

POEMS OF THE MONTH

The answer is God!

Simon Zachariah

Who gives you more than you ask?
Who hears you before you speak?
Who knows your humble desires?
Who answers you more than you imagine?
Who forgives you before you say sorry?
Who answers you before you call?
Who loves you more than any friend?
Who won't you leave you alone?
Who counts your every tear drop?
The only answer is "My heavenly father!"

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ഒരു കൂട്ടിലെ പച്ചകിളിയ്ക്കു വേണം സാതത്രം!
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"Universe through my window"



By Mathew Paramel & Joanna George

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Channels of Glory – Letter from Dr. Simon Zachariah

This is spring cleanup time. We, the people who live in cold places live in a limited way throughout winter. When the sun gives more warmth, we clean up the clutter in our houses. When I was cleaning up my table and cabinet, I found that there was not much to be thrown away. Then I wondered, “what is clutter all about?”. Soon I found out that I need to have some discipline! The first thing I learned about clutter is that if I allotted a place for each and everything, there would be no clutter. Secondly, I should develop a habit to put things where they belong. But I wondered why this was happening. Soon I got the answer. Surely I needed some discipline. I should make a list of things to do all the time. I should check the list and prioritize the items in the list. I should seek help for the things which I cannot do by myself. We should not see ‘joint venture’ as a token of laziness. Many things are done better, and more efficiently when more people are involved. Team work makes us more sociable and less proud of

our achievements. It makes others feel good and in return they will love us too. Basically what I am trying to tell is we have to be disciplined, and work as a team. This is not a very easy job. But practice makes perfect!

Many of us want to help others, and do service to others; especially when we remember how much others have helped us to reach thus far. But helping others is not an easy job. So, soon we stop doing so. We may see so many pressing needs in and around our society. Here comes the relevance of “Practice makes perfect”. When we obey our inner voice, we may face so many obstacles. Fishermen go fishing in the sea, with a lot of expectations! The farmer sows his seeds with hope and faith! So we also work hard in discipline and eventually we also will have a rich harvest. An encouraging word is a seed. A comforting word is a watering can. A forgiving word is early dew. A financial help is like a fertilizer. Soon while we wait, in due season you will see the harvest. But do not forget, we have to do our part of sowing, watering, and fertilizing. It will be hard, but practice makes perfect.

We all think that when everything is finished, we can look back and be happy about what we have achieved in this short life. But the sad thing is that, the things undone will be staring at us! I have heard about an artist who made a sculpture of a ‘soldier riding a horse’. (Thomas Munro was one of the most popular British administrators in South India) After the sculpture was unveiled, a critic commented: “The sculpture is beautiful, but the sculptor



forgot to carve the stirrup. (A stirrup is a light frame or ring that holds the foot of a rider) It was told that in spite of all the appreciation he received, the artist felt so sad about his mistake. It is our duty to make use of every opportunity to plant a seed in the hearts of our fellow human beings, and water them with comforting words, cool them with early dew of comforting words, fertilize them with financial support. We have to remind ourselves that the Master Gardner is watching all our efforts and will reward us in due time.

Through our organization, which has been in existence for more than ten years, I am happy to say that many families and individuals are much relieved through our help. Many of the students who have been helped have moved into the working world and doing well. But I am sure they will continue to help others in whatever way they can. May God Almighty help us all to listen to His small strengthening, inspiring, forgiving words and continue to serve Him wherever He has placed each of us.