity among the candidates. This will only help the churches to split. When the spiritual people keep quiet the worldly people will form the committee and politics will be created. This will ultimately spoil the churches. Let us pray earnestly, so that the churches should follow the scripture for her administration.

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THE CONSEQUENCES OF INFLATION

Money is the lifeline of production and a wonder in transaction. Anything which determines the value and accepted as a media of transaction is called money. This definition is prompt for the public acceptance of its usage. Money stands for the purchasing power. People love money not for it, but for materials and services which money can buy. The money will make a person wealthy. In the modern world money has an important roll. There is no person or society or nation in the world are not influenced by money. Inflation happens when production is not increased when money is increased. The spiritual field which is supposed to be holy and trustworthy is also suppressed by the money.

Now a days inflation is an international process. None of the country is exempted from it. A slight increase of price will not cause inflation. But when the prices increases regularly and enormously the inflation happens. India is facing a hyper inflation which has crossed the fourth stage. Not only India, the whole world is under the clutch of price hikes and shortage of food. The inflation and the galloping price of fuel has imbalanced the daily life. When most of the countries in the world faced a food shortage in 1960s. The European countries under the leadership of America came forward and invested millions of dollars to start research. The farmers got ultra modern technology. New variety of plants with high yielding

capacity, manure and fertilisers were introduced. So the green revolution was started. All these first world countries should come forward to control the inflation. The purchasing capacity should be controlled. The greed of people always end up in inflation. God provided daily 'manna' for Israelites in the wilderness for the daily use. But some of them gathered much and some gathered only for daily use and but when it was measured everybody got the same measure.

In the spiritual field establishments and Human gods are increasing. Government is trying to control all these activities because of fraud leaders. What a shame it is! This inflation we can see among the Christians also. Some of the Christian leaders in Kerala are facing enquiries in connection with cores of money transactions. The bad effects of the increase of money is seen in the midst of Brethren also. The increase of establishments, ministries, magazines, specialised Evangelists, societies, conferences, seminars and challenge meetings etc are affecting very badly. Lot of money is collected locally and abroad and controlled by family trusts, and used for personal purposes. Money causes all these problems.

Dear children of God, Martha was worried about many things, but Mary wished only one and choose the best part. Today we need only 'little' which God needed and not much that God rejects. Let us submit ourselves in the hands of God, so that His name be glorified through us.

Jose Philip

LATEST NEWS IN OUR MIDST

YMEF NEWS

KARNATAKA CAMPAIGN

We are pleased to inform our prayer partners that the Karnataka Campaign at Kollegal is continuing by the Grace of the Lord and your prayers. But we are looking for young brothers who are committed to the work of the Lord to join the team and also looking for a person to drive the vehicle, but this person should have a real commitment to the Lord's service.

Those who wish to join may kindly contact"

A.J.Oommen, Iykkarethu, Pullad P.O. 689 548, Ph. 0469 2660478

Contributions may kindly be send to the YMEF (SD) A/C. Catholic Syrian Bank A/c. **2007066 To George Samuel**, Muttathu House, Omalloor P.O., PTA. 689 647.

All Foreign contributions may kindly be forwarded to Believer's Relief Trust A/C. at State Bank of Travancore, Pathanamthitta Branch. along with a letter to forward the amount to YMEF (SD).

Kasorgod: By the grace of God, the gospel works of this centre is continuing. In every month, YMEF gospel camps are taking place in the different parts of this district. Brethren with keen interest in evangelization from different assemblies take part in these camps. God enabled us to conduct a camp in May 2008 at Kaanathooru where gospel haven't reached much. This is a bordering village to Karnataka state. God helped to organize another camp in June 9th, 10th, 11th, at Thrikkariipooru where Evg. N.K Babu is ministering presently. Dear brethren, please pray for the accomplished works.

BIBLE CAMP 2008 - YMEF Kasorgod centre:

Place: Kinarmukku Assembly Hall

Date: July 14, 15, 16

Main Speakers : Abraham Chembola, John Panicker, N.K. Babu (secretary)

MONTHLY MINISTRY - MONTHLY MEETING

Thrissur: By God's grace, ministry and meeting of June month took place with the co-operation of Mulanthuruthy church. 67 brethren took part in this work. God helped us to conduct house visitings and public meetings. It enabled us to give God's word in many houses. Evg. Mons Issac took the bible classes. During the evening meetings, many evangelists shared the word of God. Baptism of one sister was conducted on that day.

The meeting and ministry in the month of July will be on 8th to 18th with the support of Kidangoor assembly which is near to Angamaly.

Route: Take a bus to Manjapra from Angamaly and get down at Kidangoor stop and ask for the assembly hall.

SODHARI SAMAJAM

Adoor: God willing, the Sisters' meeting of teh Brethren assemblies of Adoor area will take place on Saturday 12th, 2008 at 10 a.m. at Kaithaparambu Brethren Hall. We request all sisters to come with prayers for the meeting in the name of Jesus Christ. Bible quiz:- Acts 11-15 chapters.

Sherly Sam

CHURCH NEWS

Samakkali (Gujarat): This is a place where no christian work has taken place in the past. But since 3 years Bro. V.P. Mathew has been working there and the Lord of harvest has given fruits. 11 members take part in the breaking of the bread. Kindly continue to pray for the ministry here. Evg. V.P. Mathew

Kannur: We got many helps from different brethren and assemblies for the treatment of Keziah, daughter of Bro. K.U. Thomas. No need to send any further help. Thanks to all who cooperated in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Babu.P.J

Address Change of Poomala East Brethren Assembly:

Thrissur: Poomala Brethren Assembly (East), Poomala P.O, Thrissur, Kerala-680581

T.N.Samuel

North East India Assembly Believers Conference 2008

Place: Life Spring Corner, Dheemapur

Date: July 8-10

Speakers: David Joseph-Goa, Samuel Thomas-Mathura, Samson-Jharkand

Theme: Be My witnesses

Please pray for the blessing of this conference.

Aby Sam

The Name of Jesus

*Illustrious Name! Deserving veneration,
But two brief syllables in every tongue,
O speak with reverential intonation
By lisping child or ancient's song,
The Name of Jesus!*

*Yea, taste as fruit this sweetest Appellation,
That all its succulence may fill the soul,
O sing with musical reverberation,
That we may echo clear from pole to pole
The Name of Jesus!*

*Yet think, afar, in darkest habitation,
In desert solitude or where the wicked dwell,
A man like me, who longs for consolation,
And yet upon whose ears there never fell
The Name of Jesus!*

*Then who will go with Heaven's declaration
Of God, whose love is from eternal days?
Who gave His Son to death's humiliation
That souls, forgiv'n, shall ever sing and praise
The Name of Jesus!*

J.B.N

CORRECTION

21-06-08, in the 5th edition, in the monthly meeting news it was written Churalikode Brethren Assembly. But please read it as **Nannuvakkad** Brethren Assembly. Sorry for the mistake.

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shepherd heart of the Saviour seeks the lost and would restore His own back to Himself!

The consummation of His ministry --- Rev 5:6-10. In the glory of heaven will the Lord ultimately gather all His scattered sheep around Himself "in the midst of His throne" and forever! Through His redemptive ministry; myriads of sorrowful hearts, soiled consciences and straying feet will be eternally redeemed, singing His praises and worshipping at His feet. What joy it will bring to His great heart of love, for "He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied" Isa. 53: 11.

After all, Heaven will be filled with those redeemed out of this world who once had sorrowful hearts, soiled consciences and straying feet, but now washed in the blood of the Lamb --- Rev. 7:14. Until that blessed day may the benediction of the Apostle be ours --- "Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that GREAT SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP, through the blood of the everlasting Covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. --- Heb. 13:20,21.

IN GLORY

Aranmula: Kuravaikkal Modiyil M.J. George (80) had entered into God's glory. The



funeral service of this dear brother took place on 26-06-08 under the

auspices

of Edasserimala Brethren Assembly and in the midst many believers at the cemetery of the above said assembly. Please pray for the sorrowing family.

Angamaly: Late Evg. C.T. Mathew's daughter-in-law and wife of Mathew Thomas, Mrs. Pennamma (70) entered



into God's glory. The funeral service of this dear sister took place on 22-

06-08 under

the auspices of Angamaly West Brethren Assembly and in the midst many believers at the cemetery of the above said assembly. Please pray for the sorrowing family.

*"Soon Thy saints shall all
be gathered----
INSIDE THE VEIL.
All at home, no more be
scattered----
INSIDE THE VEIL.
Nought from Thee our
hearts shall sever,
We shall see Thee, grieve
Thee never;
"Praise the Lamb shall
sound forever ----
INSIDE THE VEIL."*

I PRAYED FOR THIS LAD

K.A. Abraham

The first book of samuel starts with a blessed family history. The first chapter starts with the family history of Elkanah who was the fifth generation of the blessed forefathers. From this we see that Elkanah is with a good spiritual hereditary. The meaning of the word Elkanah is 'the property of God'. At the same time Ephaim means fruitful. Thus this property of God was from a place called 'fruitful'. So in every respects Elkanah was a blessed man. The verse two again confirm this; He had two wives and the first one was called Hannah which means 'graceful' and the second one was called Peninnah which means 'Jewel'. So Elkanah got double blessings. And this man went up out of his city to worship and sacrifice unto the Lord of host in 'Shiloh'. And when he offered he gave to peninnah and to all her sons and daughters their portion. But unto Hannah he gave the double portion for he loved her much. According to all these things we can consider that Elkanah was a spiritual man.

In Kerala, which is known as the God's own country, 'Elkanahs' conducts annual conferences, crusades, fests etc.. Elkanah had sons and daughters in Peninnah which means jewel but in

Hannah which means graceful he had no children. And so her adversary provoked her sore to make her fret. But Elkanah never thought about this. He comforted her saying that he is better than ten sons. He continued in his regular worships and sacrifices and gave double portion to Hannah. He never seek God's help to stop the provocation of her adversary. And he forgot that these type of worship and sacrifice only helped Peninnah to tease Hannah. But never thought for an escape from her sorrow and for a spiritual hereditary. All his spiritual activities helped the adversary to become strong. Same way any associations, trusts...etc with out spiritual visions which we see now a days will help our adversary to flourish. And if we are thinking for a change from these cursed attitudes, we should come out like Hannah.

Hannah was in bitterness of soul and prayed to the Lord and wept sore.

Let us think about five important matters about Hannah, who changed the life of Elkanah.

1. The Faith of Hannah.

Hannah asked for a male offspring. As for as a barren lady, male or female was immaterial. But this lady wanted a son and she asked it in the name of God. Therefore she totally believed that God will provide it. We can see

this type of faith in Timothy. We, the children of God, should have such a faith. In the Epistle of Jude Vs.20 we read that this faith is 'most holy faith'. God saw Hannah's sorrow and gave her what she asked for.

2. Hannah's faithfulness.

All believers are not faithful. But Hannah was faithful. She dedicated that lad for Lord's service and she fulfilled her dedication. Just like Moses was faithful we should be faithful in all. If we are faithful in small things God will give us authority over many things. God gave her three more sons and two daughters. Let us live faithfully in front of God so that we can produce spiritual offsprings.

3. Hannah's Humility.

When Hannah prayed to God with bitterness of Soul, Eli the priest of Siloh thought that she was a drunkard. But with great humility she told, 'No my Lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful heart. I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the Lord. Here we see that Hannah never said anything against Eli. But she proved her true heart in front of Eli. Normally people will say something else. But here we find an acceptable

IN TV CHANNELS

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On Mondays: 6.00 - 6.30 a.m. in C.TV (Hindi)

example in the life of Hannah, which we should follow.

4. Hannah's meekness.

God gave Hannah a male offspring according to her petition. She came to the temple with the child in due time. Eli could not recognize her. And Hannah introduced her with great meekness saying 'My Lord I am the woman that stood by here, praying unto the Lord. And for this child I prayed.

She could have said that she is the wife of Elkanah who stays in the Ephraim palace who regularly comes to Shiloh for worship and to sacrifice. I came to admit my son in your seminary. But she humbles herself by referring her previous history to a lower level. In the same way we should always remember our previous condition

5. Hannah's complete submission.

She got the child after a long awaited period. But she sacrificed the normal desire of the parents to nurse and cherish the child because of her dedication. See her words 'As long as he lives he shall be lent to the Lord'. That was her desire, this type of submission cannot be seen even in forefathers. Jacob obeyed God with conditions. But Hannah who submitted completely gets God's blessings in plenty. May God help us to submit a complete submission. God will not leave or forsake those who depend upon Him.

A WORD OF GRATITUDE

On behalf of the Editorial Board of Suvisheshadhvani, I wish to express my gratitude in the name of the Lord to all saints who helped me in getting the matter translated and send it through e-mail to the different web sites and also those who send email of this copy to the dear brethren around the world.

I request all those who get the copies may kindly forward the same to all the brethren whom you know personally.

Thank you.

Chief Editor



THOSE WHO DO NOT REALIZE THE GREATNESS OF GOD'S CARE

God's protection or His ways are far beyond the human thoughts. Man wants to protect himself from accidents, problems or sickness. For that he wants God to act according to his will. There is nothing wrong in thinking like that. But God wants us to obey and surrender to His perfect will. Here we can think of the saying "Man proposes and God disposes". But we may not appreciate it. We want everything to be done in our own way. But God does what is good for us. Therefore we must surrender ourselves unto His will. Otherwise the end will be disastrous.

I read a story about a person who once happened to be in the midst of a flood. He waited for God's provision. A truck came through that way and stopped in front of his house. The driver of the truck

asked him to get into the truck and save his life. He sent him away by saying "No, God will take care for me". Water level was rising and a boat came near his house. People inside the boat shouted to him to get into the boat and get saved from this flood. He ignored them by saying "God will take care for me". The level of water was rising and he climbed to the roof of his house. This time a helicopter came for his aid. In the same way he rejected the help. At the end he got drowned.

There are many who complain that why God is not providing us with what we want during the difficult and perilous times. There are limitations in human thoughts and desires. But God is infinite. His thoughts are higher than our thoughts like the heavens are higher above the earth. How wonderfully God devised many ways to save the

above mentioned person. He who didn't understand the mighty ways of God rejected everything. Even though God shows His ways very openly in order to shut the mouth of those who complain, he didn't surrender to His ways. As a result he was trapped in the cruel hands of death.

Dear brethren, how many of these types of incidents might have happened in our personal lives? The help that we have received during those situations might not have been according to our will and pleasure. But God who loves and cares for us works in very different ways according to His will and for His Glory. Praise be to the Lord. This is the greatness of the Mighty God's ways.

Those who only went through the tough times can understand the greatness of His ways.

T.V.S

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