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THE WORLD OF TRUTH

The Word of God is all powerful and infallible. God's word revives our Life and Soul daily (Psalm 19:7). If we pray, we speak to God, but only if we read His Word, God speaks to us. As we entered in 2025, many children of God have possessed many talents, and they are too good in singing, praising God, praying to God, playing musical instruments for His Glory, but in the area too many children of God are lacking are that they don't read God's word (Bible) very regularly. It may be true if we read His word, it may point out mistakes and where we are lacking in (Day to day life). In the history of the Church, many people had been martyred just for the sake of the word of God.

THE WORD OF GOD REDEEMS US FROM SIN.

THE WORD OF GOD CONVINCES A PERSON.

THE WORD OF GOD LEADS US TO A GOOD PATH.

THE WORD OF GOD REMOVES DARKNESS AND GIVES LIGHT TO THE SOUL.

THE WORD OF GOD TAKES US THROUGH ALL PROBLEMS AND PREDICAMENTS IN LIFE.

THE WORD OF GOD GIVES US PEACE, JOY, AND HAPPINESS.

THE WORD OF GOD CHANGES OUR ENTIRE PERSONALITY.

In the Book of James, it talks about the **“PRACTISE OF THE WORD”**.

Most scholars believe that this letter was written by James, the younger brother of Jesus (Gal. 1:19). James was a leader in the Church in Jerusalem (Gal. 2:9). This letter could not have been written later than 62 A.D. because in that year James was put to death.

In James' time many would say, “We are saved by Faith only and not by Good works, there is no need to do good works.” It was mainly to correct them, James wrote this letter.

In James 1: 21-27, he talks about how to PRACTISE HIS WORD.

- I. GOD'S WORD PLANTED IN US (Verse :21-22).
- II. GOD'S WORD COMPARED TO A MIRROR (Verse:23-25).
- III. GOD'S WORD IN CONTROLLING TONGUE (Verse:26-27).

Now we see how the word of God is rooted in our life.

I. GOD'S WORD PLANTED IN US (James 1:21,22)

God created us through the word of Truth. The word of Truth can mean Jesus Christ Himself (John 1:1-3), or it can mean the Gospel of Christ (I Peter 1:23). The word of God is planted.

We have to believe His word.
We have to accept His word.
We have to nurture His word.
We have to read His word.

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, **BY THE WORD OF GOD**, which liveth and abideth forever (I Peter 1:23). If God's word grows within us, it will save us. If we allow God's word in us to die, it will not save us (Mark 4:14-20).

James wrote, everyone should be quite to listen. But it is not enough only to **LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**. We must **OBEY GOD'S WORD**. We are not saved by listening; we are saved by believing. **TRUE BELIEVING ALWAYS INCLUDES OBEDIENCE** (James 2:14-17). Many people hear God's word and say "WHAT A PLEASING WORD", but even though they read God's word and like it, if the don't obey it, it will do them NO GOOD. But truly, they will be judged by it. Many people don't obey God's word, do not have true faith, and they only deceive themselves.

D. L. MOODY SAID **"THE BIBLE IS THE BIBLE'S BEST COMMENTARY."**

When we keep reading the Bible, the VOICE OF THE LORD COMES TO OUR HEART TO PLANT THE WORD. The voice of the Lord will make our Heart and Spirit skip like a young deer (Psalm 29:6-7).

If we need to spend quality time with God's word, it is necessary that we withdraw ourselves from certain so- called sinless or harmless pastimes.

Apostle Paul's admonition to Timothy highlights some important principles. In 2 Timothy 3:16-17, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, righteousness, that the man of God may be **COMPLETE** and **THOROUGHLY** equipped for **EVERY** good work. Here we can see four things as the benefits of God's word:

- A. Doctrine.
- B. Reproof.
- C. Correction.
- D. Instruction.

A. Doctrine:

As we are living under the New Covenant, we have to learn doctrine from the New Testament Epistles both for our personal lives and Church life.

B. Reproof:

From the Old Testament history one can learn the lessons of reproof, while writing to the Corinthian Church believers, ***"All these things happened to them for example : and they were written for our admonitions, on whom the ends of the world are come"*** (I Cor. 10:11).

C. Correction:

It is very prominent in the Gospels that Jesus came very hard and heavy upon the unscriptural traditions and wrong practices of the religion of His day. This angered the Jewish leaders, and that led to His crucifixion.

D. Instructions:

The instruction for righteousness are so important from the books like Proverbs and

Ecclesiastes. These books are rich with principles for practical life. If we are not obedient to God and His word constantly, instantly and continuously, there will come a point where God will have to bypass us (This is what happened to king Saul. I Samuel 15:22-28).

II. GOD' WORD COMPARED TO A MIRROR **(James 1:23-25)**

A good mirror shows defects, like wrinkles, depressions and the increasing boldness. If anyone forgets this and walk out of his dressing room, he would falsely believe that he is the most handsome person in the world. But if he says that he would remember what he has seen, he will be level headed. That is the Bible, it does not lie, it mirrors us as we are along with our defects. The Bible exposes our faults and stops there.

When we look in a mirror, we see our true face or self, and that is we see our sinful nature. God's word is like a mirror, shows our sin. But if we only listen to His word without heeding it, we will be like a man who looks into a mirror, **SEES HIS SIN**; and then immediately turns away and forgets about it.

Let us not turn away from the **"MIRROR"** quickly. We will need to get rid of the SIN that we see in the mirror. We see many people are religious person, but instantly they are religiously outside only. Inwardly there is much evil in their hearts; therefore, when they speak, evil comes out in their words but no GOD'S WORD.

III. GOD' WORD IN CONTROLLING **TONGUES (James 1:26)**

Among Christians, the commonest and most destructive sins are sins of tongue. Buddha said, "Tongue is a sharp knife, and it will kill a person without shedding blood."

a. One can control a big Horse with a small bit. Our tongue is like a bit. If we control our tongue, we could then control our whole body (James 3:3).

b. Our tongue is also like a rudder of a large ship. A rudder, is a very small thing attached to the back of a ship, by which the ship can be steered. In the same way, our tongue is a very small member of our body, but it has a big effect (James 3:4).

c. Our tongue is like a small spark of fire or like a match. Such a small thing can set a huge forest on fire (James 3:5).

Therefore, one small word of slander can split a church and a family and brings dishonor to God. One small word of false teaching can cause many to go astray.

Tongue itself is like a fire. Satan uses our tongue more than any other members of our members.

"OUR TONGUE IS SET ON FIRE. BY HELL, SATAN SETS OUR TONGUE ON FIRE"

If we do not control our tongue, our tongue will corrupt our whole person of life on fire, and it will lead us to destruction. Our tongue is a restless evil, it always looks for an occasion to speak evil and is also full of deadly poison. Many people have double- tongued. In prayer meetings they praise God with sweet words, but then they go out later and speak evil of their

brother and sister. **OUT OF THE SAME MOUTH COME PRAISE AND CURSING.**

My beloved, don't use your tongue to criticize and Judge each other (James 3:6). Jesus himself taught how important our words are to God. Jesus said, ***"I tell your men will have to give account on the day of Judgement for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words, you will be acquitted and by your words you will be condemned"* (Mathew 12:36-37).**

Again, my beloved, I have to point out **"WHEN YOU PRAY YOU SPEAK TO GOD**

BUT ONLY WHEN YOU READ HIS WORD, i.e. THE BIBLE REGULARLY, GOD SPEAKS TO YOU."

Are you ready to speak to HIM? Which may lead you to achieve and accomplish some thing great for the extension of His kingdom by winning souls in the year 2025.

Let us lead a pure life and loving heart which is a proof of our True Living.

AMEN.

- Rev. John Rajah

EDITORIAL

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

We extend our heartfelt greetings on behalf of the **Saththiya Vaarthai Magazine** in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

***"Then Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams"* (1 Sam. 15:22).**

The first sin committed by mankind in this world was disobedience. The Lord God gave the first commandment to man in the Garden of Eden, allowing him to eat from all the trees in the garden except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. However, due to the serpent's deception and the fruit appearing pleasing and desirable to the eyes, they disobeyed God's command. As a result, they lost the blessed Garden of Eden and fell under a curse.

The first king appointed by God to rule over the people of Israel was Saul. In the second year of Saul's reign, the Philistines waged war against Israel. Saul waited for seven days in Gilgal as instructed by Samuel. However, when Samuel delayed his arrival and the people began to scatter from Saul, fearing the Philistines would attack, Saul offered the burnt offering, which only priests were authorized to do, thereby disobeying the Lord's command.

God commanded Saul to completely destroy the Amalekites, along with their livestock and everything they possessed, leaving nothing behind, because they had opposed Israelites on their journey when they came out of Egypt. However, Saul and the people, in their disobedience to the word of the Lord, were unwilling to destroy the best of the sheep and cattle. Instead, they took the best livestock and destroyed only the worthless and inferior things. They also spared the Amalekite king. Because of this act of disobedience, Saul lost his kingship.

IBT PROGRAMMES



IBT Treasurer Mr. M. John William is leading Christmas programme at IBT Centre on 12.12.2024.



Bible reading by Mrs. Navamani Sekar in the Christmas Function.



Mr. S. Timothy is conducting Bible Quiz.



Kalahandia Translator is receiving a gift from Rev. John Rajah.



After God's message, Rev. John Rajah is singing songs.



Closing prayer by Mrs. Quily Rajah.

IBT PROGRAMMES



Christmas song in Odiya language is sung by the translators in the Christmas Function held at IBT Centre on 12-12-2024.



Pr. Robert Raja is sharing God's message at the "Second Chance" mentally challenged boys centre, Coimbatore on 18-12-2024.



The mentally challenged boys with Managing Trustee, care takers and IBT Coimbatore representatives on 18-12-2024.



Lunch Time



Christmas programme at Bappanpalli Children Home held on 15-12-2024.



Lunch time at Bappanpalli Children Home on 15-12-2024.

In the days of Noah, he was a righteous and upright man among the people. Due to the multitude of sins committed by mankind, God decided to destroy all living beings on the earth with a flood. However, He commanded Noah to build an ark to save himself and his family. Although Noah had never seen rain before, he obeyed God's word, built the ark, and escaped from the destruction.

The Lord also commanded Abraham to send away Hagar and her son Ishmael, who was his firstborn. Abraham obeyed the Lord's instruction. Later, God asked Abraham to offer Isaac, the son born to him in his 100th year, as a burnt offering. In obedience, Abraham took Isaac to the place God had directed him for the sacrifice. Because of this unwavering obedience, Abraham is called the father of all Israelites and the father of faith.

Jesus Christ, in obedience to the Father's command, offered Himself as a sacrificial atonement on the cross to remove the sins of mankind and redeem us.

“For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous” (Rom. 5:19).

On December 12th, a special Christmas carol worship service was held at the IBT Centre in Coimbatore. The service began with an opening prayer led by Mr. M. John William, the Treasurer of IBT, who welcomed everyone and hosted the service. Eight translators working across Odisha, Chhattisgarh, and Karnataka participated in the service. The Bible reading was done by Mrs. Navamani, and Rev. John Rajah delivered God's message. He also played the guitar and sang two songs in both Hindi and Tamil, bringing joy to the gathering. Mrs. Quily Rajah, the message writer for *Saththiya Vaarthai Magazine*, Mr. John Sekar, and Mrs. Navamani, along with the office staff and two promotion workers, actively participated. The former President of IBT, Mr. S. Timothy, conducted a Bible quiz and distributed gifts to 25 participants, bringing happiness to

everyone. The translators sang a song in the Odia language, while the office staff sang another song. Mr. John Sekar delivered the vote of thanks, and Mrs. Quily Rajah led the closing prayer. Rev. John Raja delivered the benediction and coffee and snacks were served to all attendees.

On Sunday, the 15th of December, special Christmas programme was held at the Odisha Bapanpalli Children's Home. The children enthusiastically performed the Nativity play, special songs, and dance programs, demonstrating their talents beautifully. A special lunch with biryani was served in the afternoon, followed by tea in the evening. The children participated with great excitement and joy, glorifying God's name. This day turned out to be a blessing not only for the children but also for the missionaries present there.

On the 18th of this month, representatives from Coimbatore, along with the IBT's Treasurer, visited the "Second Chance" Rehabilitation Centre for Mentally Challenged Boys at V.G. Rao Nagar, Coimbatore. They met 16 boys residing there, along with their caretakers and the founder Mrs. Rethcy Ralph of the organization. Together, they sang Christmas songs, prayed for them, and shared the Word of God, with Pr. Robert Raja delivering the message. Lunch was provided through IBT, and snacks were distributed to the children. They shared God's love, took photos with the boys, and returned to the office after making them happy.

Please pray for the translation work, missionary work, literary projects, and social services carried out through the IBT ministry so that they may continue and expand successfully this year. Also, remember the children, administrators, and caretakers of the "Second Chance" Home in your prayers. May the Lord abundantly bless each one of you and enable you to live for the glory of His name!

Shalom!

In the Lord's service,
Your brother
K. Jaisingh

FIELD NEWS

Missionary: Bro. Sanjay Kumar
Mission Field: Chhattarpur (M.P.)

Praise be to the Lord!

By the abundant grace of the Lord, I was able to visit several villages last month as part of my missionary work, including Gautam Nagar, Satrashai Nagar, Korari Panna Road, Mahoba, Panwadi, Sarwai, Sanla, Hama Korwa, Sora, Lavkushnagar, and Bargoku. During these visits, I met with Brother Janki Prasad, Mahesh, Ram Milananki, Sisters Chandra Ahirwar, Preeti, Ramdevi, Shivani, Lakkami, and others. I shared the love of Jesus Christ and the Good News of salvation that comes through Him. I distributed tracts and gospel books and prayed for their needs.

Sunday worship continues to be held at Gautam Nagar, and the second Saturday fasting prayer meeting is regularly conducted at the Chhattarpur mission field. Kindly pray for the believers attending the church, my missionary work, and my family.

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Translator / Missionary: Bro. Srinivas Saket
Language: Bagheli
Mission Field: Kara-Rewa (M.P.)

Praise be to God!

By the grace of the Lord, in the past month, the translation work for the children's Bible has progressed significantly. In the Old Testament portion, images were selected and inserted for the content from the 6th topic to the 21st topic of the historical narratives. Similarly, in the New Testament portion, images were chosen and

added to the content of 16 topics that were already translated.

This book is currently undergoing review and is planned for release next year. Additionally, I need to travel to the Coimbatore IBT centre this month to continue the checking work of the New Testament in my language. Please pray that all these tasks proceed without any hindrance by the grace of the Lord.

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

Praise be to the Lord!

By the abundant grace of God, I completed the office work and the posting of the *Saththiya Vaarthai* magazine last month and commenced the promotional work. For this purpose, I visited several areas including Selvapuram, Perur, Alandurai, Karunya Nagar, Podanur, Chettipalayam, Sundarapuram, Puliakulam, Sungam, Singanallur, SIHS Colony, Ondipudur, Chitra, Thudiyalur, Saravanampatti, Ganapathy, Vellalore, Goundampalayam, Nallampalayam, Chetti Veethi, Kongu Nagar, Hopes, Peelamedu, Gandhipuram, Rathnapuri, Uppilipalayam, Saibaba Colony, Kallampalayam, Sivananda Colony, and Kuniyamuthur.

During these visits, I met with IBT supporters in these areas, distributed the 2025 calendars, collected offerings, and prayed for them. I praise and glorify the Lord for guiding me in all my tasks, granting safety during my travels, and continually blessing the work.

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Translator/Missionary: Bro. Kesab Mirgan
Language: Mirgan
Mission Field: Podargam (Odisha)

Glory be to the name of the Lord!

By the abundant grace of the Lord, I was able to successfully complete all my tasks last year. During November and December of the past year, I stayed at the Coimbatore IBT centre for 1½ months and worked on my translation-related tasks. Along with me, seven other translators also participated in their respective projects there.

During this period, I keyed in content from the Old Testament books of Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, and Zechariah (chapters 1 to 6) into Paratext software.

On November 10th, I shared about the IBT ministry and my experience in the mission field at the "Hosanna Prayer Assembly" church in Tiruppur along with Bro. Rajakumar. On November 18th, at 'Jesus the Foundation Ministry' in Selvapuram, through Bro. Gideon, I explained my translation work and the establishment of churches. On November 24th, at the Badaga church in Gandhinagar, Coimbatore, I shared about the IBT ministry and gave my missionary testimony.

On December 14th, we returned to our respective mission fields from Coimbatore. Please continue to pray for my translation work and my family.

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Missionary: Sister Subitha Swedon
Mission Field: Bapanpalli (Odisha)

Praise the Lord.

Greetings in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

We praise God for wonderfully leading the children's home ministry throughout the month of November. Due to severe cold weather, many children were significantly affected by issues such as fever, cold, ear pain, and throat pain. We prayed for the children, and by God's grace, we were able to take some of them to the hospital for proper care.

The 10th-grade students had their examinations. God is granting His grace to guide the children towards the love of Christ. A student named Ramachandra Jodi (9th grade) has been selected for the state-level "Football" team. Another student, Tula Sodi (9th grade), has gone to play "Cricket" at the state level.

The children are also winning competitions conducted in their schools. We are thankful to God for these blessings. Please continue to pray for the health of our children, the children's home ministry, and the families of the staff involved in this work.

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Promotional Staff: Bro. Robert
Mission Field: Mettupalayam / Coimbatore
(Tamil Nadu)

Glory be to the holy name of the Lord.

The Lord's grace has been a source of strength during times of weakness. By His mercy, I was able to receive proper treatment at the right time and continue His work with health and strength throughout the month. Praise be to the Lord.

This month, I was able to carry out only a few days of office work and field ministry due to unexpected physical challenges caused by severe haemorrhoids. I faced difficulties and

had to go to the hospital for surgery, which made it impossible for me to carry out my duties effectively this month. However, because of your prayers to the Lord, He graciously granted me a quick recovery, enabling me to return to work. Please continue to pray for me and our

supporters in Mettupalayam. Please pray for the families of our supporters, for their needs,

WORLD NEWS

1. D. Gukesh of India emerged victorious in the Chess Championship that began on November 25th in Singapore, defeating reigning champion Ding Liren of China to claim the World Chess Champion title. He was honoured with a flower garland and awarded a cash prize of ₹11 crore. This achievement has brought great pride to India.
2. The Ministry of External Affairs announced that 75 Indian nationals were safely rescued from Syria amidst tense situations.
3. Chinese President Xi Jinping directed officials to implement development projects that prioritize national security and stability along the border areas.
4. Russian military commander Igor Kirillov was assassinated in a scooter bomb attack. An Uzbek youth has been arrested in connection with the incident.
5. Recent Israeli attacks in the Gaza region have claimed 38 lives, with 203 people injured. Since the conflict began on October 7, 2023, approximately 45,097 people have lost their lives.
6. German luxury carmaker Audi has decided to raise its prices in India by up to 3%, effective January 1.

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PRAY AND PRAISE!

1. Praise the Lord for Brother Simon Lourdes, who was appointed to the IBT office last December. Pray that more dedicated young individuals like him will join the IBT ministry as a blessing, facilitating the growth and expansion of the ministry.
2. Let us praise the Lord for Sister Nathiya, who is serving in the IBT office and is set to get married this month. Pray that this marriage will be in accordance with the Lord's will, a life filled with joy and blessings, and a family life that glorifies the name of the Lord.
3. Pray that in this year 2025, the IBT ministry will grow and expand. Pray for opportunities to introduce the IBT ministry in new places and churches where it is not yet known, for the organization of IBT promotional meetings, for connections with new individuals, and for workers or representatives to be available for more than 30 towns currently without them.
4. Praise the Lord that under the 200 Languages Project, scripture portions such as the Bible, New Testament, Psalms, Proverbs, and Gospel books have been published and distributed in 37 languages so far. While in some languages, only one Gospel book has been released, many languages have multiple books published. Pray earnestly for qualified translators to be available to publish scripture in the remaining 163 languages.

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