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There are many closed churches of communities all over Northern India and each is a mix testimony to the fact that a group of people gave up their struggle to maintain a gospel testimony. We dare not condemn them, but what happened to them reminds at that Victory in God's Service is possible only as a result of uphill work against all kinds of opposition. Our personal experience has doubtless convinced us the various forms of spiritual battles are often fought against heavy odds.

Even before Nehemiah started building the walls of Jerusalem. The enemies of God's cause reacted to His coming (Neh. 2:10). Now we see how various forms of opposition. To the Lord's work assumed; and the means by which Nehemiah overcome it.

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A. About Godly Man Nehemiah

1. A Man Prayer:

Nehemiah was a man of prayer. Someone would call him. Knee-miah. A man of prayer is always a man of power. He acted with praying and he himself spent and practiced the presence of God. By his diligence, vigilance and prudence he overcame all his enemies plan and projects. Nehemiah means "God has comforted". He Revived worship introduced law and order.

Nehemiah the Jews speaks as one of the greatest men of their nation. His concern for his country, manifested by such unequivocal marks, entitles him to the character of the first patriot that ever lived. In the course of the Divine providence, he was captive in Babylon, but there his excellences were so apparent, that he was chosen by the Persian King to fill an office the most respectable and the much confidential in the whole court. He sought the peace of Jerusalem; he prayed to God for it, and was willing to scarifies wealth, ease, and safety and wen the life itself. And God who saw the desire of his heart, and know the excellence with which he had endowed him, granted his request, and

gave him the high honour & restoring the desolated city of his ancestors, and pure worship of their God.

2. An Outstanding Leader:

Nehemiah showed his leadership by enquired about the welfare of the Jews and about Jerusalem as some people arrived from Judah. This really touches the hearts of the people. Nehemiah had shown his leadership by identifying himself with people (Neh 2: 17, 18). He was the Governor and could have issued authoritative Commands; but he stood among them as one of them. Nehemiah passed on to leaders of Jews two inspiring facts. He gave them his personal testimony telling them that God's good hand was upon him in the project. He added how King Artaxerxes had sponsored his coming and given him authority.

3. A Man Who Passes His Vision on Producing Leaders:

Nehemiah was always a man of Action. He was able to solve problems troubles and ability to find solution for it. He was unselfish in work and his efforts to improve the people of Jerusalem. Most of his action are filled with courage were to help a common man. He was a complete master of motivation and organization.

On return to his people and the land he was able to spoke the officials, priests and Nobles because he felt the responsibility to motivate and lift up the spirit of the people. Therefore, he said, "Let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem". On his exhortation majority people have both men and woman responded very happily. (Neh 2: 16)

Thus he passes his vision to the people to rebuild the walls.

4. A Man Steady and Uncompromising:

The enemies of Nehemiah asked him to leave his work and asked him to be in a village (Neh.6:1-3). This compromise initiated by his enemies Sanballat and Geshem. Through their foul play, they want to dispose Nehemiah once for all from the land. Their actual purpose was to kill him. Knowing their malicious intention Nehemiah told them that he was too busy working for the Lord. But they tried more than four occasions to trick him to leave the work, but he was uncompromised.

But Nehemiah said, "they were planning to harm me". He clearly and distinctly knows the enemies (Neh 6: 2). He was clear that the enemies would change their strategy to kill him at any cost. But the Lord was with him. Satan always behind to every destructive attack trying to find out new Strategies.

5. A Man Who Does Not Run Away, Persons from Problems:

When Nehemiah life was in danger, he said, "Should a man like me flee, and could one such as I go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in" (Neh 6: 11). More than the problems which Nehemiah had to face but there was God who can solve everything on his behalf. He did not run away or troubled to face it, but he was bold enough. Since the Lord would fight on His behalf. He was bold enough because the Lord's hand was upon him.

B. The Work Planned and Ruin Places are Inspected.

The discouraging report on condition in Jerusalem (Neh1: 3) had brought Nehemiah to the city from his positions as a cup bearer to the Persian monarch. He was not satisfied with hear say evidence; he wanted to see for himself exactly what he was facing as newly appointed governor (5: 14) of Judah. Upon his arrival, he did not speak even to the elders of the city about his intention to rebuild the walls. Taking few trusted companions, he made a secret preliminary inspection of the ruins by moon light, his companions going on foot (2: 12) to avoid attracting attention.

Although the Lord led Nehemiah to undertake the reconstruction of Jerusalem walls, he could not do the job by single handed. He needed helpers. And in order to get helpers, he would have to convince the elders of the city (2 :16), in whom he had not yet confided. As he knew the extent of the work and resacrees available for the task, Nehemiah did not care to go to the elders for help until he knew exactly what was involved and had carefully prepared a recommendation.

He also stated how king Artaxerxes had sponsored his coming and given him authority. Nehemiah appealed to all groups (2:16,17) rather than a small elique. The work of God often fails because it is left to an "exclusive" group of Christians.

Nehemiah's approach led his followers to do exactly what he wanted them to do exactly what he wanted than to do. They re-echoed his invitation, and said, "let us rise up and build." His desire had now become the desire of the people.

C. The Work Assigned to Persons:

No one person can do all God's work. Various groups of Jews took their places on different parts of the wall, many of them on the portion nears to their own houses.

The priest, repaired the post of the wall of opposite the temple including the sheep gate (3:1). The men of Jericho built on the side of Jerusalem that faced their city. Each group took care of its special responsibility. The nobles of Tekoacity (people); The VIPs were just too important to get involved in the menial work of building the wall. What did Nehemiah think they were? Stone masons? Fortunately, the Common people of Tekoa was not influenced by their fastidious nobles. They worked so hard that they not only finished their own stint but took on a second section of the wall (3: 27). All kinds of people served on the walls, even goldsmith and pharmacists (Neh 3: 12).

D. The Work Opposed: -

1. Opposition Through – Ridicule VS Work:

Even before the reconstruction of the city wall get underway, the project was greeted by the Ridicule of the Jew's enemies. Sanballat, Tobiah and Geshem sneered at the Jew's intentions and accused them falsely of taking a first step toward rebellion (Neh 2: 19). The issue of rebellion war raised more in ridicule than in earnest. The Jew's had been so passive and weak that to accuse than of rebellion was a joke.

Nehemiah was not greatly distressed by the ridicule of Sanballat and his Companies. He considered the source of the division and did

not let it upset him. His confidence was in God and not his own ability. He accepted the fact that his people were different from the Samaritans and other people of the land. These men hated the Governor for rebuffing them. Nehemiah confidently looked to God for help, he could well afford to ignore the help of those who did not believe in God.

Once the work of building got actively under way, Sanballat and his companions began to use in earnest a weapon that has defeated many a noble purpose in every generation. They laughed at the Jews, and openly mocked them, making light of their hard work.

Sanballat accused Jews of trying to finish the city walls in a day's time and of building with rubble from the old wall (Neh 4:2). Tobiah added that if a Jackal (fox) climbed the wall in his quest for food, the whole thing would come tumbling down.

Men hate to be ridiculed and Nehemiah was no exception. Nehemiah prayed, "Hear, oh our God, because we are despised. This prayer is first of all, a request that God will listen to the enemies' taunts.

Nehemiah 4:6; "So built we the wall for the people had the mind to work."

Apparently, Nehemiah's prayer encouraged the people, for they began their work with a will. And it was not long until the wall was built to half its full height all around the city.

2. Opposition Through Discouragement vs Faith: - Nehemiah 4: 8

One of the greatest obstacles to God's work is the discouragement that overcomes individual or organization. The people of Judah complained that, "Due to the weariness of the workers and the large amount of rubbish needing to be removed, they were not able to continue building the wall." They had heard rumors about the plots of their adversaries to take them by surprise and stop their work.

Nehemiah beat off discouragement by calling on his people to trust in the Lord (Neh. 4 :14) If we think too much about the enemy, our discouragement will be intensified. Only if we trust in the power of our omnipotent God, we can overcome discouragement. Our Lord is equal to any occasion.

3. Opposition Through Danger vs Watchfulness:- Nehemiah 4: 7 - 9

The enemies began their opposition with ridicule and mockery. Then they tried to discourage the Jews. But when all their indirect methods failed to halt the work, they planned a full - scale attack. The devil doesn't like an open fight, that underhand methods are much more likely to be successful. In the case of these Jews, the gathering of the enemy forces was too late. Nehemiah had shown much wisdom in laying her plans carefully and at first Secretly.

At every turn Nehemiah and his colleagues resorted to prayer and looked God for strength and guidance (Neh 2:20, 4:4, 5, 9.14, 20). God was their refuge and strength their present help in trouble (Ps. 46:1). The Jews had a counter intelligence service at work. The Lord know the thoughts of Sanballat and his colleagues, their

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Mr. S. Rajasekaran gives God's message in CSI Church, Chinna Mopperipalayam, Coimbatore on 30.06.2024.



Mr. John Sekar explains the IBT ministry in CSI Church, Kaniyur, Coimbatore on 30.06.2024.



Mr. Rajakumar gives God's message in "Fire Revival Prayer Band Church at Mettur on 14.07.2024.



Mr. K. Jaisingh, Editor, Saththiya Vaarthai magazine, explains about the IBT ministry in "Fire Revival Prayer Band Church" at Mettur on 14.07.2024.



IBT Secretary Mr. G. Varamaniraj gives God's message in the first day planning meeting at IBT Centre, Coimbatore on 20.07.2024.



Mr. Rajakumar leads the worship songs with Bro. Ezra Calab in the planning meeting held at the IBT Centre, Coimbatore on 20.07.2024.

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The IBT president Mr. P. Jabez Selwyn explains about MOU between IBT and FMPB.



IBT treasurer Mr. John William shows the model calendar to be published by next year (25-26) in the planning meeting.



Field Director Mr. Samuel Gnanadhas explains about the meeting & field visit by Promotion Staff.



Former IBT president Mr. S. Timothy concludes 1st day planning meeting with closing prayer.



Rev. Raju, pastor, STECI church, Chennai gives God's message in the 2nd day planning meeting at IBT centre, Coimbatore 21.07.2024.



Participants of Representatives in the IBT planning meeting.

plans movements did not take Him by Surprise. Since the Jews trusted in God. He was able to lead them to do the right thing at the right time to avoid every thrust of the enemy. Nehemiah and the Jews prayed for deliverance from the power of armed force and God Showed them how to watch as well pray. Nehemiah met the threat of military action by keeping his people on the alert (Neh 4: 17). Every worker was ready to fight at time because God was with them.

E. The One Who Praying for Himself & at the End:

After the Completion of his work Nehemiah prayed, "Remember me, o my God for good" (Neh 13: 31). Under God's direction, Nehemiah had accomplished and completed a tremendous work under God's accomplished and completed a tremendous work under God's direction. And finally, he wanted that God had to remember him and blessed by Him. Nehemiah never be a selfish under any circumstances but wanted to be in the hands of God at anytime and anywhere.

F. Let Us Rise Up and Let Us Build:

It is normal for God's people to face obstacles in doing His work. The Devil is responsible for the ridicule, the

discouragement, and the active opposition that God's children encounter as they serve the Lord is and around the world.

They are ready to put their shoulders under more burdens, sacrifice their comforts and conveniences, work overtime and put their trust in God rather than in their own ingenuity, they may be assured of victory. God's enemies gird themselves for a fresh attack whenever God's people undertake something worthwhile.

We can overcome oppositions if we are ready to gird on a Sword and take up a trowel. On the one hand we must meet the attacks of the enemy; on the other we must build constructively and cooperatively for Christ and His kingdom.

But how many are willing to work in the service of God, from rising of the Sun until the stars appear?

Therefore, LET US RISE UP AND AND BUILD.

Amen.

- Rev. John Raja

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EDITORIAL

Greetings to our dear beloved brothers and sisters in Christ on behalf of the Saththiya Vaarthai magazine.

“You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin” (Hebrews 12:4).

Jesus Christ serves as an example for us in this verse. The Son of God, without considering His divine status, humbled Himself by taking on human form. He submitted to the will of the Father, even to the point of being crucified on the cross, thereby redeeming humanity. But while He suffered on the cross, and even before that, many people insulted and beaten Him. But Jesus, instead of displaying fleshly actions such as anger, hatred, pride, revenge, jealousy, rage, or irritation, was filled with love and interceded with the Father on their behalf.

Within us, there are two types of beasts: one is a good beast, and the other is an evil beast. The one we feed more will grow stronger and take control over us. For example, if our eyes view things that are pure, our thoughts are holy, and our heart's intentions are good, we will be strong in our spiritual life. If the images our eyes see are obscene, our thoughts are impure, and our heart is filled with jealousy and bitterness, we will easily fall into a life of sin. Many people have died from a tiny mosquito than from a mighty lion. Similarly, many people fall due to sins like anger, jealousy, disobedience, hatred, irritability, lack of brotherly love, and dishonesty than those who fall due to major sins like

murder, adultery, alcoholism, idol worship, witchcraft, and homosexuality.

Even though Jesus Christ was hungry after fasting for 40 days, when He was tempted by the devil, He did not yield to the desires of the flesh. But Esau, weary and hungry, undervalued and sold his birthright for a mere meal.

The devil took Jesus to the pinnacle of the temple and said, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone'". To this, Jesus replied, "It is also written, do not put the Lord your God to the test". But the Israelites, despite witnessing many miracles during their journey through the wilderness, tested the Lord more than ten times.

After the days of Solomon, the kingdom split into two: Israel and Judah. Solomon's son Rehoboam became the king of Judah, while Jeroboam became the king of Israel. The king of Israel, Jeroboam, feared that if the people went to Jerusalem to offer sacrifices at the temple of the Lord, their hearts would turn back to the king of Judah. So, he made two golden calves and told the people, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt." He led the people into idol worship. He made himself king over the nation, forgetting the Lord and rejecting Him for the sake of his own kingdom.

The devil told Jesus that he would give Him all the kingdoms of the world if He bowed down and worshiped him. To this, Jesus replied, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.'"

"And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires..." Galatians 5:24.

Bro. Robert gave God's message, and Bro. Gideon introduced the IBT ministry in the Sunday worship service on 14.07.2024 at Gnanakanmalai Church in Mettur. On the same day, Bro. Rajakumar gave God's message, and Bro. K. Jaisingh introduced the IBT ministry in Fire Revival Prayer Band Church in Sunday worship. Mr. Varamaniraj introduced the IBT ministry and gave God's message in the Sunday worship service on 28.07.2024 at TELC church in Chinnakolapatti, Virudhunagar. IBT extends its gratitude towards the Church pastors, elders, and the believers who gave opportunity to introduce the ministry and gave offering towards the IBT ministry.

Representatives from different places participated in the planning meeting which was held in IBT Centre, Coimbatore on 20th and 21st of July and gave their valuable opinions for the growth of the IBT ministry. On the same month on 20th July evening, Governing council meeting of IBT ministry was held at the IBT Centre. IBT President, Secretary, Treasurer, Field Director and the GC members participated in this meeting, discussed and planned the important matters which have to be done in the IBT ministry. Please pray that God may reign to accomplish the resolutions which have taken in these meetings, IBT translation projects, missionary works, literary works and social services.

May God bless and protect all the readers of this magazine and the families!

Shalom

His service

Mr. K. Jaisingh

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FIELD NEWS

Promotional Staff: Bro. K. Gideon
Field: Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu)

Glory be to the mighty name of the Lord!

By God's great grace, I was able to carry out the promotional work without any hindrance last month. For that, I praise the Lord. With the permission granted by the Pastor of the Kaniyur CSI church, the IBT promotional meeting was held in June as requested and on 30-06-2024, Mr. S. Rajasekar delivered the word of God in two churches (Kaniyur and Chinna Mopperi Palayam). Thanks be to God. I also visited the pastors of the CSI churches in Malumichampatti, PattanamPudur, Mathavarayapuram, and Ganapathy to request dates for holding promotional meetings on behalf of IBT. They have agreed to provide dates in the coming days.

For the promotional work, I went to Karunya Nagar, Alandurai, Pothanur, Perur, Setra Street, Town Hall, Vellalur, Ondipudur, Singanallur, SIHS Colony, NGGO Colony, Ganapathy, Saravanampatti, N.K. Palayam, Koundampalayam, AdaiyarPalayam, Vadavalli, Varadarajapuram, Chitra, Koundanoor, Sungam, Ramanathapuram and met with the IBT sponsors, received offerings, and prayed. God's grace enabled me to do so. I am making efforts to find many new sponsors. Please remember both this effort and my family in your prayers.

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Translator: Bro. Chandrakandha Barla
Language: Mundari
Field: Balupalli (Odisha)

Glory be to the Lord!

By the grace of Jesus Christ, last month, translations

were completed from Chapter 3:1 to Chapter 12:14 for the book of Ecclesiastes in the Old Testament, and from Chapter 1:1 to Chapter 8:14 for the book of song of songs. Translating the book of Ecclesiastes is a challenging task. For words whose meanings were difficult to determine, I consulted some pastors and elders to find appropriate words.

I begin the translation work only after praying. We have formed a prayer group and are praying for all the work of IBT, for those who are working in IBT, and for the nation. Please pray for my translation work and for my family.

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Missionary: Bro. Ramachandra Nag
Field: Bodomasigan (Odisha)

Let praise be to the name of the Lord!

Last month, for missionary work, I visited the villages of Hirakuda, Thumar Munda, Baatikuda, Theprakuda, Seerma, Bodikuda, Pettal, Kasumikuda, Mundakat, Battigam, Baramaasi, Thangajari, Sargikuda, Kotpakuda, Medagam, Kaiguda and Amthangi. I shared the Good News, distributed tracts, and prayed for the people there. Names of those whom I met and shared the Good News with: Brothers Laba, Bandra, Krishna, Basu, Ragunath, Logi, Rupthar, Bullchand, Jagannath, Mahith, Kabarthan, Nilo, Baidhu, Rahith, Daithari, Kamlu, Romesh, Kamal, Ranjith, Nidhi and a few others heard the Good News. At the same time, there were also those who rejected it. Even such individuals should come to know and accept Jesus Christ. Please pray for these individuals, my missionary work, and my family. My sister is in the ICU due to complications after giving birth to her child. Please pray for the child to recover fully and be in good health.

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1. Praise the Lord for the opportunity to have promotional meetings of IBT, to deliver God's word, and to introduce ministries on June 30th at Kaniyur CSI Church and Chinnamopperipalayam CSI branch church, and on July 14th at Gnanakanmalai Church in Mettur Dam and Fire Revival Prayer Band Church. Pray for these churches to continue to grow and glorify the name of the Lord.
2. Praise the Lord for the IBT representatives who travelled from various towns to Coimbatore to participate in the second planning meeting of this year, held on July 20th and 21st at the Coimbatore IBT center. Pray that every representative will implement the decisions made for the growth of the ministry during these days with the help of the Holy Spirit.
3. Praise the Lord for the translation of spiritual Christian songs into the four languages of Kuvvi, Sora, Sourashtra, and Bhojpuri, and for their release at the recent Logos camp. Also, give thanks as the books were being sent from the press to the respective translators. Pray that these books will be distributed to the people who speak these languages through missionaries, and that they will sing the songs from these books in their churches and homes to praise the Lord.
4. Praise the Lord for the Bibles that have been printed in two languages and distributed by the IBT to the people who speak these languages. Many Badaga people are requesting Bibles, so there is a need for another print run. Pray that the Badaga people will take the initiative to find sponsors who will support for this printing work.

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