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## THE FOLDED NAPKIN

### Why did the Lord fold the napkin?

In order to understand the importance of this we should know some of the Hebrew practices. The table manners that a master and servant should keep were taught to all Hebrew boys. And the young people were aware of all these customs. The servant whose ears were pierced, were very obedient to the masters. Especially the servant who was appointed at the dining table used to know the desire of his master and serve the food

accordingly. The plates, glasses, spoons and napkin were kept at proper places as per the custom. After arranging the crockery and food items at proper order, the servant has to watch there, till he finishes, at a hiding place. The servant is not supposed to come near the table till he finishes. After finishing the master will use the napkin to clean his face and hands and leave it at the table. Then the servant will understand that the master is done. Then only the servant can clear the table. The

carelessly folded napkin indicates that the master is done. Mean time if the master goes from the table for any emergency, he will keep the folded napkin near the plate properly. So the servant will know that the master did not finish the food and so he has to keep away from the table. And he will eagerly wait for the master's return. That means the 'folded napkin' declares the great truth that "I am coming back". He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming

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Y M E F (ND)

Punjab Campaign

RoopNagar - Nangal Township

The Lord enabled us to share gospel in 35 villages in this week. Books including Bible worth Rs 5576 was sold during the campaign. Let us pray that the sown seed to be fruitful. **Mr. Tholaram** welcomed us to his home in that village of Rajpur and requested us to pray for them. He is blind. He was fortunate enough to listen to the gospel years before and then he along with his wife took baptism some nine years before. But there was nobody to teach them the Word of God. So they still remained in this childish stage as far as spirituality is concerned. Now they have been introduced to brother Larsen who works here for the Lord and let us uphold them in our prayers.

In Dolaward we met Ramsing who belongs to a royal family. He served in the rank of a captian in the military. He welcomed us to him and requested us to stay with him for a day. He also added that people from Keala are very good. All of the villagers listened to the Word and bought many books. Punjab is ready for the sowing of the seed. Let many may come down to Punjab and work for the Master. We were able to conduct gospel meetings in the house of brother Larson. Many came and listened to the Word of God. We were able to conduct Bible Classes. We worshipped the Lord with the saints over here on the first day of the week. Brothers Barish Francis, Richard Gharam Subash and Deepak Kumar left for their home. The co-operation of brother Jagdu Mahilpur is commentable. Kindly continue to pray for the well being of the team members. The climate is on the move for a change and winter is going to set in. Following brothers are in the team now. Brother Samuel P Abraham, Baby Ulahannan, Varghese, Munir Abdhul Koda, Baiju and Larson. We need the help of the Punjabi speaking people. Kindly pray for the ministry

**Samuel P Abraham**

## Evangelisation and Modernism

The last commandment of our Lord to His disciples is "Go ye in to the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved but he that believeth not shall be damned." Apostle Paul commands to Timothy "of these things put them in remembrance charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to profit but to the subverting of the hearers. Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the Word of truth. But shun profane and vain babblings for they will increase unto

more ungodliness. 2 Tim 2:14-16. Very strong and powerful words. When we study the New Testament we can see the following words for the propagation of the gospel. **Preach, teach, exhort advice, write etc.** No other means or modes are advised or instructed in the Bible. The Omnipotent God was pleased to used only these words. There is an instruction for every disciple to be a model or an example to others.

We have to preach to the world that the Lord will reprove the world of sin and of righteousness and of Judgement. The preacher should possess the love of God and he should fear God. Then only he can impart these

qualities to the listerners. He should be conscious of the fact that he is holding a double edged sword. Then only the Holy Spirit will have strong intervention in the life of the person. At the time of revival all the preachers were spirit filled and presented the work in full seriousness. It transformed the life of many and many confessed their sins and came to the Lord. The testimony of those who were transformed were very strong and powerful. All the seeds which fell in to the fertile soil sprouted and grew in full strength. All those who set out to preach had their power from the God who sent

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## ***Editorial* THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL**

Even though the world cannot understand the power of the gospel, the believers should understand it. Apostle Paul said to the Thessalonians "our gospel did not come to you in words only, but also in power, and in Holy Spirit and in much assurance". If the power is not seen in the preachers how it will be manifested in the hearers.

If the power of the gospel is in us, we will preach it as our Lord, prophets and other apostles did. We will fight to spread and stand for its truth. And we will have fellowship with other co-believers and will be ready to sacrifice any thing for the gospel. When we know the power of gospel, we will keep and protect the gospel of Lord with out causing any damage and will not be ashamed to propagate it.

The power of the gospel comes from the Holy Spirit. The words with out Spirit are dead words. The word kills and the Spirit gives life. For those who believe, the gospel is the power of God. And for those who do not believe, the gospel will be mere words. Apostle Paul said to the Corinthians that "We preach, Christ the crucified, even though it is a stumbling block for Jews and foolishness for gentiles, but those who are called, whether it is Jew or gentile it is the 'power of God' for all. He again says that "the kingdom of God is not in the word but it is in the power". Our Lord Himself told "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be witness to Me in Jerusalem, and in Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth".

The world is seeing the power of gospel for the last twenty centuries. The gospel is revealing its power where ever it reaches. We have seen the power of gospel even in the Dark Continent Africa and among the uncivilized tribals. The gospel has captured our small Kerala to a great extent. Today this powerful gospel is preached all over the world. But this power is discarded by many people. How can a dead person able to transfer life to others? Only a living lady can give birth to a child with life. Today we have the name 'alive', but we are dead and neither hot or cold.

God is looking for some people from the Christian community, which is living with out the power of gospel, who can spread the power of gospel to the society with enthusiasm. God is waiting to see some body to step forward from this mundane and lifeless state.

The real power of the gospel is the life that radiates life. The absence of the occupation of that power is the greatest curse. People are fed up by hearing the messages without true experience. People hear the Biblical preaching as a religious talk. So it has got only the influence and power of a religious talk. One more convention season is coming. Many places the committees and sub-committees are working hard to make the convention successful. It is a great blessing from God that we got blessed Spirit filled preachers with good knowledge of the word of God. Let us praise the Lord for that. Many of them had booking for two to three years. Let us pray fervently for them. Let the power of the gospel occupy them and the people those who hear them. Let us pray sincerely for the people to enter in to the ark of salvation when the coming of our Lord is so close. We should not be the preachers of mere words but of Spirit with the power of gospel. May God help us for that type of ministry.

**Samuel Thomas**

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quickly". The saints who all are waiting for His return have only one word that "Amen. Even so, come Lord Jesus" (Rev 22:20).

Lord's servant C.S.Spurgen wrote like this in his revelation by seeing this napkin of the grave that "Our Lord came forth from the tomb at His leisure, not as one who breaks His prison, but as a captive lawfully delivered, Jesus has made the grave a furnished chamber for our repose and napkin by itself may serve to dry the mourners tears.

Our blessed Lord came out of grave very quietly. He did not jump out like a prisoner from the prison. He arranged every thing at a special manner. He has changed this tomb in to a well arranged refreshing room for us. This great God provided a napkin to wipe out the tears of many believers those who cry like Marry at the tomb.

Dear ones, when we look back at our early life we will be surprised to see that Lord has changed our stinky life in to a sweet smelling stage. He changed our life in to good order and discipline. How many crying life has been changed in to a life of happiness. What a wonderful man He is! His greatness is incomparable. Those who had the character of lion had changed in to the character of lamb. When Jesus came to my heart, what a change has occurred in my life! When I accepted Him, what a joy had filled my heart! If anybody read this article without receiving Him as their personal Savior and Lord, do not wait. Do it now. D.L.Moody said like this, "Let God have your life; He can do more with it than you can".

The greatest hope of all believers is the second coming of our Lord. Same time the mockers ask a question. Where is His promise? Every thing is as same as the beginning. So nothing will happen now. They disobey God and parents and live for the flesh. (2Pe 3:3). These types of people are increasing day by day in all countries, churches and families. About this a servant of God said like this, "Those who eat the grapes of Sodom will drink the wine of Gomorrah". So young men, walk according to your own pleasure and go in your own way. But remember that God will bring you to the judgment. (Ecc11:9).

What is the responsibility of the believers? If God is delayed it means that He is extending His mercy. His wish is that every one should be saved. He is giving more time for people to know the love of God. Our responsibility is to work hard for the Lord. The earthly things are only for a while. Our wisdom tells us to live for eternity with fear of God and purity and not for the pleasures of this perishing world. Let us give more importance for the spiritual matters than the temporary world.

The folded napkin meant "I am coming back" Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

## Y M E F News

The gospel camp under the auspices of the different units of the YMEF in Malabar area will take place on November 1,2,3 and 4 at Kodakkal in Malappuram in association with the local assemblies here. This place is a residential area of the various denominations and castes. So we request the saints to pray so that many may come to the saving knowledge of the Lord. The main speakers are K Biju, and O J Babu. This programme needs a good amount so we request the prayerful co operation of the saints.

P D Chacko

## SBS General Prayer

**Vennikulam:** The general prayer that takes place under the auspices of the SBS General God willing will be held on 22,10.09 at the Pathanamthitta Gospel Hall from 6.30pm. Requests all the SBS workers and members to come and participate in this prayer meeting.

## Gospel Meetings

**Abudhabi:** If it be the will of the Lord gospel meetings will be held under the auspices of the Abudhabi Brethren Christian Assembly at the Evangelical church centre on November 1,2,3 and 4. The evening meetings will be held from 8pm to 9.45pm. Brother A J Saji (Mallasserry) will deliver the messages. The assembly choir will be singing at the meeting. We request the prayers of all the saints so that the message of peace of our Lord will transform many hearts in this world of restlessness and unexpected events. Kindly pray.

Elders of the Assembly

**Pattom (Thiruvanandhapuram):** A gospel meeting is proposed to take place if it be the will of the Lord on November 19,20,21,22 of November 2009 at Palayam Christ Church Cenetary hall under the auspices of the Pattom Brethren Assembly. Brother Jose Mathews from Mangalore is the main speaker. We solicit the prayerful presence of all saints. Special Bible classes are arranged for the saints in this assembly hall on 20 and 21 from 8am to 9am.

Elders

**Kurathikadu:** If it be the will of the Lord gospel meetings will be held on November 5 to 7 2009 at the assembly premises under the auspices of the Kurathikadu Brethren Assembly. Brother P G James, George Chacko and K C Johnson are the speakers. Kindly pray for the spiritual blessings of this meetings.

**Edakkara:** If it be the will of the Lord the Edakkara Crusade will be conducted on 2010 January 1, 2 and 3 at the Edakkara Junction. The main speakers are brother Sunny Thomas and P S Thampan. Kindly pray for the spiritual blessings of this ministry.

A T Mathew

**Manarcadu:** If it be the will of the Lord a gospel meeting is proposed at Manarcadu Junction under the auspices of the brethren assemblies in and around Manarcadu. The evening meetings are scheduled to take place from 6.30 to 8.30pm. The main speakers are brother Krishnankutty, John Kurian, Chandapilla Philip and David P Isaac. Common worship meeting, sisters meeting and youth meeting are some of the proposed programmes.

## Assembly News

**Jansi:** The outreach work in Jhansi Jhalavan and Lalithpur districts went on well by the grace of the Lord and by the prayer of the saints. 7 brothers took part in the outreach. The Lalithpur assembly gave a free hand of co operation to the work there. We were able to share gospels and distribute literature in many towns and villages. Kindly pray for fruits for the ministry. A seekers camp is planned from November 12-15 Brother Benny Charalil, Joseph John and Samuel Thomas will deliver the messages.

## Special Meetings

**Mylapra:** Special meetings will take place in this assembly from 23.10.09 to 25.10.09 in the evenings. **The responsibilities of the believer in the assembly** is the theme and brother John Kurian will take the classes. A special programme is set for the Mylapra Assembly believers alone on 24.10.09 from 10am to 1pm.

Dr. Babu Abraham

## Monthly Prayer

**Pathanamthitta:** The monthly prayer meeting under the auspices of the brethren assemblies in and around Pathanamthitta on 31.10.09 at the Pathanamthitta Brethren Assembly from 10am to 1pm. All the saints are requested to take part in this meeting with prayer

A M Thomas

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them. There was no hypocrisy or any other gimmicks from the part of the servants of the Lord.

If we work according to the commands definitely such ministries will yield or given abundant fruits. If we are bringing in changes to the commandments through our interpretations fruits will be reduced. It is better to obey than offer the sacrifice. The first sin was disobedience. Adam and Eve heard things which they were not expected to hear. They found the fruit is good. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was pleasant to the eyes and a tree to be desired to make one wise. She ate the fruit. Those who wished to become like God became the slaves of sin and satan. Then he did not see God. One who was wearing the glory of God has to wear leaves of the fig. What a pathetic fall to man.

We are not supposed to add water to the milk. Obedience, perfect obedience to His command is the Lord's norm. The methods used in the secular education field will never save any soul. It is to acquire wisdom and knowledge and also to be victorious in this life on the earth. They are formed in such a way to achieve these purpose and is meant for changes. Are the modern techniques and modes that we see in the present a subtle invention of Satan persuade us to commit sin by disobeying the great commands of the Lord.

Our main motive today is not fruits but money. If we do something God will do the rest is the idea of many but such an idea in fact is not unto the honour of the Lord but is equal in insulting Him. Give glory unto God alone.

## With the Lord

**Vennikulam:** Brother Abraham Varghese (55) of Uriakunnathu went to be with the Lord. The mortal remains of the dear brother was buried under the auspices of the Immanuel Brethren Assembly in the presence of a large gathering of saints. Kindly remember the bereaved family in your prayer.

**Punalur:** Mathramadolil Perumbattu Mattak P M Varghese's wife Aleyamma (74) went to be with the Lord. The mortal remains of the dear sister was buried under the auspices of the Chemmanthur Brethren Assembly in the presence of a large gathering of saints. Kindly remember the bereaved family in your prayer.

**Ezhumatoor:** Sister Saramma(91) went to be with the Lord. The mortal remains of the dear sister was buried under the auspices of the Christian Brethren Chappel in the presence of a large gathering of saints. Kindly remember the bereaved family in your prayer.

**Punalur:** Ediculla Pappy(87) went to be with the Lord. The mortal remains of the dear brother was buried under the auspices of the Chemmanthoor Brethren Assembly in the presence of a large gathering of saints. Kindly remember the bereaved family in your prayer.

# The Exhortation of Paul the Evangelist

For those who work in the vineyard of the Lord exhortation is very important. But the modern society is not so keen in obeying the exhortation.

This tendency is seen in the every realm of the society. The importance of exhortation is that it will end up in good and promising future. There will be blessings where they listen and obey the exhortation.

The exhortation can create a good testimony with out any drawbacks. Apostle Paul had penned down many exhortation in the scripture. All of them are relevant then and now. It will be and is a blessing for those who obey it and it in turn will be a glory for

His name. One of his exhortation can be seen in 1Cor4:16 Wherefore I beseech you be ye followers of me. All his exhortations are under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit 1Cor 4:14. I write not these things to ashame you but as my beloved sons I warn you. The Lords servant has revealed his aim very clearly here. He considers the assembly as a family and the saints as his beloved children. The greatness of wisdom is very precious. O foolish Galatians who hath bewitched you that ye should not obey the truth Through this he urging the Galatians to be wise. He further writes This only I would learn of you.

The images and the vocabulary used by

Apostle at the end of the Galatian epistle is very important. I have written with mine own hands. He shows the importance of his exhortations by telling that he had penned this epistle with his own hand. The seriousness of the letter is exhibited through this usage. And these things brethren I have in a figure transferred to myself and to Appollos for your sake that ye might learn in us not to think of men above that which is written that no one of you be puffed up for one against another 1Cor 4:6.

So be my followers When all of us accept it then we have to take the message of his ministry seriously. The present generation should have a tendency



## How is our Prayer?

Now a days number of prayers and prayer groups and meetings are on the increase. Everyone thinks that they are praying to the Lord in Heaven. They call the Lord in heaven as Father. Only those who are born of that Father can call Him as their Father. But today the basis for prayer is changed. Most people think that anyone can call God as his father according to their will. This is a wrong conception.

The sustainance of the spiritual life of a true christian is on the basis of prayer which is as his breathing. Without that he cannot live. Such a person will not care the time or circumstance for prayer.

Once a soldier was brought to the presence of a military officer for questioning for having interaction with the enemy. The allegation was that he was seen at a place where the enemy soldiers were on their watch. He was

questioned by the military officer regarding that incident. He replied Sir I went there to pray for a while in a quiet atmosphere. The next question of the officer Do you spend long time in prayer? He said Yes the officer wanted to prove the credibility of his statement. So he asked the soldiers to bow down and pray.

The soldier knew that the situation was precarious and he will be convicted and will be changed. So he knelt to the ground prayed to the Lord of his sorrows anxiety and everything much fervently. He appealed to the Lord to save him from this situation. The officer understood that the soldier was a man of prayer and also he was in the habit of continuous prayer. A person who does not have such a relation cannot send supplication to the Lord like this. So the military officer said him, "You can go".

Dear saints even today how many of the

saints are there in the assembly who cannot pray. They cannot pray in the public. Even there are some who cannot lead the family prayer. Sometimes that responsibility is taken by the wives. But at the same time they are so efficient to win their cases in the world. It may even seem that they should have learnt law and would have become lawyers. The first reason for the failure in prayer is that they have no desire to live the live of a godly man. Secondly they claim that they have no time for prayer. Third reason is that they do not train themselves in it. Finally they prefer to keep better relation with others rather than the Lord. If the spirit of the soldier ruled us it would have been good. Only a person on the knees can lead a life without difficulties and problems.

**TVS**

### In TV Channels

#### Sathgamagamaya TV Talk Show Programme

People channel of Kairali's News Channel

All Fridays (Malayalam) 4.30-5.00 p.m.

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#### Jeevamritham Television Program

Every Saturday 9 P M -9.30 p.m. in Power vision channel.by Evg Chandapilla Philip

or mood to obey these exhortations. Apostle Paul is the greatest in the field of evangelisation. His testimony too is exemplarary. The aim of his ministry was not the comfort and coziness of his life. As we read in 1Cor 9:9 he became a slave for everyone to gain more and more to the Lord. He did everything for gospel and by gospel.

As we read in 1Cor 4:11,12 Even unto this present hour we both hunger and thirst and are naked and one buffeted and have no certain dwelling place. And labour working with own hands being reviled we bless being persecuted we suffer it In Acts 20:34 these hands have ministered unto my necessities 1Thess 2:9. For ye remember brethren our labour and travail for labouring night and day because we would not chargeable unto any of the gospel of God. From the scripture we can learn that the teaching to follow me has great importance. The mark on the forehead

of our ancestors in the field of evangelisation was of sacrifice, sufferings and difficulties. But have to doubt about the ministers of the present era about their purpose and also we have to wonder whether they have any zeal to look in to this subject in this end times. We have to consider the exhortations of the apostle at this times when our time is becoming worse and worse in every respect. We should be faithful in everything. So dear saints let us recognize the teachings of the scripture. 1Cor 7:29-31. None of the wordly things like comfortable and cozy life, the desire for happiness the yearning for wealth or anything of this sort will not be able to give us happiness. But the sole desire of Apostle Paul was to be a sweet smelling aroma for Christ in the midst of both the saved and unsaved ones. Let us too have the same desire and wish at this end time of the world.

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