

POEMS OF THE MONTH

Did I do that?

-Simon Zachariah

When I look back at my mistakes,
I often ask to myself, "Did I do that?"

When others come and thank me,
I often ask myself, "Did I do that?"

When Jesus calls me "beloved one,
Come and inherit your reward"

Then I'll wonder and think to myself
"I didn't deserve, it's only by His Grace!"

എന്നെ ഉന്തല്ലേ!

കൈമൺ സഖരിയ

"എന്നെ ഉന്തല്ലേ, മെല്ലെ ഞാൻ മാറിത്തരാം,
ഒന്നു പൂർത്തിയാക്കട്ടെ ഇതൊന്നു ഞാൻ."
പുതുതലമുറ അക്ഷമരായ് നിന്നു-പക്ഷെ,
മനസ്സു വരുന്നില്ലെന്നിരിക്കുന്നു മാറ്റുവാൻ!

"ഇപ്പോൾ വരാം, ഇതൊന്നു തീർത്തോട്ടെ,
ആരും ആർക്കുവേണ്ടിയും കാത്തുനിൽക്കില്ല!
തള്ളുമ്പോൾ മാറണം വേഗം നീ ഇന്നു,
വിളിക്കുമ്പോൾ പോകണം വേഗം നീ ഇന്നു!

മകൻ പിന്നെ അശരണനാകുന്നു ലോകത്തിൽ
മകൾ പിന്നെ അമ്മയാകുന്നു ലോകത്തിൽ
മരുമകൾ പിന്നെ അമ്മാവിയമ്മയായി തീരാം
മാറിയില്ലെങ്കിൽ മാറ്റിടും നിന്നെയീലോകം!

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Many trees, many birds, many fields,
many houses; but only one sun gives
them light!

_By Megha Mariya Joy.



Channels of Glory – Letter from Dr. Simon Zachariah

We are on the fourteenth year since we started this organization. When I think about it, I can see many faithful donors who believed in our mission and supported us generously. But I also have seen many young children, who were helpless fourteen years ago, now have grown bigger, educated, and holding respectable positions in society. I thank God for all the faithful donors who supported these less fortunate people. This reminds me of a narrative written by Thomas Alva Edison about his younger days. One day Thomas Edison came home and gave a paper to his mother. He told her, “My teacher gave this paper to me and told me to only give it to you.” His mother’s eyes were tearful as she read the letter out loud to her child: “Your son is a genius. This school is too small for him and doesn’t have enough good teachers for training him. Please teach him yourself.” Many, many years after Edison’s mother died and he was now one of the greatest inventors of the century, Edison discovered something while he was looking through old family things. Suddenly he saw a folded paper in the

corner of a drawer in a desk. He took it and opened it up. On the paper was written: “Your son is addled (confused). We won’t let him come to school anymore.” Edison cried for hours and then he wrote in his diary: “Thomas Alva Edison was an addled child that, raised by a hero mother, became the genius of the century.”

In order to understand things and people differently, you have to have a special love and tolerance in you towards them. First of all we always have to remember that each and every individual is different. Secondly every individual may change at any time according to their circumstances. So our duty is to wait patiently and love and help them without being judgmental. God is selecting and using us not looking into who we are, but He loves and chooses knowing the possibilities in us. He is looking for our willingness to listen to Him and to be obedient to Him. One day a missionary was talking to a blacksmith. In their conversation, pointing to the corner the blacksmith said: “I hope that God won’t throw me to that metal heap.” The missionary did not know what that heap of scrap metal meant to the blacksmith. The blacksmith explained, “When I get a piece of metal, I try to work with it by heating, and hammering, and twisting. But soon I find out that some are not at all usable and then I throw it into that corner.” The missionary asked “What happens to that heap”. Taking a deep breath, the blacksmith said, “Once in a while someone will come and I give it away” Missionary was curious about its future. The blacksmith continued, “They will melt the metal in very high temperature and remove all the dirt and collect the clear pure metal through a spout and make a new sheet of

metal!” What an inspiring information! When we find someone who is difficult to understand, let us find what is good in them and patiently and prayerfully wait for God’s time.

Long time ago I heard about a Japanese Prince who was very hard to be trained by many teachers. Finally the king found an old teacher who wanted to try his wisdom on this prince. But before the old man met this child, he asked the king to provide enough royal clothes and honors for this royal child. On a particular day, the young prince appeared before the old man, with full uniform and honors. The old man knelt and bowed before the royal student and asked his permission to educate him. The prince was so happy to meet this old man and to learn from him. Do you know what changed the prince? The old man just reminded him, who he was and what his future duties and responsibilities would be! In the same way, many of us do not know how significant we are and how important our actions are. When one understand who they are and what are the God given blessings, and capabilities they have, they will start to do miracles.

Always remember that our actions do not die in itself. They all have a domino effect. Each link in a chain is important, and when we all work together like a long chain we can lift heavy loads of our fellow citizens. Today we are in a position to lift others, and tomorrow, we may be the ones to be lifted by others. May God give us the right vision about ourselves and of others. And one day we will be happy to know that one of our kind words and actions shed light and comfort on others.