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## THE KOTTARAKARA CONVENTION CAME TO A CLOSE

God enabled us to conclude the convention on 17<sup>th</sup> noon with the message which was started on 11<sup>th</sup> evening with prayer. The one week's spiritual programme went on well without any problem by the abundant grace of our Lord. The children of God who gathered from the different parts of Kollam district worshiped God through Jesus Christ the Son of God in spirit and truth. God gave blessed message through His servant Bro; John Kurien for His children

on the first day of the week after the Lords Supper. He spoke from Malachi 3:13-18 with the power of the spirit. In Malachi we see the fall of the children of God. Seven times the people are questioning God. (Ref; Verses 1:1, 6; 2:14, 17; 3:7, 13, 18). But God's prime promise to this people is that "I love you" (1:2). There is no variation in God's love. His love is always constant. When we are away from God, that time also He loves us. He loves wicked and the just in the same way (Mat 5:45). He taught us to do

it. We will be able to understand it only through our spiritual standards but His love is with us always.

We see a counter questioning people here on God's command (3:13). They speak harsh words against God. They say that there is no meaning in serving God. There is no use in repentance. The wicked are prospering and those who test God lives comfortably. 'Says' means they speak each other. In Psalms 37 and 73 we see some men of God who thought that it

was useless in following God. They thought like that because of the temporary wealth of the wicked. In such occasions if we look through the God's angle, we can understand the true fact. These types of thoughts come in to our minds because of ignorance and lack of foresight. Those who understand the things properly will always desire for the presence of God. In Psalms 73:28 Asaph gained that peace. The trust in God is not only at the time of trials and tribulations. We have to follow God according to the word of God where He is revealed. God is good and He is just and merciful in His works. Let us depend on that God by speaking the words of faith and not the words of unbelief. Ecc 8:12 and Pro 23:17,18 teaches us that surely goodness will follow those who follow God. In 3:16 we see that the men of God speak among them, in the midst of those speaks of unbelief and discouragement among them. God heard that talk carefully. When some people speak some thing which hurt God, at the same time He hears some thing which pleases God. It satisfies God. At any time of wickedness

there are a few people who always please God. Are we in that minority? These men of God feared God and worshiped Him. So there are some things that God does for them. In verse 16 we see that God listen to them. God remembers them. In verse 17 He says that "They shall be mine". They are His deposits. He respects them. There is a day that will separate the just and the wicked. On the day that I make means it will happen. **God's children will be honored. (Jn12:26). Same way there is a day in which Father will honor those who serve Lord. Till then we have to live in this world in loss and shame. But in that day we will be honored.** When former president of America, Theodore Roosevelt came from a hunting trip, many waited at the harbor with bands to receive him. But there was nobody to receive Samuel Morris a great missionary who was in the same ship. It was a great disappointment for him. He complained to God like this "I served God in Africa for many years, but there is nobody to receive me". But the Holy Spirit told him that "Dear son you have not yet reached your own land, at that time you will be honored". Let us serve Lord faithfully till that day. He will remember everything and will give us the rewards. He reminded the children of God to lead a holy life aiming at the Crown of righteousness. We should know that the crowns of this world are perishable.

## The Mercy of God

Those who enjoy the bountiful mercy and kindness of God knows much about the mercy. The kindness of a mother to its child can be considered as the kindness of God. In English many words are used for the word 'Daya' in Malayalam. The source of the all kindness is God. The real kindness cannot have any other source other than God. Many go to other places for kindness and they end up in

disappointment. The children of God are the one who enjoys a lot of kindness. If the children of God goes behind Satan for mercy then they will never get any mercy. Satan does not even know the term Mercy. There are number of special features for the mercy of God. It does not expect anything in return. It continues without any break. It is flowing to the man kind for the last six thousand years without any hindrance or break.

Moreover God does not need any of our mercy or kindness to Him. Water always flows from the higher level to the lower level. In the same way the mercy of God also flows from God to man. No one can ever measure the mercy of God. Many have known it but has not responded to it. But we should know that we are all the channels of the mercy of God. God wants and uses only us to reach out this mercy to others and other species. God

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# DIFFERENT TRAVELLERS AND DIFFERENT TRAVELS

“ There are different travels and different travelers. All are not going for sight seeing and all are not seeing the sight. Each and everyone travels towards the history, sights, civilization, religion and tradition. That is why the travel towards the same destination is different.

Even though Abraham and Lot started their journey together to the great history, they departed themselves because of their difference in opinion and views. The money and position will destroy all human values. When Lot walked through the green land of Sodom he lost the view of the Promised Land. When Lot made a boundary agreement with Abraham in front of Canaanites and Persians, he never thought that it will be a permanent disaster. The lustful eye of Lot towards the vanity, led him to travel up to Sodom and made him to stay there to gain wealth. When men of God visited, his seat at the gate of the town shows his fame and the desire of gaining position in that country. This reminds the travel of the Aryans who started their journey for the green pastures around 1000 years before Christ. Their forefather's desire to fill the world with their civilization is continuing even today in many forms.

During the continual journey of Lot we see that he became intoxicated and became blind enough not to recognize even his own daughters and lost his spiritual control and became a slave of the lust. And these are the shameful and dangerous recordings of the Bible. When the men of God pulled Lot and his family from Sodom, we can see man's love towards the wealth in that incident.

But Abraham the man of God traveled to a great history and created a memorable history, reached at the zenith of faith and became a memory for all generations because he had permanent relation with God, simple life, morality and a hope of eternity. The simplicity and self denial will be an obstacle even for the spiritual leaders nowadays. Lot had a position among the law makers but when an illegal problem arose they told Lot “get away you foreigner”. But in the case of Abraham the Hittites

not only called him the master but also respected him as the ‘Lord of God’. This is the real blessing of God for Abraham because of his election and selection and his view.

Even though Sodom and the nearby lands were burned the character of these places are still in the mind of people. What was Lot's weakness? Money, fame and position. Bible says the lust of flesh, lust of the eye and pride of life. All these lust started in the Garden of Eden and still continues even in the spiritual realm. It is the greatest weapon of the enemy at the modern world to change the spirituality to a time of pleasure. The reality in the gospel is changed to the cinemas, visual presentations, music festivals and literature festivals etc. These are only the sensational moments and will not touch the hearts. After the festival the ground will be very dirty. Some people are even ready to say that it is a sign of great revival after seeing the crowd. We see Abraham as the father of faith. Therefore those who believes in Christ, weather he is a Jew or Gentile, he is the child of Abraham. He is the fore- runner and example of faith. We can not see the pride of life in the life of Abraham. His hope was towards the Promised Land which is made by God as its creator. So he stayed only in the tents during his journey.

In the New Testament we see Paul as a runner instead of walking. Paul was not aiming at any of the world's fame or positions. He fought against the world, flesh and satan. He aimed at the glory of God at the day of Christ. Dear children of God what is the purpose of your travel? Let us stop the journey of sight seeing. Let our aim should be the Christ who is the author and finisher of faith. **2Ti 4:7&8** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith. Now there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that Day; and not to me only, but also to all those who love His appearing. May God help each other and every one of us to continue our pilgrimage with this great hope.

**JOSE PHILIP**

## Y M E F News

**Kallisserry Centre:** If it be the will of the Lord a one day meeting will be held under the auspices of the Kallisserry centre in association with the Angadical South Brethren Assembly on 30.10.10 from 9am in the morning to 5.30pm in the evening. Kindly pray for the spiritual blessings of this ministry and request all those brethren who are interested in evangelisation to take part in it. For more information please contact John Thomas 94446918942

### Assembly News

**Kadalur:** By the grace of the Lord the ministries of this assembly is going well. Special meetings were held on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of January 2010 and Varghese John spoke in these meetings. Four people obeyed their Lord in the waters of baptism. Though the minister is very he continues in the ministry. If the Lord to continue the ministry. Kindly continue to pray for the spiritual blessings of the assembly here.

J P Emmanuel

**Varenickal:** The Lord enables us to start an assembly in Varenickal in the district of Alleppey. The person who works there wish to construct a hall and place for him to live in his premissis. So the prayerful support of the saints are requested to it.

N P Gangadharan

### Monthly Prayer Meeting

The monthly prayer meeting of the evangelists will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 2010 at 10am in the Pulamon Gospel Brethren Hall Kottarakkara. We request all the saints of the Lord to attend it with prayer

Sam Zachariah

### Gospel Penetration Campaign

**Sathna:** We wish to share gospel in Bammore Madhya Pradesh from Febuary 9-12. This place is 18Kms away from Gwalior. Kindly pray for the spiritual blessings. VA Antony Special Prayer

### Bassar Blind Serving Friend

The Blind people who lives under the protection of this organisation is in fellow ship with the Sulthan Battery Brethren Assembly. They wish to expand their ministry. In order to achieve that they are planning a settlement at Kurambala near Pandalam and required plot is already purchased. Kindly continue to pray for the further need of this organisation.

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uses us to show this mercy. He does not manifest Himself to express His mercy to others. He wants us to do it.

We, the children of God, are the group who enjoys the unlimited mercy of God. He wanted us to share this mercy to others. That is why King David asked thus, "Is there anybody in the family of Soul to express the mercy of God". Let us think of the Mercy of God to David? What a great mercy he had enjoyed to show it to the family of Saul. The shepherd boy became the King of Israel. What a great thing. His victorious and triumphant journey from the tent of a shepherd and from the caves of the forest to the palace of a king the king of Israel. It was Davids desire to share this mercy to others. The kindness shown by David is a good example. His kindness flew to the family of the enemy. David did not expect anything back from Mephiboseth. King David provided all the kingly provisions in his own palace which was beyond all their expectations. Mephiboseth had only to sit at the dinner table ready to eat. The rest of the things would be done by the servants of David for Mephiboseth and he inturn enjoys that service. It is an example of Gods mercy and kindness.

We are also obliged to do it in the same way. How many of our fellow believers are in our assembly who do expect and deserve our mercy. We should not ignore our own fellow believers. Our abundance should be enough for their scarcity. What all we have received is through the benevolence of our God. Everything do not belong to us. We are His vessels to express the kindness of God to others. When we show the mercy to others, then we and our next generations will get its blessings. If we are merciless then God will be merciless to us. But if we express the mercy of God through our life then we will never find any difficult and we will be blessed.

What all mercies we are enjoying in our day to day life cannot be bought with money. If some has amassed a lot without showing any mercy to anybody, what will be his ultimate end if he becomes a cancer patient. The wealth thus will not be able to heal the cancer. So we have to pratise what do we preach about mercy. What we preach about mercy. When I met people who spent a lot for their recovery from fatal disease I thanked the Lord for His mercy that endureth for ever. We are all the possessors or owners of numbers of mercies and kindness which cannot be brought with money. One of the children of a dear brother got admission in the medical college without donation, I thanked the Lord because that brother deserved that admission. We should not forget the fact that we are living peacefully only because of His grace and mercy.

We should not ignore the requests and appeals that we come across in the assembly God has given us direct command. Even if we do not extend help to others God will meet their needs through someone but we may have to pay a price for that.

Certain conditions which are supposed to be followed in relation with showing mercy.

1. Show the mercy to those who deserve it.
2. Our help should not become the song of others.
3. Do not expect anything back from those to whom you show mercy.
4. Do not cease in showing mercy.
5. Give as much as you can and even more.
6. We should learn more about the kindness of God and lead a life according to it.

# Oh God Save . . .

Recently brother Krishnankuty has given a brief account of it in his editorial in Dharmadeepthi. We can add number of items to it. One of the elders of an assembly do the ministry of the Lords Table. But on his return he tortures his wife. He is like the person affected by the devilish behaviours. He harms himself and tortures his body. But some others will not talk each other and will not even look at each other. But they regularly take part in the Lords table. He has no pain in his heart. Such things are very much common in our assemblies and some continue it for years. Many of our evangelist accepts funds from all our trusts and funds. Some are very rich but still the outflow of appeals for help is ever on the increase. Once I happened to see report of a person and his request for

funds in seven publications. This is not the end but letters to people of affluence in abroad also continues unabated. If the response is delayed reminder will reach the person without much delay. It is not all an exaggeration. I have first hand information about these things. We have to think about the things. Just as the parallel service operators of KSRTC between Thampanoor and Kilimannoor some are in the parallel service of writing letters, while others are on the field. Many of the funds do not know these things. We teach that Lord is our shepherd and we shall not want. But at the same time they declare to the world that good shepherd is not sufficient for my needs. The spiritual standards of the past when M E Cherian wrote the songs has already gone. The sheep that mocks at the shepherd is a common thing in our assemblies.

Meditate your ways and means.

Recently I read a description given by a Lords servant about his experience on a routine house visit. He pressed the calling bell and the head of that house came and opened the door. The visitor entered and sat there. He noticed a placard on the dining table. It read like this. **Meals Ready.** Usually we see such boards in hotels. Here the husband and wife will not communicate each other. The conditions of our families have deteriorated. Many has turned out to be mere places to sleep mere places to have food and mere places for rest. The simplest explanation of the term family is to have pleasure when we come together. But what is the situation now? Do we have happiness or quakes when we come together. Our tendency of not yielding to one another is the basic reason for the shattering of family lives



## Indescribable Gift

Nobody was able to give a gift that is said in 2 Cor.9:15. That gift was already given to the world by God 2000 years ago. Millions of saints who accepted that gift were dead. Many millions are still living in this world. So many are still there to receive that gift. Paul said about this gift as "That is Indescribable gift". Many believers sang about this gift. So many gave message on this gift. Many are still writing about this gift. Then also not completed. The angel said that it is the great happiness that is going to happen to the whole mankind. Are there still many who have doubt on this?

Once a young man presented a diamond ring to the girl who was engaged to him. That was so shining. One day his friend who was a crooked told this girl that it is a type of imitation ornament and not diamond. She got a bit irritated on hearing this. She doubted the veracity of the love of the one who is going to become her husband. Therefore to prove the quality

of the diamond she gave that ring to her father. He took that ring to a diamond seller. After checking that the seller told it is first class diamond. Thereby that girl's doubt was cleared and revived her faith in her would be. She understood that he won't give a worthless thing to her whom he loves so much.

When God loved this world, he gave the best gift. He gave the gift to the world in a kingly manner. That's why on His birth the wise men asked where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? When he laid down His life to death, Pilate wrote on the top of the cross that He is the King of Jews. This gift was tested by many millions and understood that it is the best gift without any imperfection. Not only is that He is going to come as the King of Kings. The one who was ridiculed

and mocked by making Him to wear the crown of thorns is coming soon with a golden crown on His head. It is very sad that there are many who is thinking and writing about this gift as meager. God made this gift so public that everybody should know and test it. We know that this Gift is Lord Jesus Christ. Why God become an indescribable Gift? Till today the world dint see a gift like this. Its glory is not yet described fully. Nobody was able to see the beauty and splendor completely. In all sense Lord Jesus Christ is the inexpressible gift given by God to this world. Therefore may God help us to experience the peace and happiness by accepting this gift Lord Jesus Christ.

### In TV Channels

#### Sathgamaya TV Talk Show Programme

People channel of Kairali's News Channel  
All Fridays (Malayalam) 5.00-5.30 p.m.  
Monday 6.00-6.30 a.m. Zee TV (Hindi)

#### Jeevamritham Television Program

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

and assembly fellowship. Cold war between in-laws have multiplied. The sound of the gun battle is not much heard outside. The warm relationship which Ruth had with her mother in law Naomi can be seen obly in the pages of books. This type of relationship has already become an old fashioned story in our midst. Factions and schism are ever on the increase. Nobody is ready to forgive and forget their actions and so the problems are multiplying. So at the end assemblies are divided and thus we grow. These types of divisions are worse than in the political parties. Our growth is not through the addition of souls but through divisions.

Divorce another malady is eating on the cream of the family, life is also on the increase. Psalm 128 has merely become a Psalm to read on the stages of marriage and has lost its real meaning. God save us the godly is disappearing from our midst.

It was a custom among all christians to start their morning with family prayer. Christians songs were heard from the houses of believers. But what is the present conditions of our families. The early morning family prayer has become a bygone story. Do the neighbours hear our songs? Has not the television, computer and tuition stolen our time? We do not have time for anything. The meetings in our assemblies during the weekdays have become a mere story. Our policy has become moments for the Lord and hours for the world and wordly things. If there is any spectacular shows like that of Olympics or cricket matches then everyone will be in front of the idiot box. Nobody bothers about the time they spent in front of this idiot box. Even the children are quite aware and conscious about the atheletes and their performance in the stadiums. But what is the attitude of God on it. He is not much interested in it.

**To be continued . . .**

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