

Jacob's Well

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Jesus teaches us how to worship, love, and serve God at Jacob's Well, where we can find rest and satisfaction in Him.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher focuses on the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well in John chapter 4. He emphasizes the importance of understanding the concept of harvest and how it relates to our spiritual lives. The preacher highlights that Jesus came to the well not only to open the disciples' spiritual eyes but also to teach them how to worship. He emphasizes that true worship is a crucial need among believers today and that coming to the well can satisfy our hunger and thirst.

Transcript

This cassette contains the message on Jacob's Well by the Lord's Servant, Brother Vak Singh, during the special meetings held at the Temple of Hyderabad on 15th and 16th January 1965, after returning from abroad, from Hong Kong, Japan and other places. The teletranslator is the Lord's Servant, Brother M.N.S. Ratnam. The Gospel of John chapter 4. When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had hurt, He just made and baptized more disciples than John.

The Gospel of John chapter 4, verse 6. Now, Jacob's well was there. Here therefore, being weary with his journey, sat down on the well. It was about the sixth hour.

Then verse 31. In the meanwhile, the disciples prayed him saying, Master, eat. Verse 32.

But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of. Verse 33. Therefore the disciples, one to another, half any man brought him to eat.

Verse 34. He said unto them, my meat is to avail of him that send me, and to finish his work. Verse 35.

See now ye, they are yet four months, and then come at harvest. Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest. Verse 36.

There sleepeth Simeon the just, and gathereth fruits unto life eternal, that both he that soweth and he that eateth may rejoice together. Verse 37. Here is the saying true.

One should have the very best. I sent you to live that wherein ye bestow no labor. Other men labored, and ye have entered into their labors.

Lord Jesus Christ came to that well that day, and when he came, he was very tired. We are told here, being wearied with his journey, shed dust on the well. It was about six hours.

They must have begun their journey about early morning sometime. The journey began from Judea, from Galilee. The Lord was going to Galilee.

He left Judea and departed into Galilee. And he must have walked about six hours or more in that journey. It was about midday when he came at the well.

And feeling very tired, hungry, and worn out, he sat there. And they must have used all their food while travelling to that well. God's disciples, all of them, had gone to buy meat.

That is the first age. God's disciples were gone away on the city to buy meat. All the twelve of them had gone to buy meat.

That will be sure, they must have exhausted all their supply in that journey. Now all of them had to go together, get some more food. For the beginning journey.

That is why all of them together, they will leave anybody behind in the Lord Jesus Christ. Because they had to carry so many things, for the journey, for the whole time. And that will prove, our Lord must have been very tired, very hungry, very worn out at that well.

But we find, he is now much refreshed by coming at that well. Without eating any food or even drinking any water, he was refreshed. Even though he had asked for water from the woman to drink, there is no record that she gave him any water to drink.

No doubt, he must have been very thirsty, when he asked that woman, give me water to drink. No doubt, he used that also to speak to her about her own need. But evidently, he was thirsty, when he said to her, give me to drink.

But there is no record here, that he ever drank water from her, at that time. Then we say here, verse 31, in the meanwhile disciple prayed him, saying, Master eat. But he said, I had my food.

Verse 32. But he said, and then I have meat, eat that meat, no doubt. Therefore said the disciple, have any man brought him or to eat? And he was now satisfied.

Then the disciple was saying, come Master, you also eat with us. What he is saying, I had my food. That means he was now satisfied.

By the time the disciple came, he was feeling very much refreshed and fully satisfied, no hunger and no thirst. So that well was a wonderful well. All of us, get tired sometimes.

No matter who you are, you must be tired sometimes. Even a very, very healthy body, very strong body, you are bound to feel very tired sometimes. No matter when you feel tired, go to Jigmeet sir.

He has a very simple remedy to overcome any tiredness. Sometimes we feel tired because of journey. Other times we feel tired because of heavy burden we bear.

I have seen many people carrying very heavy load upon their head or shoulder, then resting somewhere for a while. Sometimes we feel tired because of the family burdens. I tell that to my cooking sometimes.

A nice cook, but not so nice cook always. Many get tired of cooking also. Same way many get tired of eating also.

Some get tired of sleeping. Some get tired of working. The time when you feel like working, time when you feel like resting.

Now you find all your tiredness, whatever it may be, can be fully overcome by coming at Jigmeet sir's well. Well, you are tired because of the family burden, personal burden, all the burdens. Well, you are tired of your duty or anything else.

He has a remedy to really become fresh by coming at Jigmeet sir's well. The same way one can feel hungry and thirsty at times. Now they are worried.

Now how you are going to manage with such a little quantity of rice and wheat? Now they are scheming how to get more rice and more wheat from neighbours or friends or somebody else. They have their stomachs full. Now you find your hunger and thirst also can be satisfied by coming at Jigmeet sir's well.

Now see how our Lord has revealed not only one but many secrets at Jigmeet sir's well. You want your life to become a triumphant? Come at Jacob's well. See our Lord has come at Jacob's well not only for the sake of woman but also for the sake of the disciples with him.

He was trying to show them how their lives also can become like a well full of plenty of water. Now they can also have their lives more fruitful. That's why he is now saying this verse in John chapter 4. Say now they are yet four months then come at the harvest.

We hold eyes to you. Lift up your eyes and look on the field. For they are white already to harvest.

Evidently that was not the harvest time when the Lord just came to the well in Samaria. They were yet four months to the harvest time. But Lord was saying they never have a ready for it.

The lift up is here now. And you find the field ripe unto harvest. The earthly harvest is to be gathered by using your ordinary eyes.

So even the fields are ripening then the farmers get together and start eating the harvest. But spiritually he says he wants to gather the harvest. Then you will see where all those harvests he will go and also gather the harvest.

Then we can say our Lord Jesus Christ came to the well to open the spiritual eyes of his disciples. Thus again he came to teach them how to worship. Chapter 4.24 God is spirit that they worship him.

Must worship him in spirit and truth. Now very few people know how to worship. Many can teach, many can preach, many can sing, many can do many things.

But all cannot worship. That is the biggest myth today. Remember the disciples of Lord Jesus Christ.

They have seen his miracles also. But so far they have not learned what is to worship. So to teach them how to worship they have to come to Jacob's well.

The same way you find how these Samaritans were hated and despised by the Jews. Now our Lord was showing the very same people whom they hated all these centuries were before God very precious. Now see for example our Lord is speaking to men called Nicodemus in 3rd chapter of John's Gospel.

Nicodemus one of the leading men of the nation. In those days the whole Jewish synagogue, a temple was governed by a council of 70 members. These were the 70 leading men of the whole nation.

And Nicodemus was one among the 70. He was a man of authority. And man who was full of reverence for Lord Jesus Christ.

And when he came to see him our Lord spoke to him like a child. And when he came to see Lord Jesus Christ our Lord spoke to Nicodemus like a child. And when your children grew up our Lord taught them ABCs.

And even in those days our Lord taught them Mathematics, Geography. Here our Lord taught Nicodemus like a small baby. Except a man be born again he cannot enter or see the Kingdom of God.

That is the ABC of salvation. But when he speaks to the woman in the well who is a Samaritan he is talking about a very big deep truth. But when he speaks to the woman in the well he is talking about a very big deep truth.

It takes many many years to learn how to worship properly. Even though he may be born again some years ago. But you find after many years of your spiritual growth then you discover how to worship your spiritual truth.

Now this very deep truth is being taught and spoken to by the Lord Jesus Christ to that woman who was extremely hated and despised by the Jews. She is not only a Samaritan but also a gay sinner. And yet she has the privilege to learn from the lips of Lord Jesus Christ the wonderful truth how to worship God in spirit and truth.

Or we can say if you want to learn how to worship then go to Jacob's well. Same if you want to love all people go to Jacob's well. So there are the Samaritans and the Jews all became one.

In the beginning the disciples of the Lord were not willing to go via Samaria. Our Lord had to in one way compelled them to come via Samaria. That was the first call.

He must needs go through Samaria. That means he was determined to go. Then the disciples said Master why do you want to go this way? This is not a very good way.

Let us go this way. But the Lord said no I must go that way. Now when they came that way they discovered why the Lord was saying you must go via Samaria.

He was showing them the very same people whom they hated and despised and rejected all these centuries were unto God very very precious. Now if you want to love everybody come to Jacob's well. If you find it very very hard to love somebody come to Jacob's well.

God has some person we do not like. We do not say openly what we say in the heart. I do not like so and so.

I do not like that man has nose or chin or face or teeth. I do not like the way they speak. Is that your difficulty? Come to Jacob's well.

Then you will be taught how to love even the most unloved people. Again you see how the Lord revealed. Yes it is.

I have a trouble life by doing all this. Yes I talked to him. My meet him.

The will of him just sent me and finished his work. The wonderful truth was revealed and taught by the Lord at Jacob's well. Now you find if you really know how to find the will of God.

You have many questions also automatically. Now we have had a question period in the past months here and there. When we had meeting in the different part of Europe.

We gave them opportunity to ask question. Same way in Hong Kong and same way in Philippines. Both by God's service and of the believers too.

And there is one question put to me everywhere. How to be sure of God's will. It is put to me by young believers, by old believers, by the preachers, by many God's servants.

Again and again same question. How to be sure, how to be clear, how to be positive and definite of God's perfect will. And it is a wonderful question also.

Because there are so many problems. If you learn that secret of finding God's will, you have everything. You can have your share in God's fullness.

And this very special truth is being taught at Jacob's well. If that is your need, come to Jacob's well. And there you will find all your hunger satisfied, your thirst satisfied, your tiredness overcome.

You will find your love coming in your heart. And you are concerned about the passing soul. You will see the Jews were only concerned about the Jews.

They did not bother about the other people. The Jews were only concerned about the Jews. See Acts 11 chapter.

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Now David was scattered abroad upon the persecution. The rose above Stephen travelled as far as Seneca and Cyprus, Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto Jews only. To none but the Jews only.

You see how much they were only concerned about their own people of the Jewish nation. And that's why they prayed to a ghost. Verse 20.

And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, which is the largest. Verse 21. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned unto the Lord.

The apostles and Jerusalem have failed. They were only concerned about the Jews. Even though they were so blessed.

Fully blessed. Yet they were only giving the gospel to Jews only. But now unknown believers from Cyprus and Cyrene began to preach to all people.

And that's why we told here, all over the whole town of Antioch believed. And from that time, the center is shifting from Jerusalem to Antioch. And the gospel was taken from Antioch to many parts of Asia, then many parts of Europe.

But then another could have been given to those that did not believe. To the people of Jerusalem. But they missed it.

They failed God. Because they were only thinking of themselves. And the very same lesson was being taught by the Lord Jesus Christ at Jerusalem.

The eyes of the apostles at that time were only upon their people in Judea and Galilee and Jews. They had no desire even to go nearby Samaria. A lot of them said, you look up and see my harvest everywhere.

So you want a clear, heavenly vision of God's harvest? Come to Jacob's Valley. You want to learn how to serve God? Come to Jacob's Valley. It's a wonderful valley.

And your life also can become like this very deep well. A lot of them said, you look up and see my harvest everywhere. You want to learn how to serve God? Come to Jacob's Valley.

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And your life also can become like this very deep well. She again kept to 4 and verse 11, the woman said unto him, Sir, there is nothing to draw with, the well is deep, the mess, then hath thou living water, art thou greater than our father Jacob? He gave up the well and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle. He is of a very old well, about one thousand and seven hundred years old.

There are very few wells which can give water for more than 100 years. But this well, very old well, was giving water, good water, plenty of water for one thousand and seven hundred years. It was a deep well, plenty of water, water for the human being, water for the cattle also.

The woman is saying, art thou greater than our father Jacob? Who gave us such a good well? Even though it is such a deep old well, yet we find plenty of water for everybody. The Lord is saying, I want you to become better than this well also. Plenty of living water for everybody.

Do you see how many wonderful truths are revealed and taught by the Lord in the same well? I find out the ways of experience the same way. How will all those who help us overcome our tiredness by going to Jacob's well? About two months ago, when I got a letter from Japan to come to Korea. They wanted a meeting period from 6th of November to tell about November the 12th or 14th.

Their first thought was, how to go now so soon after convocation? The Lord was saying, I am sorry, not easy to come at this time. Now we require at least one week to get over tiredness of convocation. Now some very eagerly wait for the last day of convocation.

This year we feel that on 7th of November. And many were thinking now, when we have next day we can sleep till 10 o'clock in the morning. And most of you had to sleep, I am sure, on that day.

And you may have some kind of headache, some kind of stomach ache, some kind of fever, some kind of something else. They first retired. The Lord was saying the same thing.

Now Lord, give me few days of rest before going anywhere on convocation. In not one week, at least three or four days. Because after convocation, after we are very busy time, we are going away.

When I began to pray, Lord gave me verse. That came in my daily portion. That's chapter 19.

That's chapter 19 and verse 10. And this got in use by the space of two years. So that all the developed nations heard about the Lord Jesus, both youth and grief.

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In the meantime also I have been requesting others to pray, whether to go or not to go to Japan at that time. Therefore, before making any final decision, we are learning the method of praying together. And in many ways, the Lord also began to give every direction of His will.

Now ordinarily, the Reserve Bank of India won't give permission to go abroad easily. Some have to spend many, many days in Madras to get a permit. Even then they can't get it.

It's very, very strict. But still I have. I got the letter in Denmark.

And when I believed the Lord, why is the whole return ticket? And then later we have to get the permit very easily. Otherwise, it's not at all possible. Now I can see God's hand in a very clear way.

Why did He command me to go there at that time? All these past five weeks have been days of blessing and days of much encouragement. In the beginning, we had first few days with God's servants from many countries. From Japan, from Okinawa and Korea.

Philippines, Hong Kong, other countries. Many of these servants were from different parts of Asia. Their main burden was, how can we in Asia take the Gospel to all countries? The Lord has been giving us the very same burden more than 30 years ago.

Unless we India take the Gospel to other countries, we'll never go spiritually. This is God's command. This is God's command, go into all the world, is for all the believers, not only for few countries.

And I found how the Lord has given the very same burden in these days to many of His servants in all these countries in Asia. And now we have opened the door for the Gospel in all the countries of Asia. In Japan, in Korea, in Philippines, in Okinawa, Formosa, and then Indo-China, Indonesia and so on.

And we know how the Lord is moving in these countries. So by God's help, in God's time, we can take our share, take our Lord in all the countries. And what the Lord has been teaching us, we can now share with them as well.

Because we have a mutual responsibility to help each other. That's how we spend the first week. In 1959, I had the privilege to spend about one week in Tokyo, Japan.

Tokyo is the capital city of Japan. At that time, I met some missionaries in Tokyo. They had specially come to see me from a place called Toyama.

They had resigned from their missionary society. And they were praying how to begin a new work in Japan. How to live out in God when you are caught with heavenly plans.

So we had a time of prayer and a fellowship together a number of days in the period of 1969, six years ago. And before I left Tokyo, I had told those people to keep in touch with other believers in Tokyo. There is a small group of believers of Chinese in Tokyo.

That's how the missionaries also came in touch with them. But this happened after a little while, one by one, all these partners had to go away. And this few Japanese were left themselves.

Just about thirty or so. And now we have to work in them very deeply. And now, this is one of the most living group in the whole of Japan.

So I had the privilege to stand with those people for two or three days. Our Lord has wonderfully led them on in all these years by themselves. The western Christianity has not made much impact on those in Japan.

The Japanese are very clever people. Very, very hard working and very, very clever people. They are much more advanced in many ways.

One can't help but admire them for their advancement in science and knowledge, education, industries and everything. Every inch of ground is cultivated or made use of. Nothing is wasted.

In a waste paper which is so big, they go on gathering and make nice vessels. They are very, very clever people. Nothing wasted.

And they live a very simple life. You find their young people looking very, very serious, very hard at studies. Now in the European countries or America, you find young people who found out worldly dresses, worldly clothes, all kind of worldly things.

But you find in Japan, young people are extremely serious. And they are dressed in their manners very, very sober and serious. And they are very, very determined to make full use of their energy and time.

Nothing is wasted. You won't see any foolery on roadside young people. In the train or buses, they are very, very respectful, very serious.

And extremely polite. Anybody go to see them, they go and go and put a five times. You also go to board and put a five times.

Now you are half-made. Go right to the ground. And some more like to leave, they fall upon the face.

It is very less embarrassing. And also they are very, very advanced. See how many factories they have opened and things they have invented.

Now the state parties, as a nation, they are being deceived by all kind of wrong teaching and false cults. All the intellectual knowledge, the mind is so darkened. I saw one of the building, it can seat 50,000 people.

In no part of the whole world you find such a large building. Most beautifully built building. With every modern comfort and convenience.

And the whole work is done by the lay people, not by priest. But full of, full of ideas. There is still combination.

How they are deceived by the images of Buddha here and there. And the people are so highly trained in everything. And thousands go there every day.

It is happening all over the country. And these people, now after war, Americans thought, they fell by sending plenty of money and help, they can win the war. But they got spotted.

They gave reaction against the western Christianity. A lot of small groups of believers, in different part of Japan, and through whom I believe, started to flow. They have no respect for other modern Christianity.

But they have a real respect for the groups of believers in life, especially. So they get joy to spend some time with those people in Toyama. So the work began there in 1959.

Now I could see even a few words spoken by a prayer, how they can lead the Lord in a wonderful way. So I could see God's hand leading in every way in this past, in those first two weeks in Japan. So I began to pray, now Lord tell me, how many days I have to stay here, how many days other places.

When I left India, that time I had no idea whatsoever, how long I have to stay. Except one thing, this time I only have to be away for five weeks. But one question was, how many days to spend each place.

So it took me about ten days to make sure of that period. Again I saw how God was leading this step by step. Because in all these things I wanted to see God's hand.

I was staying in Japan, Tokyo, in a very far place with some friend. So one morning I had to go to get a visa for the Philippines. Lord spoke to me, now I have to spend some days in Philippines, some days in Ceylon and so on.

And for every country we have to have a visa. For every country we have to have a visa. So I had to go to another place the next day.

So that morning I came to the office of Philippines. But I had no money with me for Japanese money. So I had to pray very hard.

Because I had no money, Japanese money. I also don't know Japanese language. But he sent somebody to guide me today and help me today.

So by faith and then by touching the office of the Philippines. It was quite a very far way by the way. When I came outside the office, I saw one man standing in the corner.

So I went to him. I said, will you kindly tell me where to go for certification. He said, I will pay that tax and I will take you.

And he also paid my taxi bill too. He said, I will pay taxi, don't worry. In an emergency.

He was a well known businessman. So I gave him my test money as much as I tested. Then I had to go to the next place from there also.

I still had no money, Japanese money. And again I prayed. Now luckily still somebody else would help me this time.

As I got out of the taxi, one very tall man came towards me. He had seen me in Tokyo six years ago. A Japanese man.

He said, I want this taxi, I will pay for it. So he called me back. So I began to seek God's hand in all these small things.

How I attempted that was God's hand. Then the following day I had to apply for a visa for Sri Lanka. Punjab is only open for two hours.

Same day I had to go to another city. So I began to pray, now what to do now. I haven't got much time to pray, to apply.

When I was praying, I heard a voice. You go downstairs. I was staying in a building which was more than five stories high.

I was in the very top floor. He said, Arjun, you go downstairs. So without any thought, I came downstairs.

So I just turned around the corner. And I saw one travel agent. He was just closing his office.

I said, by the way, have you got any visa form for Ceylon? Form? He said, only one form. And with that form, I will get a visa also next day. Otherwise I wouldn't have got it.

Because I knew clearly, God had a plan both for Ceylon and also the visit. So I decided to spend 16 days in the Philippines, then a few days in Hong Kong, on the way to Singapore, Colombo. We had a meeting in Manila for one week among Chinese Christians.

Now there are many, many Chinese become very, very prosperous, extremely prosperous. We have settled in all the islands. Yes.

Even though they are so prosperous, they would never thought of other people but themselves. Like the Jews. They have not taken the gospel to Filipinos.

But this time, there is a very big harvest ready amongst Filipinos. Hungry for the gospel. So we had a full one week's meeting among these Filipinos, in the south part of the Philippine islands.

And there are about 45 different assemblies, believers now, by God's help, they have started in the past two years. You never think you are in the Philippines when you go there. You feel fully one with them.

Lord has led them in the same way as He led us in the past years. So there is a place called Aurora, in the south Philippine. And believers were gathered there, among these 45 different places, in one center.

And then we came under the convocation. And we had a full meeting a day. In the morning meeting, 6 o'clock.

Second meeting, 9 o'clock. The third meeting at 7 o'clock in the afternoon. Other meeting in the evening at 7 o'clock.

And they still want something more. They are so hungry and thirsty. They are lucky to be moving in the whole area, on the whole day.

And the work began about 15 to 20 years ago, to one Chinese mother, who was in business at that time. And all these years, these Chinese Christians in Manila, have not relied their responsibility towards Philippines. Even though they are so wealthy, so prosperous, so gifted, everything plenty to them.

But outside, they are not allowed to work in them also. They just began to rely their responsibility towards these different places. If we also want to raise questions, we must not be satisfied with ourselves.

So, we must not be satisfied with ourselves. We must not be satisfied with ourselves. We have a responsibility towards all people of all classes and all communities, all nations.

There is only way to keep healthy and fresh spiritually. Going by their need, going by their desire, I could have stayed there for many months. But going by God's will, there will be right time for that.

They have a joy to spend only two days in Hong Kong. Sometimes the Lord can do more work in one day than one month space of time. When you go in God's time and God's will, you see how every second is being made good use of.

Therefore, I was partial in this time. Even though it was only a short time, the Lord seemed to be getting much more ground, even in this short time. So, we had two very happy days in Hong Kong.

I was in Hong Kong also again in 1949. And when the young people a Sindhi Muslim was born in that time, because I only heard of it after many years. Somebody told me about him in Bombay.

But I didn't know how to contact him. I had no address with me. So, I began to pray.

I loved to meet that gentleman. I don't know the name. I don't know the address.

I know he is in Hong Kong somewhere. And there he was and last time they were in the same meeting. And with shining faith he came and spoke to me.

Now he is working among Indians and he is also in Hong Kong. And he began to beg me. Why can't you send some workers to Hong Kong and receive big harvest in Hong Kong also? And that's why there is a very big harvest in Hong Kong also.

Among Chinese, among Indians, among all nationalities. I remember my first visit to Hong Kong in 1933. It was a very big harvest.

It was a very big harvest. And the Chinese and they were They had a big harvest and they were very happy And I remember who was a good friend among Chinese, among Indians, among all nationalities. I remember my first visit to Hong Kong in 1933.

I had to wait there that time for one week to get my boat from Hong Kong to Colombo. So I used to go giving out Gospels in the streets of Hong Kong before I came to India. And since that time I had a burden for Hong Kong.

One place there were believers speaking more than 15 languages for worship. Now you find many more. And there is ready harvest in all these places.

If we pray together, this is real faith I believe, Lord will help us, take our share, get the harvest in all these countries. As you see here in John 4 chapter, verse 37, 38. And here in that saying too, once to earth, never repath.

I send you to reap where you sowed no labor, other man labored, and you are entered into their labors. In 1959 we had about three days special campaign in the University of Hong Kong. University.

And that was the most encouraging time. The students of so many countries coming for the Gospel meeting is such hunger. Generally speaking you find students are not so interested in the Gospel.

But that year we had the most good response in the university. And I have told this time how the work began, that time is still going on in different area. So we had wonderful time among God's servants in the morning and the other meeting in the evening.

And many just inquired how God had a special need for them. They were so appreciative whatever could be done. And morning meeting in Hong Kong, evening meeting in Singapore.

Singapore is about 1500 miles from Hong Kong. So we are having meeting in Hong Kong till about mid day and evening meeting in Singapore. Again in a short time God seemed to be helping us wonderful way.

And three days in Colombo, Ceylon. Again this was a long time for Ceylon. But before even they wrote to me, I had decided by prayer to give them that time.

After I wrote the letter, I got help from them also. How they were praying very earnestly, God has sent me to them also at this time. But after I wrote the letter, they also got the letter.

Now we are praying to you, God has sent you to our country. At this time there were so many God's servants. There were so many Roman Catholics and so many Buddhists in the meeting.

Many years ago, there was a meeting in Guntur. There was a meeting last two nights ago in Colombo. Even though you go on praying and not much burden, God also offers a prayer.

And quite a few Buddhists and Roman Catholics decided a lot this time in Colombo. There is hunger in many hearts. But we have to go in God's time, God's way, get the harvest.

I said lift up, then see the harvest. Lift up the eyes. That is chapter 4, verse 35.

Then come and harvest. Lift up your eyes and look on the face. By looking up, you can find the ready harvest.

That means you have to pray till you are very clear, very sure of God's plan about going here, going there. Then we find ready harvest for the God. Otherwise we go on talking with them, arguing with them and they do not respond.

But you find how through suffering, sorrow, hardship, difficulty, God prepares people. On Saturday evening, I got a message from the Elders in Colombo. That one man was very ill in Colombo.

So two of us went to pray for him at about 10 o'clock at night on Saturday. And we found him in great pain. He has a kidney trouble and other troubles too.

In real pain. So we prayed a lot for him. So he and wife, they came for Sunday meeting and Monday meeting.

And both he and wife have Buddhist traditions. They are Buddhist converts. Yesterday morning, I left to Colombo.

So I was with the Indian people the whole morning. So when I came to the place, I was staying at about 12 o'clock. I found one old man and wife sitting there waiting for me.

So I said to them both, are you born again? They said we are Buddhist. We just come to see you. Because they said they have been to see in their relation in Colombo.

They said we have heard that he was very sick. So they came to enquire about his health. Yesterday morning.

They said we found him completely alright. He was very sick. But when they came home, they found both he and wife very healthy and strong.

And then they asked him, how our Lord had died? He had done by prayer. They said we also have come to have a talk with you. And also they were saved.

Like that Lord gave me ground. Among Buddhist and Roman Catholics. I was still giving God's time to all them.

There was special need in many many homes, many many circles. And I thank God again for your prayers for all these days. But I left Hyderabad, I was tired.

I had to wait for the prayer for five hours. That means no sleep the whole night even. In early morning I had to leave Bombay for Tokyo.

So travelling whole day, got it 11 o'clock at night. Then meeting every day. New, different home all the time.

But Lord has taken away every time. From Jacob's well. I had the same experience of Jacob's well all these days.

He has revealed my thing, taught my thing to the people. And come fresh also. I began my journey with tiredness and hunger.

I come back fully fresh. And fully satisfied. Lord has been so good, so gracious.

He has put a seal in every step. Very pure feeling. As if somebody is holding your hand and you just go on quietly following him.

He has been very faithful. Now by his grace there are open doors all over Asia. In a more beautiful way.

To see doors open now in the country. Now we have to pray. Lord will show us the next.

When to go next. We have to go. We have no plan.

We have no choice. We only want to be used by him. That is the plan.

That is ready harvest to be gathered. And can he pray for your share also. In the gathering of harvest.

It is very significant. Lord has helped us to see the harvest in almost all the countries. In such a short time.

And next year is going to be a year of gain harvest gathering. And now you begin to pray. What is your share to gather the harvest.

Shall we pray now. Loving Heavenly Father. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are saying thank you for these happy days. The past five weeks. We thank you for putting thy seal upon the labour's footfall.

With much human imitation. In Tokyo and Toyama in Japan. We thank you for putting thy seal upon the labour's footfall.

We thank you for these groups of believers among Japanese. Through whom the light has begun to flow in Japan. We thank you for the open doors and the gospels given to us in Japan.

Okinawa and Korea. Thank you for the open doors in the Philippines and Borneo and Sarawak. Thank you for the open doors in Hong Kong and also in Malaysia.

Thank you for the apple field in Ceylon and other parts of the country. Thank you for the journey you must have got in. Thank you for the contests made.

Thank you for the harvest gathered. Thank you for the love tested. Thank you for the needs supplied.

Thank you for the nothing of the Holy Spirit give thy word. And we thank you for giving us a fresh amelioration of thy need in this country. Lord help us get the harvest.

Help us to stand in thy service. Help us share what we receive of thee. Thank you dear brother Arvind and his wife in Africa.

Even though Adrien is wife now in Africa. They were Rangachari when he goes to Doha and Kuwait for watch night service in New Year. Where I serve and what we serve from India to the part of the world.

Give our greatest concern for the passing soul. And before we enter New Year show thy need every country. Help us to spend and wish none for thee.

Help us to come and take up the wealth. Have every tiredness fully overcome. Have every hunger and thirst fully satisfied.

And Lord many deep truths coming at thy feet. Lord bless thy word. And keep us fresh.

We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen. Now unto him able to keep us from falling.

And present us far less than the glory. To the only Lord our saviour. The Lord is the glory.

Give me the power both now and evermore. Book of Isaiah chapter 6. And verse 8. Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying. Whom shall I send? And who will go for us? Then should I, he and I send thee.

As I mentioned yesterday. That the command of the Lord is to go into all the world. And for all the believers.

Of all the countries. In Mark chapter 15. Verse 15.

And he said unto them. Go ye into all the world. And preach the gospel to every preacher.

And he asked the man. Which our Lord gave to his disciples. Before he ascended into heaven.

And that command was not only confined. To those few. To whom he gave the command.

But all those who will preach the gospel. To believe on him. Had to accept that command.

Where they were poor. Where they were educated. Where they were illiterate.

That commandment was for them. And those who have heard that command. And obeyed it.

You find how they have been. Very blessed of the Lord. For full thousand years.

This commandment was hidden. From Christians. From the fifth century.

Till the end of the sixteenth century. In that period you find. Very few Christians.

Ever thought of their others. And their salvation. Roman Catholics were going about.

They only were going about. To conquer the country. They were not concerned.

With the gospel. But now when the gospel. Began to be preached.

You find. A new life began to flow. Among all nations.

But some of the people thought. In India and other countries. That only meant for those.

Other countries. And not for them. That's why many years.

On the oppression. You only have to receive. And not to give.

And even though the gospel. Has been preached in India. For about 150 years.

On the average. But you find very few. Who have become very strong.

Christians in India. Christ. Did not give out.

But they received. The eyes will remain. Upon men.

And not God. They never knew the joy. Of giving and serving.

But now God is speaking. In these end days. To many people.

In different countries. And I was saying. Last evening.

People in many parts of Asia. Are not being stirred up. And they are being.

Relied their duty. To other nations. It doesn't mean.

That we only have to. Always go out. And conduct meetings.

And have large gatherings. Then give gospel. I was saying.
Much can be done. By personal contact. As we go out.
To that border. By meeting people. In their own home.
Staying with them. And sharing with them. Our experiences.
Much can be done. Now more than. Eighty four lakhs.
Of Indians. Are living in other countries. From India.
That number was. Many years ago. And now.
The number must be. At least ten million. If not more.
Of Indians living in Africa. And Malaysia. And other countries.
In other nations. And many of the Indians. When they.
Went away from home. They only. Have.
Very small amount of money. And education. But for all the money.
They were able to go so far away. They are prepared to go. To any hardship.
Any inconvenience. Just to earn money. But now you find.
Large number of Indians. Going. Try to go abroad.
To earn more money. And the sad part is. Those few Indian Christians.
Who have gone abroad. They only went to beg for money. Rather than give gospel.
Indian Christians. Those few Indian Christians. Who went there.
They didn't want to beg for money. And that's why you find. Much spiritual poverty.
Among Indian Christians. As a community. Now we have to pray.
Very hard. Against faith. So Lord.
May. Prepare many. In these days.
To go within the message. And. Fully to obey.
Lord has open door. In almost every country. There's a need.
There's a hunger. We only have to go. With divine command.
Fully prepared to obey. Lord said. Who will go for us.
You will respond. In a my sending. I just said.

Who will go for us. Now that. The privilege.

Be given to. All those. Who bear the name.

Lord Jesus Christ. Who will go for us. I remember.

When this war broke out. In Pakistan. India.

That time. I was in London. And many Indians.

Had a public meeting. At that time. All Pakistanis.

And many sent. Telegram to their prime ministers. Now you want us.

We are prepared to leave this country. And come to fight for our country. We are prepared to fight for our country.

Both by Pakistanis. And by Indians. You might say.

Problems. Someone never mentioned. But there were many.

Who were prepared to fight for their country. That is to give up their job. And their home.

And their family. And go. It was called for.

And some did also. They left their job. And came and respond.

Now for such a false thing. Many can respond. But here you have the opportunity.

Given to us now. Who will go for us. And you respond to it.

And Lord will serve you as possible. To accept you. Or reject you.

To train you. Or send you. As a mere question.

And we are curious. Lord. You take me.

I don't know how I can serve thee. But this I am ready. To be used by thee.

You can use me in any country. With such a response. You find.

A stronger faith. And a greater understanding. Of God's word.

There is a growing hunger. For the word of God. In many parts of the country.

When you go with the consciousness. God has sent you. And you have a message from him.

I am present. I am serving. When you get such a perception.

I found a very strong response. Two years ago in Africa. Among Africans.

Now among Indians. One day I got a message. In the city of Blantyre.

From the Hindu community. We would like you to. Give us a message.

From God. In our Hindu temple. First I thought.

Perhaps they were trying. To waste my time. Just to argue.

With Jallidoo. But when I prayed. The Lord gave me full liberty.

And then. Meeting was arranged. Just out.

In the courtyard. Of the Hindu temple. In Blantyre.

And God. Gave his people. In our Hindu temple.

In our Hindu temple. I said. God has spoken.

God gives me. The message from my. The God.

In my heart. And one Hindu headmaster was in the chair, and that's how he began. He said, now we have heard so and so has come from India with a message from God.

And God has used him among the Christians here in our city. And we have also seen ourselves how God has been blessing us and came here. We were there at that time for the convention, and there were Africans, and Europeans, and many people taking part in the convention.

So instead of seeing Africans and others all being blessed, we also want God's message. Then he handed over the meeting to me. My prayer had the message, gave the full message, made the appeal, and they were so respectfully responsive.

And now we were doing one very well thing, but he said to me, could you come to my house for a further talk? We were four of us. And he told my wife to get the food ready. And while she was cooking food for four of us, we had our talk.

And for more than two hours, there he was so hungry and thirsty for the word of God. Within the hour, he fell at my feet. I have never heard these words before.

And I found the same case in many places. So here you are led by the spirit of God, and you know how God is working. We had contacts among Africans, contacts among Europeans, contacts among Indians.

And from the very beginning of my Christian ministry, that means about thirty-six years ago, I have been praying to the Lord to bless both Indians throughout the world. One man of God and disciples, companion, were going to one village. And those people were not very happy to see him.

They won't give him food, they won't even receive him. So he prayed and went away. So God blessed them and prospered them and they went to the next village.

And those people who were not willing, they were very happy to see him. With great joy, they welcomed him. And asked, what a wonderful ideality.

When he was going away from there, he again prayed. Lord, scatter them. His disciples said, what is this? Still you said, Lord, scatter them and prosper them.

But they were good to you and you were saying, Oh God, scatter them. So he said, those who are bad, they will remain where they are. Because if they go elsewhere, they will take with them their own bad nature.

It is a matter of the state of India. And not spread the badness. But good people, when they are scattered, they carry with them all the goodness.

And then he goes away. And you see, as the apostle, 11th chapter. And verse 19.

Now there it was scattered. They were all upon the prostitution. The rows about Stephen travelled as far as Phineke and Saptos and Theos and so on.

See, they had to be scattered. And the scattering came to prostitution. And that's how the darkness was being made to spread.

But you don't go yourself willingly, you will also scatter them. We don't wait for that day. But say, Lord, here am I, you send me.

And Lord won't make a mistake. If he doesn't want to use you, he won't send you. See, that responsibility is with the Lord.

Suppose you want to join the army. You are for yourself. That doesn't mean you are going to be accepted.

There they have to find your weight and your height and your chest and your health. Then they accept you. Everything.

Otherwise they won't accept you. Same way also, you say, Lord, I am ready. Whether you are healthy or sick.

Or you have poor eyesight. You say, Lord, I am ready. In spite of my ill health, in spite of my old age, in spite of my no teeth, I am ready.

In spite of my ill health, in spite of my old age, in spite of my no teeth, I am ready. In spite of my no teeth, I am ready. I am ready.

Oh Lord, I am ready. I am ready. He will prove you.

And that is my very strong condition. That we should take our full share to take the gospel to as many countries as possible. By our time, by our money, by our strength, by our prayer, by our testimony, by our sacrifice, every possible means.

And that is the simplest way to remain healthy and fresh and strong. Now most of you know how lean Aravind was, his wife, when he left here two years ago. We haven't yet found his weight.

I am sure he is 25 pounds. He has become so prosperous. In every way.

Full of joy and full of liberty also. He is the first preacher to be independent of his wife also. I don't know anybody else.

I have met many missionaries in many parts of the world. But never seen any missionary who had his own wife's interpreter. He was the first man.

When they asked his wife to give message, she could not speak English. So she spoke Hindi or Urdu, whatever it was, mixture. And he was able to put it into English.

Then he gave privilege. Lord knows also how to use us also. So can we pray, Lord may show you what he can do with you.

There are open doors. Now we have found out how Lord wonderfully giving us open doors in the communist countries, European countries, so difficult before, Asian countries. But now we must obey the challenge.

So what a purpose Lord giving us contact in all these places. May God give us the new heavenly vision for the coming year. In the name of the Lord Jesus, I would like to thank you for the joy that we experienced in serving you and obeying you and sharing our joy with people.

Oh God, without our knowledge, you want to ask what can we do for you. It can be for this like man to go to all the world and get God's love in his heart. We pray many among us, we hear thy call and say, Lord you are a man of strength.

Whether we are old or young, rich or poor, educated or illiterate. Sick or healthy. May we found willing to offer ourselves and leave it to thee to accept us and reject us.

Lord give us the honor to take the gospel to many part of Asia, Middle East, Europe, Africa, Australia, New Zealand, America, Canada, by every possible means. By our prayer, by our substance, by our testimony, by our willingness to spend and be spent for thee. Lord give us the fresh heavenly vision for the new year and new concern for the passing soul.

Help us in the gospel from house to house, street to street, home to home, person to person. So give unto us extra burden of prayer, new love for those in need. We thank you once again for the testimony borne by our dear brother sir, Arvind and his wife in Africa.

Those who have been spoken to by me for life service may be brought to our possession and be prepared for life service. We also thank thee for all thy favor in the past. We pray in all your service.

We have no news from Pakistan for more than five months. So I gave them my address in Hong Kong. So I received about four or five letters in Hong Kong from Pakistan.

First time we got some news about their condition in their country. On the whole, they are quite safe by God's grace. But we have quite a number of believers who are living not very far from the border in Amritsar.

Many of our Indian believers, I mean Pakistani believers have built houses very near the borderline of India and Pakistan. So due to me, how many of them lost their property, all their stuff, they may scatter now from that area. They haven't told me any loss of life.

They have been much loss of property of the believers in that area. I didn't pray for them. Lord may provide their need this time.

They are in need and we must pray something what we can do for them. Otherwise they have been much blessing in other assembly like Martinapura, Yansinabad, other parts here and there. Otherwise thank God we get the news from them in that way.

They got right to us directly to India. Then I thank God I could go to Hong Kong and get the news also from Pakistan. When I went to Hong Kong, God helped me to get the latest news from Pakistan.

In that way, God helped me to get the latest news from Pakistan. If we share our burden with them, we can get the latest news from them also. He had to leave Lahore and now he has gone to Multan.

But it was very near the border line where there were much bombing. We have to pray for them in this special way. And I will pray Lord to help us get all the news and what we can for them.

But other believers were in your side by God's help also. Loving Father, we thank you for the news we could receive from fellow believers from Pakistan while in Hong Kong. And especially we pray for our dear ones in Sialkot and Narowal and Pathankot and Lahore who have suffered loss of property and they are suffering remission bombing in that area.

Now we ask the Lord to show us how best we can help them in the time of their need. Tell me for the spiritual blessing we have showed upon them at this time of their need. We pray in the name of Australia.

Amen. Lord help us all to be in power both now and in the future. Thank you.

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