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This is to remind you that “Every Action has Reactions.” It would come at the later days of one’s life. One might have known the word “Realized Eschatology” which means in all the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) the underlined thought is if anyone commit any sin secretly or outwardly the punishment of Sin which would go along with him/her in day-to-day life. It may be horrible, but it is true.

Many people want to believe and like that God is so “loving” that He will overlook our little sins, “lapses” and “indiscretion”. There are some little white lies, like cheating a person, taking one’s own money when no one is looking. Secretly viewing pornography and many would say these are all not worthy enough of “Death”. But practically “SIN IS SIN” whether it is big or small. Although God loves us, His holiness is such that He cannot tolerate Evil or SIN.

The prophet Habakkuk describes God this way, ***“Your Eyes are pure to look on evil, you cannot tolerate wrong” (Habakkuk 1:13).*** God does not ignore our sin. On the other side ***“You may be sure that your sin will find you out” (Numbers 32:23).*** Even those secret sins we hide in the recesses of our hearts will one day be brought to light. ***“Nothing in creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account” (Hebrews 4:13).*** ***Do not be deceived. God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows (Galatians 6:7).*** Therefore, one has to be careful when he or she commit or indulge in

sinful behaviour. It is a warning if anyone disobedient to God consistently say unto us there will come a point where God will have to bypass us.

And now we see what are the consequences of sin

1. Separation from God
2. Death (Spiritual and Physical)
3. Guilt, fear and shame
4. Loss of inner peace and harmony
5. Enslavement to sin
6. Broken relationship
7. Destructions and misery
8. Eternal death

I. Separation from God

When Adam and Eve ate of the forbidden fruit (Sinned), their eyes were suddenly opened (Gen. 3:7). They knew something had changed. Something (Separation) had become between them and God. They immediately became aware of their own nakedness, and they hid from God. They even tried to cover their sin by blaming one another. Their perfect innocence was vanished. A spiritual wall had been created between them and God, and they were no longer one with Him; that is the real separation.

Sin is the act of going against God and His way (Deuteronomy 10:12,13). It is common sense but if someone is going against someone else, they are separating from whom they are

going against (Matthew 12:30). Therefore, by its mere definition, sin any sin is separation from God. Separation from God has also consequences some temporal and some eternal. Adam and Eve were created in God's image but with their sin they corrupted this image so drastically that Apostle Paul describes us as darkened in our understanding and alienated from the life of God (Eph. 4:18). We are spiritually dead and trespasses and sin (Eph 2:1-3) and literally God's enemies (Rom 8:7,8; Col 1:21) and hate Him (Mat. 6:24). Eternal separation from God is the end result of His judgement. Those who don't know God's will "suffer the punishment of eternal destruction away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His might (2 Thess 1:8,9).

"Adam and Eve were the first family of SINNERS"

In an act that foreshadowed His ultimate love in giving His own son to die for His people's sin (John 15:3; 3:16). God sacrificed a perfect animal for the first couple (Gen. 3:21; John 1:29). He counted this spoiled blood as payment for sin – a shadow symbolizing Christ's sacrifice (Hebrew 9:22). The actual sacrifice of Christ – the Lamb that was slain of creation (Rev. 13:8)- broke down the wall of separation between God for all those who are enabled to repent (2 Tim. 2: 24-26) and come to Christ by faith alone (Eph. 2:8-10).

In Christ, the wall of separation is destroyed. God's people are redeemed. They are at peace with God. They are new one with Him (John 17:23). Sin separates from God, but Jesus alone restores our fellowship with Him (Rom. 5:1; Psalm 103:12; Isaiah 43:25).

When anyone keeps on falling into sin, the Spirit of God automatically leaves the person unless and until he or she confesses sin. Finally, it would be an eternal separation if the sin is not cleansed by Jesus' blood.

II. Death (Physical and Spiritual)

When king David committed sin with Bathsheba, it was completely a cover-up plan with conspiracy. There was a physical death. God had struck the son Bathsheba bore to David with a sickness. On the seventh day of the boy's sickness, the child died (II Sam. 12:15-17).

Physical death is the separation of the Spirit from the mortal body. The fall of Adam brought physical death into the world. Physical death brings pain to everyone. Scripture recognizes that this life is only temporary. The Psalmist says, "**Lord, let me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting my life is**" (Psalm 39:4). We also read, "**As for mortals, their days are like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows if no more**" (Psalm 103:15, 16).

When God pronounced the judgment of death upon Adam, He spoke of Adam's body returning to dust.

"By the sweat of our face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it, you were taken, you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19). The body made up of dust, will return to dust. The Bible testifies that death is the giving up or departure of the spirit from the body. From the

moment we are born, we begin to die. This human body is described as a body of death. Paul wrote, **“Wretched man that I am who will rescue me from the body of death” (Romans 7:24)**. As far as human knowledge is concerned, death is the end of all life and existence for that person. It is the place of no return.

Spiritual Death comes as a result of disobedience. Sins make humans unclean and unable to dwell in the presence of God. Spiritual death regarded as the death of the Soul. **“The soul that sins shall die” (Ezekiel 18:4)**. In Genesis 2:17, God tells Adam that in the day he eats of this forbidden fruit, he will surely “die”. Adam does fall but his physical death does not occur immediately. God must have had another type of death in mind-spiritual death. This separation from God is exactly what we see in Genesis 3:8. “When Adam and Eve heard the voice of the Lord, they hid themselves from the presence of the Lord”. The fellowship had been broken. They were spiritually dead.

A man without Christ is spiritually dead. Paul describes it “being alienated from the life of God” in Ephesians 4: 18; the natural man like Adam hiding in the garden is isolated from God. When we are born again, spiritual death is reversed. Before salvation, we are dead spiritually, but Jesus gives us life : **“And you made alive who were dead in trespasses and sins” Ephesian 2:1)**. When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins (Colossians 2:13).

III. Guilt, Fear and Shame

Fear and shame are primarily emotional and spiritual consequences of sin emerging from a broken relationship with God as seen with Adam and Eve. GUILT IS THE CONVICTION OF DOING WRONG; SHAME IS THE FEELING OF BEING UNWORTHY OR BROKEN; FEAR LEADS TO HIDING OR SEPARATION FROM GOD. These feelings often lead to spiritual, emotional and social bondage.

Guilt is the legal or rational status of having done wrong. It is a necessary conviction that brings ones to repentance.

Shame is the internal, emotional and often deeply personal sense of worthlessness resulting from actions. It makes one feel exposed, flawed, and unlike guilt, often causes someone to hide.

Fear is the result of guilt and shame, leading to hiding, avoiding God, and attempting to cover up one’s mistake, as demonstrated by Adam and Eve.

Biblical freedom: Through confession, guilt is replaced by assurance of forgiveness, which can remove the burden of shame. Instead of being defined by sin “shame”, God’s children are afforded a new identity rooted in Christ’s righteousness. The word of God suggests that “perfect love casts out fear” providing a remedy for the fear associated with punishment.

IV. Loss of Inner Peace and Harmony

Sin interprets as disruption of divine order peace, and sin destroys inner peace by serving connection with God and introducing chaos, guilt and spiritual isolation.

Sin causes a loss of harmony by replacing divine grace with self-centeredness, leading to inner turmoil, weakened prayer, and alienation from one's true, tranquil self.

Now let us see how sin destroys inner peace and harmony.

- Sin is a **fundamental disruption** of the divine order, often referred to as a break in PEACE (wholeness, peace and well-being).
- **Sin weakens spiritual connections:** Sin particularly when it leads to apathy makes prayer difficult and causes one to withdraw from spiritual life **deepening the lack of peace.**
- **Internal Chaos:** Sin creates a “wall of hostility” separating the individual from God on Consequently **from inner peace.**
- **Loss of self-worth:** A life devoid of inner peace often results from **selfish impurities that cover the heart** making it impossible to feel the calm, pure reflection of the divine within.
- **Restoration Process: Peace is restored through repentance and confession, which re-establishes communion with God.**

The life of Jesus Christ reveals that He offers peace not as the world gives but as a fruit of reconciliation with God. **His peace flows from truth, mercy and obedience – not from denial or compromise.**

Sin promises control, pleasure, or independence, but it quietly steals peace. Grace on the other hand, demanding humility and repentance, but it restores what sin destroys. TRUE PEACE CANNOT COEXIST WITH SIN, BUT IT FLOURISHES WHEREVER THE SOUL TURNS BACK TO GOD. While sin

promises independence it ultimately steals peace creating a state of internal war.

V. Enslavement of Sin

Enslavement of sin describes a state where individuals are controlled or “bondage” to sinful desires and behaviours, rendering them incapable of achieving true spiritual freedom on their own. It signifies a mastery of sin over human nature, leading to destructive consequences and spiritual death.

Important aspects of the enslavement of sin which includes

- **Biblical foundation:** Jesus describes this (slave) condition starting that everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin (John 8: 34) often highlighting the inability to resist temptation.
- **Bondage and Loss of Freedom:** It implies (enslavement of sin) that human will is compromised, making it impossible to consistently do God's will without divine intervention. It represents a “soul crushing” reality where, much like physical slavery, individuals are controlled by a “master” (Sin) in this case, must obey its impulses.
- **Pathway to Liberation:** the only pathway to freedom from this bondage is through SALVATION AND GRACE OFFERED BY JESUS CHRIST; which frees individuals to become “slaves of righteousness”.

The addiction to sin can make a person's life cold and hard to the things of God, requiring a spiritual “regeneration” or “turning back to God” to “break the chains of sin” which focuses on the “freedom from sin” and “liberation from sin”.

Finally,

a. Slavery to sin is destructive, producing misery and death (Proverbs. 5: 1-6; 20-23; 9: 13-18).

b. Slavery to sin is an addiction that consumes a person's life. Sin is more addictive than any drug.

c. Slavery to sin destroyed a person's mind and makes it impossible to think in healthy productive ways (Titus 1:15).

d. Slavery to sin begins with the one sin. No one intends to become enslaved. But the nature of the sin-master is to take one into bondage.

VI. Broken Relationships:

Sin is fundamentally a breach in relationships-with God, other and self- rather than just a violation of rules. It destroys trust, unity, and love through pride, selfishness, or neglect, creating distance and conflict.

Main aspects of Sin and Broken Relationships:

Sin is "missing the mark" in relationships, often by failing to meet expectations of love and respect.

- **Types of damage:** Sin manifests arrogance, rage, jealousy, and lack of attention, causing division, fear and shame.
- **Impact of God:** Sin separates us from God, destroying the intended harmony of creation.
- **Impact of others:** Sin damages intimacy and trust, leading to conflict in families, friendships and communities.

- **Restorations:** Healing requires repentance, vulnerability, and active forgiveness, often involving confession to God and others to bring about restoration.

- **Biblical Steps:** God's Goal- God seeks to restore relationships, not just correct behaviour, evidenced by reconciliation through Jesus.

- **Action Steps:** Admitting wrongs, seeking peace, and extending forgiveness (even when it feels impossible) are essential for mending broken relationships.

VII. Destruction and Misery

Sin is defined as disobedience to God, creating a path characterized by destruction, misery and brokenness, as described in (Romans 3:16-17). It leads to both inward and outward suffering including ruined relationships, illness, and spiritual separation ultimately resulting in death. This "deadening" force represents the ultimate cause of human pain.

Important aspects of sin- Destruction and Misery

a. **Biblical Foundation:** As we see in Romans 3: 16-17 "destruction and misery are in their ways; And the way of peace they have not known" highlighting that a life apart from God's path leads to ruin.

b. **Consequences of Sin:** Sin causes deep suffering, including moral decline, broken relationships, violence and spiritual alienation.

c. **Types of Misery:** Sin causes both inner (guilt, emotional pain) and outer misery (disease, financial hardship, social run).

d. Root of Destruction: It is viewed not just as a weakness but as destructive force that ruins lives.

e. Theological perspectives: In Christian Theology, the fall of humanity (Adam and Eve) introduced this state, while in other traditions, it is linked to negative karma requiring purification.

The misery of sin acts as a “deadening” against that numbs, corrupts and eventually destroys.

VIII. Eternal Death

Eternal death refers to (I John 5:16-17) deliberate, unrepentant rebellion or rejection of God, resulting in eternal death, which is permanent, spiritual separation from God. This “second death” is characterized as final destruction in the lake of fire (Revelation 20:14,15), in contrast to the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

Some important aspects of this concept

a. Eternal Death represents the **ultimate consequence of sin** often described as a conscious and everlasting separation from God’s presence.

b. The Sin unto death: This is often interpreted as willful apostasy, blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, or persistent, hardened disobedience against God.

c. Mortal vs Venial Sins: In some traditions particularly Catholics, sins are categorized into moral (deadly) sins that destroy. In the heart

and lead to eternal death and venial sins that do not.

d. The unpardonable sin: Matthew 12: 31, 32 which describe blasphemy against the Holy Spirit as an unforgivable eternal sin.

e. Contrast with eternal life: Romans 6: 23 establishes the core dichotomy. **“For the wages of sin is death by the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord often frames this as “a second death” (Revelation 20: 14-15),** it is fundamentally understood as the loss of an eternal relationship with God.

And finally, my beloved when Samson sinned against God constantly, instantly, and continuously **“He did not know that the Lord had departed from him” (Judges 16:20).** When king Saul disobeyed God, he did not know the Spirit of God had completely departed from him.

But my friend I am to tell you that Noah walked with God in the midst of evil and sins. He actually walked with God (Genesis 6:9). It means he had to step by step fellowship with God. He had God, God had his companion as he walked through in the midst of evil and sin.

Do you still cover your sin and lost your peace? Come to Jesus, he died for you on the cross for your sins; He will cleanse you from all your sins and hug you and forgive you. Can you give your life to Jesus? Amen.

- Rev. John Rajah

EDITORIAL

Dear beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

On behalf of the Saththiya Vaarthai magazine, we extend our Easter greetings to you.

“I have formed this people for myself; they shall declare my praise.” (Isaiah 43:21)

The main purpose for which the Lord created human beings on this earth is that we should praise Him and glorify His name. Even before God created human beings, He had created a host of angels to worship Him. Lucifer, the fallen angel (Satan), was the leader of that group.

Later, he became proud and thought that he would exalt his throne above the Lord, and that the host which worshiped God should henceforth worship him instead. Because of this, God cast him and the group that joined with him out of His presence.

God created us in order to place us in the place of those angels who were cast out. If we, immediately after being created, had been placed in heaven, we too might have fallen like Lucifer. Therefore, God allowed us to live on this earth. Here we are shaped and made worthy according to the Lord’s will, and only after being prepared He will establish us in heaven so that we may be with Him for all eternity.

In Isaiah 29:13, the Lord says, ***“These people draw near to Me with their mouth and honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are***

far from Me.” The lives of many Christians are like this. When we worship in the church, we may appear righteous before others, but in our personal lives only the Lord knows our inner thoughts and deeds.

When we read in the Bible about who was a man after the Lord’s own heart, we see that it was David. The reason is that David continually praised the Lord. David did not praise the Lord only when he was in a high position in life or when he received many blessings. Even when others treated him with contempt, when he was in humility, and in the midst of sufferings, he praised the Lord.

We should not praise Him only for our needs and the blessings we receive. Even in the midst of worldly trials, we must praise Him like Job. That is what God expects. That is the true love that God desires.

The Israelites asked the Lord, “Who among us shall go up first to fight against the Canaanites?” ...And the Lord answered, “Judah shall go up. Indeed, I have delivered the land into his hand” (Judges 1:1–2).

After Joshua died, the people of Israel asked the Lord this question as they prepared to take possession of the land of Canaan. Why did the Lord tell the tribe of Judah to go first? The meaning of “Judah” is praise. Before we receive any blessing, we must praise God so that the obstacles may be removed.

Through the praise of God’s people, the walls of Jericho fell down easily without any

struggle. When the Moabites and Ammonites came to fight against Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, he appointed singers to go before the army and sing praises to the Lord. As soon as they began to praise, the enemies turned against one another and destroyed themselves.

Whenever we praise the Lord, He will defeat our enemies. Therefore, let us praise Him not only in the church or during our personal prayer times, but also in our workplaces, during our travels, and whenever we have the opportunity.

“I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth” (Psalm 34:1).

On February 8 of last month, at the CSI Paul’s Church, Goundampalayam, Coimbatore, Mr. S. Rajasekaran delivered the message on behalf of IBT, and Brother Gideon explained the IBT ministry. On that day, many church members participated in large numbers and eagerly purchased the IBT published literature books. Mr. S. Rajasekaran also took part in the men’s fellowship of the church and shared the Word of God.

On the 20th, 21st, and 22nd of the same month, during the Lenten meetings at the CSI Church, Krishnampalayam, Erode, IBT representatives from Erode—Mr. D. Ravi, Mr. Rajan Thangathurai, and Mr. Selvaraj—shared the message of God and explained the ministry.

IBT expresses its gratitude to the church pastor, secretary, treasurer, and the church members who participated and provided the opportunity.

If the IBT ministry has not yet been introduced in the churches in the areas where you live, please inform us. This will help the ministry grow and bring glory to the name of God. We also thank you for continuing to support the IBT ministry with your contributions.

May the Lord bless you and your family and make you prosper!

“Shalom”

In His service
Your brother,
K. Jaisingh

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FIELD NEWS

Missionary: Bro. Sanjay Kumar

Field: Chhattarpur (Madhya Pradesh)

Glory be to God!

By the grace of the Lord, during the past month I visited several places for missionary work, including Tiriya Mohalla, Panna Road, Banwari, Bachan, Mahoba Chandla, Sorvai, Vishwanath Colony, Banda, Gautam Nagar, Ayodhya Basti, and Maharajpur. I met many people, shared the Gospel, distributed Gospel tracts, and prayed for them.

I newly met Bro. Santosh Bansal, Babulal Bansal, and the sisters Babali Bansal and Kamala Bansal, and spoke to them about Jesus Christ. They listened with great interest. The Sunday worship was conducted as usual in Gautam Nagar. A fasting prayer meeting was also held at the Chhattarpur mission field. Please pray for my missionary work and for my family.

Promotional Staff: Bro. Sam Ebenezer

Field: Mettupalayam (Tamil Nadu)

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

By the strength given by the Lord, I carried out the promotion work and office work well during the past month. In the first week, I completed the preparatory work for sending the magazine in the office. After that, I was involved in posting the magazine and doing other office-related tasks.

Some of the supporters voluntarily came forward and increased their offerings. Bro. Gideon (Coimbatore Promotion Worker) took me and three other brothers who are serving as promotion staff in other places to several churches and taught us how to approach pastors. It was very useful for all of us who participated.

For the promotion work, I visited places in and around Mettupalayam such as Teachers Colony, Kattur, K.K. Nagar, Mettupalayam Main Road, Sivanpuram, Cheran Nagar, Velankanni, Shankar Nagar, Sirumugai, Iluppapalayam, Pazhaya Sandhai, Eye Hospital area, Kunda Colony, Karamadai, and Thanthai Periyar Street. I met IBT partners and supporters, received their offerings, and prayed for them.

Please pray that new supporters may be added for the promotion work, that opportunities may be given in churches for the IBT ministry, and that the Lord will grant protection in my daily travels.

Translator: Bro. Azariah Madhuri

Language: Telugu

Field: Podia (Odisha)

Glory be to the Lord!

In the translation work, I am translating the Children's Bible into the Telugu language. This work involves compiling and writing Bible stories. It also includes adding appropriate pictures where needed, verifying the content,

rereading the compiled material, correcting errors, and making necessary revisions. At present, the final checking work is in progress.

From January 12 to January 17, I attended the translation checking work held at the Bapanpalli Children's Home in Odisha. Many translators participated in this program. Our work was supervised by IMS missionaries Mr. Isaac and Mrs. Girija Isaac.

For missionary work, I visited the villages of Muchchikiguda, Motamguda, Shanthi Nagar, Panthalguda, and Kammariguda, where I shared the Gospel and prayed for the people. Gospel books and tracts were also distributed. Please pray for my translation work and for my family.

Translator: Sister Latha Ramachandrappa
Language: Bhovi
Field: Haveri (Karnataka)

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

By the grace of the Lord, during the past month the Old Testament book of Psalms has been keyed in using the Paratext software, and the checking work is currently in progress. Work such as Footnote Marking, Cross References, Biblical Terms, Parallel Passages, and Paragraph Setting is being carried out.

The New Testament published in the Bhovi language is currently being distributed. So far, 750 copies have been distributed among the people who speak this language. Please pray that all those who received these books will

read them daily and grow in the Lord. Also, please pray for my translation work and for the education of my children.

Missionary: Bro. Pattiraj
Field: Selampur (Uttar Pradesh)

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

During the past month, for missionary work I visited Dhanavati, Magahara, Musala, Baishi, Chandpur, Malippur, and Pippara, where I met many people, shared the Gospel, and distributed tracts and Gospel booklets. Bro. Anu, Surasati, Rajender, Rahul Kumar, and Sister Sandhiya listened to the Gospel with great interest.

I prayed for the healing of Archana, Rita, and Madhuri, who were suffering from illness. The Lord heard the prayers and graciously granted them good health.

In addition, Sunday worship services, fasting prayer meetings, and house prayer meetings were conducted at the Selampur mission field on Sundays. Please pray that there will be no obstacles or persecutions in the missionary work carried out in the Selampur and Deoria mission fields.

Promotional Staff: Bro. Paul Jeyasudhan
Field: Trichy (Tamil Nadu)

By the grace of the Lord, throughout the past month God enabled me to carry out the IBT promotion work across Trichy district. I met each supporter, inquired about their families,

and learned that the Lord had answered the prayer requests they had made during the previous month. God graciously helped me to pray and encourage them. Just as the Lord remembered the prayers offered on that day and granted answers, He has remembered the requests of each supporter and answered their prayers. Some supporters are still undergoing medical treatment, and I continue to pray for them. A few supporters requested prayer because of family problems, and I prayed for them with encouragement. Others asked for prayer regarding marriage matters and the blessing of children, and I am continuing to pray for these needs as well.

I am also continuing to make efforts to conduct promotion meetings. I informed the supporters about the new translation projects and requested them to pray for them. Likewise, I explained to them about the Audio New Testament, Children's Bible, social service activities, missionary work, and literature ministry, and asked them to pray for these ministries.

I am praying every day that the translation work may be completed quickly as part of the IBT vision of translating into 200 languages. I am also making efforts for the expansion of the ministry. Kindly pray for me and for my family. The grace of the Lord is always with us.

SEEKING THE FACE OF THE LORD

Last month's continuation

II. When We Seek His Face, He Will Free Us from the Snare

In Psalm 27:8, David says, ***“You said, ‘Seek My face.’ My heart said to You, ‘Your face, Lord, I will seek.’”*** Therefore, it is written, “Do not hide Your face from me.” In Psalm 25:15 it is written, ***“My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He shall pluck my feet out of the net.”*** We live in a sinful world. The enemies against us spread nets. In order to escape from them, we must look to the face of the Lord. Psalm 141:8 says, ***“But my eyes are upon You, O God the Lord.”***

III. When we seek His face, light comes. We also become a light to others, and our faces

will not be put to shame.

Psalm 27:1 says, ***“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”*** Here David declares, “The Lord is my light, my salvation, and the strength of my life.” In this sinful and dark world, He is our light to help us live.

Psalm 118:27 says, ***“The Lord is God, and He has made His light shine upon us.”*** The Lord is not only our light, but He is the One who makes us shine. When we are a light to others, a blessing, and doers of good, He causes us to shine so that we may bring everyone to the Lord.

Psalm 34:5 says, ***“They looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces were not ashamed.”*** Here we see that when we look to the face of the Lord, not only does light come to us, but our faces are not put to shame. We need not bow our heads before anyone. He is the God who lifts up our heads. As the Scripture says, we shall not be ashamed. Therefore, we must be people who always look to His face.

Exodus 34:29, 30, 31

29. When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord.

30. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him.

31. The Israelites saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the Lord.

Here we see that the Lord’s light came upon Moses. Perhaps Moses himself did not realize that this light was upon him. But the Israelites around him, Aaron, and all the others saw the light shining from his face.

In the same way, when we look to the face of the Lord, not only does His light come upon us, but others will also see that light in our lives and on our faces.

If you look long at yourself (in a mirror) - you will become discouraged.

If you look at others, you will be distracted.

But, if you look at His (Jesus) face, you will take on His likeness.

According to the above explanation, if we look at ourselves in the mirror, we may become discouraged and weary. We may feel down. And when we look at others, our thoughts may become disturbed, because we may think, “I am not like him; I am lower than him.” Such comparisons can scatter our thoughts and discourage us.

But when we look to the Lord, we are transformed to become like Him.

Psalm 142:5 says, ***“I cried out to You, O Lord: I said, ‘You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.’”*** We look to the Lord because He is our refuge and our portion in the land of the living. Therefore, we must look to Him and call upon Him.

Psalm 121:1 says, ***“I will lift up my eyes to the hills—from where comes my help?”*** Why do I lift up my eyes to His holy hill? Because my help comes from Him. And who is He? He is the One who made heaven and earth.

IV. When We Seek His Face, We Receive a Share in the Kingdom of Heaven

In Luke 23:40–43, we see this truth clearly. The thief looked at the face of Jesus and made a request: “Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.” He did not even ask, “Give me a place in Your heavenly kingdom” or “Take me with You.” He simply said, “Lord, when You come into Your kingdom, remember me.” Verse 43 says, “And Jesus said to him, ‘Truly I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.’” The thief only made one humble request —

“Remember me.” But Jesus granted him a share in the kingdom of heaven. He did not say, “You are a thief and a robber; therefore you must go to hell.” Instead, when He entered heaven, He took the thief with Him.

What a great blessing! Though he was a thief, he received a share in the heavenly kingdom with Jesus.

In the same way, when we look to His face, we too receive a share in the kingdom of heaven.

V. When we seek His face, it makes us remember our sins, feel remorse, and become convicted.

Luke 22:61–62: ***“Then the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, ‘Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.’ So Peter went out and wept bitterly.”***

Here we see that Jesus looked at Peter. At that moment, Peter was filled with sorrow, remembered the words the Lord had spoken, realized how he had fallen away, and wept bitterly over his sin.

VI. When we seek His face, the Lord promises to bring prosperity to the nation.

2 Chronicles 7:14: ***“If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”***

If the nation in which you and I live—that is, the nation of India—is to prosper and progress, we are the reason for it. Because we are the people called by His name, we must humble ourselves before the Lord, pray to Him, and seek His face. When we seek His face and turn away from our wicked ways, our God in heaven will forgive our sins and bring prosperity to the nation. Therefore, the prosperity of the nation is in our hands. We must live as people who seek His face.

When we look to the face of the Lord:

1. Change takes place in our lives and salvation comes.
2. He delivers us from the snare of wicked people.
3. His light shines upon us, and we are transformed to be like Him.
4. Our faces will not be put to shame.
5. His glory comes upon us.
6. Our refuge, help, and support come from Him.
7. We receive a share in the Kingdom of Heaven.
8. We become convicted of sin and are led to repent with a contrite heart.

What does it mean to seek His face?

It means praying to Him always, knowing His Word and believing it, maintaining a constant relationship with the Lord (relation with God), and living in loving fellowship with Him. This is what it means to seek the face of the Lord.

– A. Christopher
Chennai Representative

WORLD NEWS

1. Rob Jetten was sworn in as the new Prime Minister of the Netherlands on February 23. With this, he has become the youngest Prime Minister (38) in the history of the Netherlands.
2. In a sudden strike carried out jointly by the United States and Israel, the supreme leader and chief religious authority of Iran, Ali Khamenei (86), was reportedly killed. Iran warned that it would launch an unprecedented retaliatory attack to avenge his death.
3. The Russia–Ukraine War, which has caused the greatest humanitarian disaster in the European continent since the Second World War, has completed four years. However, the sounds of gunfire and artillery have still not ceased. The number of people killed and severely injured on both sides has crossed several hundred thousand.
4. Ola Electric, one of India's leading electric two-wheeler manufacturers, has decided to reduce the number of its direct sales centers to 550 in order to cut costs.
5. In the Delhi Open ATP 75 Challenger tennis tournament, Greek player Stefanos Sakellaridis won the championship title.
6. In the Qatar Open tennis tournament, world No.1 player Carlos Alcaraz dominated the competition and captured the championship title.

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3. Let us praise the Lord for the successful completion of the checking work planned for January and February. The checking of New Testaments, Psalms, and Proverbs by 13 translators will be carried out again this month from 20th to 25th at the Bapanpalli Children's Home, Odisha. Additionally, checking work for 5 translators is scheduled to take place at the Coimbatore IBT centre from July 6th to 11th. Let us pray that all these works proceed smoothly without any hindrance.
4. Let us pray that the Lord grants complete health and well-being to all translators involved in the translation work and their families. In the past months, some translation work was delayed due to the illness of certain translators or their family members. Therefore, let us pray for their good health and the well-being of their families.

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