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BACK TO THE REALITY IN THE NEW YEAR

The children of God are always tempted to turn towards the self motivation. Sometimes we think this ways are good but towards end it may lead to total destruction, a way of death (pro 14:12). (Isa 30:21) "And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, this is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left". Let us hear the word of God when we enter into the New Year.

The prophet Jonah got the greatest punishment and problem for selecting his own way. Even though we are not aware of his prophecies his life is a challenge for us. But the devil put the book of Jonah also in the line of criticism like Genesis and Daniel. In the book Genesis we see the humanity of Christ, in the book of Jonah we see the death burial and resurrection of Christ and in the book of Daniel we see the judgment seat of Christ. So the devil use his arrow by saying these books are false stories, unscientific and irrational. Jonah was born in between BC 793 and 753 and brought up during time of Jeroboam in the south of Gath Hepher as the son of Amittai which means a '**true man**'. In Mat 12:37-41 and in Luke 11:32 we read that Christ is greater than Jonah and like wise Jonah was in the belly of Whale 3 days and 3 nights Christ should be inside the earth. The day and night doesn't mean of 24 hrs each for Jews.(Es 4:16,5:1, 1Kings 12:5,12, Gen 42:17) The baby got the name Jonah which means 'Dove' who was born in the family of Amittai who was a true man and

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Kumbanadu Convention Began

The 106th Kumbanadu convention started on 28th December 2008 at 6 PM with the prayer of brother C A George. Brother Varghese Kurian gave the opening message. In his message he spoke of Jonah who went on his way. Thus he became a backslider. Varghese Kurian highlighted the history of his backsliding and restoration and through this he gave the necessary word to the people gathered there. Then brother Jose Mathew spoke on Sabbath based on Luke 6:5. He told Sabbath denotes the peace and comfort given by God. God Almighty has give the commandments to His people to obey and observe it. But Sabbath one of them, deterioriated to the level of a mere custom at the time Jesus Christ's life on earth.

Sabbath is the day of rest: After the completion of creation the Lord God rested on the seventh day. Lord jesus Christ came down to this earth and fulfilled His mission. Now He is sitting on the throne which is high and lifted up. So the Lord who started the good work in us desires to see the work finished by us. It is our responsibility to finish the work which is given to us.

Keep the Sabbath with holiness: Sabbath is another term for holiness. So the Holy God is not looking for a particular day of holiness for the children of God. God was pleased to offer us positional sanctification at the time of redemption. 'Be holy as I am Holy' is His commandment. It is our responsibility to reveal this holiness through our day to day life for the glory of Jesus Jesus Christ. We also have to manifest the holiness of Christ through our daily life.

Sabbath is the day of His care, concern and provision: Our God is so gracious and so He cares for His people. So He provided enough Mannah for the sixth day and the day of Sabbath on the sixth day itself. **So if we give priority to His kingdom and righteous we do not**

Y M E F (SD)

Few Days with Tamilnadu Campaign

It was a long standing desire of a group of youngsters from Abudhabi Brethren Christian Assembly to take part in the Karnataka gospel campaign. But because of the prevailing situations in Karnataka the team work was shifted from Karnataka to Tamilnadu. So these brethren contacted the responsible ones of the YMEF (SD) and the travel programme was scheduled. As per the schedule we came on leave and left Kerala on 7th December 2008 to Erode by a Tata Sumo. Four of us travelled together. Brother Sherry Mon Sam Abudhabi, Godly Jacob Muvattupuzha, Jobin Benny Kanakapalam and V S Mathew. After the continuous driving of ten hours we reached Erode safely by the grace of the Lord. The team members welcomed us and took us to the place where they are staying. After reaching there we are able to get introduced to the team members who were present there. We met brothers Praveen and Prabhakar from Karnataka and Suny sidth, Saravanam and Ramanna of the Madhurai Bible College and N Bhaskar, C M Varghese and Kuriakose from Kerala. Though we were very much tired of the sleepless and tiring journey we got ready to go for the work. Brother Karunakar an employee took leave and joined us to go to the work. This example of Karunakaran was an encouragement for all of us. We set out at 8.40 Hrs in two vehicles along with the brother J Babu, who works in Erode. We went by two by two and shared gospel in Sithodu, Sinanagah and J J Nagar.

My team mate was the young Sungsidth the bible school student. He lost his mother in an accident some six years before. He is from a high caste family. He is so zealous in sharing the gospel which saved him. As we were moving from house to house two young people

Gospel Meeting

Kottarakkara

PLACE: Kottarakkara Gospel Hall
TIME: 2009 January12 to 18(6.30-8.30PM)
PREACHERS: P V Benjamin
V P Poulose
Varghese Kurian,
George Chacko
Sunny Thomas
P S Thampan

Bible Classes Every Evenings 5.20-6 by V P Poulose. 15-01-09 Family Conference, 16-01-09 Sisters Meeting, 17-01-09 Suvisheshakan Balasangam.

Editorial

FOR HE CARES FOR YOU

The world is waiting to receive a new year. We can not predict that how it will be. Today the life is with more and more problems. And the hope for tomorrow is waiting in us to get rid of these problems. The New Year has just started. We are used to convey New Year greetings each other. We do expect blessings, prosperity and growth in the New Year. But every year passes with tears for the people. Same thing happened in the last year also. The terrorist attack in the commercial capital of India reminds us of it.

The world faces different kinds of terrible experiences now-a-days. The political unrest, the brutishness, the world financial crisis, the lack of morality, the price hikes, the death due to starvation, suicides all these pushes the human life to an intolerable condition personally, collectively and socially.

But we have a hope. The word of God says so. Let us praise God for that He has given us His Son for our salvation. Let us humble ourselves under the mighty arms of our God, casting all our care upon Him, for He cares for us. Since this is the end time we the children of God should be very careful. We have to utilize the opportunities in due time. Our enemy is well trained in terrorism. We have to fight with him. In the New Year he will come with new plans. He will build up new projects to destroy even the chosen generation. Ezra and Nehemiah faced many threats from the enemy. When we enter in to the New Year normally we take many decisions. We may be disappointed by looking to the past. But without getting depressed let us look forward and toil for Lord with all enthusiasm. The darkness is approaching in when nobody can do any thing. Our Lord who said that 'I will not leave thee or forsake thee' is always with us till the end of the world. Since His eyes are upon us from the beginning to the end of the year. So let us welcome the New Year with much hope. We wish a happy and prosperous new year to all readers and well wishers of Suvisheshadhawni and expect your prayerful participation for this ministry.

T.V.S.

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God fearing. The four characters of Dove can be seen in the four chapters of Jonah.

1.A Child of God in his own way (Ps 55:6)
2.A Child of God in repentance (Is 38:14)
3.A Child of God in the way of God (Gen 8:8-12)
4.A Child of God in the way of discipleship (Hos 7:11)

The book starts with the sad story of going backward instead of going forward. We can see the backsliding of Jonah here. We should look backward the last years life.

1.Going away from God's presence.

This statement is seen repeatedly in chapter one. The strong enemies of Assyria were planning to attack the Israelites. Since they were wicked Jonah was not prepared to go over Nineveh. How many times we went away from fellowship by blaming others drawbacks. These type of attitudes will damage our spiritual quality individually, family wise and in Church also. Let us examine ourselves and come back to the Lord in this New Year.

2.Away from the word of God.

When Jonah was asked to go to Nineveh, the eastern side of Gath-Hepher; Jonah went to Joppa 35 miles away to the North. If we notice we can see that he went acting himself as a Prophet. The world will not understand the hypocrisy and denial of God's command. But God is aware of it. **There are many believers and ministers in the front line who live against the word and failed in their personal, family and Church life.** Apostle Peter was in the same Joppa when he obeyed God in which he was doubtful; a dual approach to the Lord's command.

3.Away from God's will.

The word of God clearly says what we have to practise, for example:- about the salvation, baptism, worship, marriage between the believers, divorce, remarriage etc. But we come across many problems about which there is no cut and clear doctrine. What we read in 1Cor 10:28-33 is to be decided by ourselves. The following questions should be answered by us.**(a) Is it profitable for our spiritual life?**
(b)Is it good for our spiritual enrichment?
(c)Is it a stumbling-block for others?
(d)Is it for the glory of God?
(e)Is it good for the prosperity of gospel?

If the answer is 'no' it is against the will of God. Even though Jonah has got the clear command from God to go to Nineveh which is only 550 miles east of Gath-Hepher, he travelled 2500 miles west to Tarshish (Spain) and again 35 miles towards east for his convenience. It was against the will of God. And truly he was going away from God.

(A part of the opening message of 2008 Kumbanad Convention by Bro Varghese Kurien)

To be continued. . .

The Fellowship Meeting of the Brethren Assemblies of U A E

Sharjah: The spiritual fellowship meeting of the brethren Assemblies in U A E was held on 2008 December 2 at the Union Church from 9Am to 2PM. About 2500 believers attended this big , meeting from the different assemblies of U A E. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Sharjah Brethren Assembly. brother C M Jacob welcomed the audience. The theme was presented by Brother T G Thomas. Main message was delievered by brother Varghese K Kurian, Pampady. He spoke on the victorious christian life based on 1Timothy 6. He exhorted the believers that they should be victorious in their personal life, family life, assembly life, ministry, the life of a warrior and even in the world. We cannot win it with our talents, assets, money or education. the sole means to attain victory in Christian life is to obey the Word of God in its simplicity.

Song were sung the Sharjah Brethren Assembly choir. Many other programmes were presented by the following assemblies. Abudhabi Christian Assembly, Dubai Brethren Asembly, Deira Brethren Assembly and the Fujeirah Assembly. In every respect the meeting was a great blessing to all who attended it.

Gospel Meetings

Valakom

Venue: Near Valakom Junction

Date: 2009 January 14 Wednesday to 18th Sunday

Evening Meetings from 6.30 PM. Main Speakers: John Kurian, Alexander Kurian and P G James.

Puthuppady

Venue: In the Pandal in front of the Puthupally Brethren Assembly Hall

Date: 2009 January 27 Thuesday to Febuary 1st Sunday

Every Meetings from 6PM to 9PM

Main Speakers: John Samuel and P M Georgekutty

Aalathur

Venue: In the ground near the Brethren Assembly Hall

Date: 2009 January 9-11 Every Meetings 6PM to 9PM

Main Speaker: George Chacko

Thiruvananthapuram

Venue: Cherapally Brethren Assembly Hall

Date: 2009 April 5th

Main Speaker: Sunny Thomas

Book Review

"**Worship**" is one of the best books of Brother Gibbs. This book is translated to Malayalam by the Late K G Kurian. It was first published in 1975 by the General Y M E F and now it is again published by Thomson Printers. Lot of fabulous stories are being propagated about worship. But this book deals with what is worship, What is its importance and such related topics on the basis of Bible. Let us have a copy of this book in our home. It is available in all the bookshops of GLS and also Thomson Press. Cost of this book is Rs 75/-

Assembly News

Chengalchoola: (Thiruvananthapuram) The Bible Classes of this Assembly was started on 8th November 2008 after a lapse of two years. The classes are on Tuesdays from 6.30PM to 8.30 PM. Brother George C Varghese and C Jacob are taking the classes. All are invite to attend these classes

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have to avoid sunday worship meetings.

Sabbath a day set apart for the Lord: God has set apart this day for the Israelities to worship and adore Him. And also they have to be His witness. Likewise we too have to consider this day like that. Sunday should be set apart to worship and witnessing.

Sabbath is to be passed unto generations: Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy was the commandment given to the Israelities. They have to keep and observe it from generation to generation. Likewise we have to hand over the mantle of sound doctrine to the next generations. We are obliged to do it. He exhorted the audience to lead life giving more importantance to sound doctrine rather than to traditions and customs.

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We should have concern over the spiritual blessings of others. The message was good enough for labourers of the Lord in His vineyard and also for the believers. The Lord used His servant in that way.

The final prayer was by Dr.O M Samuel followed by his benediction. The believers sung a song of hope and returned to their home. Thus the meetings of the week came to close.

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came on a bike and threatened us. They alleged that we are trying conversion. But the young boy very calmly and effectively shared the gospel with them. They had no other option but to listen to him. Finally they left the scene with leaflets. We continued house visitings. And as we were sitting in one house, we were asked not to go to the road side. Their warning went on like this "If you set your foot on the road you will be beaten". I was afraid. Then I asked my team mate "If we are beaten, what we will do?". Dear saints listen to the reply of the young brother, "I shall suffer it with joy because it is for my Christ". This answer went deep in to [illegible] and shattered [illegible]ews and atti- [illegible]at a great ex- [illegible]d testimony. [illegible]ed the place where we are staying at 4PM after finishing that days work. Then we took our lunch and took rest for a while. From 7.30 PM onwards meditation of the Word and family prayer took place. Then we had our food.

On that night at 11 PM brother Tom Abraham joined the team. He is also from the Abudhabi Christian Brethren Assembly. Though we slept very late we got up at 5AM along with the team members. At 5 we had meditation and family prayer. After the morning routine we took breakfast. Though we were ready to set out for the work the torrential rain did not allow to go us. So we set apart that morning for meditation and prayer. We selected the 4th Chapter of Philippians. Every one shared from the word in their own languages. But of course there was somebody for translation. We continued it to 1PM. Then we took lunch and set out for Chennamangala which is some 70KMs away from Erode. By the time the rain has subsided and the sky was clear. We visited three small villages, Puliyakodu, Whalgadu and Achawadi. The villagers live in small huts and these small villages are thickly populated. brother Tom Abraham shared the word of God in the special meeting arranged by brother Evg Kumara Swamy. Many new people attended that special meeting. The small assembly gathers in the house of the evangelists rented house. We reacherd our place at midnight and went to sleep after our family prayer. As usual the members got up at 5Am and we too have to get up at the same time for devotion and family prayer. Then we set out for the outreach. Brother Amar joined us that day. He could use three languages very fluently. So it was an added blessing for the team work. As myself and my young brother was sharing gospel to an elderly lady she asked us to pray. As we were praying the lady fell on my feet and kissed them. I was so shocked and embarassed. After prayer Sungsith told her that we are mere human beings and she has to bow before the living God. Another special meeting was arranged in a village and brother Godly Jacob spoke from the word in that meeting. We continued to take part in the outreach until Friday.

One day as we were in the village visiting house our vehicle with Kerala Registration was parked on the side of the road. We noticed a lady Sub Inspector taking down the number. We rushed to her and gave all the informations which she required. Her behaviour to us was so examplarary.

On 12th evening all the brothers gathered together and prayed. With tears we bade farewell to our dear fellow workers in Christ. Jobin Benny a student for MTech left for Chennai for his college. Dear Saints the team members asked us only one thing "Our fervent prayers". This is all what they need. Shall we pray for them.

Sherry Mon Sam

Pathanamthitta Convention Came to an End

The Pathanamthitta convention which started on 21st December at the Suvisheshalayam Auditorium came to an end with the closing message of brother Jose Mathew. The convention was a great blessing to the saints through the different spiritual ministries. Through the open air meetings of the early mornings we were able to witness the Lord in a number of places. The day gatherings enabled the believers to strengthen their fellowship, grow in spirituality and also to strengthen their faith. Through the night meetings the Lord used His servants mightly to present the gospel in depth.

On 28th the believers who came from far and near worshipped the Lord with Lords Supper. In the ministry of the Word brother Jose Mathew gave the message of the Lord to the audience. He spoke from Philemon 19-25. Our obligation in the ministry of the Lord was the theme of his message.

When we are in the ministry we should understand the importance of the local assembly. The personal relationship between the Lords servants should not shatter the freedom of the local assemblies. **The saddest issue of the present is that the leadership of the local assemblies today is in the hands of influential intellectuals. Thee worst part of it is that most of them are carnal.** The important things of the assembly should be discussed in the assembly. If the leadership of the local assemblies are not aware of the dire consequences of the organisations and personal ministries then the condition of the local assemblies will be pathetic. No one should, however big, is his background or heritage not be allowed to take away the importance of the local assemblies. The elders should be vigilant. Based on the verses he remained us of our responsibilities to one another.

1. We have to carry out our words v.19. We are living in a world of flattery to earn ones interest and to cause strife on the others side. But the children of God are expected to honour their words. We should not be misguided using vain words. One should not fall in this trap. The words of Paul is not flattery. He wrote those words to Philemon because Paul wanted Philemon to obey it.

2. We have to comfort each other V.20. We have to comfort and refresh the heart of others especially our brethren. Through out his missionary journey Paul was refreshed by many. We can do it in many ways. We should be a comfort or solace to others through our presence, through our words through financial assistance by becoming a part of the ministry by encouraging others through our words. For this our responsibility or influence is not required. Whoever we are or what ever we are we shall be able to refresh the heart of others one way or other.

3. Do more v.21

Do more in the field to help the saints. We should commit and carry much more than what we are expected of us in the field of evangelisation and spiritual ministries. We should be ready to give priority others needs rather than our needs.

4. Observe hospitality or keep the doors open for our believers v.22

Observation of hospitality is the order of Bible. Apostle Paul enjoyed hospitality from many of his various missionary travels. So gospel spread to the different places from the places where he stayed. When we open our homes for the servants of the Lord and for gospel we along with our area will be blessed.

5. Respect the fellow brethren v.24

When it is commanded it is not that we have to respect the important people of the assembly but we have to respect love and honour each and every believers irrespective of the status or standards or financial positions. Paul is a role model for this. Though his epistles he greeted each and every believers of that assembly.

6. Exchange of spiritual blessings v.25

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In TV Channels

Sathgamaya TV Talk Show Programme
People channel of Kairali's News Channel
All Fridays (Malayalam) 4.30–5.00 p.m.
Monday 6.00–6.30 a.m. Zee TV (Hindi)

Jeevamritham Television Program
Every Saturday 9 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. in **Power vision** channel.by **Evg Chandapilla Philip**

Meditate on.

One Who Answers Prayer

Prayer is an important ministry. This is the sole medium for our personal contact with God. While Jesus Christ was here on this world prayer was the means for Him to contact His Father Lord Jesus Christ did not teach his disciples to preach but they were taught to pray. So prayer has great importance in Christian life. We have been told to do it incessantly.

Cameron B Thomson was a man of prayer. He has written a book and that book contains number of incidents where his prayer were answered. He had three children. Faith, Joy and Hope were their names. When JOy was a small child she saw a beautiful doll in a shop. She enquired its cost. The shop keeper told her that the cost of that doll was 498 pennies. The financial situation of her family did not allow her to spend that much money on a doll. She was quite aware of her family's financial status. She told her daddy "Daddy will you pray with me that God will give me 498 pennies?" Yes, he said, then and there they prayed together. He forgot about it; but the child continued to pray for it. After a couple of days somebody knocked at their door in the early morning. When Thomson opened the door he found a lady in front of the door. She was holding a jug in her hand. She3 explained the reason of her arrival there. She told Mr Thomson that she was in the habit of keeping pennies in that jug. But that day she found out that was full. For her prayer to the Lord, she was told to give it to Thompson's daughter because she was praying for that. Thomson took it gladly and the girl counted it and found that it was exactly 498 pennies. What a miracle! A family which prays.

Today the number of people who prays with faith is decreasing. Most people think that there is no need to pray because they have everything with them. Some think that there is no need to pray because the Lord knows all our needs. Thomson taught his children to pray. So when they were in need that small girl knelt with her daddy before God. Their earnest and sincere prayer who answered. Today such things like prayer is vanishing away from homes. We are so busy that we get no time to pray with our children. Chrildren have a lot to study. they slept late. Let them sleep. The mother usually appears as an advocate. Most of the Daddies has to agree with Mummies. So children lose faith in prayer. Being the end times it is our responsibility to be steadfast in prayer and supplications. Let us examine ourselves whether we have the innocent faith of that little child.

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