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Trials by the Lord

Chastening, temptation and testing are all part of Christian life. According the author of Hebrews those who do not endure chastening then you are illegitimate. Testing is a part of the heavenly school. Without this there is no growth. We cannot be a run away without it if we are real christians. Testing is a mine that keeps number of rewards. It is the sole medicine for our spiritual growth and edification. The testing of each and every is separate and is separately planned for each of the believers. The trial of one cannot be

another ones. If we can welcome our testing in a spirit filled heart then never bring us down but will encourage and help our growth. Those who endure testing will be transformed to be great heroes of Christ and they will receive numerous rewards. The root cause for spiritual growth is the testing. There is a song written by Sadhu Kochukunju Upadesi about the beauty of beating of the waves on the Gibraltar. The waves beat this sphere 24 hours a day. Right from the day of salvation to our entry to heaven there will be trials in the

life of a christian. I wish to give some instructions to overcome testing.

1. Testing is not a punishment. 2. Do not murmur, 3. Do not speak ill of others. 4. Do not blame others. Always humble in the presence of the Lord and examine ourself. Do not try to escape from it. This is the time we get more grace. It is the time when we are in His hands as an infant in the hands of its mother.

Never ever go to the people of world for counsel and get information from the wicked people. God is the one

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Parents and Children

An altar a must in home: If we turn eyes to Abraham we can see that the first thing that he did after setting his tent was the building of the altar (Gen 12:7,8; 13:3). Isaac learned this example from his father and followed the same (Gen 26:25). They knew the importance of personal and family worship. Parents have a great responsibility to train their children in spiritual matters along with their education and their upbringing. Children who are well trained in spiritual matters will have mercy and kindness as their heritage. They will honour and sustain their love, affection and relationship with their parents. It will not be necessary to book some rooms in an old age home or nursing homes.

Family prayer is worship from our homes

along with songs and praises. In most of the houses that time is encroached by the modern electronic media. Family prayer has lost its zeal and in many places people sit in their rooms and whisper the prayers which in turn is really murmuring. A name sake family prayer is the mourn of many houses. But in many others family members cannot sit together to pray because they are so far because of the infightings. Sometimes they may not talk each other but with the meaningless claim that we are all of one bread. When the prayers and cries goes to heaven in unity, their blessings will pour down from heaven. Children should learn the love of God and the meaning of true worship from parents

and from the family.

Isaac learned the value of family and worship and the need of worship from his parents. That could be the reason that Isaac left for Moriah to offer sacrifice along with his father which is approximately 60Kms from his home. (Gen 22:1-13). Just study the preparation and journey of Abraham to the Mount of Moriah. Isaac realized that sincerity of the things of God. The life Job is also very important. The life of Job displays his love for God and for his children. "And his sons went and feasted in their houses everyone his day and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them. And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone

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Those who lead you ...

V Nagal reached Kerala as a missionary of the Bazal Mission. But when studied the word and understood its truth he bade farewell to the mission and decided to follow Jesus Christ and carry his cross daily. He ignored and sacrificed all the material well being and led the life of a true christian. So the Lord honoured him and used him mightly to save many from the eternal burning fire. Notonly that he wrote so many songs under the control and guidance of the Holy Spirit which in turn has become a blessing comfort and solace for thousands. He was a soldier of the Lord who burnt like a flame for His King. Now He is in His bosom. The arrival of His grand daughter Pauline Monsun to Kunnankulam is an epoch making event. The Rehaboth orphanage which was started by the Lord continue to keep the same heritage and sister P N Treasure Newsland is in charge of this orphanage. As we read in the Hebrews "Remember those who led you" Yes definitely by V Nagal is one among them who is every respect is eligible or worthy to be followed.

Today many leaves sound doctrine and marries false doctrine for wealth and fame. They go in hand with even those people of the other denomination to get a name in this world and to amass wealth. But the life style of V Nagal in this respect is exemplary one. May God enable us to follow such a good example.

P.S. Now people sell Nagal Saipu and earn money. Some from the Brethren fold is behind it.

Y M E F (SD) Tamilnadu Campaign

Erode: The Lord is enabling us to continue the work in Erode without a break from November 2008. It is only because of His grace that we are able to continue the ministry. The Lord can do wonders with little and more and He is doing it in Erode. In Karnataka the number of workers exceeded at times but Tamilnadu campaign is often facing the shortage of workers. But our Lord used Madurai Bible School at the right time to provide workers. We take this opportunity to thank Brother Johns Cherian for it. We wish to get workers from Kerala who lead a holy life in doctrine and personal life with a total commitment to the Lords ministry. Recently a young brother made a comment on the Y M E F Campaign in Karnataka. "The work initiated by the Master will not be stopped or cannot be terminated. This young guy who is an evangelist has discarded the team work. Sanballath and Tobiyabu will try to stop the work but our Lord lives. Let His name be glorified forever. Those who wish to join the team may contact **A J Ommen, Iykkarethu, Pullad P O, 689548, Phone 0469 2660478. Financial assistance: George Samuel, Muttathu House, Omalloor P O, Pathanamthitta, 689647. Phone: 04682350320.**

Jacob P Mathew, Secretary

God gave us one ,outh and two ears so that we may speak less and hear more ... Discipline yourself and others won't have to ...

The Crown which is in Store for Us

The whole world honoured the Indians who won the Oscar Award in California, USA. Millions viewed the spectacular display on this occasion of this historic moment through their televisions. The issue of this award was started on May 16, 1929. Many had won this award till date. The world and its people used to honour them. They nourished their inborn talents through hard work and the world proclaimed value and status for it. The award winners are declaring to the world that if one can bring into perfection his inborn talents, then he could reach this state of top position in the world. The world itself is becoming a stage for competition. Man is waiting for competition in every sphere of his life. The competition field varies from the stages of beauty contest to wars. Many nations like Israel, Iran and America and even terrorists groups are in the fray to prove their efficiency to provide a better world. But since the Bible reveals what is going to take place beyond the veil, there is no need for anyone to go and search for the future events. Everything is crystal clear in the Bible.

In the Greek athletic competitions the winners were given crown of leaves that fades. As time went on modernisation brought in so many reformations and changes in it. The fading crown of leaves gave way to metals like gold, silver and bronze which are generally used for ornaments. Each and every nation admires and appreciates the winners of Olympic. Lot of promises are given along with number of special gifts. But those who fight for the heavenly kingdom knows that all these gifts that the world gives is temporary. But no one has seen or heard or even thought of the great gifts that the Lord has arranged for His children. As I read the report of the presen-

tation of the Oscar in the United States, I just thought about moment. When our Lord gives us that rewards after the rapture. The winners of the world are honoured and praised to the extreme heights. Their rewards are quite temporal. But our Lord is going to honour his servants who fought fervently for His kingdom who suffered mockings and persecutions for Him and steadily, who ran their race without any faltering. The rewards are definitely crowns decorated with precious stone. We cannot describe its beauty. Just think of the audience and the one on the throne as the rewards are given. What a majestic and wonderful audience and we won't be even able to open our mouth instead we may look each other in awe. The presence of numberless saints the beautiful angels and the presence of the Triune God head, Son and the Holy Spirit all makes the situation marvellous and majestic beyond all our expectations. The new song sung there makes the area calm and serene. Nothing can be compared with this. Five types of crowns are getting ready in His work shop. And every one who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown but we for an imperishable crown (1Cor 9:25). Those who brought souls they will get crown of rejoicing. Those finished the race will get the crown of righteousness (2Tim 4:8). Those who endure temptation will get the crown of life. Those who fed the flock will get the crown of glory (1Peter 5:4). The final touch of the rewards are fast progressing in heaven. The stage to give these rewards will be set in the clouds so soon. But just a moment think of these five crowns which we will get, which one you may get. Let us think about and run our race steadily and receive the crowns. May God bless us for that

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who gives us testing. So it is our responsibility to trust on Him. It is during testing that transformation takes place in our life. So do not waste this time. After the testing rewards and edification is confirmed. If the testing is go strong then cry to the Lord God will decrease. When a testing is over do not think there is no more but patiently wait for the next. Donot go for a deep breath, next test is at the door step.

In my childhood I have seen the mohout disciplining the elephant in a word. The elephant will wait patiently for the next order. Likewise we have to wait for the Lords time and we must be totally submissive to him. The red hot iron rod is handled very carefully by the black smith. If it is mishandled then the rod will loose its shape. This is exactly the same way that the Lord mould us through

testings. So we have to be moulded by the potter in the way he wants to. Otherwise our shape will be lost.

It is God who works for us during tests. When three godly youngsters were thrown un to the fire they quenched the violence of the fire. Even if they had to live in that fire that fire could not do anything to them. Likewise even if Daniel had to stay in the den of the lions they could not touch him. Instead they will be starved to death. If a cross is built for Modechai, Heman will be hanged on it. Modechai will not be hanged. We have not enjoyed even a fraction of the peace and solace that the Lord has provided for us during the period of testing. If our sufferings inturn will glorify His name can't we enjoy it. It will bring rewards it will transform us, it will defeat

the enemy and the like. If these are the results of testing and trial then it is better to suffer it patiently. Can't we appreciate it? Can't we enjoy in it?

If somebody claims that I have never experienced any trials then beware of that person. Once the mother of a child told the teacher Sir, my son told that you are a good teacher. You will not care him and will not ask any question. The teachers reply was amazing She said He will not study anything; will not do his home work so I have assigned him a seat on the corner. Dear ones may be many of us are sitting at some corners and that may be the reason that may do not have any trials.

It is learnt that once a Lords servant prayed in the following way. Lord. it seems that you do not love me these days. I am not experiencing any trials these days. Such people are requesting for trials because they know the value of trials. Let this article help us not to shatter before trials.

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about that Job sent and sanctified them and rose up early in the morning and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all ..." (Job 1: 1-5).

In the relationship of parents and children what is taking place is the process of give and take or it is in a mode of changing hands. In a sense the life style, pattern, knowledge, emotions and such things are transferred from the parents of their offsprings. They will examine and study our behavioural attitude in spiritual things. They will evaluate the sincerity of our spiritual life, our words and deeds. They will be able to understand our real face and sometimes they may even reveal our hypocrisy. Children of spiritual parents sometimes lose

their spirituality and become ungodly because of the hypocrisy of the parents. Can we repudiate this claim? Children are expected to obey the parents and it is a thing that should not be questioned at all. This is the plain teaching of the Word of God.

'Children obey your parents which is right is the teaching of the scripture. Honour your father and mother which is the first commandment with promise. That may be well with you that you may live long on the earth'. The scripture speaks to the parents too. "And you fathers do not provoke your children to wrath but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord" We can see many verses of the same meaning in the scripture.

Y M E F NEWS

Y M E F (ND) Bible Camp: If it be the will of the Lord a bible camp will be conducted under the responsibility of the Y M E F(N) and in co operation with the assemblies from 8th April 2009 to 11th. Brother Sunny Thomas and P G James will be taking the main classes. The prayers of the saints all over the world is kindly solicited. **For more information A D James 9446814115.**

SBS News

V B S training and the distribution of materials:

A special one day training programme is arranged for the feasibility of the holding of the VBS this year on 21st March from 9.30 to 12.30 at the SBS Camp Centre, Puthencavu. All the SBS staff workers are requested to attend this programme. On the same day the materials for the VBS will be distributed.

Biju Varghese Tele 9744521374

Gospel Meetings

Venue: The Pandal prepared in front of the Brethren Assembly near the Manchavilakom School

Date: 2009 April 2,3,4 from 6.30 PM to 9.30PM

Speakers: R Krishanankutty and P V Benjamin

In the Vineyard

Didappur (Mysore): Ravinandan was an active member of this assembly. As he was continuing in the ministry of this assembly he selected another place Nagavally to start a new work. The Lord of harvests gave fruits on the sown seed and a new assembly testimony came to existence in the New Testament pattern. He is continuing the ministry there. Since we are confident of his call and commitment we introduce him for the prayer and support of the saints. His mailing Address: **Ravinandan, Brethren House, Nagavally P O, Chamrajnagar, Karnataka 571117.**

Assembly News

Vallikadavu (Malappuram): We were able to finish the construction of our assembly hall which we started in 2008. Many saints and assemblies from home and abroad extended their hand of fellowship for this good work. We express our deep gratitude for that. If it be the will of the Lord the opening programme of the new hall will be done on April 2, 2009 from 9.30 to 1.30PM. Kindly continue to pray for this assembly.

Achadippara (Vechoochira): A small gathering was started here in 1956. Now we have 40 members in active fellowship with the assembly. The small hall which we have there is in a dilapidated condition and it is too small for us. So we wish to construct a new hall. We request the prayerful support of the saints all over.

Sisters Conference

Chetheckal: If it be the will of the Lord a sisters conference will be held under the auspices of the Ranni Centre sisters meeting at the BCCC Ranni from 7th April 2009 to 10th April. Mr. Aby K George and Mrs. Saly Biju will be taking the classes.

Thankamma James Tel 04735260012

Jam Nagar: A prayer meeting of the Evangelists who are working in Sourashtra was held on 25th February 2009 in the Jam Nagar Assembly Hall. Kindly pray for the evangelists and the work in this place.

Joseph T L

CD Released "Nyayasanam"

Sr. Anitha Jessy Johnson is a member of the Kottarakkara Thrikkanamangal Prayer Hall and the songs of this CD is written by her. The cost of the CD is Rs 70 and all the proceeds of this CD will go for evangelisation. Those who need may please contact **Mrs Leelamma George, Alappattu House, Omalloor P O, Pathanamthitta, Telephone 04682350910.**

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church of God. Christ is the head of the church. It is the head that directly deals with the veins, arteries and nerves. This is the basic rule. Assemblies should follow these pattern. But many changes have crawled in to the assemblies in this 21st century.

So called reformers have crept in to the assemblies slowly in many places. They claim that they stand for reform and change. But we are very much sure that no modification or change is carried out in the altar and will not be changed. It is according to the scripture and there is no change for scripture. Only sacrifices are done on the altar. The altar is constructed by stones that are unpolished. This is the law given to the church. The cross given to the Lord by the world was not polished. Man has no right to use any of his skill in the administration of the church of God. All the administration of the assembly should be done according to the total guidance of the Holy Spirit. We should return to this state of affairs. We have known and learned the truth and we are expected to walk accordingly. We should be clear that all the reformation which has come to us without the permission of the Holy Spirit is satanic and unscriptural. This should be revealed and taught to the saints by teachers and elders.

to be continued ...

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Is the Church of God Growing

Continuation ...

In many of our assemblies human rule and authority is going. So these people who are on the chair do things ignoring the holiness and glory of the Lord. Recently a Pentecostal Pastor was telling that our centre has been demolished. Now we have look to the main centre for all our needs. What a paradox and sad situation that has come up among christendom. Twenty assemblies under the direct supervision and control of the state overseer. The human body that discusses the Church of God. What a sad state. This is the general situation of such pentecostal groups.

Let us examine what is happening among us. The Brethren community is now in the trend of making centres through different organisations. They may also look for these powers and authority of dismissal. But according to the scripture no one has any right or authority over the church of God. In the tabernacle all of the instruments were

made by men according to the instructions of the Lord. But in the church of God there is no hand work of man. This vital truth was either forgotten for convenience sake or totally ignored by the present Brethren community. When we turn to Chapter 33 of Exodus a special thing is mentioned after the incidents of Chapter 32. Listen carefully the portion of scripture Exo 33:7-11. Moses took the tabernacle and pitched it without the camp afar of from the camp and called it the tabernacle of congregation. And it came to pass, that every one who sought the Lord went out in to the tabernacle of the congregation which was without the camp but his servant Joshua the son of Nun a young man departed not out of the tabernacle. This tabernacle is without any instruments and priests. But God appeared there before Moses. Here the ministry is not done by one with the attire of the priest but one without it, Joshua son of Nun. I believe that

many of my readers have not thought or meditated this portion deeply. God has lot of plans and programmes. He will not take opinions or advice from the people. This should be the pattern of the assembly too. Many so called wise people have discovered so many new ways in the assemblies. Many of the new organisations are such inventions. The brethren are forming number of new organisations and ministries and trusts with this end in view. So man come to the conclusion that he has the power of creation and can dismiss if he wants it. But no man has any right to dismiss the church of God. The total investment for the assembly or the church is made by its Master Jesus Christ. The church is purchased by His own blood and He is the total investor of it. But man can dismiss the organisations which is his creation. Man cannot keep all those are saved together. But the groom keeps and sustains

and joins all together. All those rules of man in the assemblies are against the Word of God. The church of God does not need the teachings of the wise or the philosophies of the learned. The foundation is laid by the omniscient and the construction it should be according to the foundation. All the scholars and wise are supported to build on the basis of Heb 5: 8,9. Though He was a son yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him. It is better to have a perfect obedience to the scripture rather to have new and modern ways. What is required is a will for total commitment and perfect obedience. If anything is done against the sons obedience then it is sin. But they like men have transgressed the covenant. There they have dealt treacherously against me Hos 6:7. But Jesus Christ suffered an atonement death and suffered for our transgression. He was wounded

for our transgression. Today it is obligatory on the part of the believers to have a perfect obedience to one who has shown that to us. So the assemblies has to return to scripture.

The ministries, the administrations and everything of the assembly should be scriptural and should go accordingly. None of the handiworks of man for the assembly is scriptural. Tabernacle was the shadow of Jesus Christ. So in the tabernacle the human nature is shown in relation with man. Except the golden lampstand of the tabernacle everything else had wood and brass. Scripture is given to us through prophets who are human beings. But in the Mount of Sinai the Lord spoke face to face with Moses. But as far as the assembly is concerned it has been told by the apostles and controlled by the Holy Spirit. This pattern will continue without any change until the shout of the trumpet is heard. Anything and everything that has come to assemblies against apostolic teachings should be destroyed. Many a things that we seen in our assemblies are not taught in this way. There is no authorities for the



Withstand the Strategy of Satan

Man was able to understand a truth at the beginning of the history that Satan will work against man at any time. Once he was very close to the Lord. He lost his position and closeness to God because of his pride. So he is always looking for a chance to defile man and to draw him away from God who is not only close to God but has been created in His own image. He always work among human beings and try to pull down any one and every one. And at times some fall.

I have heard the story of a family who was once trapped by Satan. A couple took a decision to control their day to day expenses because they were aware that their monthly budget is increasing without any limits. The husband was a miser and his wife told him that she will not spend anything more than the basic minimum. He became very happy. But she also reminded him that she may go for some luxuries once in a while. After all that husband knows that his wife

too is a woman. When the neighbour buys a costly attire how can my wife be idle. It is the woman who was easily deceived in Eden. So the husband gave her to keep off from Satan. When you are tempted you should tell the devil to get behind you. Moreover you should not listen to his words. She agreed to him and promised that she will do the same.

Thus days went by. One day while she returned from the shop she brought costly dress with her. She humbly told her husband that she had fallen in the temptation of Satan. He asked her whether she did not obey him and asked Satan to get behind her. She replied her husband that she did the same and that when he got behind me he told "You are a woman. When you are in this dress and seen from behind you will be very beautiful". What a woman can resist such a command. How can one deny the temptation of buying it?

See the strategies

of Satan to deceive man. He tempted even our Lord in the desert. If so how far he will tempt us more. We might have taken number of decisions at the end of the year and would have revealed it in the assembly. But even after one year usually most of the remain as mere words. Often he may bring problems in between and we fail to carry it out. As he had tempted the couple who spent money for unnecessary things he will tempt us not to do the things. It is good that we have taken decisions. He may bring so many question to us. He may ask "Can we do all these things"? Are we not human beings? Don't we have limitations? These can be some of the questions. Most often we fall before it. Many a time he will be the winner. How many a time we have fallen from the good decisions we have taken. So let us withstand satan and stand with our Lord. If we withstand the Satan will run away from us. **TVS**

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