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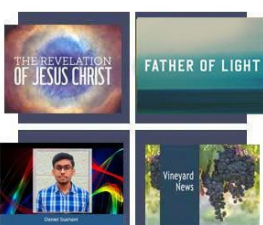
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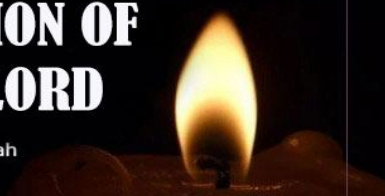
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We have a wonderful risen Lord, who is touched with the feeling of our infirmities. (Heb 4:15). There is power in His presence. He helps us to solve our difficulties; He removes our perplexities; He calms our fears, soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds and drives away our fears; sure He eases our burdens, meets our every need and satisfies every genuine desires of our hearts. Peter in his epistle says "cast all your care upon Him, for He cares for you ". That is the solid message we get in Luke 24. The two disciples who traveled to Emmaus were sad; that is what the Lord said in verse 17. The disciples were bewildered; all hope seemed gone. Their minds were full of surrounding circumstances and naturally their fondly cherished expectations were shattered, rather blasted.

The Lord's saying "*what kind of communication is this that you have one with another as you walk?*" It is a question eminently calculated to recall them to their senses. Instead of resting in the eternal and immutable truth of God about which Scripture was clear and plain, they allowed their minds to get thoroughly down under the influence of outward circumstances. Does it not happen sometimes to us that we get down under the power of things seen and temporal, instead of living by faith in the light of things unseen and eternal? Do not we sometimes sink and cower despite the fact that we know and believe in a risen Saviour, that we are dead and risen with Him?

But the Lord is gracious and compassionate to these two disciples. The Lord said to them "O, foolish ones and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and enter into His glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself". Even the Lords detailed exposition did not open their hearts. Only they realized the truth that the Lord was speaking to them ,when He blessed and broke the bread at the table .Once the Lord vanished out of their sight, they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road and while He opened the Scriptures to us?". C H Mackintosh writes, "Yes, here lay the deep and precious secret: He talked with us- and He opened to us the Scriptures?! What seraphic moments! What high communion! what loving ministry! A risen Saviour, rallying their hearts by His marvellous words and mighty exposition of the Scriptures."

What was the marvelous effect? They without loss of time returned to Jerusalem to seek their brethren. They had but little business at Emmaus. Their place was in the company of fellow brethren to rejoice with them .All their sadness disappeared; they were comforted. The Lord spoke to them in person and that was more than anything.

When they returned to Jerusalem, they found the eleven gathered together and them that were with them, rejoicing that the Lord is risen indeed and has appeared to Simon in person. And the two disciples, who returned from Emmaus, told what things were done in the way and how He was known of them, in breaking of bread. As they were speaking, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them. As they were troubled He revealed Himself through His wounded hands and feet and eating a broiled fish and honeycomb which they gave Him at His asking "have you any food here?" "What tender concern and love! What great condescension to their weakness and need! What entrance into all their feelings! That is our Lord.

Our response should be as CHM expresses "Gracious Saviour, who would not love you? Who would not trust You? May the whole heart be absorbed with You! May the whole heart be cordially devoted to Your blessed service? May Your cause command all our energies... May the eternal Spirit work in us for the accomplishments of these grand and longed for objects!

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Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. (James 1:17)

On the first day of creation God said, 'Let there be light'. These are the first spoken words recorded in our Bible (Gen. 1:3). The result was immediate, 'and there was light'. The darkness that had brooded over the face of the waters was dispelled as the light shone. 'For God...commanded the light to shine out of darkness' (2 Cor. 4:6). The source of this initial light is not revealed to us; God commanded it and it appeared. From the beginning He was the originator, the Father of lights. God always acts in accordance with His own immutable character: 'God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all' (1 John 1:5).

GOD CREATED THE HEAVENLY LIGHTS (SUN, MOON AND STARS)

On the fourth day of creation God said, 'Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven...And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: He made the stars also' (Gen. 1:14, 16). This one verse of Scripture speaks of the creation of the sun, the moon and the stars. Notice the double affirmation: 'God made' and 'He made'. These celestial bodies were never the product of evolution; they are the handiwork of God. **Job**, perhaps the earliest writer of all, writes: 'Which alone spreadeth out the heavens...Which maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south' (Job 9:8-9).

David as a shepherd boy had many opportunities at night to gaze upward and marvel, as his eyes scanned the canopy of heaven. His thoughts are recorded in Psalm 8:3-4: 'When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him?' He wondered that such an awesome God, who created the sun, moon and stars, and sustained the vast expanse of His universe, would take notice of puny man. He wrote in Psalm 19:1: 'The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth His handiwork.' His conclusion was that the glory of God, as declared in the heavens, is a witness to all men everywhere: 'There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard' (v. 3).

Paul repeats this assertion in the New Testament. 'For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen...even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse' (Rom. 1:20).

Isaiah, in discharging the commission given to him by the Lord to 'Comfort ye my people', says, 'Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number' (Isa. 40:1, 26). There is nothing more uplifting to the believer than to contemplate the greatness, majesty and power of our God.

GOD COUNTS THE HEAVENLY LIGHTS

The Milky Way is the galaxy which contains the earth and our solar system. It is only one among untold millions of galaxies in the universe. The number of planets in our galaxy has been estimated as between one hundred billion and four hundred billion. It is amazing, even with the

advancement in technology—such as the launch of the Hubble Space Telescope by NASA IN 1990, and the completion of the huge China Sky Eye in 2016, that scientists still cannot be more exact about numbers. Our God is omniscient and he knows all things: 'He telleth the number of the stars'. (Psalm 147:4). He knows exactly the total number in each galaxy, and in all the galaxies of the universe. We can place the concerns we may have from day to day in His all-powerful hand, and say like Job: 'He knoweth the way that I take' (23:10).

GOD CALLS THE HEAVENLY LIGHTS BY NAME

Not only does He know the total number, but an even more staggering thought is that 'He calleth them all by their names' (Ps. 147:4). He knows them individually. Some of their names are mentioned in Scripture: Arcturus, Orion, Pleiades and Mazzaroth (Job 9:9; 38:31- 32). In the latter passage Job is being questioned by the Lord as to his power to control them or to determine their influence over the earth. The comment of C. H. Spurgeon on these verses is a pertinent reminder of our limitations: 'If inclined to boast of our abilities, the grandeur of nature may soon show us how puny we are. We cannot move the least of all the twinkling stars...We speak of power but the heavens laugh us to scorn. When the Pleiades shine forth in spring with vernal joy we cannot restrain their influences, and when Orion reigns aloft, and the year is bound in winter's fetters, we cannot relax the icy bands.' God not only knows the number of His people, but He knows them individually: 'I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine' (Isa. 43:1). How intimately He knows us; the Lord Jesus said, 'But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore...' (Lk.12:7). Every star is unique. 'There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory' (1Cor.15:41). How amazing that the Father of lights ordained that no two stars are the same, no two clouds nor two sunrises or sunsets; no two flowers, blades of grass or snow flakes, nor is the DNA of two people the same. Everything and everyone that God has created is an original.

GOD CONTROLS THE HEAVENLY LIGHTS IN THEIR ORBITS.

The planets do not move randomly in the heavens. Their courses are determined and fixed by their Creator and the sun rises in the morning at His command. In the Sermon on the Mount the Lord Jesus said, 'He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good' (Matt. 5:45). The Lord asked Job the question, 'Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days...?' (38:12). Some will say that it's just something that happens: day follows night; there is sunset and sunrise. The Scripture says that our heavenly Father issues the command and the sun rises and a new day dawns. He is the Father of lights. No wonder the Psalmist exclaimed, 'This is the day that the LORD hath made' (Ps. 118:24). Each day is a gift from God: another opportunity to praise Him, another opportunity to serve Him. Moses, whose life spanned one hundred and twenty years, speaks of 'The days of our years' and says, 'So teach us to number our days' (Ps. 90:10, 12). The Lord caused the sun to stand still when Israel went into battle against the Amorites: 'So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day' (Josh.10:13). He caused the sun to withhold its light at Calvary from the sixth until the ninth hour. This miraculous event is recorded by all three synoptic Gospels. To give Hezekiah a sign that he would be healed, the Lord moved the shadow on the dial of Ahaz backward by ten degrees. He did not move the sun dial; He moved the sun (see 2 Kings 20:11).

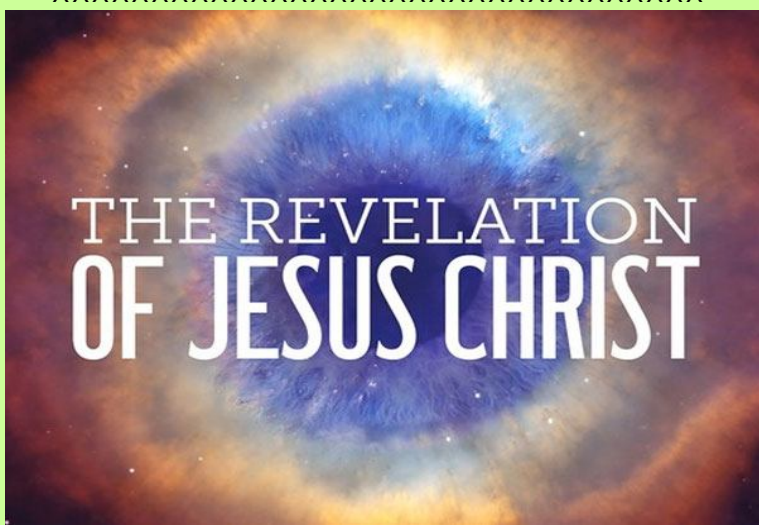
With the time and the seasons, the position and intensity of the stars are subject to change, but our Father is immutable. He is the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. That which He ever was, He is now; that which He is now, He will ever be. He alone could say 'For I am the LORD, I change not' (Mal.3:6). In the context of James 1:17, He is unchanging in His generosity towards His children. The Lord asked Job another question: 'Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? Canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?' (Job 38:33), but in this realm Job had neither knowledge nor influence. By contrast, the Lord speaks through the prophet Jeremiah: 'Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night' (Jer. 31:35; cf. 33:25). Every star follows exactly the ordinance planned by the Father of lights. He has ordained its position and velocity, and the intensity of its light. What a contrast, when we read in Jude of 'wandering stars' (v. 13); referring to the 'certain men' in verse 4. The inanimate creation follows the divine plan while mankind persists in rebellion against God.

THE FATHER OF LIGHTS IS OUR FATHER

In James 1:18 we read, 'Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth'. The God who created and controls the vast universe is our Father: can we not trust Him to order our lives from day to day? God made the sun, moon and stars so that they should: 1. 'give [natural] light upon the earth' (Gen. 1:17), and 2. declare His glory and show His handiwork (Ps. 19:1). His desire is that believers today should give (spiritual) light to a dark world. Paul, writing to the Philippians, exhorted them: 'That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world' (Phil. 2:15). We are called to radiate something of the glory of God on earth: '...do all to the glory of God' (1Cor. 10:31); and to be living examples of His handiwork (see Eph. 2:10).

Israel was forbidden to worship the stars: 'And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars...shouldest be driven to worship them' (Deut. 4:19). But they disobeyed and evoked God's judgment. We do not worship the stars; we worship the Father of lights, who created and sustains them. We do not seek guidance from the stars, but rather from the One who guides them in their orbits. Scripture sometimes speaks of inanimate creation praising the Lord: 'Praise ye Him, sun and moon: praise Him, all ye stars of light' (Ps. 148:3). They praise Him as Creator: 'He commanded, and they were created' (v. 5). Job speaks of how the morning stars sang together on creation's morning (see 38:7). Isaiah adds: 'The mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands' (55:12). How are we to understand these statements? They have no voice to articulate their praise. 'They praise the Lord in fulfilling the end for which they were brought into the world, angels and men can praise Him in no other way' (Graham Scroggie, Psalms (Pickering & Inglis, 1948, p. 143).

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Koshy Zachariah

Rev. Chapter 11:2-7, Part IV. 25.,

What we see here is the faithfulness and testimony of the "two witnesses". Who are these even at the beginning of the tribulation period, ie, during the first 42 weeks or 1260 days of the seventieth week-7 years.

vs. 2, 3, "And i will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."

vs. 4, "These are the two olive trees and the two lamp stands standing before the god of the earth."

These two witnesses prophesied for 1260 days before their killing and so it can be assumed that the 1260 days of these verses refer to the first half of the three and half years. There are different views on these two faithful witnesses. One view is, they represent the two Testaments, the Law and the Gospel. Another view is that they represent Moses and Elijah quoting Malachi 4:4,5. "Remember the law of Moses and my servants...behold I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord." Some think these two witnesses are Enoch and Elijah who are to return to the earth for a time. (Mathew Henry). Another view is that they are two faithful individuals. H.A. Ironside opines, "I do not know that we need limit the witnesses to two individuals. The two witnesses might well symbolize the witnessing remnant of Judah as a whole. Walter Scot also endorses this view: "It seems to us that a larger number than actually two is called for, in the solemn crisis before us, also that verse 8 supposes a company of slain witnesses". However, they could be also two individuals raised by God to be faithful to Him in those days. Thus "God will have a witnessing remnant in Jerusalem, testifying to the near coming of the kingdom, and calling upon all Israel to repent in view of that time of the restitution of all things spoken of by the prophets." (HAI). The worshippers in the temple in verse 1 are distinct from the witnesses in the city. Walter Scot observes, "The worshippers and the prophets respectively set forth the truths of priesthood and royalty, which unite in Christ in His Millennial reign., He shall be a priest upon His throne." (Zach.6:13); of this the witnesses testify." These faithful witnesses are equipped with the power of God.

We read further, "clothed in sackcloth". This indicates the afflicted condition of the witnesses (Joel 1:13, IKings 20:31, Jer.4:8). These witnesses are designated with titles, "two olive trees and the two lamps." The undoubted reference as to Zachariah 4. The olive tree speaks of "testimony" (Rom.11). Thus the two witnesses represent the testimony of God. They are also termed "the two lamps". Lamps represent light. So these witnesses have the light of the Spirit in them. Walter Scot write, "Their testimony is of no uncertain character, for it is carried on in the clear light of God. God is with them spiritually and in power." Further we are told, that these faithful witnesses "stand before the God of the earth." Though God is the God of the heavens and the earth, here the specific term "God of the earth" refers to the Lord Jesus Christ who purchased the earth and its people with His own precious blood. The earth belongs to the Lord, Jehovah the Saviour of Israel and He has an undisputed right to the earth. Prophets stand before the Lord of the earth. Walter Scot writes, "They know in whose presence they are and they endure as seeing Him by faith, who to mortal sight is invisible. Thus then the witnesses, be they two or many, prophesy uninterruptedly for an exact 1260 days. Their office and the sorrowful circumstances under which their testimony is carried on, are signified in their clothing of sackcloth. Their testimony is one of power and also one of spiritual light in the midst of the gloom which settles down like a funeral pall over the guilty city of Jerusalem, the greatest city on earth."

vs. 5, "And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. and if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner".

vs.6. "These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire."

These witnesses are immortal, till their work is done. They are conferred with power. H.A Ironside states, "Nothing can interfere with their witness-bearing, until they shall have finished their testimony. If any man willeth or desired to hurt them, he is cut off in judgment". In fact these witnesses are Moses and Elijah sent back to earth before the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is possible not probable. John the Baptist came in the spirit and power of Elijah, but he was not Elijah. The right assumption could be that these witnesses, whether actually two only or in reality a much larger company will be in the spirit and power both of the prophet Elijah who came to restore Israel to the true God and the great prophet Moses, who first led them out of Egypt.

Thus these witnesses are empowered to protect themselves and fulfill their mission to the rebellious of Israel. In that process they could inflict judgment on their enemies. Death is the certain portion of those who want to harm (vs.5,6). It could be assumed that these witnesses' testimony would be received by some, perhaps by many (Dan.12:3), but a greater number will blatantly reject the message-they will not heed to wise counsels. Some will have the audacity and impudence to injure (not harm as in NKJV) the witnesses by violence or calumny. The term "if any one" indicates that the mass will not resort to violence but certain individuals. Hence the judgment will be on these individuals. In the present day grace works in saving the souls, but on that day judgment will be meted out then and there on the Christ-rejecting sinners. Walter Scot observes, "The difference of the dispensation should not be overlooked. The principle is illustrated in the two Psalms (22 and 69). In the first part of both the Psalms, we have the sufferings of Christ. But in the former (Ps.22), the effect of His sorrow is blessing even to the ends of the earth and for all time to come (vs.22-31). Whereas in the latter (Ps.69), judgment is invoked on those who contributed to the anguish of the suffering Saviour.(vs.22-28). Christ suffered for sin (Ps.22) and also for righteousness (Ps.69). When the day of grace has run its course, the day of vengeance surely follows."

A point to be noted is the fact that these witnesses have conferred authority to protect themselves (vs.5). But in verse six, we see, the exercise of their power to mete out judgment on the oppressors. Now we should remember that Jerusalem is the centre at this point. The character of the judgment will be like the judgments in the days of Moses and Elijah. When Israel was in subjection to the gentiles, the judgments meted out are given in Exodus 7-12. When Israel was apostate from God the judgments meted out are in IKings chs 17,18. Walter Scot writes, "The miracles of Moses repeated at least in character will remind them of their ancient slavery to Egypt and a token of their subjection to gentile rule once again; The miracles of Elijah re-enacted before public gaze, will surely lead their thoughts back to the former state of apostasy from God to Baal. Jehovah the Lord of the earth, again is to assert His claims before His apostate people. Thus the condition of Israel at least in Judah and Jerusalem is similar to that in the days of Moses and Elijah-slavery and apostasy, necessitating on the part of Jehovah, a ministry adapted to both states with their corresponding miraculous signs. A Moses and Elijah character of ministry is predicted of the witnesses."

vs. 7. "When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them."

In the earlier verses 5,6, we saw that the witnesses were invincible and immortal. Though it is true, this state is only until their mission is completed. They have been witnessing and prophesying in Jerusalem for the last three and half years or the first half of the first half of the seventieth week of Daniel. Now the scene changes. These witnesses will be the objects of the bitter enemy of the vile head of the coming revived Roman empire or Western Federation of nations. Thus the Beast is Roman empire (Dan.7:2,3; Rev.13:1). The mention, "arising out of the sea." (13:1). Indicates, "the arising out of the struggling masses of mankind under anarchy and confusion. The mention "ascending out of the bottomless pit" indicates that though the beast's historical rise is human its revival is Satanic. Walter Scot opines, "The continuance of the Beast is for at least seven years. But his power to persecute is limited to 1260 days or forty two months of thirty days each. The Beast is then permitted, at the close of his active career, to enter Jerusalem and slay the witnesses; his last "political act" as one has said. The Beast has triumphed. He wars against the saints, conquer them and kills them. Goodness and faith seem banished from the earth (Ps. 4:6; Lk.18:8). The question is asked whether they will then exist at all. But the story of the witnesses is not yet finished. God's vindication, if delayed is most sure. The triumphing of the wicked is short and of that we are now to heed. After which God's approval of His faithful witnesses is publicly expressed. The Beast in cruelty and blasphemy exceeds every power which has appeared on earth. His doom and that of his confederate is an awful one. (ch. 19:20).

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ANDHRA PRADESH

Devabhushanam, *Pamulapadu*

On 28th of September-22 they had a gospel outreach at Kottapalli Mandal in which 32 believers participated; they were able to distribute tracts and reach out to many nearby villages with the Gospel. Prayers are solicited for the seed sown.

John Ratnakar, *Nellore*

From 01st to 03rd of October-22, he could visit West Godavari area for ministry; during these meetings about 15 people believed in the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord also enabled him to share from the Word on 10th and 11th at Vizag camp, 21st and 22nd at Namburu and on 26th at Vegavarau. Prayers are requested for the Word shared.

Joshua K., *Cumbum*

On 12th and 14th of October-22, they had outreach in 60 villages in which 20 people including evangelists and elders participated. He requests prayers for those who heard the Word.

Vasudeva Rao, *Srikakulam*

He informs that God enabled them to conduct an outreach program on 22nd and 23rd of September-22 and two sisters accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. He requests prayers for the sisters as well as for the follow-up ministries.

GUJARAT

Xavier Antony, *Bharuch*

On 23rd October-22 they conducted a baptism ceremony in which 10 believers obeyed the Lord in the waters of baptism. On 24th they had a special Bible study. On both days, they had conventions in the evenings.

JHARKHAND

Samson P., *Chakradarpur*

They had conducted a two months training program for the local leaders, in which 30 people participated. At the convocation of this training program, they had conducted a youth conference also on 31st October-22 and all Jharkhand evangelists' conference on 02nd and 03rd November-22.

Shailendra Murmu, *Sahibganj*

They had a mini conference for the local believers at Sitapahar and Dhanushpuja villages on 06th to 08th November-22. Prayers are requested.

KARNATAKA

John Prasad, *Malur*

Brother informs that he moved to a new place called Malur in Kolar district, handing over the responsibilities to the leaders of the assembly there. He requests earnest prayers of the saints so that he will be able to work in this new place effectively.

Paramesh B., Mysuru

They had a baptism service on August 13th and 3 believers obeyed the Lord in waters of baptism and request earnest prayers for their spiritual growth.

Venkatesha Murthy, Mahadevapura

Brother informs that all the ministries of the assembly are going on well by the grace of God. On September 03rd 2 young sisters obeyed the Lord in waters of baptism. On 29th Oct. they had an online story-time for children and it was a great blessing.

KERALA

Jesudoss C, Devikulam

Brother informs that all the ministries of the assembly are going on well. They had outreach works in many areas. The Lord is blessing the work. He requests prayers for 6 believers who are ready to obey the Lord in the waters of baptism.

MADHYA PRADESH

Rajendra Singh, Rajghat Colony

Brother requests prayers for a family, who is attending the assembly for the past six months and want to obey the Lord in waters of baptism.

Ramesh Kumar C, Umaiyan

On 11th of September they had a baptism program in which few believers obeyed the Lord in waters of baptism and requested prayers for their spiritual growth. They are also planning for another baptism program on 18th December-22 and requests earnest prayers for those who are preparing for it.

MAHARASHTRA

Babu Varghese, Bhayandar

Our brother covets prayers for 07th batch of Maharashtra Bible training Institute, which began in August 2022. Many students are learning the Word and being benefitted.

Santhosh A. Pawar, Satoda

They had special meetings for Emmaus students and believers for three days in Amravati, Karanja and Wardha, on 28th to 30th of October-22. In these meetings brothers Reji Eapen and Ebey Varghese ministered from the Word. Prayers are needed.

ODISHA

Aparao Wadeka, Laxmipur

They had a revival meeting on 14th and 15th of October-22. Many people heard the messages and were blessed. He requests prayers for all who attended.

Barnabas Nanda, Bardol

He requests prayers for 10 believers who desire to obey the Lord in the waters of baptism. They are also in need of a baptism tank for the Assembly.

John Das, Dugri

On 27th August-22 they had a special meeting and baptism service in which two sisters obeyed the Lord in the waters of baptism; he requests prayers for their spiritual growth.

Kishore Chandra Bagh, Chitrakonda

He requests prayers for brothers, Asiya Machha and Jacob Kuldip, who are actively involved in the ministry and they are in need of a motor-cycle. He also requests prayers for Amit Bidika, who is studying in BBI, Pathanamthitta.

Prakash Naik, Bhubaneswar

He informs that in the month of July-22, five believers from the assembly as well as a family from Nepal obeyed the Lord in waters of baptism. He requests prayers for their spiritual growth.

Thomas K. C., Lamtaput

Brother requests prayers of the saints for the 12 youngsters who are studying the Bible in a six month Bible training program; this began on 06th September-22.

Nirmal Sharma, Jharsiguda

Brother informs that they have started the assembly hall construction and reached the plinth level. Needs another 20 lakhs to complete the work. Prayerful support of the saints requested for this urgent need.

TAMIL NADU

Cherian Johnson, Thanjavur

Brother informs that they had planned for a north-Indian outreach program from 31st October to 26th November. They will be going as part of Zion Brethren Gospel Ministries, Thanjavur, and will be ministering along with North-Indian evangelists. They are planning to visit Sri Ganga Nagar, Raisingh Nagar, and Khalia in Rajasthan as well as Fazilka, Jalalabad and Batinda in Punjab.

Rajendran R, Chennai

On 01st November-22 they began the construction of a Hindi assembly hall at Kodungaiyur, Chennai. Earnest prayers are requested for the completion of it and for God's provisions.

Samuel L. C., Dindigul

On August 09th God enabled them to conduct a sisters' meeting; and on 04th October-22 they had a special children's program in which many kids participated. Please pray the blessings of the seed sown.

Leonson K.S, Madurai

By the grace of the God, they organized a Gospel meeting on 15th Oct 2022. The Lord gave grace to five believers to be baptized. Bro. Eapen George, Evangelist from Bhiwadi in Rajasthan gave baptism of five believers and also delivered the Word of God.

Sam Thomas, Udumalpet

On 02nd of October-22 they had a special gospel meeting in which the Gospel was sounded very powerfully. Please pray for those who heard the Word that some may turn to the Lord for salvation.

Selvam C. Suryanelli

On October 05th and 06th they had a Gospel meeting at a widows' colony in Suriyanelli and Periakanal. Many people heard the Word. Our brother requests prayers for those who heard the Word.

WEST BENGAL

Abhijit Singh, Dhitara

He informs that 10 brothers and sisters obeyed the Lord in the waters of baptism and covet prayers for their spiritual growth. He also requests prayers for the villages, Baghanapara and Inchura, where they have started Bible studies.

Achintya Ghosh, New Asansol

They are planning to conduct a Gospel meeting on 25th December-22, and they are expecting about 300 people to attend the gathering. Prayers of the saints are solicited so that the message may be delivered effectively for the salvation of a few souls.

Pradip Kumar Dey, Chittaranjan

They are planning for a Gospel meeting and VBS on 20th December-22 and request prayers for the blessings of the same, so that many may come and hear the Word of God and be blessed.

Rakesh Roy, Medinipur

By the grace of God they could conduct a believers' conference on 03rd and 04th of October-22. Kindly remember these efforts in your prayers so that the Lord may grand the desired results and fruits.

Sanjoy Mondal, Siuri

God enabled them to start a new assembly testimony at Siuri in Birbhum district on 09th October-22, and he requests to pray for the assembly. They had gospel meetings on 01st and 02nd of October and brothers, Dulal Mondal, Ashish Das, and Sanjoy Mandal ministered from the Word.

Shyam Prasad Biswas, Khazipara

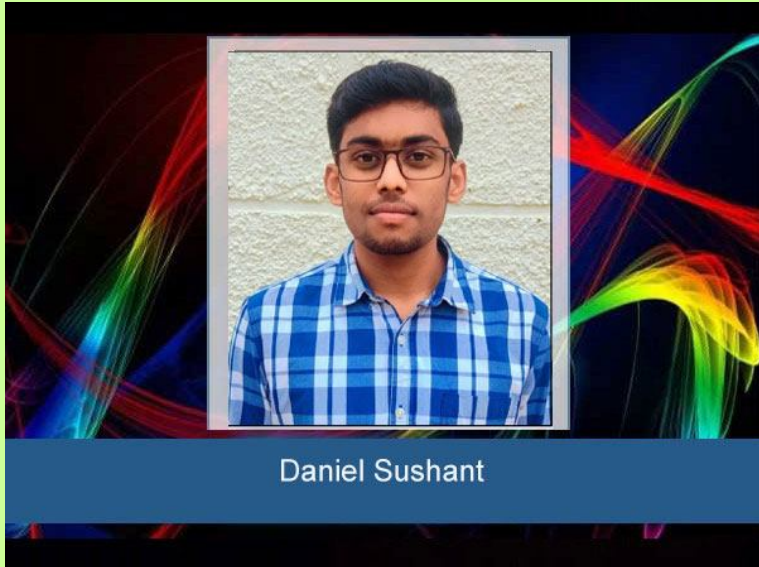
Brother informs that he started the ministry at a new place called Govinda Kati, 160 KM away from his house and conducts Bible study twice a month and around 22 people are attending. The place is a river island. He requests earnest prayers of the saints to begin an assembly testimony in that place.

Utpal Das, Alipurdvar

In the first week of October-22, they had a believers' conference, which was well conducted by the Grace of God. In the third week of October-22 they had outreach and request prayers for those who heard the Word.

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Daniel Sushant

I am **Daniel Sushant** from Bilaspur in Chattisgarh. I was born and brought up in a godly Christian family. My father is an evangelist and is serving the Lord in Bilaspur and also in nearby 5 villages. I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour and Lord in 2017 and got baptized on 2nd October 2018. I have been in fellowship with my local assembly Bethel Christian Assembly in Annapurna Colony Bilaspur. After I completed my schooling I had a personal desire to study the Word of God systematically. And God has given me a great privilege to study the Scripture in SBC. I am glad that I am learning so many new things from the word of God.

Please pray for me that I may study well and compete the course. Remember also the believers of our local Assembly and my father's ministry in your prayers. Please pray for my brother and sister who are still studying. Please pray for my spiritual growth and also pray for my future, so that I may be well equipped with the word of God.

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