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GENERAL Y M E F YOUTH CAMP- 2009

God in His grace has enabled us to begin the 2009 Youth Camp at Kozhikode Brethren Hall. Bro: P.P.Skaria inaugurated the Camp under the Chairmanship of Bro: Samuel Philip the Vice -President of General Y M E F. This Camp proclaimed that the future of the Brethren Assemblies of Kerala is safe in the hands of the youngsters. All the attendants were young people. Let us praise God for that. At the inaugural meeting Bro: Varghese Kurien spoke about the need of fleeing from the lust of youth based on the life of Jacob.

The carnal people think that the young life is like a thick forest and it is uncontrollable. The lust of the youth is seen not only in young people but also in children and old people. Some people think that the lust of the life is like the emotion seen in the life of Samson and Potifer's wife. But anything which stands against the will of God and a hindrance for the successful Christian can be considered as the lust of the youth. Since there is lust in the world, it does not mean that we have to lead a defeated life or that we have to become its slaves. We by depending and trusting

on the grace of God we can defeat the lust, the lust of the youth. The word of God reminds us that to flee from the lust of youth without cherishing it. Otherwise the consequence of that life is seen in the life of Jacob. It was a lustful life against the will of God. **1. The ways of victory which God does not allow:** - This can be called as the existing problems. Jacob was blessed even before his birth. Jacob knew about God's promise to Rebekah that the elder will serve the younger. But he selected the ways of the world to become greater than the elder and for a victorious life.

The first among the lust of the youth is the existing problem. This affected the family also. Jacob was sent to Padan Aram for a while. But when he came back after 20 years he was not able to see his mother. Let us select only the God's way when we run for the victory. **2. The relations which God does not allow:** - Jacob fell in love with Rachel at first sight at Padan Aram. He never adopted the ways of his father or grand father in marriage relation which affects the whole life. And he never asked God's permission though He has spoken

to him at Bethel. **Jacob failed to understand the great truth that the channel he selected was the channel of destruction. It is because of his lust for life.** God selected Leah for Jacob. From her Judah, Levi and the tribes, came out. Jacob suffered much because of Rachel. When Rachel was buried at the road side Sarah, Abraham, Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob, Leah and Joseph were buried at Machpelah. Jacob was not able to flee from the lust, because he was attracted by the very **Contd to Page 2**

Kumbanadu Convention Got Started

By the grace of the Lord the 107th convention at Kumbanadu got started on 27th December 2009. This convention takes place under the auspices of the local brethren assemblies of Kumbanadu and its surrounding areas. Brother O M Samuel gave the inaugural address. He spoke on the verse "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. He stressed the need of unity among brethren in this end times.

The 15 psalms from Psalm 120 to 135 is popularly known as song of degrees or song of ascension. It means climbing to a hill step by step. This can be compared with our ascension in spiritual life. The Lord God has given the Israelites the festivals. It was given for their spiritual

edification and spiritual growth. The festivals will definitely give pleasure. The festivals of the Lord were not merely for pleasure. God wanted us to examine ourselves and confess our mistakes and sins. But after a period the festivals of the Lord became the festivals of the Jews. The same is happening in our midst too. **In many places our worship meetings have become the worship meetings of some people.** Everyone was not able to take part in all the festivals. But God has commanded that all the Israelites to take part in three festivals. Out of them one is the feast of tabernacle (tent). The Lord God redeemed the Israelites from the bondage of Egypt. They travelled through the desert for 40 years. Then they

were living in tents. The feast of the tent was celebrated for its memory. The people of Israel gathers round the Jerusalem temple for this festival. Then they used to sing the above mentioned songs of ascent. We will be able to understand some spiritual truths from these psalms. The Israelites who are scattered come together and sing these songs. They forget all the differences. This is what our Lord desires. When we praise the Lord together with oneness of heart our God is pleased in it. To him it is enjoyable and He enjoys it. It is good and pleasing to God when we gather together with perfect unity and oneness of heart. We have to give importance to the word "Brother". Unity is one of the things which is missing from our

midst. It is not a truth that our spiritual unity is shattering. We see the prayer of our Lord in John 17. In verse 11 "that they may be one as we are Lord Jesus christ prayed thus by seeing the life of the disciples. We can see His prayers in verse 21 also we this for the unity in the local assembly. The unity of the triune God is the sole model and example for our unity in the assembly. That is the real unity. We see the divine nature and human nature in Jesus christ. There was no cold war between these two. The divine nature and human nature worked together without the least difference. We have to live in unity practical unity. We should have it. This unity should be revealed in our assembly life. We can see

that there was divisions in the church of Corinth (1Corinthians 1:11-14). There were four different groups We can see three important questions there **1. Is Christ divided?** The divisions in the assembly is a sin against the person of Jesus Christ **2. Was Paul crucified for you ?** The division is the assembly is a sin and it is an attack against the redemption work of Jesus Christ. **3. Were ye baptized in the name of Paul?** The division in the assembly is a sin against the Holy name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Perfect Unity:** This unity cannot be attained in our earthly life. It will take place at the second coming of our Christ. We **Contd to Page 2**

FROM NINE TO TEN

The year 2009 has gone behind the veil. The old is old and the present is new. Those who live in the present are wise. Those who think about yesterday are tied up by feelings and those who think about future are in their dreams. So we should know how to live in the present time. Know the truths of the present time and get stronger to face the problems.

Our responsibility is to find out the drawbacks of the past and get ready for tomorrow after rectifying our past mistakes. We should know the mistakes of our ancestors and correct ourselves without repeating it. According to Paul this happened as an example for them and is written for our wisdom since the world is reaching to its end.

The previous year might have been a failure for us. But do not get discouraged in it. God has given us yet another year to work and prove the success. For that God has given us the power of discerning between good and evil. As the spirit speaks to the church of Ephesus, the repentance is not enough but we should do the first works. Otherwise the Master will come and remove the lamp-stand from its position. Then we will be in darkness.

The Brethren movement has completed a century in Kerala. Even though our failures are much, our successes are not less. When we understand that there is not a single person who is similar one to another one in shape, stature and thoughts, then only we realize the depth of the diversity in which we are in. In that respect how much diversity we have among us? So the difference in opinion and the different way of thinking is always there and is natural. But because of the love towards Christ and oneness in the spirit lead us wonderfully.

Let us forget all the mistakes of the last year. Small disputes among the brethren are common and let us go forward by rectifying it. When the flesh

comes up the unity of the Spirit will lead us to the destination. We may doubt that Satan is leading, but the Spirit is the ultimate victor. The children of God cannot fail. The young and tender ones which came out of fire will not burn in the sun. Last year many young people dedicated themselves for the work of the Lord. They are going forward even in the time of scarcity and poverty. They count everything but loss which was gain for them. Just examine how many are saved and how many assemblies are formed and how many remote areas are evangelized.

Let us go forward to the 2010 with a thorough self examination. Nobody knows about what is going to happen in the New Year. Many may fail, many may stop their race, many may be trapped by the lust of the world. But God is nearing with the reward for the victor. This knowledge will strengthen us and let us go forward with great enthusiasm.

The people with false doctrines and new gospel are growing. There is no need to worry about any of these things. These are abnormal growth. Let us work hard to preach the word in purity. Let us be careful about our decisions and be keen in living according to the scripture. Human beings will do mistakes but those who cover up their mistakes without correcting it will not be blessed. Those who repent will get the grace of God. So let us get ready for the coming of Christ in the New Year. All of us have to stand before the judgment seat of Christ. With that fear let us enter in to the year 2010 to receive Christ.

Samuel Thomas

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beauty of Rachel. Rachel gave Bilhah to Jacob. And the tribe of Dan who started idol worship in Israel also came from Bilhah because of Rachel.

3. The wealth without God's permission: - The people are striving hard especially the youth to make money. They are working hard day and night and even on Sundays. They have no time for spiritual activities. They do not give much importance for spirituality. Jacob had lost 20 years in business with Laban. Seven years he worked for the sheep. The long years and the wicked ways were not required for God's providence. Our occupation and money should be used for the Lord's work. We should be able to live for Christ instead of money and secular jobs. Our partnership business with unbelievers will be a failure. The joint ventures of Jacob and Laban and Jehoshaphath and Ahab are exemplary for us to understand.

4. The attitude without God's permission: - Jacob who was controlled by the lust reached at Jabok on his way to home. Because of his fear of Esau he transported his wealth, servants, wives and children to the other shore and he was left alone there. This is true selfishness. He gave importance to his life more than other things. A believer who sits at the seat of selfishness will ask "Am I the watcher of my brother, family or the church"? But it is. We have to act without selfishness which is the lust of the youth.

5. The method of work without God's permission: - Jacob who was afraid of Esau, at the time of his meeting with Esau divided the group in to three. He sent many gifts for Esau. All these were the self oriented work style of Jacob. It is a method to gain every thing through wickedness and shrewdness. His lust never allowed him to get God's consent for it. God is always against the proud. But He gives His grace to all who are lowly and humble. To be lifted by God, Jacob has to become lowly in front of God. He bowed seven times in front of Esau which can be considered as a good example. Even though he gained the elderly position, he bowed in front of his brother because he left the lust. Secondly Jacob calls his brother as Master even though he got mastership. Thirdly he asks his brother to be at the front. Since he left his lust of the youth there was a radical change in his life. All believers generally and the youngsters specially should take Jacob's life as a challenge in their life to lead a successful Christian life.

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shall be in perfect unity with our Lord. But until then the world has to see that we are the members of one family. Our Lord wants it and He is looking eagerly in to it. Let us examine the position of our assembly in this regard. Conventions or meetings without unity is in vain. Our unity should be good and beautiful in the sight of the Lord.

David give two similies in this Psalm. In the second verse we read like this "it is like the precious ointment upon the head that ran down upon the beard even Aaron beard that went down to the skirts of his garments. The names of the 12 tribes of Israel were written on the Thummim and Urim. The anointment reveals the relationship between the tribes of Israel We are anointed by the Holy Spirit. We are all the members of church which is the invisible body of Christ. We are all the members of that body. This uity is not to be made by us but it is God given. We have to maintain it. There is no difference between big and small. Everyone is anointed in the same manner. In verse three we can see another simile. As the dew of Hermon and as the dew of that descended upon the mountains of zion for there the Lord commanded the blessing even life for ever more. Some of the Israeli tribes were living in the valleys of Mount. It has become a hindrance for the smooth flow the snow melted water. Dan is in the valley. The meaning of this name is to Judge. We often wish to judge and condemn others. It can be a hindrance to unity. Another tribe that lives in the valley is Napthali. The term means my wrestling. The fighting in the assembly is a hindrance for the easy flow of the snow. Another tribe is Zebuloon. The meaning of the term is busy. We have no time for any spiritual matters. We always keep ourselves busy. Another one is Issachar. The term means one who thinks that he knows everything. The concept or feeling of knowing everything is always a hurdle for unity. Another tribe is Ephraim. The meaning of this word is ruling. In many assemblies the administration of the assembly is in the hands of a few. This also can create a hurdle for the smooth flow of the dew. The next tribe is Benjamin, meaning to carry on the shoulders. This is a good example. The experience of being in the mighty hands of the Lord that will never create a hindrance for the easy flow of the dews from the mountain. We have to maintain our unity.

Gospel Meetings

Pampady: If it be the will of the Lord gospel meetings will be held under the auspices of the Pampady Brethren Assembly from 8.1.2010 to 10.1.2010 at the grounds of the house of Baby Karippamattathil near Pampady Vallamalpady. Brother M M Zachariah, Chandapilla Philip and P G James will deliver the message. Kindly pray for the spiritual blessing.

Kovalam: If it be the will of the Lord gospel meetings will be held under the auspices of the Kovalam Brethren Assembly from 8.1.2010 to 10.1.2010 at the vellar junction. Brother P S Thampan and Charles John will deliver the message. Kindly pray for the spiritual blessing.

Alathoor (Trivandrum): If it be the will of the Lord gospel meetings will be held under the auspices of the Alathoor Brethren Assembly from 11.1.2010 to 17.1.2010. Brother K C Johnson will deliver the message. Kindly pray for the spiritual blessing.

Kottarakkara If it be the will of the Lord gospel meetings will be held under the auspices of the Brethren Assembliles in and around Kottarakkara from 11.1.2010 to 17.1.2010. Brother Varghese Kurian, Binu Samuel, John P Thomas, K Biju, Chandaplla Philip will deliver the message. Kindly pray for the spiritual blessing.

Monthly Meeting

Uzhavoor: If it be the will of the Lord the monthly meeting of the month of January will be held in association with the Chelakkottukara Brethren Assembly from 6.10.10 to 9.10.10.

Prayer Meeting

This meetings are regularly held on the last Saturday of every month from 10am at the Thrissur East Fort assembly and Aarakuzha. And on the last Sundays at Kadamattom Brethren Assembly.

For Special Prayer

Pathanapuram: Lizy Simon the wife of Br. P M Simon member of the Kalanjoor Brethren Assembly who works for the Lord in Achenkovil is suffering fro Kidney ailments. She is on dialysis. Kindly pray for our dear sister.

Ponga (Aleppy): Sister Thankamony Alexander member of the Ponga Brethren Assembly has kidney ailments. Both her kidneys are not function. One of he kidney was replaced earlier. She is now admitted in the Kottayam Medical College for dialysis. Kindly pray for this dear sister.

Pathanamthitta Convention Came to a Close

The Pathanamthitta convention started on 20th december 2009 came to a close on 27th December 2009 in the serene and calm atmosphere.

The convention was held under the total control of the Holy Spirit. On the first day of the week people gathered from the different places to worship the Lord in spirit and truth with Lords Supper. Brother P J James and Thomson B Thomas gave the necessary message to the people who have gathered there. Brother P J James spoke on the basis of the verse 1Peter 4:19. Our God who is the creator is faithful and unchanging. So we can trust Him. The people who believe and serve this faithful God should be faithful in their life. We remain alive in this world because of the faithfulness of our Lord. Once who were faithful do not keep their faithfulness. Today the people of God are harvesting the consequence of it. We

should be faithful to scripture should be faithful to all the realms of life. Should be faithful in evangelisation should be faithful to the local assembly should be faithful in giving should be faithful in serving God. We should be faithful in everything. This is what is pleasing to God.

The Lords servant Thomson B Thomas spoke on the basis of 1Peter 1:14-19. He spoke on the subject of the holiness of the believers. Right from the beginning of the convention the dear brother spoke the different aspects of the grace of the God. In the final message he drew the attention of the believers to their responsibility because of the grace of God which they enjoy. **1. The responsibilities of the children of God a. They should be holy 1Peter 1:14 to 16. It is the personal responsibility of every believers.**

B. They should love one another. 1Peter 1:22. It is t h e m u t u a l responsibility of the believers.

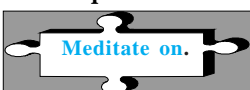
C. They should worship 1Peter 2:5 The responsibility of the believer of God D. They should propagate gospel 1Peter 2:9. The responsibility of the believer to society. These responsibilities should be done in the same order. If one has fallen in the first thing then they have no right to proceed to the second. The first responsibility of the believer is to maintain personal holiness. The Lord has saved us to declare the good news to the world. But we have to fulfill the first three responsibilities before going to the fourth. We have been not asked to practice a holiness which we do not have or we are not asked to acquire this holiness. We have to keep and maintain the holiness

which we have received from Jesus Christ. The blood of Christ cleanses all our sins. Satan is always trying to impure the holiness by using the lust of the world and lust of the flesh. When we fall in the trap of Satan then our old habits and character will manifest in us. We have to maintain our holiness to avoid of this happening in our lives. The greatest quality of heaven and God is holiness. That is what we seen in Isaiah 6. This quality of God should be revealed in His children too God wants it. Our holiness should be revealed in the purity of doctrine human relations and worship.

Once the people of God could realize the false teachers at a distance itself and they kept them away But today the saints come to know of it only when it becomes a hot subject in the publications. The

reason for this is that the knowledge of scripture of the saints is quite low. Or in other words men of God who should be thorough in the word lacks a lot of knowledge. Holiness can be maintained only by those who go back to the scripture.

II. Why should saints keep and maintain holiness. They have got the revelation of holiness through the scripture 1Peter 1:15,16b. There is judgement and condemnation for those who do not maintain holiness c. God is their Father and they are His Children 1Peter 1:17d. Children of God are redeemed 1Peter 1:18 Our holiness is very important to the Holy God. We are obliged to keep it. By the grace of the the Lord we can maintain our holiness from today. He exhorted the audience to try for that. Let us thank the Lord for using His servants to deliver inspiring messages during this whole week. We are standing at the door step of 2010. The message may be helpful for us to make new decisions in our life. Our God is a graet God but at the same time He is a gracious God. His name is great. Let us welcome the new year with the decision to love and serve Him faithfully and also with holiness. May His name be glorified.



I Am Going by Leaving All My Treasures

The above said heading is a sound that rose from the last cry of a worldly man. These are the words that fell from the mouths of all those who gained lots of wealth and live according to his own will. They should say like that. Because they are the people without hope and do not know that there is a life after death. They believe that the wealth that they gained in this world should be used lavishly like the prodigal son. It is not the case with a believer. That will lead him to future hope with faith in Jesus Christ.

A young lady who was a believer went to the house of her family friend who was very rich. The rich man asked her about her father. Her father was very old. She told that he is very happy. Not only that he is with full hope but also is longing for the day of his death. On hearing the state of the old man with full hope, the rich man became restless. He said that there

is a lot difference between the lives of the two.

Again he told to her, Sometimes you may think that why can't I rejoice like your father? He himself is telling the reason. When your father dies, he is going to the treasures of heaven, and when I die I went to heaven by leaving all treasures of the earth. I don't have any hope how I will be there in heaven. One person is leaving his poverties here and going to a place where he has all treasures. Another person is going to poverty by leaving all wealth and luxury here.

Believers! Will it become true in our cases? Believers are busy in acquiring wealth in the society and fighting for various positions in the church. He is not giving first place to spiritual things or services; instead he is living by giving priority to his own things. There will be many people in the queue to say condolences when they die. Sometimes

others may receive something from him. But in condolences many things melts away in winds or in atmosphere as half truths. There won't be any importance for this in heaven. Just like the rich man who told that he ran after the money in this world like Gehasi. He is going to poverty from all luxuries. But the poor father of that lady is going from the poverty to the treasury in heaven which he earned in his life. There is a day when the Lord asks us the account of the money that we earned in our life. We have to give an account of all the good tidings that we receive in the presence of God. Let us don't have the cry that the rich man had on the day leaving this world and all his wealth. We don't have enough much time left.

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