

# SUVISESHA DHWANI

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## The Opening Ceremony of Brethren Bible Institute, Pathanamthitta

When the zeal for evangelization swept over Pathanamthitta a group of elderly brothers joined their hands with young men and started this institution known as Suvisheshalayam. It was started in Pathanamthitta half a century before in a very simple way in a rented room. God used this institution as a basis for number of activities in our fold. It was made possible because of the incessant prayers and fellowship of the saints from all over the world. The ministries started thus still continue without any break. Some of them are the annual gospel meetings, hospital ministries etc.

The saints who were behind this great work had School along

with this ministry. Their dream was realised twenty years before when the first batch of the Bible School got started in 1989. Many brethren from here had gone to the different parts of our country. They started new assemblies and are continuing the ministry. Moreover some of them are glowing and shining on our stages. That too is commendable.

For the last twenty years the Bible School was functioning in the limited space at Pathanamthitta. But the Lord provide a big campus and a large building which is now ready for occupation. God willing the inaugural function will be on 11 May 2009. We the Suvishesha dhwani extend all felicitation to it.



## The Thanks Giving of the Doha Brethren Assembly Hall on 22nd May 2009

Everyone must have been aware by now that God has granted freedom of worship to the believers' in Doha, which was a result of the fervent prayer of many brethren all over the world. The Qatar Government has allotted a common land for the Christians, sufficient to construct seven buildings in which every denomination has taken up space as per their numbers; they have either taken up an entire building or share a building with other denominations. It is in the First floor of Building No.3 of this Church Complex, that the Brethren Assemblies are located. With much prayer it has been decided to conduct the consecration of the Doha Brethren Assembly on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2009.

It is in 1968 that this assembly was first formed. All who were members of this assembly in the previous years must take note of this. We are also thankful to all the brethren who have been praying for this matter over the past years. We request your prayers for the brethren here and also that we might continue to enjoy the freedom we currently have.





# Is the world peace a mirage?

People cry for peace without knowing the meaning of the word peace. The terrorism in the world is because the man turned away from God who is the peace.

The prime news in 2009 January 21 Wednesday, in Manorama Daily was "Obama for peace". Many people were surprised to see that news. It was just like the deer runs for water in desert. By seeing the mirage they think that it is water. Obama tried to continue the temporary peace treaty of Gaza through his peace messenger, US senator George Mitchel. But at the same time the violation happened. Obama a black fellow who has got a chance to change the history of America, cannot establish world peace very easily. He took his office by saying that he will be a good friend to all those who love peace around the world.

Not only America but all countries which were under her shadow are now facing a big financial crisis. God helped America because of her attitude to worlds. But later on new ruler, change their policy and lost the heavenly vision. America became a spring of all kinds of unjust and immorality. She became a puppet in the hands of the devil by shedding innocent blood for peace war. The cries and sins of Sodom and Gomorah reached to God. He himself told that the creditability of their cry will be seen by Himself (Gen 18:21)

The world famous evangelist Dr. Billy Graham one said like this. If God spare America he should apologize to Sodom and Gomorah. The world who crucified our

Lord, who is the prince of peace, will not get peace. All the peace missions including the UNO are unproductive in front of war and troubles. All peace treaties are violated before they leave the office. The world thirst for peace it is a good sign. But the way to attain is wrong. Today there is no peace at homes. The countries, races and individuals are without peace. Sin is the basic reason for unrest. Sin dominates the men. By eradicating sin from His heart of men we can establish peace in the world. Our Lords said 'I give you my peace. It is not like the peace of the world'. After the resurrection He stood the mount of disciples and said "peace be unto you". This is not like the words of American President. His thirst and ideas are good. But there will not be peace in this world until our Christ. The saviour King of Kings and the prince of peace becomes the ruler of this world.

When the world say peace-peace the crisis will come like the Labour pain. Therefore the Government of Christ. The world is going ahead by disappointing the people. Be prepared for the coming of our Lord. Let us pray like this. "Amen even so come Lord Jesus". May God protect us through the peace of God that passes all understanding.

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## The Work of Faith

We should meditate a particular verse in Hebrews in which the Holy Spirit speaks to the Hebrew believers "That you do not become sluggish but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises".( Hebrews 6:12). Through this verse I wish to introduce three living creatures 1. Frog - It can be compared to sluggishness and laziness. It will never do anything zealously. So it has a big body. When it grows its limbs do not have proportionate development along with its body. Nearly half of its head is its mouth. It will not move fast or run around to do anything. It takes its food without moving from one place to another. It likes to be static. It keeps its vain mouth always open. When small insects come near it, it will stretch its long tongue and catch them. When it is very urgent then it will jump forward a step. When it is caught from behind by its enemy it is not able to understand the real dangers. It will continue to make sound until it is swallowed fully. So sluggishness is a state when

nothing is realised clearly. In our local assemblies we have number of believers who are affected by this disease. Many of them are the administrators of our assemblies. If they do anything it will be done as they sit. Everything is done on the basis of technical skill. So they do not have to wait for the promise. In the book of Revelation the frog is compared to an evil spirit. Even today the evil spirit which is sluggishness has eaten many believers.

The second creature is an Ox which can be compared to faith. The oxen of a hard working farmer will leave the stable early in the morning. It will drink some water and eat some and goes straight to the field which it has to plough behind its master. If the field is hard then the master will hold the plough strongly but the ox will not raise any complaint against it. It goes forward without reckoning about the distance it has covered and it has to cover. But the ox has a firm belief. He knows that his master will remove the yoke from its neck and will take it back

to the stable. He is sure that it will get enough water and hay. Today there are so many believers like this ox who bears the yoke of the Master. So let us thank the Lord for that.

The third animal is donkey which can be compared to long suffering or perseverance. The donkey of a launderer goes behind him carrying a heavy load of dirty clothes. Though the load is very heavy it walks behind the man without any complaint. There are a lot today who does the work of the Lord like wise. They have to bear the mocking poverty starvation etc in their life. But they go forward with their eyes focusing on the Lord. Though the donkey has to carry to the heavy load it is sure that sooner or later it will reach the brook where it can unload this heavy weight. What a great hope we have and just see that there are thousands who continue their pilgrimage with this great hope. Dear saints there is lot of eatables in the stable of our Master. So there is no need on our part to look here and there. Let us go ahead without faltering. But if we do something with our strength then it is equal to sluggishness. If has satanic idea in it, But we gain our promises through faith and long suffering. We can thank the Lord only for the labour of faith

## The Special Features of the Brethren

2. **The Meetings of the Brethren Assemblies:** The meetings of the Brethren Assemblies is another speciality. No importance is given to the place of assembling. We enjoy the presence of the Lord wherever we are being gathered by Him in His name. We accept it literally. We stick hold on to his promise. For where two or three are gathered together in My name I am there in the midst of them. The dignity of our congregation is not the dignity of any particular individual but it is the dignity and glory of our saviour. We do encourage such small gatherings. We do not give importance to the strength of the gathering. The member of our assemblies are one on the increase even without much propaganda. We can see these assemblies in all the nook and corners of the world. It is a thing has to be considered.

3. **Baptism:** The Lord Jesus Christ has given two ordinances to the church and they are baptism and Lords Supper. Both are closely related to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Baptism is for the individual and the Lords supper is for the church.

We do give baptism to those who are saved or born again. Many think that

baptism is given to grown people. Age is not a factor for baptism. We do give baptism to any one who is enough to confess that Jesus Christ is my Saviour and Lord. Dipping or immersing is the mode of our baptism. We have accepted this mode because the scripture teaches us like that. Philipose had given baptism to the Finance Minister of Ethiopia by dipping him in the water. So we continue the same pattern. Many of our assemblies have big tanks for this purpose but some others go to rivers or brook to make it more public. Where ever be it the manner is immersion.

**Lords Supper:** Jesus Christ instituted it to remember Him. This was the command given to the disciples. It is to be observed until rapture. In the beginning days Lords supper was taken everyday in the place they gathered. But this practices was stopped and for the observance of it, first day of the week was selected in the Apostolic Church. We the brethren observe it every week. Many churches observe it once in a month or half yearly or years. We strictly follow the scripture in it. No special qualification is given for its observance. Any mature believe can minister on the table. We have to maintain its purity and simplicity

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## Assembly News

**Nadavayal (Wayanad):** The assembly started a campaign in 2005 and the Lord enabled us to visit hundreds of houses to distribute thousands of booklets and literature. Many ministries like open air house visiting night meetings bible classes etc are regularly continuing. A Gospel Camp was conducted at Ammani in co operation with the YMEF Wayanadu unit. A few came to the Lord through these ministries. Kindly continue to pray for the ministries here.

**U M Poulse**

**Mothiravayal:** The correspondence of this assembly may be in the following address: V C Regimon, Salem Brethren Assembly, Vellamalayil House, Karikulam P O, Mothiravayal, Ranni.

**K R Kunjukunju**

### The Inaguration of BBI Pathanamthitta

#### New building at Pathanamthitta

If it be the will of the Lord the opening ceremony of the New building of the BBI at Pariyaram will be held on 11 May 2009 at 10AM in the premises of the new building. Brother V Kuriakose, Joint Secretary of SAI Kerala division will preside over the meeting and the inaguration ceremony will be conducted by brother P K Mathews Bangalore. The key note address will be delivered by brother Jose Mathews at the felicitation message by Mathew Paul. All are cordially requests to attend this function with prayer.

**M T George Secretary**

#### For Prayer and Thanks Giving

**Meerut:** The gospel meetings which remained suspended for a time got started recently few doors are opened for the ministry. Kindly pray for it

**E Samuel**

### Sisters Meeting

**Kottarakkara:** The next meeting of the sisters meeting at Kottarakkara will be held on 9May 2009 at 10 AM in the Valakom Brethren Assembly. All sisters are requested to attend it with prayer. Bible Quiz Revelation 11-15

**Chinnamma Varghese Secretary 2454181**

#### Change of Address

The new address of P V Raju: **P V Raju, Thaicharayil House, Behind Fact, Kumaranalloor P O, Kottayam 6896166**

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exposition to the house of God. There are other opportunities for this ministry. At the Supper, we are there to minister to the heart of God by worship inspired by the Spirit, as He brings the Lord Jesus before our hearts and minds. Mary, who up to this point had been sitting at His feet, hearing His word and enjoying His presence, an in on with the led special per ant red as tly. nce

of the Lord Jesus became the opportunity for which she had waited. As she poured out that fragrant ointment, it was worship in the truest sense, even though the word itself does not appear. The house was filled with the odor of the ointment. When we come to remember Him at the Supper, and the essential spiritual elements are present, the place in which we meet should also be filled with the fragrance of worship. Order and harmony should be evident, and all formality gone. Our *celebrations* of the Supper would then make a Bethany for Him today in a world that is still as inhospitable to Him as Jerusalem of old.

While this noble act

was being lavished on the Lord, a critic was present. Even in this, there is instruction for us. Here is one of their number who would rather give to the service of man that which was intended for the Lord. The suggestion was soundly condemned by the Lord, in contrast to the outpouring of love which He commended. It was not every day that such an expression of devotion and worship was possible because the Lord Jesus was not always with them in this way. Every hour is full of opportunities for doing good to men physically, materially and spiritually. However, this occasion to worship the Lord was

unique and if missed could not be recalled.

Let us learn from this, to render to men the things that are men's in every normal hour, and the things that are the Lord's in the hour of worship and *re-membrance*. The service of men is a poor exchange for the worship of Christ. If we put man first we are not likely to give the Lord His rightful place at all, and even less likely to be of real service to man. When we put Him first in all sincerity then it will help us to be to our fellowman what the Lord desires and so serve in the very best way.



# The Supper at Bethany

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The careful Bible reader has found the Gospel of John altogether different than the other Gospels. While we learn much from what is similar, *we* learn most from what is different. It is well known that John as He writes, omits several events which *receive* special attention by the other evange-lists. John makes no mention of the, Temptation, the Transfiguration, the two on the Emmaus Road and other important events. He devotes more space to the upper room ministry than the others, and he writes at greater length than all of them together about the Lord's supper. When He wrote his gospel, the ordinance was already well established in the local churches and it was normal for it to be observed on the first day of the week. All true

ministry is timely. The prophets spoke to a present local need, but their message also had a far-reaching effect. The early public ministry of the Lord <sup>JESUS</sup> was given to meet needs which were present at the time, but the Spirit of God is still applying those truths to us today. This is true of the Gospel of John. He connects incidents with small literary links like a word or a phrase. In this way He connects the supper of ch. 12 with the supper of ch. 13 by a reference in each to the last Passover. He writes that the one at Bethany was six days before it, while the other was at Jerusalem on the night before it. The student of John will enjoy detail like this from the pen of so contemplative a writer. John tells us that because

Jesus was at Bethany, the family there made Him a supper. It was a home He often visited, so the place is significant and the time has special meaning. Bethany is mentioned eleven times. Only two of these refer to the resurrection of Lazarus, which John shows was just prior to the upper room ministry where the shadow of Calvary was beginning to be felt.

It was from Bethany the triumphal entry into Jerusalem of the Messiah was made on that long foretold date, and in the predicted manner. In the home at Bethany, He found rest that evening after coming from the inhospitable city. It was from there He went to cleanse the temple for the second time. It

was there He returned, the Rejected King. There He was honored by the few who accepted His Messianicship, believed in His Deity and appreciated His personal worth. The love and warm fellowship that the Heavenly Stranger sought on earth, often seems to have been found with the loving hearts in that home at Bethany. The impressive events of the week prior to the Cross brought a strange hush of love and sorrow as the shadow of Calvary was cast over them all. The record of this supper is full of what the disciples did. Martha was there and for her it was again an opportunity to serve the Lord Jesus and His own. Previously Martha had been taken up with her serving, but *now* there is no rebuke from the Lord. Perhaps on account of her spiritual growth, a maturity was attained in the school of experience, having spent some time in the presence of the Lord Jesus. All who seek to remember the Lord in His appointed way, need

to learn the same lesson. Present-day activity is too often superficial, and life is much too fast to be conducive to a worshipful spirit at the Lord's supper. We need to learn what John is teaching here. The spirit of activity that must always be doing something at the Lord's Supper in order to keep things going, should be restrained. More place then would be given to that ministry of deep devotion rising out of occupation with the Person of the Lord Jesus. The leading of the Spirit of God at the supper would be more evident, and brethren would have more liberty to lead the assembly in suitable expressions of acceptable worship. We are told that Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. He was enjoying the new life that the Lord had given Him, and his new liberty from the grave clothes. This enjoyment of resurrection life and freedom from the trappings of this dead world is a most desirable condition for the Lord's people when they gather for worship and remembrance at the Supper. Activity did not mark Lazarus but there was a heart occupation and an identification with his heavenly Visitor. How many Lord's suppers have been spoiled by undue

## Majesty Remember Thy Promise

As human beings we have number of limitations. We do give many promises and at the same we do take number of decisions too. But very often we fail in fulfilling them. Did not our conscience blame us for not carrying out many of our promises. If we keep our word then that will bring some loss to us so we just avoid or ignore many of them. But none of the promises of our Lord remain unfulfilled. Joshua in his last days told the Israelites "All the promises given by our Lord are fulfilled and His promises are true and complete".

Once a big criminal was brought to the King of that country. The Culprit knew that his life was in danger. So he was shivering out of fear. He will be beheaded soon. His throat became dry and he wished for a drink. Since it was his last wish a glass of water

was given to him before his death. His hands were also hanged only after drinking this water. Immediately after this words the glass fell down from his hand and broke it. The water splashed over. He looked at the King and told "Your Highness remember the promise. The king smiled at him. The king smiled at him. The king cannot break his word or promise. The king could kill him only when he finish drinking that water. The king was not able to break his promise even if it was against a criminal. Since culprit believed in the promise of the king he got his life.

When we look to the pages of the scripture we can see that it has number of promises to those who trust in the Lord. The early believers trusted

in those promises and they died in their faith. The promise of a king saved the life of a murderer. The King kept his word. If so what about the Lord of Lords and King of Kings. How much more will He keep His word. All those who trusted in Him has found salvation. The Hebrew youths escaped from the seven fold stronger fire because they believed in their God. Daniel was sure that he will be safe in the hands of the Lord in any given circumstances. So God delivered him from mouth of the the Lion. Dear saints let us trust in Him depend on Him full and attain the ultimate victory in every thing. The journey of victory starts in faith

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