

Reviling does not help

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There are lots of hindrances for evangelizing the Muslims in Bangladesh. Reviling words are one of them which the traditional leaders throw at them. Though they preach the Message of redemption and reconciliation at the pulpit and in other religious conferences, they count them down uttering you “heathen nation”.

God loves the heathen and wayward. He is confirmed that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of the righteous God. Yet, out of love, He sent His Son Jesus Christ to pay the ultimate penalty to redeem them. Jesus Christ loved them and died for them to expiate the penalty of sin for them. This is the vivid picture of the divine love.

The evangelists and the Gospel workers work on behalf of the Lord Jesus Christ. They are called out to herald the Message of reconciliation to the world that are scattered away and cut off from the merciful Creator. God is life and light. Anyone duly cut off from Him must be dead and fallen in darkness. So, to pose up before the society worthwhile, all evangelists declare themselves engrafted in the living Lord Jesus Christ.

What is the practical scene? The other day we attended a revival conference, convened by some traditional leaders. We had no practical idea about who were behind that meeting and who were the speakers. We found those preachers who had been polluting the evangelical atmosphere in Bangladesh with hatred upon and dirty words to the Muslims.

God created man in His own image. He called them the beloved representatives. He loved them more than His own life. He did pour out all the divine gifts and virtues upon them. But it is a matter of regret that they lost all the glories following the crafty schemes of the accursed Satan. They were lost. That hurt Him severely. He could not tolerate this adversity upon His beloved children who were created in His own image. Immediately He announced a way out through a perfect provision, sinless and pinnacle of perfection in all round. That provision is His Spiritual Being in human bondage Jesus Christ. Jesus did die to exonerate the sin of the world. This is the total projection of the divine perfect love. All the disciples acted on behalf of the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ. All of the evangelists must work on behalf of the Lord to make His divine plan fulfilled. If anyone posed to be an evangelist harboring evil hatred upon any human being, he would automatically be cut off from the sacred responsibility. I personally know those traditional leaders who, instead of the holy Gospel, introduce their own culture to keep supremacy overall. It is none but Jesus should be glorified. But these leaders mislead the seekers.

^{HEB 2:1} We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. ² For if the message spoken by angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, ³ how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. ⁴ God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

⁸ Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. ⁹ Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves,

he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him there is glory and the power for ever and ever.