

POEMS OF THE MONTH

വെളിച്ചവും നീയും

Dr. Simon Zachariah

നേരം പുലർന്നാൽ പിന്നെ വിളക്കെത്തിനു?
തീ അണഞ്ഞാൽ പിന്നെ എണ്ണ എത്തിനു?
എണ്ണ വറ്റിയ തിരിയ്ക്കു തീ എത്തിനു?
മറഞ്ഞിരിയ്ക്കും വിളക്കു നിനയ്ക്കെത്തിനു?

നേരം ഇരുട്ടിയാൽ പിന്നെ വിളക്കു പോരേ?
ഉയർത്തി വയ്ക്കാൻ ഒരു പീഠം പോരേ?
തീയും തിരിയും എണ്ണയും നിന്നിലുണ്ടോ?
വെളിച്ചം പരത്താൻ മനസ്സ് നിന്നിലുണ്ടോ?

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“What a comfort in Heavenly bosom!”

From the Facebook of our friend who
passed away recently. .



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Letter from Dr. Simon Zachariah**

Many philosophers and writers have compared old age as ‘second childhood’. The older I get, I feel the same. Especially about the questions children and old people ask. “Why?” Children gradually get the answer for this question. But older people ponder this question till their death. They do not see any one around to answer these questions. Sometimes they ask this question to spiritual leaders or to God. “Why God...Why?” Recently I got a letter about the death of our friend. He was a very close friend of Channels of Glory. For a few years he recovered from cancer. He used the rest of his life meaningfully. All of sudden cancer conquered him. When I read his Facebook

page and some of his letters, the age old question came to my mind “Why God why?” Years ago when one of my fellow students died, another student recited a two line poem which translates like this:

“When the gardener comes to the garden to collect fresh flowers, He has every right to collect the best ones. Because it is only fair that the gardener who planted them has every right to harvest the best ones.” William Cowper tried to give an explanation. It goes like this:

*His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.*

The cover picture of this newsletter was taken from the Facebook page of our friend. When I saw the picture, it reminded me of a fairly recent Malayalam Christian song which asks,

“Isn’t it our Heavenly father’s bosom that gives us the warmth?
Isn’t it His hand that gives us the shade?
Isn’t it His feet that gives us safety?”

Let us stop asking God questions like children, instead we should just follow Him trusting His word, holding His hand day by day. Sometimes we have to ask that question “Why?” to ourselves rather than asking God. When we ask God why there is so much poverty in this world, God will ask us: “How much money do you have with you?” or “What did you do to solve the problem.” When General George Washington was leading the army one night he went outside to see what was happening among the soldiers. He saw one army officer giving commands to his fellow soldiers. This officer

was so rude and cruel to his soldiers. He was not willing to give them a helping hand to push a cart. George Washington, immediately jumped into action and helped the poor soldiers who were so tired by this time. After the mission was accomplished, with a smile General Washington approached the army officer and gave his name on a piece of paper and said “Any time you need any help...I am always here to help you all”

God is asking all of us today the same questions,

1. How much do you have?
2. Have you done your part?
3. Do you trust in Me?

In many situations, Jesus asked the people around Him to do their part. After they accomplished their part, Jesus did His part as miracles. When you hear God’s sweet small voice, just simply obey. He won’t ask you to do the things which you cannot do. You may feel that it is a difficult task. But God might have plans to help you in the process. He will never send you without proper protection and help. By asking us to do something small, actually He is testing whether we trust His word. If we take the first step of obedience, He knows that we trust in Him. Then He will pour out His blessings

After all God knows all the wants and needs of His people. He expects us to solve the problems as much as we can. If we have done our part, we can rest assured. In His time, God will do miracles and accomplish everything in His way. May God give us His grace to obey Him fully, thus availing all His promised blessings.