

Faith is

a Relationship

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From the Editors' desk

Why do we pray through Jesus Christ?

Dear Sisters and Brothers, we would like to greet you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ with a special Christmas blessings. This is a spiritual letter, which tells you the significance of praying in Jesus name.

God was worshiped in ancient times by Israelites in many names, like Jehovah. Hebrews 1:1, 2 read as, *"In the past God spoke to forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe"*. These verses clarify the facts behind such traditional worships. It is highly impossible for humans to completely learn about the nature of God with their limited knowledge. That's why God wanted to present himself in a simple manner, but anchoring on his specific character, around which all his other characters are centered.

John 3:16 talks about that prime character; it is God's

unconditional love for humans. Also, we read in Hebrews 2:14, *"Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him (Satan), who holds the power of death that is the devil"*. The divine mission God had undertaken on this planet earth was disturbed by an evil minded spiritual person, named Satan, a non-follower of the righteous principles of God. Bible says that Satan always wants to separate the physical children i.e. us from our father God. Why? Since flesh is the temple of God, Satan wants to destroy it so that the image of God cannot stay inside the temple.

How do we believe this?

Bible narrates an episode about a man, called Job. He was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil [Job 1:1]. Of course God blessed Job in all his endeavors. A careful examination would reveal the truth why Satan wanted to destroy Job and his family. Since Job feared God and had a faithful relationship with him, Satan was jealous about such a wonderful, intimate association of flesh and spirit. When Satan questioned God about Job's faithfulness to his principles, God permitted the devil to test his servant's faith in him. During the testing phase, Job perfectly behaved as a truthful worshipper of God and honored his principles; thus Job defeated Satan's evil

plan. However, Job had committed a small mistake, which demanded a justification from the God's view point on his behavioral system. Job thought that he was righteous by his deeds alone, which was not true for any human. Except God, the father of all lives, there is no one good by their deeds [Mark 10:18]. Nevertheless Job was found faultless by God after the completion of testing. God acknowledged Job's faithfulness and humbleness but disagreed with his friends on their acts.

God told: *"My servant Job will pray for you and I will accept his prayer and not deal with you according to your folly"*, [Job 42:8].

The above verse tells us the truth that God accepts the prayer from someone, who accepts and follows his principles. Here God asked the friends of Job to request him to pray for them. Indeed our savior did exactly the same as Job did. First at Gethsemane, he prayed earnestly to receive all our sins; later on the cross, after receiving our sins, he requested God to forgive us for our wrong doings. When Christ took all our sinful dirt, God could not see his Son's face. We all must realize then how ugly is our thought life system.

What is the point we emphasize here is that every time when we pray, God sees only the face of Jesus Christ, since

he did not see him while on the Calvary. God has made this covenant with his only Son and it is functional as an everlasting one, so that he could bless us forever. Paul writes clearly: *"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me"*, (Galatians 2:20)". Indeed when Jesus handed over his body, the evil tormented and tortured it with utmost agonies such that the God given life had to come out painfully. In our place, Christ took all our pains because since the creation of humans, the devil wants to destroy their flesh that carry the spirit of life, an eternal system from heavens. Satan always claims that things that are from the earth belong to him [Matthew 4:8, 9]. Adam and Eve had surrendered their flesh to Satan for him to operate; since we get our flesh through these two sinful parents, the devil gets angry when we submit our body as the temple to God for the Spirit of God to dwell in the heart.

God tells all the sinners to go to his Son, in whom he accepts the prayer. God recognizes those physical bodies which are washed by the blood of Christ as divine systems. Every time we pray to God, he sees the face of Christ and approves those prayers, which are endorsed by our Lord Jesus Christ; because in him we have a new life that is truly eternal; eligible to live in heavens.

Are we truthful to our savior Jesus Christ?

Certainly then our prayers are answered.

Praise the Lord

Regards,

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Abstract

This article presents some of the facts about faith and further brings out evidences to highlight the true faith as a relationship. Attempts are made to explain in depth the nature of faith and why it is called a spiritual substance. Finally, it concludes that the righteous faith makes the spiritual system of a person heavenly.

1.0 Introduction

God created Adam as His son; a relation had existed in the beginning [1]. Eve was a relative to Adam, a prayer partner (helper to conduct the worship). God expected Adam to follow His words; unfortunately Adam listened to his relative, Eve. Eve had developed a relationship with serpent (Satan) through continuous interaction and meditation on evil thoughts. **Conversation brings relationship.** Prayer is a relation, we make with our father in heavens. Our thought life is designed to receive information from external sources to build relationship. Thought life helps to build both physical and spiritual relations. So, there have been many faiths practiced in the world, since humans started their civilized life on the earth. But the true faith reestablishes the lost relationship. The first Adam (man) lost

the relationship with his father (God) after committing sin (showing disbelief in God's words).

Jesus, the last Adam came to the world and reinstated the relation between the earth and heavens, i.e. father to son relation, once again. Whoever truly accepts Jesus as Christ becomes the son of Christ; since Christ is the son of God, we become a relative to God almighty through Jesus. **Faith is a relationship; it is blood related.** As the first Adam listened to his wife, a physical relative and rejected God, who was a spiritual relative, he became spiritually dead. It was justified, when God chose to bring His son through Adam's physical relative (Eve) to have a blood relation in the salvation scheme.

Satan (enemy of God) has established many faiths in the world through the relatives of Adam and Eve, but they all have no relations either with him or his demons (fallen angels or untruthful worshipers). Thus, these enemies of God have been exploiting the images of physical bodies (humans) of the world to work against the kingdom of God. However, God, the father of all living creatures and the creator of all non-living systems, in His wisdom He had made our physical system a perishable one, if Adam and Eve chose to have a **self-centered life**.

God indeed has sent His son to the world to reveal His image and likeness. God has accepted His son as the true witness of His glory and a truthful worshiper and follower of His principles of eternal life. We all know that God's glory must be worshiped. Thus every tongue must praise Jesus as lord to honor God. *Jesus Christ honored His father in every aspect, following God's words until His death; thus he has reestablished the lost relationship between the earth and heavens.* God sent His son to hell to reveal the reestablished relation for those who had listened to the word of God during their physical life [2]. In fact, believers like Abraham, David, Isaiah etc.,

were among them. Their faith in Jesus Christ helped them to get resurrected on the day Jesus got raised from the hell; Christ was indeed appointed by God as the unchallengeable king of king of the universe on the day of resurrection. God lifted His son as His glory; only God's glory must be worshiped; God cannot and will not share His glory with anybody [3].

Therefore, it is clear that God has revealed His glory through His son, so that the worshipers (Children of God) will receive God's glory and conduct worship in their spiritual system. **Earth is a paradise i.e. worship centre and the humans are the worshipers of God of eternity.** Since we are born to the disobedient (Adam and Eve) of the world, it becomes necessary to born again to get a new life in our spiritual system. The only obedient, who has got all the qualifications to become our father is Jesus Christ.

Physical birth needs a father and a mother; however for a spiritual birth, we only need a father. Our God almighty gives every child the spirit of life, when the earthly parents form a flesh for their child and seek a life for it; but in the process of learning good and bad of the world, the God given spirit of life becomes unclean due to soul developing mostly physical feelings/ or pseudo spiritual feelings (false worshiping). Therefore, spiritual rebirth in Christ is an absolute necessity, which makes a soul clean by washing it by the blood of Jesus in faith.

2.0 Faith is a spiritual substance

Faith is a substance; therefore must be possessed. However to have faith, one needs to enter into a covenant relationship with God. Let us examine the three key elements involved in faith.

- Listen (Listening to the word of God about the

relationship)

- Learn (Learning the word of God to understand the relationship)
- Accept (Believing the existence of the relationship)

When God invited Abraham for a spiritual mission, Abraham responded positively by listening to God's words [4]. But then God promised Abraham that his generation would be blessed like the stars of the sky and the numbers would be accounting to the tune of sands of the ocean. In fact Abraham had learned thoroughly about the rules and regulations of the mission and understood that God did not compel him to do any favor. Indeed, when humans make agreement, we put many terms and conditions, which become legal regularities based on certain laws.

Did God really put any conditions in the covenant that He had made with Abraham?

No, certainly not. But there are regulations or guidelines to successfully fulfill and complete the mission. Humans make explicit terms and conditions; if violated then the agreement becomes either invalid or brings legal problems to the agreement holders. On the other hand, the guidelines set by God have implicit terms and statutes.

How do we understand these implicit regulations of God?

First of all, we have to understand that God has faith in all of us; that's the reason why He continues to bless the world so that we meet all our requirements (rain, season, food and shelter etc.). **Faith is a heavenly substance; therefore it is implicit; our spiritual system must possess it.** Spiritual system is the real master, which develops

feelings for every image we build on the accepted thoughts through a spiritual member called soul. Thus, our soul is expected to follow the specified norms (regulations) of the covenant made by God with us. The principles of God are the basis for these norms (standards). If we continue to violate the principles of God, which He has set for us to follow, then there is no point in waiting for the heavenly father to bless our deeds that has no standard in the set spiritual scale.

We may wonder that why should we follow God and His principles; or for that matter we may even ask, why God interferes in our affairs? We live on the earth and we suffer on this physical world.

What is the need for judgment by God?

To answer such questions, we need to realize an important fact about our earth. When God wanted to solve a logical problem that had arisen in the heavenly places, He saw the earth that was empty. We must understand that there was no one living on this earth at that time; it did not even have light [5]. **God selected earth as His paradise (worship center) and humans (physical children) as His worshipers.** It appears very much logic, when worshipers (spiritual children: 1/3rd of angels) of our father in heavens became rebels in their mind (thought life), under the leadership of an arch angel called Lucifer, God chose the physical world as His dwelling place and stopped receiving the worship from the rebellious angels because they were untruthful to His principles even though they were in spiritual bodies (angelic). Our father in heavens is a righteous and truthful judge; so He does not want to curse anybody; but if a creature chooses to be cursed due its own deeds, He justifies the received cursing, according to His unchangeable stand (position based on the set principles). Therefore, it is unfair on our part to expect God to consult with us on any issue related to the earth, which was empty, when he had planned for His mission. But we must understand that

our father has created all of us in love to love Him. That's why when God called Abraham (invitation), He told him to leave his native, relatives, and materials etc, Abraham had possessed. Also, He said to Abraham to go to a new place to have a new life, which He would provide in the course of time. Of course, God expected Abraham to accept His invitation first. We notice that there are three key elements present in Abraham's faith with God.

- Listen to the invitation (about the new relationship)
- Learn about the invitation (understand and develop that relationship)
- Legalize the invitation (implement the relationship)

In the process of building this new relationship, Abraham followed sincerely the above three steps; God found Abraham a righteous person due to his faith in God's invitation for an eternal life (spiritual). If we carefully examine these three steps, we understand one thing in common; that is that all these three elements are implicit; which are connected to the spiritual system of the human.

'Listening', 'Learning' and 'Legalizing', are the elements of thought life. Naturally, in the physical world, the thought life is assisted by the physical system (parts of our physical body). Ears, and eyes are closely associated with a thought process by providing relevant or irrelevant input; tongue and mouth produce output that is necessary or unnecessary. Therefore, faith is a built-in substance in each human, which use these three key elements. **God does not ask anything that is not given to us. He has fused already the faith inside us; expecting the same to appear explicitly** [1]. Thus, faith is a relationship that has been built on a covenant, set by specified norms to be followed by the constituent members [6]. Adam listened

to God and had understood the specified norms of the covenant; later he had learnt about his role on the earth and finally accepted the mission by accepting Eve as his partner in the covenant with God. On the day humans broke this covenant, God recognized them as disobedient, meaning sinners. Truly speaking, 'non-followers' of the Godly principles. As humans took the physical path i.e. learning good and evil in a self-centered life, which is destructive, God has decided not to put any explicit terms and conditions on them to come back into His kingdom. Therefore, faith becomes inevitable to realize the in-built relationship with our everlasting father. Faith is a relation, existing between heavens to earth. God in faith creates every life with faith that has been demanded by a man and a woman, having no faith in them naturally. God wants the partners (man & woman) to be responsible, before physical relation to have legal earthly relationship (husband & wife) to form the flesh for their generation to continue. If they do not satisfy the legal requirement, then the action demands justification and that makes God's judgment inevitable [7]. For example, what happens if professionals (doctors) create a test tube baby flesh and why God has to answer such demands?

It is an ethical issue. When God blessed Adam and Eve, He said, "*Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and subdue It*" (Genesis 1:28). Thus God wanted the man and woman to be spiritual first (being fruitful) so that to yield the righteous characters (fruits) before producing their generations. Here, we have to understand a basic point; *in the beginning, after completing every creation, God found the creatures as good; in the lists, humans were also included*. Therefore, it is explicit that we had become bad on our freewill. This is a clear violation of the basic power sharing arrangements (responsibilities) God had made in His covenant with Adam.

Let us see the sequences.

- Eve was a helper to Adam, but took a decision on her own (freewill decision)
- Adam was a son of God, but took a decision on his own (freewill decision)
- When God investigated the episode they did not accept their mistakes rather blamed the third person (Adam blamed Eve and God; and Eve blamed the serpent)

It is therefore, an absolute requirement for every life to realize its mistake and repent for not complying with the principles of God, because God is a respecter of His principles. God creates a new life once a flesh is formed by male and female reproductive cells. However, the donors of such cells take the responsibility for the creation of life on the earth and its place; and if that life becomes bad (evil) or the cells are wasted [8], they will be righteously judged by God. The God given faith is expected to demonstrate its potential towards heavens after the child learns good and evil with the help of parents. Since humans have chosen to live without God, the child depends totally the worldly parents and the society to learn and understand about the facts of life. If the child after learning good and evil refuses to accept the truth that is that God is the father of its life and it is expected to follow up His principles and worship God, the child joins the company of disobedient (Satan). Since God faithfully creates every life, He wants it to be blessed with an eternal life. Faith ensures life in light (eternal). In case, if the child's behaviors bring cursing (sins and iniquities) into its life, then the judgment becomes inevitable; because **the behavioral system is a spiritual personality** (*Image and likeness of God*). Therefore, it is very clear that God does not ask or expect anything from human that is not given to them. Faith is given to every human and God waits patiently for that substance to become visible righteously and

become active.

3.0 True faith

In the world there are many faiths; but they are inactive spiritually; why? Also how do we know that which one is the true faith?

We have understood that faith is given by God almighty; since God is a truthful personality, the faith He has fused in us is really a true faith. This faith is an active substance. It must perform because God has been the greatest performer of all times.

What does it mean?

For example, if a person truly believes in some faith, but continues to behave wickedly then his faith is certainly inactive. The faith that brings change in the behavioral system is the true faith. We may argue in the world that every religion and faith is good and only humans are not truthfully following them. This is not true.

If a faith does not correct a person then there is a problem in realizing such a faith.

In order to get more clarity on this issue, it is wise to examine whether the faith is physical centered or spiritual centered. Most of the practicing faiths of the world are physical oriented; the offerings to such faiths are also materialistic, i.e. either mass based or value added items of the earth. Physical world can never create heavenly faith without a heavenly substance (Spiritual energy). **The word(s) of God is seed (s)**. They are basically the collection of God's principles or theorems developed to build a faithful behavioral system (thought life) for the functionality of His creatures.

If a creature does not perform according to its intended objectives, then there is a problem with its behavioral system

God's principles do not need any testing or examination because they are already well proven in heavenly places. Actually God has no necessity either to prove or to demonstrate His principles to the unfaithful humans

If a person receives the seeds (words of God) in his/or her heart, and in faith accept them then God is a faithful personality to make them grow to yield the right fruit. That's why God said to Adam, "*Be fruitful and multiply*". Being fruitful is nothing but acting or behaving spiritually; or simply being spiritually in active state.

"A spiritually active person satisfies God not the world".

Human is a two-fold system, namely spiritual and physical. The physical system belongs to the world where it lives, and the spirit of life comes from heavens (spiritual world). Accordingly, the behaviors of each system reflect the nature of the source. However, when God created the world (i.e. living creatures/ material systems) He found that it was good. Then who made this world bad; it is we who have inherited, spoiled a wonderful paradise into a sinful, suffering world. Of course we have physical sufferings in the present life as a result; even then we do not realize that God is good and He wants us to have eternity, peace and happiness with zero pains.

We may wonder why the physical world does not meet the demands or requirements of the spiritual world.

What has really happened because God has created both?

It is quite a good logic to think that when God started creating a paradise earth (worship centre) His enemy (Satan) started planning

in his thought life how to destroy this mission. Since our heavenly father could read the minds of His creatures, He had decided to protect the humans from this evil minded personality. Thus Adam received the instructions from God to learn about life on the paradise earth and its eternity [6]. God had trained Adam in the following aspects.

- Trained as a professional agriculturalist inside the garden; in case if he chooses a self-centered life, he must be able to survive on the sinful earth
- Trained to understand the behavioral system of all lives including serpent
- As a worship leader and master to all the lives on the earth to discuss with God about any incident that would take place on the earth; unfortunately Adam did not call God after Eve committed the blunder; in fact he followed her advice
- Adam was clearly told by God that if he learns good and bad on his own, he would certainly face the consequences

When God created the earth and its inhabitants, He found them as good; so there was nothing bad that could exist on it; because there was nothing wrong in the creation, either its objective or motivation.

Then why and how did the world become bad?

If we understand this truth then the entire world will be saved instantly. God always creates good creatures and things, being good and love. As He is independent, He wants His creatures to be independent. But guidelines are required to be righteously independent. The words of God are the guidelines.

Words are the basis for developing thoughts; for every system God has created, He has developed the necessary words. If these words are employed in the seeding process, God is a truthful personality to remember what He spoke, therefore would bless the creatures accordingly [9]. However, the creatures first take the initiative to show the necessary faith in the word(s) of God. Further, recreating the image of God begins with the help of Holy Spirit (Spirit of God). Building the image of God is the process of developing a faithful characteristic system that can live in the spiritual world, where God lives.

4.0 Conclusions

- Thought must be seeded
- Image must be created
- Habit must be cultivated
- Character must be developed
- Faith must be revealed

If righteous characters are developed by a thought life system then it will yield the right fruit i.e. the fruit of love. To build a righteous relationship with God, we need to show our faith on His principles.

- When Eve disconnected her spiritual relation with

Adam, she took an independent decision on her free will; she committed a mistake.

- When Adam disconnected his spiritual relationship with God, he opted for a destructive life.
- When we separate our spiritual life from the true God, we go with lust by paying love as a price for it.
- True faith makes a person to walk with God.
- True faith educates a person about the eternal life.
- True faith transforms a person as the blessing to the world.

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