

## POEMS OF THE MONTH

### Eagle

-Simon Zachariah

Eagle built its nest on high rocks  
Eagle uses sticks and branches.  
Eagle also uses fibers and leaves  
It makes the nest softer with feathers

Eagle lays eggs and sits on it  
Eagle sits till the babies are born  
Eagle feeds the babies fresh food  
Eagle never leaves far from the nest.

Eagle starve its babies later  
Eagle makes sure they are light  
Eagle push them down to fall  
But Eagle carry them on its wings!

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-സൈമൺ സഖറിയ

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“..That person is like a tree planted by  
streams of water, which yields its fruit in  
season”

\_By Albin Thomas.



### **Channels of Glory – Letter from Dr. Simon Zachariah**

We have reached close to the end of 2018. When we look back, what can we see? Achievements? Failures? Blessings? God's Grace? Years ago a series of articles was published in Malayalam, where the author interviewed many distinguished people. The author asked everyone the same question, "If you have one more life, will you repeat the same mistakes again? One politician said that he was not sure about that, because the circumstances led him to do those mistakes. What will be our answer to the same question? Can we blame our circumstances? When we examine the life of great people, we can find that they all worked against the circumstances. They never complained about the circumstances.

In elementary school we have learned that light travels in a straight line. But now we know that light never travels in a straight line, but in the form of waves.

When we look at our lives, it should be like a wave. We cannot live an ultra-pure holy

life. We all make mistakes in our lives. But as soon as we understand that we made a mistake, we should make a change. If we continue the correction process very often, just like the ray of light, we can ultimately attain a straight line. Let us put in all our efforts to do our best in the coming year.

The psalmist describes a good person as a tree planted by the streams of water, which yield its fruits in due season. It will provide shelter for many animals and birds. Its roots grow deep into the soil till it finds a rich source of water and nutrients. Every season, it brings forth new leaves, flowers and fruits. In the same way when our roots find good resources of spiritual food and water, we also will be able to produce good spiritual fruits. When we store good thoughts in our heart that will strengthen us to do good things.

I have heard a story of a boy who was brought up by very honest parents. When his father passed away the boy was compelled to work in a grocery store. The owner liked this honest boy very much. The owner trusted him so much and entrusted him everything he had in the store. One time the owner found out that one bag of beans were spoiled. He repacked few bags of the beans, but the bad beans were stored in the lower part of the bag. This boy was asked to sell the repackaged beans. When the customer asked about the quality, the honest boy told the truth. The customer did not like the deal and got offended. When the owner heard about this, he got angry and sent the honest boy away. For one week the boy was sad and stayed home. After one week the owner called him back to work,

because the boy who replaced him was very dishonest, though he was smart. He cheated the owner and disappeared with a lot of money. The honest boy told the owner "I always try to follow my parent's advice to be honest."

So, if anyone wants to achieve greatness, he has to keep his priorities and goals straight. Secondly he has to check his progress and should be willing to correct his mistakes. Thirdly, he should be always surrounded by good friends. The negative influences will diminish his determination to reach his goal.

I have written about a mouse who got into a trap in the Malayalam poem. The first mistake it did was he wandered away from his family and friends. When he did this, he lost the advice and support of his loved ones. Then his friends encouraged him to do bad things. He got tempted by the bait. He tasted and enjoyed it, but finally he got killed by the trap.

May God help all of us to stay in the right path, do the right thing, correct our ways, and finally reach our righteous destination. Let us not be hindered by the past, nor worry about the future. Instead let us fill every passing moment with things that are good, right, holy, useful and noble. Remember the path before us may not be very easy, but the end will be so satisfying and fulfilling.

The eagle, before it teaches its babies to fly, lets them starve in order to reduce their weight. Then the eagle pushes them down from high, but always will be ready to carry them on its mighty wings. In the end, they also will fly high in the sky!.