

Lord's Position

---Rev. John Mark (Wahab).

When you have asked about the religious ritualism, in reply, sharply I must say that these are not to redeem sinners, but remind them to move on toward the desired perfection.

The omnipotent Creator of the universe has laid down the world, with its every resource, for the beneficial uses of His creation. He did never distinguish man from man. The influence of the evil power, the accursed Satan, affected them seriously, and finally led them astray.

The merciful God is filled with love and compassion has intervened to redeem them from the paw of the power of the darkness. Before the ritualism came into practice, the perfect Redeemer, Jesus Christ, exonerated the sin of the world, anointed, set them apart and strengthened to herald the unique Message of hope, love, forgiveness and reconciliation to every one who were suffering.

Afterward, people have formulated all of the rituals so far is seen in practice. Rituals may work as an alarm clock. What will do a man, with the alarm clock, that is already awakened up?

Remembrance is important and reminder too, for the man of shallow memory. You get up by yourself or by the help of the bell, that doesn't affect your movement or marching ahead. Real devotee get involved to carry on the responsibility, entrusted upon him, being urged from within by the divine Holy Spirit. It leads him constantly, gives solace at the time of distress, helps while he is helpless, and stands at his side when he is lonely, gives wisdom while he lacks it. The Holy Spirit is the promised first gift to the believers. This Spirit would never leave him alone helpless. All things are subject to purchase but not the Holy Spirit. None can occupy it, rather it is granted by the divine will to the committed believers. Are you sincerely open to the living Lord who alone grants it to the devotees? Please come near to Him, He will come near to you.

Since the believers were granted as first phase of the divine gift, naturally they should use it at the time of need. Sometimes, people meet accident, and proper investigation reveals the reason behind it. In most of the cases, helpers and learners run the vehicles and go out of control. Over here only one driver should control the car. The point must be one, as it is written that none can serve two Masters simultaneously. Practically, people have silenced the Holy Spirit, so He turned into a silent-onlooker, seated aside inert.

Most of the times, believers forget and ignore the vital role of the divine spirit in their day to day activities. The believers were very busy to wrap up the dead body of the Lord with very costly spices, had to wake up before sunrise. But they were still worried over the matter of the rolling aside of the giant stone in front of the tomb. Yet, it was a positive scene that they were still rushing towards the grave.

Let us consider our own stand point! Did we ever give Him any chance to handle our problems and possibilities to deal? He still knocks at our door point of our heart awaiting positive responses from us.